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Editor's Comments

Yet another fatal on the Rye Harbour Road, as in picture below.

Apologies for this month's lateness, mainly due to my fault this month.

I have moved once again hopefully for the last time as I'm getting tired of packing and unpacking boxes.

Lots of interesting snippets this month, including a missing person who strikes an uncanny likeness to Santa, he always goes missing at this time of year.

The Rye Harbour Fairway Buoy, has had a mixed reaction, pictured



Have you seen this man, see page 37



below, however you have an opportunity to air your feelings and thoughts, see page 18.

Next month's deadline will be

Monday 15th November

so let me have details of Christmas events, it would be good to have a "Letters to Santa" page for the youngsters, as Santa always gets a copy of the Rye Harbour News, just post letters to Santa, in the Newsletter post box

at the back of the Harbour stores and I will pass them on to Father Christmas.

Special Features

- ♦ What's On
- ♦ Comments & Letters
- ♦ The Lych Gate
- ♦ Church News
- ♦ Rye Fawkes
- ♦ Family News
- ♦ Fairway Buoy
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- ♦ Local Bus Times
- ♦ Harbour Masters Report
- ♦ Sailing Club
- ♦ Shop Times
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such a feat of co-operation and sense of purpose. I am told that 16,000 bricks were used and 3,000 tiles. Meals were served midday and evening and a night-watch was kept and we know Sarah was one of those. She looked the part with large muddy

boots and hard hat. The trades on site were first aid, scaffolding, public address system, bricklayers, accountants, plumbers, electricians, stock control, catering, admin., air conditioning, plasterboard, plant hire, health and safety, landscape, paint and decorators, insulation, roofing, joiners, ceramic tiles, site services, carpenters, security, suspended ceiling, block pavers and carpet layers. We do wish them all well in there future enterprise. Well done.

Jill Halpin

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After a couple of false starts the Indian registered ship "Maanav Star" finally left the comfort of "Jury's Gap" after being stranded for some 14 days. The ocean going tug (Belgium) with a 100 ton bollard pull freed the vessel and took it out to anchor well to the south of the Rye Firway Buoy. The object was to shorten the 900 metre line and make fast to a shorter line for the tow to Flushing and dry docking. As the vessel became free of the sand a cheer went up from the assembled crowd of some 50 persons taking the day off work to view the spectacle. As I was on board acting as pilot we had gone for about a mile in a vessel that was completely quiet, No engines or the sound of electronic machinery to be heard. I noticed that the vessel was beginning to take on a starboard list when one of the sailors came breathlessly rushing to the bridge reporting that the hold was filling with water. The salvage master departed quickly to investigate and started the emergency pumps that had been placed on board for such an emergency. The pumps were able to hold the incoming water from what was obviously damage to the hull plates permitting the ingress of



water. We had, before leaving the beach, planned a deep part of the Bay off Dungeness, in case the vessel was going to sink!. A second precaution was the possibility of placing back on the beach at a more favourable location in the event that the on board pumps could not hold the incoming water. I have not heard a report on the state of the hull but I can only imagine that, following the tremendous seas experienced by the vessel whilst on Camber Sands, the hull must be pretty badly "Set Up". From one disaster to another. The West pier works have now been changed to a high steel piling structure that will permit construction of the permanent concrete wall behind without being flooded every spring tide. Quantities of shingle were driven through the breach into the river prior to this new structure. Van Oord, the construction team, have every confidence that work will continue without our concerns. A second flat-top barge carrying 6,000 tons of stones from Narval (Norway) has arrived and being discharged as I write. The attendant tug is

the "Goliath", ex Manchester Ship Canal tug that was a frequent visitor to the port during the Fair-Light Cove protection works some 13 years ago. Survey work continues for the proposed gas pipe line across the river from the Life-boat station to the harbour office and onward to the new (300) housing estate to be built at Camber. A six inch pipe is envisaged being "Moled" across, some 4 metres below, the river bed. (A remote means of horizontal, computer controlled drilling) Work is not expected for some time but will quicken as the houses at Camber begin to take shape. Who brought the war time shell into the fish market then? This caused chaos one day a few weeks ago when the police cordoned off the Salts and part of the market awaiting the arrival of the Bomb Squad. Netted ordinance should be lowered back into the water and marked reporting the position to the MCA who will arrange disposal and, I believe, If relevant, compensation. All speed buoys have now been recovered from the foreshore off Camber and Pett Level. Some 10 buoys were lost this year, I believe a result of heavily carbonated chain that quickly wears in salt water. Softer chain will be used next

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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year. I have been "Missing" for a week as I attend the annual British Ports Conference held, this year, in Jersey. This trade organisation represent ports of all sizes to Government when policies are being formulated. The Chairman of the Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee (HoRAC) also attends, giving him a useful in-sight into Government policy and changes to legislation. Our fog horn, that is positioned on top of the east pier, has failed. It is now remarkably loud due to its silence during reduced visibility.

We are investigating a replacement. I am hopeful to find a fog horn similar in character to that one of many years ago known as a "Sweep Tone". that is. Starting on a low note and rising in frequency every 7 seconds. Any thoughts? More grain cargoes being loaded for Rotterdam. It seems that condition and finances are right for the export from Rye Wharf of grain harvested from the Marshes and previously shipped from Tilbury in Essex. We like ships arriving loaded and having a back cargo as we get double the fees. As a rough guide each vessel that passes the

harbour loaded both ways produces an income of approximately £1k to the harbour account. So the more ships we receive the less we rely on Grant-in-Aid or higher harbour dues to the leisure and fishing industries

Carl Bagwell



RYE HARBOUR RECIPE BOOK



The Village Hall Committee would like to create a village recipe book, which will go on sale to raise money for refurbishment to the village hall.

If you have any favourite recipes that you and your family enjoy, or maybe you have an old recipe of your mother/grandmothers, perhaps you would like it to go into the book. Also if you have any 'handy hints' that you think people might find useful, such as how to get rid of red wine stains etc.

Please let me have any recipes either by posting to The Saltings, Tram Road or send an e-mail on angieledgeway@eurobell.co.uk or give them to another committee member.

I look forward to your mouth watering recipes!

Angie Ledgeaway

Rye Harbour Art Gallery

Pictures Displayed At
Rye Art & Framing



Peter Jones



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Date		Time	O.D. metres	Time	O.D. metres
1	M	0107	3.3	1316	3.2
2	Tu	0134	3.1	1342	2.8
3	W	0201	2.7	1413	2.5
4	Th	0237	2.4	1511	2.0
5	F	0358	2.0	1645	1.6
6	Sa	0518	1.8	1758	1.8
7	Su	0629	2.0	1906	2.0
8	M	0730	2.4	2000	2.5
9	Tu	0818	2.7	2045	2.8
10	W	0859	3.2	2123	3.2
11	Th	0939	3.6	2202	3.6
12	F	1019	3.8	2241	3.7
13	Sa	1100	3.9	2322	3.8
14	Su	1142	4.0	—	—
15	M	0005	3.8	1227	3.8
16	Tu	0049	3.7	1313	3.6
17	W	0139	3.4	1409	3.1
18	Th	0238	3.0	1517	2.7
19	F	0345	2.7	1636	2.4
20	Sa	0458	2.5	1800	2.2
21	Su	0618	2.5	1920	2.4
22	M	0733	2.7	2023	2.7
23	Tu	0830	3.0	2111	3.0
24	W	0918	3.2	2152	3.1
25	Th	1001	3.4	2228	3.2
26	F	1042	3.4	2304	3.3
27	Sa	1120	3.4	2340	3.4
28	Su	1156	3.3	—	—
29	M	0016	3.3	1229	3.2
30	Tu	0048	3.2	1259	3.0

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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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Northiam (Coppards Lane)	...	0720	0720	0730	0800	...	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1441E	1530	1630C	1730	
Northiam (Goddens Gills)	...	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	
Poasmarsh (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	
One (Christ Church)	0739	081F	081F	...	...	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	
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Pett (Chick Hill)	0815	0822	0949	1149	1414	1545	Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	1050	1316	1710
Pett Church	0818	0825	0952	1152	1417	1548	Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1053	1319	...	...	1713
Guestling (School)	0825	...	...	...	...	...	Aschdown House	...	...	1055	1321	...	...	1715
Guestling (White Hart)	0830	0830	0967	1157	1422	1553	Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1100	1326	...	...	1718
Ore (Kings Head)	0834	0834	1001	1201	1426	1557	Upper Church Road	...	...	1104	1330	...	...	1722
Ore (Christ Church)	0836	0836	1003	1203	1428	1559	Silverhill (London Road)	...	...	1108	1332	...	...	1726
Hastings (Baldsow Rd)	...	...	1008	1208	1433	...	Amherst Road	...	...	1112	1338	...	...	1730
Hastings (Sawley)	...	...	1012	1212	1437	...	Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⊕	...	...	1116	1342	...	...	1734
Hastings (Queen's Road)	...	...	1014	1214	1439	...	Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⊕	0745	0919	1119	1345	1510	1510	1735
Hastings (West Hill, Whitehairs)	0841	0841	...	...	...	1604	Hastings (Queen's Road)	0747	0921	1121	1347	1512	1512	1737
Hastings (Harold Place)	0845	0845	...	...	...	1608	Hastings (Sawley)	...	0923	1123	1349	...	...	...
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⊕	0847	0847	1015	1214	1441	1810	Hastings (Baldsow Road)	...	0925	1125	1351	...	...	...
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⊕	...	...	1019	1219	...	1810	Hastings (West Hill, Whitehairs)	0752	...	...	...	1517	1517	1742
Priory Avenue (Linton Road)	...	...	1022	1222	...	1813	Ore (Christ Church)	0758	0932	1132	1358	1523	1523	1748
Amherst Road	...	...	1024	1224	...	1815	Ore (Kings Head)	0800	0934	1134	1400	1525	1525	1750
Silverhill (Battle Road)	...	...	1028	1228	...	1819	Guestling (White Hart)	0804	0938	1138	1404	1529	1529	1754
Upper Church Road	...	...	1032	1232	...	1823	Guestling (School)	...	...	...	...	1532	...	...
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1036	1236	...	1827	Pett (Church)	0809	0943	1143	1409	1540	1534	1759
Aschdown House	1041	1241	...	1832	Pett (Chick Hill)	0812	0946	1146	1412	1543	1537	1802
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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
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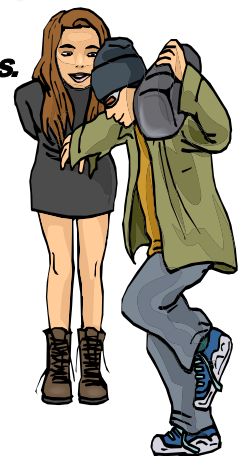
Monday	3.30-5.30pm	After-Schools Club (free) 11-14 years
Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Club 11-14 years (50p)
Tuesday	10-12.00pm	Parent and Child Group (£1.25)
Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Wednesday	7.0-11.00pm	Over 16's youth club (free)
Thursday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Thursday	7.00-9.30pm	Youth Club 14+ - 50p
Friday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



New Operation Twilight Leaflets

With the autumn evenings approaching, it is time to focus on keeping your home secure. Leaflets with tips to secure your home named Operation Twilight are now available from your local police station.

CANDLES

ESFRS recently attended a house fire in the Hastings area. The cause of the fire was discovered to have been started by a candle that had been left to burn while the occupants had gone out. The candle had ignited a carpet which quickly caught fire. Fortunately the occupiers had a smoke alarm which was heard by a neighbour who raised the alarm. ESFRS recommend the following procedure should always be adopted by people using candles:

- *Always place candles well away from curtains, furniture and drapes.
- *Always keep candles out of draughts.
- *Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.
- *Never leave a candle burning unattended.
- *Keep candles away from hair and clothes.
- *Always place candles upright in suitable holders, which cannot fall over easily.
- *Always make sure that candles are properly extinguished, especially before going to bed.

Community Fire Watch. Fire safety as standard.

Sussex Police

In an emergency dial 999

For all other calls use 0845 60 70 999. If responding to a NHW by e-mail message please quote the Serial No. and date or the Crime Reference No.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

OPEN FIRES

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service have recently attended numerous incidents involving chimney fires. Please adhere to the following advice if you have or are intending to have an open fire:-
Using a chimney sweep will:

- * Eliminate the build up of soot.
- * Clear obstructions such as bird nests
- * Provide valuable advice on any remedial work that may be necessary.

When to clean the chimney and liners

- * Smokeless fuels - at least once a year.
- * Bituminous coal - at least twice a year.
- * Wood - quarterly when in use.
- * Oil - once per year.
- * Gas - once per year.

Precautions with open fires

- * Do not overfill a fire grate in case coals fall out.
- * Use a spark guard.
- * Do not place a mirror above a fire, people may stand to close.
- * Do not position furniture too close to the fire.

How do I know when I have a chimney fire

- * Excessive amounts of smoke.
- * Embers falling down the chimney.
- * A roaring noise.
- * Brickwork around the chimney can be hot.
- * If you think you have a chimney fire, put the spark guard on and call 999.

Distraction burglary initiative.

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

As the year moves on towards it's end, the likelihood of seeing Bittern (pictured) on the reserve increases. November is the month when this species becomes more regular at Rye Harbour, as birds from the continent vacate



existing Crittall Hide with a shiny, spacious new structure, Parkes hide was left feeling pokey, dark and something of a poor relation! So it's come to

the point where funding is enabling the replacement of this hide, with also the revamping of the path to enable disabled access. At the same time, landscaping of the shingle edges in front of the hide will be undertaken to make it more attractive to birds; similar landscaping carried out in front of the Crittall hide has proven to be very successful in this respect. The work will hopefully be starting in late November.

Management work on the reserve has included willow clearance, which is an ongoing challenge. The cut material then being used to construct fish shelters below the water, which will attract more fish eating birds, for example Smew. In addition, vegetation clearance has been carried out at Castle Water to create habitats ideal for Snipe and even Jack Snipe. All our goats (now up to 18 in total) are preparing themselves for the harsh winter weather (including Kevin the black and white one). They are being highly effective in their habitat management, with the

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Another visitor from the continent which has been causing something of a stir is a Great White Egret (pictured), which has been present on the



their frozen reed beds and head for 'warmer' climes. Within the last few years, wintering numbers of this species on the reserve have increased greatly, and with the management work at Castle Water well advanced, it will be only a few years before some of these elusive winter visitors stay and become summer breeders! The best place to view this species is from the 'Bittern Viewpoint' behind Bournes, particularly at dusk or dawn.

After the replacement of the

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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brambles losing the battle. The goats have been a popular addition to

The events that are being held on the reserve in November are:

history of Camber Castle. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 10am-1pm.

Sat 20th Winter Lecture 'Bird Islands of Britain'. An illustrated talk by Gordon Langsbury. 2.30pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.

Sun 21st Winter Birds at the Beach Reserve. A chance to get to grips with a good variety of winter visitors. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am-12.30pm.



the reserve, in fact more questions are asked of the goats when they are parading around the island at Ternery Pool, than our feathered friends!

Sat 6th Castle Water Wildlife and History.

A circular walk to see good numbers of wintering wildfowl at Castle Water and a chance to explore and learn the

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam.

Rye & District Age Concern

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

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

The service aims to help older people, their families, friends and carers. Callers can drop in during the opening hours mentioned above or telephone on **01797 225466**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I would like to say a really big thank you to Janet Pollard and her mum Stella Parsons for all the hard work they did in putting on the flower festival. Not just the organising of all the displays, but in the giving of their time over that long August weekend. Not only to steward it but in serving tea and cakes in the church and making all visitors feel so welcome. Watching them at work I realise just how much they have contributed over these last few years with all the exhibitions etc. Together with Sylvia and Michael Alford they have kept our church going for us to continue to use. Without these stalwarts, our church might well have been sold by now. The donations raised from the flower festival and the Songs of Praise on that Sunday evening, was £462. This has been sent to the Ragalla Aid Project in Sri-Lanka, to help build a child day care centre. Thank you all. Molly Saunders

Dear Editor,

I am saddened to see the railway carriage in such a desolate condition, can nothing be done to persuade the owner either to maintain it, in good order, or to pass it on to those who will? It is an ex LSW railway carriage which started its days as The Bluebird Tea Room by Mrs Cutting, around 1920. Michael Alford

The Rye Fairway Buoy

Many of you may have seen the new addition to Rye Wharf.

Michael Alford told me, it is part of the maritime tradition of Rye Harbour, the buoy was originally stationed, approximately 3 miles out to sea, where the larger ships would anchor and wait for the pilot boat to guide them into the harbour. Rod Chapman, owner of the wharf, said, he would value the



Please Drive Carefully" on it, but please talk to him, he would like to know. You can call in and see Rod or drop him a note in the Newsletter box in the Harbour stores or email me on page 3, and I will pass the information on.

opinions of the residents, he would not be adverse to having the buoy sign written, with "Welcome to Rye Harbour,

• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

NOVEMBER

MON 1st

Friends of Playden Church – Old fashion Beetle Drive at Playden W.I. Hall at 7.30 pm. £6 per head, names to Tessa Cleveland (01797 223477) and Sheelagh (01797 222234). Please bring your own drinks but sandwiches and homemade pork pies will be provided.

Fri 5th

The Winchelsea Singers Presents – Orpheus in the Underworld, a comic operetta in three acts. Held at the New Hall, Winchelsea at 2.30pm. Cost £5 including refreshments, tickets The Winchelsea Community Office 01797 222088

SAT 6th

Battle Bonfire Celebrations – Information Battle T.I.C. 01424 773721
Antique & Collectables Fair – Held at F.E. C. Lion Street, from 9.30am till 4.30pm
The Winchelsea Singers Presents – Orpheus in the Underworld, a comic operetta in three acts. Held at the New Hall, Winchelsea at 7.30pm. with bar Cost £7 tickets The Winchelsea Community Office 01797

SUN 7th

Antique & Collectables Fair – Held at F.E. C. Lion Street, from 9.30am till 4.30pm.
Pestalozzi Parkland – Meet at 3.00 pm at the Reception of the Pestalozzi International Village, south end of Sedlescombe. Stroll around the Estate with Dr. Roper. Small fee for Non-friends of the Estate 01424 870444. Tea is available at the end of the walk.
Pole Lathing at Bosnev Farm – Open all day, Grove Lane, Iden. 01424 428035.

SAT 13th

Rye Bonfire Night – Procession starts from Tilling Green. 7.30 pm approx. 8.30 pm bonfire and fireworks.

SAT 20th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduct Hill, from 9.30am – 4.30pm
The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Lecture – Slide illustrated lecture "Bird Islands of Britain" by Gordon Langsbury, at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, starts at 2.30 pm. Free admission, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Raffle.

SUN 21st

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduct Hill, from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Lifeboat Memorial Service – Held at Rye Harbour Church at 3pm

SAT 27th

Father Christmas Arrives in Battle Christmas Lights Switched on in Rye – Father Christmas will be followed by a small procession with music and dance, leaves the Railway Station approx 4.15. Also Late Night Shopping.

SUN 28th

Friends of Rye Wurditser – Concert starts at 2.30pm at Thomas Peacocke Community College. Doors open at 2pm. Information 01424 444058. The Return of Robert Wolfe, tickets need to be reserved. Cost £6

Please note Rye Farmer's Market held every Wednesday at Strand Quay From 10am – 1pm. General Market held every Thursday & Bank Holiday Mondays at Station Approach from 9 – 3.30pm approx

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO ADD, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE DEADLINE

New seat for the School Green

The School Green has been presented with a new seat and it was installed on the 8th of October. It has been paid for by members of the Head Family, in memory of Bill Head. Many of you will remember that Bill spent many an hour sitting on the old



seat by Turpin's wall. It was modelled on the seat at the Point in memory of Doc Thomson and we hope it will put up with the rigours of the School Green. We hope that all of you that use it have many hours of happy sitting.

Richard Tollett,
School Green committee.

THE Lych Gate War Memorial

At this November time of year, our thoughts turn to those who gave their lives in two world wars. And also in conflicts throughout the world in years following.

On August the 4th 1914, Britain and France declared war on Germany and her allies. Things in European affairs had been fermenting for some months previously, until finally coming to a head.

August 4th 1944 was a bank holiday Monday. The annual sports day was being held on the Salts in Rye, at where no doubt many from Rye Harbour were joining in the event. Word came to the sports day crowds that war had been declared; this must have cast a shadow over the whole event. That evening territorial, having their annual camp pulled up sticks and were away, who knows were! Shortly afterwards a recruiting office was opened at what is now the Red Cross Centre were there was a rush initially to join the colours, or the navy.

One of the first in Rye harbour to enlist was the late Red Saunders who served in the Machine Gun Corps. He was followed by others who gave service in a number of cases their lives, either in the army, Royal Navy or latterly the RAF. Sylvia's father served in the RNAS and RAF whilst my father served as a stoker in the Navy.

There are of course, still quite a few of us in Rye Harbour whose fathers served in the First World War, the war ended on November 11th 1918. Everyone especially the troops were weary and



exhausted on both sides, little if anything was gained from the conflict, as subsequent history was to show.

Easter 1919, the then vicar produced a set of plans by a Hastings Architect for a proposed Lych Gate at the church yard entrance and a tablet inside the church to commemorate the fallen. A public meeting was called to sound opinions; and funds were raised to cover the cost. Whilst the tablet in the church commemorated the fallen of Rye Harbour and Camber the boards on the Lych Gate listed both the fallen, and all from Rye Harbour who served in one of the armed forces, many of whom are still remembered. Five of those who served, and survived, subsequently lost their lives in the Mary Stanford disaster.

On October the 2nd 1921 the Major of Rye, councillor J.L. Deacon, unveiled the Lych Gate and tablet and the Rye Town Band provided the music.

Around 20 years ago the Lych Gate was found to be collapse, it was also found that there were no trustees to care for the well being. This was happening also all over land, that us the veterans were departing from this life and that war memorials had no one to care for them.

Here in Rye Harbour the church

committee agreed to become the trustees and efforts commenced to raise funds to renovate the Lych Gate. The church at Rye Harbour provided some funding as did the Royal British Legion (Rye) and Mr John Alsford generously gave the timber. Icklesham Parish Council and several donations insured that the money was in place, and so the renovation was completed. The gate will require another coat of linseed oil

otherwise all is well, although the names will require regilding in due course.

I was asked recently are there any WWI reminders still around? Very little as far as I know. There is a war grave in the churchyard to T Stevenson, a RNR man. Whilst there is a memorial tablet inside the church to Leonard John Caister, killed in France June 23rd 1918 aged 19.

A Zeppelin dropped a few bombs at what is now known as SRM known then as the chemical works, whilst if you walk up the strand hill Winchelsea and half way up, look down to the foot of the cliff, you will see trenches dug almost 90 years ago as a practice run.

I wonder what happened to those who dug them so long ago?

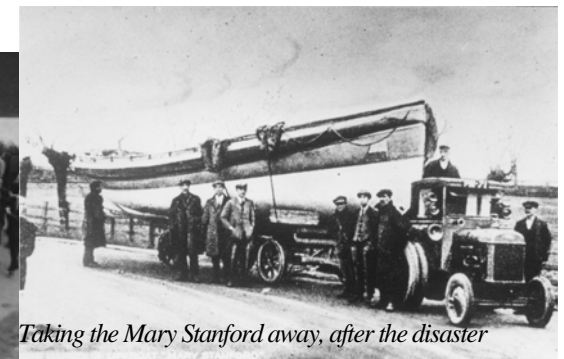
Michael Alford



In 1928 the worst disaster for many years occurred on the 15th November when the whole crew of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat were drowned, the whole male fishing population of the village. The Lifeboat was launched in a southwest gale with heavy rain squalls and heavy seas, to the vessel "Alice" of Riga. News was received that the crew of the "Alice" had been rescued by another vessel and the recall signal was fired three times, but apparently the crew of the Lifeboat had not seen it and the whole crew perished. After the disaster Rye Harbour Station was closed.

The seventeen men who lost their lives were Herbert Head, Coxswain and two sons James and John; J. Stonham, 2nd Coxswain; H. Cutting, Bowman and his two brothers Robert and Albert; Charles, Robert and Alexander Pope, three brothers; William and Leslie Clark, brothers; Maurice and Arthur Downey, cousins; H. Smith, W. Igglesden and C. Southerden.

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It was good to see a few new faces among the regulars and an enjoyable time appeared to be had by all. The quiz had a mainly sporting theme with a number of rounds based on the Olympics with others having a Greek connection. Flagstaff came out victors of the evening with Harbour Rats in the wooden spoon position. Though who knows, positions might be reversed next month. Other teams were FNIS, Bingo Babes, The Snobs, Westenders, The Firm, Pams People and Williams Family. Thanks to all who came to make the evening so much fun.

Ann Newman

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## Characters Of Rye Harbour

**D**eborah Chilton was born in Stamford Hill, London in 1965 and hopes to be celebrating her 40th. in the Village Hall in February and invite all her new friends. She is the middle one of three children and has loads of nephews and nieces. Six years ago, when her dad died her mother moved down to Hastings to be near her sister and Deborah's sister



moved down to be near her mother and then Deborah moved down to be near them and other members of the family followed so they are a very close knit family. Deborah and her family started off in the caravan site and then the opportunity to move into their lovely flat over our shop and since then things have just got better and better and she loves getting up early in the morning and looking out over the sea and watching the big ships coming in on the early tide. She was a carer and worked caring for a disabled woman in Appledore and just loved

doing this work but it was difficult as it meant doing nights and she has four children to consider. She was offered the job of managing the Pine shop in Rye and that again is work

she enjoys very much. In London people do not have time to pass the time of day or anything else but down here, coming out in the morning and perhaps feeling a bit down and she is greeted with a friendly hello and Deborah says she has a smile on her face for the rest of the day. She grew up in London and the children were born in Chase Farm. Danny is now 21, Natasha 17, Kieran 7 and Koby is 6. Danny works in Hastings for Partco supplying car parts and doing the ordering. Natasha is doing Child-minding while applying for other jobs.

Kieran is at Frieda Gardham and enjoys that very much and playing football and going swimming with his dad. Koby is at Tilling Green. A family adventure is in the offing and under serious discussion - HAVING A DOG - what sort and who are going to be responsible??!! We like the friendly little heads popping over our wall wanting to know what we are

doing and can they have their ball back and what are our names. Dad loves it down here as well and works for Carcraft which has now moved to Lydd. Kieran says he is never going to smoke like mum and mum says she will hold him to it! Deborah, we are glad you are here with your family. With your bright and friendly warmth you are a great asset to this village. Thank you.

**Jill Halpin**

## Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



**T**his has been a busy month of racing for the club with some interesting weather such as 8 or so boats setting out some fully reefed and finding that we were out of the harbour entrance in horrible conditions with gusts up to 31 knots of wind and most of us turned around and came back in again. Ken regretfully as he thought it would have been exciting and good fun but he had a very resistant crew who was frightened.

It's a hard life. The Boulogne Pursuit Race was interesting as most decided the weather forecast was not good enough and decided to go to Eastbourne. Jean and Derek left at 09.00 hrs and arrived at 15.00hrs and poor Steve and Jan arrived at 17.00 hrs and was a real struggle. Three boats decided to go to Boulogne and left early because of the weather. Denis had a diabetic crew member who had left his insulin behind and turned back only to get stuck on the mud in the dropping tide in Rock Channel which was sad for him as he would have loved going to France but he is very game and took it all

in good part as a very experienced and skilful sailor. Helena Ann steamed away with a following wind and favourable tide but unfortunately the pole holding out the genoa broke



on nearing the Boulogne Approaches but we are glad no other damage was sustained. Spindrift reached Boulogne Approaches in just under 5 hours. We really should have reefed but the large following rolling sea and winds of up to F7 meant it was not safe to do so and Jill was keen to win the race, it has to be admitted! We had a new crew member who had never done anything like this before and she did valiantly and having heard the forecast from the Coastguard of F3-4 was wondering privately to herself what Sunday return voyage would be like when there was a F6 gusting F7



forecast. But then she has lived in most of the war zones of the world and her husband was in Iraq in Baghdad and returning at the beginning of the week, this was small meat in comparison.

We are so sorry to hear that Steve is ill and is to have surgery soon. We wish he and Jan every best wish at this time. Steve works so hard for the club and was there at a recent Committee meeting presenting the accounts making so little fuss even though he is ill.

We are going to have our dinner/dace at the Sailing Club this year using local caterers. It is usually a lively gathering and the Wednesday workers work very hard to make it a very attractive setting for these activities and Margaret Stoodley does sterling work in keeping us up to scratch. In November we start a series of Thursday evening talks and suppers which we take it in turns to get. These are well attended and very welcome in the colder winter evenings.

**Jill Halpin**

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## FISHING NEWS

### ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



September has seen the weather pattern continue, with low pressures sweeping in from the Atlantic and giving us strong west to south westerly winds. The fishing has been better for the boats, when they can get a couple of trips in, with a welcome increase in the Dover Sole catches and more of a mixture of other species such as Red Mullet, Whiting and Cuttle fish.

The fleet has been well spread out in the bay, boats are trying both the east main and west main this being the areas closer to the shore, either side of the Harbour. Other bits of the bay all have their own local ally known names, the peckem soft, in the hole, guts of the mud, inner part, off part of the mud, shelly bank, back of the shelly, edge of the deep, whiteland and other positions

given by the closeness of a wreck. Lots of wrecks are called by their registered name but many others are called by nicknames from what they were carrying or from the country they originated from. The slate boat, the bricks and tiles, the singer boat, these named after the building materials and the sewing machines they thought to be loaded with. Those named after the countries, include, the German, the Italian, the Dutchman and the Spaniard, with any of these names given over the VHF radio or mobile phone from one fisherman to another would mean a rough position in the bay.

The netters have been finding good catches of Dover Sole, the practice of setting nets in the early hours and hauling at first light, seems to be the best way at the moment with not to

many Spider crabs in the nets from the short time they are in the water. Work ashore now is concentrated on getting the Scallop gear ready for the coming season, for those taking part with new dredges being ordered and some of last years gear undergoing refurbishment.

The last two years have seen very good catches on the local Scallop beds and as always they will have to wait and see what this season brings in, the unpredictable fishing game.

Boy Ashore

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# Rye Harbour Church News



## TAKING A CHANCE ON HELL

Contrary to what most of you who know me may think, I am not religious. I am a Christian, yes, but I most emphatically do not follow a religion. I follow Jesus Christ: *that* is what makes me a Christian.

Since time began human beings have been unable to live within their own laws or eventually the laws given by Moses—the ten commandments.

Our creator knew He had to find another way to reconcile himself to man and man to Him, which is why He sent His son Jesus to be one of us. Jesus bridged the gap that had grown between the one who made us and ourselves. (The great sin that causes that gap is that of leaving God out of our lives.)

We are unable to keep laws, we are all fallible and do or think wrong thoughts, that is, things not in tune with God and if we look at ourselves honestly we all know what they are. In fact many people just plainly

leave God out of their lives, I did once, this is the great S I N = I. That is **me** not God. Hell is not preached any more, but Jesus spoke about it six times.

If you want to see what Hell is like look at the cross. The cross was the Result of us rejecting God and the weight of our sins put on Him made Jesus cry out from the cross, “My God! My God! Why have you deserted me?”

Hell is truly our rejection of God and our attempts to live with out Him. People today like to say the Bible is folklore, written by men, how can they know as most of them have never read it at all, never mind prayer-fully as it should be read. On the other hand at the millennium, Marks Gospel, a tiny lilac coloured book went into every house in the Village. If you are not the one person, who actually opened his front door and threw this little book out into the road, showing such a total rejection of Christ, how about looking up how the one who loved so much, healed so many and loves us still, was nailed to a cross and left to die. Marks Gospel Chapter 15 verses 22 to 41.

Some people say religion is a crutch to lean on, but God gives Christians the get up and go so that we can throw our crutches away,

In Christ  
alone My  
heart is found,  
He is my  
light,  
My strength,  
My song,  
This  
cornerstone,  
This solid  
Ground, firm  
Through the  
fiercest  
drought and  
Storm.

What heights  
of love, what  
depths of  
peace,  
When fears  
are stilled,  
when  
strivings  
cease, my  
comforter,  
my all in all  
here in the  
love of Christ  
I stand.

There in  
the ground  
His body  
lay, Light  
of the  
world by  
darkness  
slain, Then  
bursting  
forth in  
glorious  
day, Up  
from the  
grave He  
rose again,  
And as He  
stands in  
victory,  
sins curse  
has lost its  
grip on me,  
For I am  
His and He  
is mine,  
Bought,  
with the  
precious  
blood of  
Christ.

In Christ  
alone, who  
took on  
flesh,  
Fullness of  
God in  
helpless  
babe,  
This gift of  
love and  
righteous-  
ness,  
scorned by  
the ones He  
came to  
save.  
Till on that  
cross as  
Jesus died,  
The wrath  
of God was  
satisfied,  
For every  
sin on Him  
was laid.  
Here in the  
death of  
Christ I live.

and I tell you thereafter lies true freedom. By leaving God out of our lives, we deny ourselves the greatest power on earth, the power that created the universe, ‘The hands that flung stars into space’ the God who counts every hair on our head and sees every sparrow that falls. I can tell you, that power works in many, many lives, and in my life and sometimes the evidence of it in my life totally overwhelms me, that God should care about me, me who has done nothing to deserve it but plenty to make Him disown me. His power enables me to live within Gods law even when I am sorely tempted to do otherwise, and when I do slip, because even as followers we are far from perfect, my remorse is great because I have let Him down and how quick people are to say “she did that and she calls herself a Christian” and He is quick to forgive me.

Life for me is a constant challenge because temptation is all around me, and I am vulnerable, we are all capable of anything if the circumstances are right. BUT ——— I am no longer bound by any wordly expectations. I live a life of joyful freedom because Gods laws are black and white, wrong and right and His Holy Spirit gives me disemment and above all strength to overcome ——— most of the time. When I don’t manage it, only my true repentance causes His love to forgive me. He gives me a life with meaning, truth and strength.

Come and learn more, come to the family service in our village church on the 4th Sunday of every month, at 10:30am. The next one is on 28th November. 10:30am. It is not a stuffy service, but a happy occasion with freedom to cough, sneeze, laugh and join in the quiz time and not feel Uncomfortable because the baby or children cry or make a noise, what did Jesus say about children———. Please come and grow in strength so that you too can ‘throw your crutches away’ and find the power to help you cope with all of life.

We are not promised a life of ease, but we are given the resource of the Holy Spirit and above all we can actually know the love of our creator God. He would love to see you there.

MOLLY SAUNDERS

## **November Services**

14<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am. Holy Communion with hymns.

28<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am Family Service all welcome.

## **December Services**

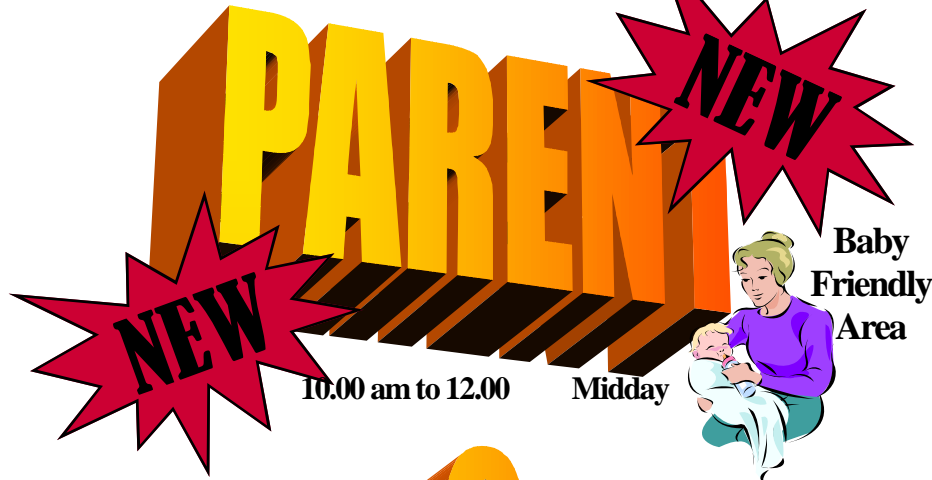
19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm CAROL SERVICE including CHRISTINGLES

26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am family service.

No guilt in  
life, no fear  
in death,  
This is the  
power of  
Christ in me.  
From life’s  
first cry to  
final death,  
Jesus  
commands  
my destiny.  
No power of  
hell, no  
scheme of  
man can ever  
pluck me  
from His  
hand, till He  
returns or  
calls me  
home,

Here in the  
power of  
Christ I  
stand.

## AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL



For further details contact: Claire on 01797 223894

## Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

**H**i everyone, well, we had our activity morning and I'm pleased to say, it went very well.

We had some new faces come along and hopefully you enjoyed our group. The children had a lovely time with the sand, puzzles, drawing, toys, gluing, playdough, and much, much more. The buffet lunch was a great hit, thanks to all who donated, food and drink.

This week we had painting and printing, thanks to Claire who cut out lots of foam shapes. It was messy but the children loved it! We aim for painting once a month, but we will pre-warm so that old cloths can be worn. To apply for funding to help to keep the group going and well equipped, we have to comply with certain rules and

regulations. Claire is in the process of sorting out the huge amount of paperwork involved, without her hard work we couldn't move forward, so big thanks to her, from all of us for all the work, time and dedication! By the time you read this we will have had our first AGM, hopefully well attended.

We are very positive that we can make our group even better than it is already, so if you haven't been along (or not been for a while), why not come along and join us, as we move forward.

Hope to see you all on

Wednesday at 10.00 am!



Rosemarie

## APPEAL FOR MISSING PERSON

POLICE are becoming increasingly concerned for the welfare of 82 year old Harry Miller, who hasn't been seen since he left the Conquest Hospital in Hastings at 5pm on Friday October 22.

Mr Miller, from Bexhill, suffers from Alzheimers and was being treated at the hospital. He was due to be discharged that day, but walked out before his transport arrived.

When he was last seen he was wearing a checked blue shirt, grey trousers, a zipped mustard coloured jacket and gold rimmed glasses. He was wearing hospital wrist bands



on both hands. He is about 5ft 6ins and has a grey beard and grey hair.

Detective Inspector Trevor Bowles, head of Hastings CID, said: "I am very concerned for the safety and

welfare of Mr Miller and this increases as time goes on. I appeal to anyone who may have seen him since Friday afternoon to contact police as a matter of urgency.

Mr Miller may well have used the rail network since he was last seen so we do not know where he may be at this time. He is very vulnerable and we are urging the public to help us find him safely."

Anyone who thinks they may know of Mr Miller's whereabouts is asked to contact police immediately on 0845 60 70 999, quoting serial 1351 of 22/10/04.



## Family Announcements

### Congratulations



And now of course my favourite announcement, that I have been waiting months to write.

The arrival of my Great-Grandson, Ronnie Christopher on September 27<sup>th</sup> weighing in at five pounds nine ounces.

We are all a big happy, proud family especially Nanny Julie and Grandad Chris, who says, he knows how to stop him crying, put on a Bob Dillon tape and so far it seems to work. Holly and Dorian would like to thank everyone who sent them cards and presents, so many; they were overwhelmed.



Congratulations and a very Happy Birthday to Arthur Berry on 19th November

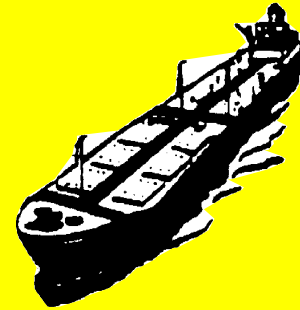
### The Ploughman's Lunches

Mrs Sylvia Alford would like to correct the mistake in the Observer paper last week. The price of her Ploughman's lunches, is two pounds and not two pounds fifty. The next lunch will be Monday 8th November, all are welcome.

### Farewell

At the end of October, we have to say goodbye to Dawn and Peter mine hosts at the Inkerman. They have been a very popular pair and we have had many jolly evenings in the pub. We wish them all the best of health and happiness in the future.

By Nanny Pat



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