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Editor's Comments

A little late yet again this month, several reasons, a couple of distinctly late main contributors, who are normally very punctual, no names mentioned, more attention was needed in the advertising department and yes still a few technical difficulties.

Two apologies for last month, the first being my comments re. the house fire and lack of community spirit. I was, actually referring to the perpetrators of the crime and it's a shame that I have to be misunderstood to get the true story, of how there is real community spirit in Rye Harbour.

Secondly to Pat Gawn, I know I did put your name against your letter last month, the first time, I must have forgotten when re-building the second time, anyway I have reprinted it this month with your name and I hope you all forgive me.

Next months deadline is **Wednesday 16th June** and hopefully, I can keep these technical problems under control.

Summer is now well under way and Saturday 29th May I caught Carl (pictured below) outside Rye Town Hall playing keyboard to raise money for charity. Wow! He sure can play, it's certainly the first time I've heard him play but I'm sure we are going to hear a lot more, or at least I do hope so, what a talent!

On that note, (no pun intended), I bid you farewell for yet another month.

Carl Davis Playing Keyboard

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

With the onset of warmer weather a few boats are proceeding to sea. How do they manage to get time off work during the week? We know its getting warmer because of the requests we receive from the highways traffic survey people to use the Strand Quay for parking of their cars. Those of you who are early risers may have seen the Trinity House light house service vessel "Patricia" changing over the Fairway Buoy. This is quite a large vessel used by the Royal Family during the Cowes Regatta week (since the laying up of the Royal Yacht Britannia). We had a visit to the harbour, during the month, of representatives of the American equivalent of the Environment Agency. The Environment Protection Agency were visiting the U.K. to fact find on how we did things. They seemed to like Rye and after the formal bits walked around Rye buying "Souvenirs".

Further visits were made by the Animal Health inspectors checking on the Rabies warning signs. Although animal passports have been introduced for cats and dogs these only apply to animals entering the country through either the port of Dover or Heathrow Airport.. It is still illegal to land any animals at Rye or any other port. Shipping remains slow with only a handful of vessels arriving from stone quarries in Cornwall and Wales. Some good news in that Grain cargoes from Rye are gaining in numbers. More important visitors this time were a team from the Health and Safety Executive. They were very thorough in inspecting our safety procedures, reporting systems and Personal Safety equipment.

Following a three hour visit they departed to inspect other areas of the harbour. Back to the Fish Market - we remain hopeful that the long awaited start to the new moorings will commence in August. This £5m project has been late in starting as a result of funding difficulties. In the meantime new waste oil facilities are being put in place together with a container for plastic drums that are used to carry the waste. Boats owners are encouraged to use these tanks and storage bins that are free. Unfortunately, other community members are not entitled to use the tank but must dispose of waste by other means. (Car maintenance garages etc,)

Yet more visits, this time by the recently named Fisheries protection vessel, "Watchful". This large craft, built in Norway, is based at Shoreham and will patrol the seas from Dungeness to Portland Bill checking on catches by mfv's at sea. We expect to see more visits over the coming months. The "Raft Race" preparations are proceeding with meetings being held in the "William". More details of the event will be available nearer the time.

Application forms may be available from Andy Tollett, who is on the committee. Following an inspection by Trinity House, nearly all of the navigation marks are in good order. I have finally managed to repair the green fixed lights marking

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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the end of the redundant Admiralty Jetty. The problem was finally diagnosed as a faulty "fuse"! Future events include the arrival of the Rye built fishing vessel, KEEWAYDIN. Built early last century this vessel is of a similar size to the "Excelsior" that regularly visits the port. Plans are well advanced for the "Keewaydin" to berth at the Strand Quay for the D-Day anniversary commemorations.

May 2004

Carl Bagnal
Harbour Master

Walking To Health in Rye Harbour

Day: Every Monday - Time: 10am
Meeting Place: Car Park Rye Harbour
No need to book just turn up
After walk why not join us for coffee at Frenchman Beach Cafe

Wednesday Evening Walk - Time 7. 15
meeting Place: Rye Harbour Car Park
No need to book just turn up

Each walk takes between 30 to 50 minutes
For more details please contact:
Margaret Delahoy
Community Health Worker
Rye Bay Project - Tel 07733111292

NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME

Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible.

If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either Allan or Jane a ring.

Suite Showroom Ltd

New businesses in Rye/Rye Harbour are always welcome and particularly a good, solid family run business.
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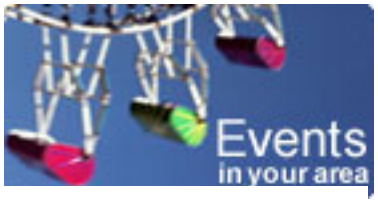
Marcus



DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MAY

1	Tuesday	Seaford, Smugglers' Treasure Trail
2	Wednesday	Hastings, Blessing the Sea
3	Thursday	Newhaven, World Famous Pens
3	Thursday	Seaford, Sun Power Fun
4	Friday	Newhaven, Secret Wartime Tunnels
5	Saturday	World Environment Day
5	Saturday	Newhaven, Harnessing Natural Power
5	Saturday	Rye, Beginners Guide to Seabirds
5	Saturday	Hastings, Rowing Regatta
5	Saturday-26	Seaford, 'Standing By Water Exhibition
6	Sunday	Newhaven, D-Day 60th Anniversary
6	Sunday	Seaford, Sea Duathlon Race
6	Sunday	Seaford, Search & Rescue Display
6	Sunday	Newhaven, Port, River, Sea & Cliffs
8	Tuesday(s)	Hastings, Old Town Walks
10	Thursday	Hailsham, Seafood Cookery & Lunch
11	Friday – 13	E. Sussex, Bike to the Coast
12	Saturday	Eastbourne, Shinewater Birds
13	Sunday	Eastbourne, Shinewater Story Walk
18	Friday - 26	Winchester, 25th South Downs Hike
19	Saturday	Eastbourne, New Napoleonic Fort
19	Saturday	Heathfield, Heave Ho! Shanties
20	Sunday	Hailsham, Folk Festival
21	Monday - 27	Rye, Festival of Local Food
23	Wednesday	Rye, Walk with Ranger
25	Friday	Hastings, Sea Angling Boat Festival
26	Saturday	Hastings, Lifeboat Centre Open Day
27	Sunday	Rye, Lifeboat Station Open Day
27	Sunday	Seaford, Walk with French Ramblers

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General Information

Local Tide Times

JUNE — **Rye Harbour Approaches**

Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

Date		Time	O.D. metres	Time	O.D. metres
1	Tu	0912	3.2	2131	3.6
2	W	0958	3.4	2219	3.7
3	Th	1047	3.6	2309	3.8
4	F	1136	3.7	—	—
5	Sa	0000	3.8	1226	3.7
6	Su	0049	3.6	1316	3.6
7	M	0143	3.3	1407	3.3
8	Tu	0239	3.1	1500	3.1
9	W	0339	2.7	1556	2.8
10	Th	0442	2.4	1655	2.6
11	F	0552	2.2	1802	2.5
12	Sa	0705	2.2	1915	2.5
13	Su	0805	2.4	2017	2.6
14	M	0854	2.5	2109	2.7
15	T	0939	2.7	2156	2.8
16	W	1020	2.8	2238	3.0
17	Th	1100	3.0	2317	3.0
18	F	1138	3.1	2353	3.0
19	Sa	—	—	1214	3.1
20	Su	0025	3.0	1246	3.1
21	M	0056	2.8	1315	3.0
22	Tu	0126	2.7	1345	3.0
23	W	0158	2.7	1420	2.8
24	Th	0236	2.6	1502	2.7
25	F	0324	2.5	1553	2.6
26	Sa	0423	2.4	1652	2.5
27	Su	0532	2.4	1757	2.6
28	M	0643	2.5	1906	2.7
29	Tu	0747	2.6	2008	3.0
30	W	0846	3.0	2108	3.2

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Rye Direct Line
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Citizens Advice

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7 Days a Week -24 Hours a Day

Local Bus Times

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	...	...

Explanation of Codes:

NS: Not on Saturdays
S: Saturdays Only
N⊕: Not School Days & Saturdays
⊕: School Days Only
R : Operates via Rye Harbour at 1807
T : Operates via Rye Harbour at 0820

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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⊕													
Northiam (Coppards Lane)	...	0720	0720	0730	0800	...	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1441E	1530	1630C	1730
Northiam (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

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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⊕	
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Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1053	1319	...	...	1713
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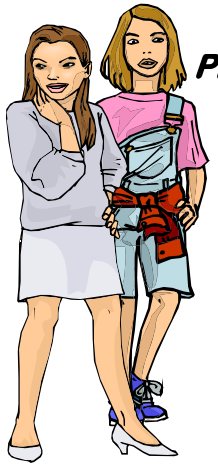

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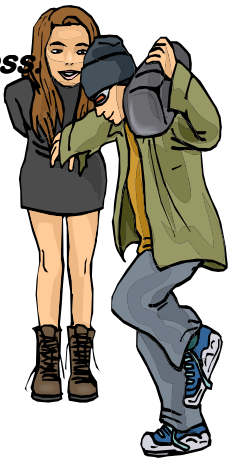

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Did you see anyone hanging around the car park? Quote Serial No:-821 of 12/05/04

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On Sunday 16 May 2004 on the beach, a white bag containing a camera was stolen.
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Spring is now in full swing on the reserve, with our full quota of flowers appearing and most birds in the process of breeding. The first Lapwing and Ringed Plover chicks (pictured right) have been seen running about on the Beach Reserve (closely followed by the signs asking visitors to keep their dogs on a lead!), while Sandwich Terns, Oystercatcher and Redshank are all sitting tight on eggs. The Little Terns have arrived and by the time you are reading this the first eggs will have been laid, and the information caravan, manned by a team of dedicated volunteers, will be on the beach, allowing us to provide information about the birds and the reserve in general from dawn 'til dusk.

The reserve also played host to a number of less common spring visitors, as birds moving towards breeding grounds further north stopped off for a top up or a rest. These included birds such as Avocet, Black Tern, Little Gull and Osprey (missed by the reserve staff, but seen by Graham Saunders), and this year, the Whimbrel roost, one of the largest in the country, reached 214 birds.

The displays in the Crittall hide have now been completed, and the hide was opened by our MP, Michael Foster on 26th April, with 18 people from the local community, government, and the media in attendance. The unveiling ceremony involved the removal of a carefully placed Rye Harbour Nature Reserve tea towel from in front of the commemorative plaque. No mere cutting of ribbons on this reserve! It is hoped to replace Parkes hide with a similar one at some point in the future, and not wanting to be predictable, we hopefully will have come up with another novel method of opening it! Great minds are already at work!

The goats have been

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removed from their temporary accommodation outside the electric fence, and are now free to roam on the shingle behind Ternery Pool. Once here, they will help to control the Bramble growth that is in danger of taking over, edging out the rarer and more interesting shingle vegetation.

If you would like to know more about the birds of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, why not meet us in Rye Harbour Car Park at **10am** on **Saturday 5th June** and take part in the **Beginners Guide to Seabirds and Waders**. Also, if you are interested in learning about the Dragonflies and Damselflies, you could come along to **Damsels and Dragons** on **Sunday 27th June**. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at **1pm**.

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I read, with some dismay, the comments you chose to put on the front of our Newsletter (May 2004) with regards to Community Spirit. I do not know if you are privy to exclusive information with regards to the origins of the fire or are you just having a "dig" at the people who read this Newsletter. Either way, I seriously suggest you research before you print. Let me just run you through the sequence of events that night. No names will be mentioned, as I'm sure, what they did was not for reward or stardom.
At about 2005 that night, a lady and her daughter set off to Rye. As they passed the house, the lady noticed something not quite right and stopped. She did not have too, but she did. What she saw was a fire in progress and proceeded to call the Fire Brigade. A local 9 year old boy also called the Fire Brigade. Her daughter ran back to her house to get her dad. He in turn ran to the house, gained access to the back garden via the next door neighbours and assisted the THREE people from the house.
Another man from the street had also turned up and tried to gain access to the rear garden. The THREE people were then taken across the road to a ladies house where they were relaxed, comforted and "watered". This house became an "open house" where endless cups of tea seemed to appear for the Emergency Services. Other houses opened up as well to keep the tea flowing, all for many hours. Statements were given to the police well into the night, even by candle light when the power went out. Many people from this village were involved that night, far too many to mention. If this was not Community Spirit, then what is?
So with that, I would like to thank ALL that were involved that night, proving that this village of ours has great Community Spirit.
Richard Melrose - Oyster Creek

Dear Editor
Every month we look forward to Marcus pushing the Rye Harbour Newsletter through our letterboxes, so we can catch up with village happenings. So it is such a shame that someone can find the time to write such a personal, spiteful letter to the editor in the April issue.
Us Harbour Ducks are supposed to be a friendly breed. No wonder, there wasn't a signature at the end of the letter. Pat Gawn

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

The Varol Family

Varol is the father of the family and everyone calls him by his surname as it is much easier to say and pronounce. He was born in Turkish Cyprus in 1961, one of 8 children and he was the 7th. It was a lively family and dad was full of jokes and fun and was noisy and mother was quiet of necessity!? They lived in an end house of a village. The village is high in the mountains with views of the sea and mountains all around. It is a small and close community. People are mostly farmers producing grapes, olives, lemons and oranges. The family has lots of land and father employed many people to work the land as he liked to have time to enjoy himself and used a motorbike, bicycle and car to get around and visit friends and meet friends in the village cafe. Father was very proud of his family some of whom came to England and had their families here and so he needed to visit them. He wished they would build a house and stay in Cyprus but they traveled to Turkey and England to study. Dad died 6 years ago and mother is alive and well and comes to visit England and her family but loves to return to her village. Varol first came to Germany to learn German and his Turkish accent changed because of this as he met a lot of Turkish people in Germany. He came to England to study English and also learned to drive. At the English School he met Nevin. Nevin was born in a small town in Turkey called Bursa and she is one of 4 children and she is the eldest. Father has a shop selling auto-parts. Father has some land with olive trees. He started by buying an old bus and did it up and did the same with old cars. Mother looked after the family, making clothes and knitting and did not buy anything. Her parents were farmers - chickens, lambs, vegetables, olives, cheese and yoghourts made from

Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont..

sheep's milk. Both parents were very busy, very loving and respectful to us children. They did not want Nevin to come to England to study English and hoped she would come back in 6 months. Nevin met Varol when he was 24 and she was 23. She says he was very talkative and very caring and she thought he was older and very responsible because of his beard which was long and big. They had the wedding over here in London and all their families came. They had an orchestra and dancing and involved a lot of the Turkish community in north London. They lived in north London working in clothes factories. Baris was born in London. They came to Rye Harbour because of an advertisement in the Exchange and Mart put in by a retired teacher John Morgan who owned the Haven Holiday Caravan site and had a trailer and helped them a great deal to set up a business making and selling Kebabs and other Turkish food in Winchelsea Beach and in the middle of Tenterden. The experience of working in the evenings was difficult as they could become a target for people who do not know what to do with themselves. They bought the business in the Landgate and worked very hard. They are very keen on their children's education and had a good start with Jane Hornes nursery and Frieda Gardham where Oz became very keen on learning the guitar with Mr. Barnard. Oz tends to be more academic whereas Baris is very keen on all sports and joined the Rye Tennis Club. They moved back to Turkey for 2 years to develop the children's education but were not happy with the change of government which was more Moslem Fundamentalist. They are presently in Buckinghamshire as there is a grammar school system which they wanted for their children and Varol is working for the time being for an employer which he is finding very restful compared with all the responsibility of being self employed.

Rye Harbour Sailing Club News

This month has seen a lot of exciting races the last of which I was on Helena Ann with Nerosha Saunders guests of Hugh with crew Peter Holland andRoger. It was the first time Nerosha had sailed and under Peter's expert tuition she helmed to the river mouth and into the sea! The race between Helena Ann and Mystic Sky was very close indeed and involved us in a number of gibes to take the wind out of Richard's beautiful spinnaker. It was a real treat sailing on this boat with none of the worries and responsibilities of sailing our own vessel. Ken was away sailing on the Lord Nelson of the Jubilee Sailing Trust. They sailed from East India Dock and anchored off Southend Pier before sailing along the Channel with good following winds to Braye Harbour on Alderney in the Channel Islands. Ken very much wanted to stay awake to see our part of the coast-line but only woke up off Beachy Head before they veered away across the Shipping Channels which when sailing have to be crossed at right angles for speed and safety of crossing. It is a great sight to see a 3 masted barque with all the sails up. Ken was a watch-leader responsible for a crew of 10 people some of whom have quite severe disabilities and can be in wheelchairs. There is a buddy system which enables everyone the maximum opportunity to take part in all the activities required to sail and crew such a large ship. We have photographs of Ron Banwell with pipe in mouth helming the Lord Nelson in 1994.

We enjoyed a race to Boulogne but due to the fog most turned back or went to Eastbourne. It was quite an experience being out at sea in the fog and nearing the Shipping Lane going westward seeing 7 ships on the radar and hearing foghorns but visually not being able to see them. Sound is magnified in fog so the sounds of those very powerful engines make them seem very close but we went on through

safely adjusting our speed to their positions. We had our engine on in the fog for safety.

By the time we got to the separation zone the fog cleared with good visibility. Coming into Boulogne is made particularly special for us by the kittiwakes calling kittiwake. There are hundreds nesting high up on the buildings all the way into the Harbour. Next day Ken had got train times and we caught the train to Etap enjoying the French countryside on the way. We walked through Etap and over the bridge to find the footpath along the river through the marshes alongside Le Touquet airport hoping to see lots of birds. There were many shooting hides and areas of water but nothing except an occasional egret and heron what a contrast to Rye Harbour!

We came back in rather rougher weather which flattened out as we came into the Bay with the sun setting before us and the moon rising behind.

We arrived at the Harbour entrance too early for the tide but Ken bravely let me tiptoe in with the sails up, engine ticking over and all the wonderful sounds of the birds calling and peeping in the lovely light - magic- and we managed not to ground at all! We pulled in behind a containership in at the wharf and slowly took the mainsail down to mark time so that we would have enough water in our berth. We tied up in the darkness and had some bread and cheese before getting off the boat. In that time the water was so much in that we had a struggle to get down to our ladder. For me a lot of the sheer joy of sailing (in spite of the really difficult horrible bits) is the amazing contrast between being away at sea out of sight of land and coming into Harbour and on to the land and smelling the sweet herby earth smell.

Steve and Jan Weston set up an attractive informative stall on the Strand Quay for the Riverside Festival and there seemed to be quite a bit of interest. Jean and Derek Phillips came along in Mar-tean dressed overall and looking very smart and we took turns to go and have a glass of wine with them. Carl Bagwell also came dressed overall and left it a bit late getting back up river but just made it with a swoosh through the mud. Quite a few of the Club dinghys were out in the river.

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All scalloping has now stopped with a couple of the bigger boats trying their luck with beam trawls. These are nets held open with the aid of a steel beam with shoes or wheels that run on the seabed.
Soles are again the target fish but they are used on the harder and rougher ground where it is not possible to fish the multi rig gear. Although the run of fish was good with bigger Dover Soles and a few Lemon Soles on the catch, they were only landing the same in value as boats fishing on the fairer ground and because of wear and tear on the expensive gear, it was not viable.
Now most boats have switched to over to the multi rig gear and are fishing for Soles at night but as yet the hauls have been down on last year apart from the odd lucky hit.
The netters have taken all cod fishing gear off and they also are targeting Dover Sole, either by leaving nets overnight or quick shooting in the early hours and then fishing the gear at first light to avoid too much weed and rubbish in the nets. The catches have been quite good so far, and without the dreaded spider crab giving too much trouble they have got off to a fair start with their summer fishing.
There are still a few Whelks being landed by one boat that is combining this fishing with some trawling out on the rough ground of Dungeness. The Whelk pots are fished every day or every other day and the results are quite promising although the marketing seems to be a problem with the catch having to be sent to processors along with Whelk catches from other ports.
Trawling on the rough ground with a single net made for the job is always a bit hit and miss, for hardly a trip goes by without some sort of damage to the net or catching hold on something, be it old anchors, parts of wreckage or one of the old cables that seem to lay everywhere, but the odd day when things go right, there is sometimes a nice bag of mixed fish.

Boy Ashore

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Rye Harbour Church News

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

There are some people with sufficient money who plan to have their bodies, when they die, preserved in order to await that great day of medical science that will restore them to life, so that they have extended years on earth. This is both a denial of the reality of death and also a bizarre wish to re-enter a society that will inevitably have moved on. (Imagine a Victorian walking into 21st Century world). But if we were given an extension to our span of years, shall we say 50 years, what would we do with it? Continue as now with the routine of our lives as well as have to cope with the sorrowful saga of the world's ills brought to us through the media? There is a proper regard for the passing of time and for the ageing process that we should not deny.

The writer of Psalm 90 compares the eternal existence of God with the fleeting lives of human-kind. "The days of our life are 3 score years and 10; the pride of our years is but to toil and sorrow, for it passes away quickly and we are gone" (v10). But for the great God "a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing or like one watch of the night" (v4). When we measure the existence of the universe in terms of billions of years, we can see how close to the truth was the psalmist of 3,000 years ago! This writer goes on to say, "Teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom" (v12).

As we grow older, the years pass with increasing rapidity (or so it seems). We honour those who live for many years but life is much more than the passing of time. Obituaries sometimes reveal that people who have did relatively young managed to pack into their few years more than some of those who were given a long life. Quality, then, should be the measure of how we live. One hymn puts it "Live each day as if your last". But to produce quality, our lives must have a focus and a motivation . Jesus proclaimed, "The Kingdom of God is here", meaning that a new style of living was entering society, exemplified by a willingness to serve both God and people. In that service, empowered by God, people discovered a richer existence which gave them purpose and fulfilment.

"Lord, teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom".

Church Services in June:
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AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Well Hi, it's a little while since I last wrote one of these, but I sort of gave Rosemary a well deserved month off. Anyway parent and toddler is still going even though I'm not, although I will still be looking out for it, as I'm keeping the accounts, much to the dismay of some. Due to personal circumstances I've needed to take some time out, rather suddenly and I'm sure you haven't missed me that much, however I will be down to see you all soon and catch up on the gossip, not that anyone in Rye Harbour gossips.

I believe you have now set up a committee and Margaret Delahoy is helping as much as she can and I hope to be able to help out more again very soon.

It is very important that parent and toddler keeps going , important for both parents and toddlers and will require all your support once a week, however great or small.

I have, believe it or not, actually missed the little ones more than anything they always used to amaze me in one way or another, just the silly little things they used to do, still there I go, getting all sentimental, or some may say, just mental.

Anyway I hope all continues to go well in the future for parent and toddler and I will remain lurking in the background, somewhere, you won't get rid of me that easily.

Regards, Marcus

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

Just look at what they can get up to

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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Birthdays

"Congratulations", Charlotte, on qualifying as a Registered Mental Health Nurse. **Well Done!** We are all so proud of you and Good Luck in your New Job, Mum, Dad, Vanessa, Paul, Clive, David and Louise.
Thanks to Scot and Jessica for all their support.

Rye Harbour ladies darts team have won the league for the fourth year running. Our darts dinner was held at the "Rainbow Trout" and all the cups were presented, all had a lovely evening. Congratulations are in order. **Well Done Girls.**

We welcome Judy and Jim to Rye Harbour, they have recently moved into "Priory Cottage" in Tram Road. We hope they will be very happy.

Many Happy Returns to Turpin Haffenden, who was sixty-five on May 7th. I could call him by his real name Derrick, but no one would know who I was talking about.
No one knows why he was called Turpin, not even his mother Tod.
He was born at Rye Harbour and when he was old enough he joined the Royal Navy, being a Portsmouth rating and served for nine years, home and abroad.
He wasn't very big as a schoolboy, but he used to help Johnny Doughty ferry people across the river to Camber. When Johnny was busy working on boats or making nets, all that could be seen was two little arms rowing frantically pulling on the oars.
He worked at C.M. R. until his retirement, and now he is usually to be seen working in his garden, which is very pretty and a credit to him and his wife Mag's, for all the work they put into it.

After her accident last Boxing Day, Betty Piggott had to spend many weeks in her bungalow, unable to get out, and we all know how dismal winter days and evenings can be, so through this column, Betty would like to thank the many people who visited her, wrote to her and sent her presents.

Reports written By Nanny Pat

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