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April 2005

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Editor's Comments

It's not every day your future King gets married, so I thought I'd give them a mention even though I have not received my invitation yet! Actually they are partly to blame for the newsletter being slightly late this month, as their photo

corrupted all the files needed to create the newsletter and I had to completely re-build it, once again. That's surely worth an invite? Problems all round this month, one way or another, hence the reason why I couldn't get a picture of this month's competition winner, hopefully I will get it in next month's issue.

Whilst on the subject of next month, the deadline will be

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Friday 15th April.
Nanny Pat is in Hospital this month, I'm sure we all wish her a speedy recovery.
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By now most of you will be aware that John, the DHM, is leaving us for further employment as Personnel Manager with the shipping company "Crescent". He sailed his vessel "Crimple" for several years before graduating to the larger craft "Curlew" frequently seen sailing on his days off, occasionally with members of his family. We wish John well for his new "adventure" and begin to prepare for the appointment of his successor. Fencing has been erected from the Harbour Office to the sea in preparation for works that will see major repairs to the eastern training wall. Site offices have arrived and we now await the delivery of steel piling and some 3,000 tons of stone that will be necessary for the filling of the wire baskets (Gabions). A new waste oil tank has now been installed at the boatyard of Derek Phillips. This facility is for the use of boat owners who need to dispose of their boat engine's waste oil. Those boat owners who live in the village are encouraged to use this facility that is free and will contribute to a cleaner and better



environment. A third CCTV camera has been installed at the harbour office, initially to cover the site works of the eastern training wall. Once this is complete the camera will be pointed seaward down the river assisting in directing incoming traffic. The cameras have helped in preventing theft and vandalism when three youths were spotted entering craft on the western bank mud moorings. Owners were informed and those close by attended in very short order. By now the navigational aids of the rivers will have been inspected by Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority. Some three failed solar lights have been replaced out of a total of a total of 27. There is a total of 55 navigational aids in the river that need constant attention in order to provide a safe navigation for all the thousands of river transits that take place every year. Sampling of the river waters takes place

four times a year. Some 11 points are sampled with results constantly revealing good, clean, "Class A" waters (water that will permit the movement of migratory fish) in the harbour. A new fog horn has been installed to replace the one that has provided good service for the last 15 years. I am sure that you will soon be aware of its arrival as we approach the "Foggy" season! Many of the boatyards are preparing to put their "Winter" boats back into the harbour after being cleaned and maintained throughout the winter months. Owners of the yards generally hire a crane to carry out this activity jointly so as to spread the hire costs. It always a sign that summer is on the way when we observe large numbers of leisure craft going to sea soon after re-launching to "Test" equipment and engines. A further sign is when you see us at the harbour office in the mud cleaning the bottoms of the harbour craft. We gain an additional 3 knots of speed when the hulls are clean and applied with a coating of "anti fouling" materials.

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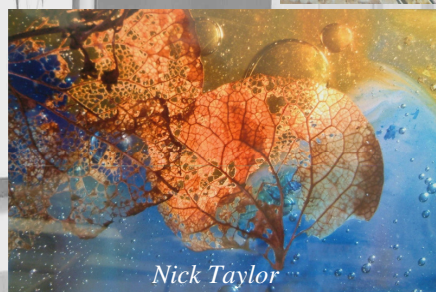
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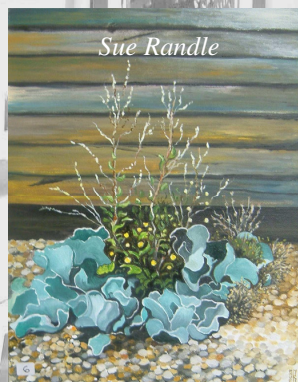
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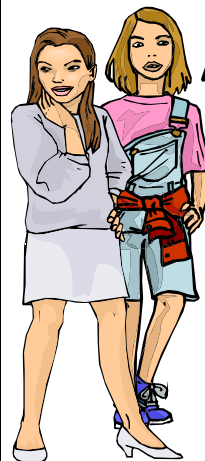


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| Wednesday | 3.30-5.30pm | After Schools Club |
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Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour

Sometime prior to 13:29 on Saturday 05 March a person or persons entered moorings and cut the chain that secured a motor to the transom of a boat. They then removed and took the motor which is described as a Mercury outboard engine, model sail power. Quote serial no. 799 of 05/03/05

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GOING AWAY AT ANY TIME? (It might seem a bit like common sense but?)

It is worth remembering that Christmas is a busy time for burglars

Take a few sensible precautions.

Lighting: Around Christmas time, with the long dark evenings, if a house does not have any lights on for a couple of days, it soon becomes apparent that the owners are away.

Put some lights on timers, set to go on and off at various times during the evening, in different rooms, this will give an impression of someone in the house.

Have some outside lighting on sensors, burglars do not like to be lit up while they are trying to break in. Deliveries;

MILK, cancel your milk, so that there is not a collection of full milk bottles on the front door step as a sign that you are not there. When cancelling the milk DO NOT leave a note out for the milkman, the note could be read by anyone, instead telephone the dairy or make a point of speaking to the milkman. An alternative to cancelling the milk is to reduce the amount delivered down to one bottle, ask a neighbour to reduce their delivery by one bottle and take the one that is delivered to you. That way the milkman still visits the house as normal, helping to create the impression the owners are at home.

NEWSPAPERS, use a similar approach as with the milk deliveries, if you are cancelling your paper delivery DO NOT stand at the newsagents and say something like "I want to cancel my paper delivery from the 23rd to the 30th, I shall be away". It is quite possible that the newsagent will not be the only one listening to you saying that. Instead, write a note detailing your requirements and give it or post to the newsagent. If a neighbour has a key to your house (see next item) instead of cancelling the papers, you could let them be delivered as normal, again making it look as though you are at home. Your neighbour can then take your paper and have some extra reading material while you are away, assuming he normally reads a different paper of course.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Leave a key with a neighbour; you could leave a key to your house with a neighbour, ask them to collect any mail that is delivered and put it out of sight. Make sure that the mail is not left somewhere that is visible from a window or through a glass door, a stack of unopened mail on a table is a sure sign that no-one is home.

Ask the neighbour to open and close curtains each day to make it look as though you are there. Also ask them to adjust the position of internal doors that are visible from windows, if someone is checking to see if anyone is at home, if they see doors in fully open one day and partly open or closed the next, hopefully they will get the idea that there is someone at home.

The Garden; Do you have easily removed garden ornaments and garden furniture in your garden? If you do it will probably be easy for you to put them inside a building while you are away, out of temptations way.

Also, check that all the children's bicycles and toys are inside before you go.

A few other useful tips

Put a couple of radios, in different rooms, on timers set to come on at different times of the day.

Let your neighbours know you will be away, if they see movement at your house they will know there is a problem, and can call the Police.

If you have had expensive items as presents, put them away where they cannot be seen through a window. Make sure your sheds and garage are secure, and that expensive tools are not visible through windows.

If you are going to be away for a couple of weeks, ask a neighbour to put some of their rubbish in your dustbin, again an empty dustbin indicates no one at home.

If you have cars left parked on the drive, leave the keys with a neighbour, ask them to change the position of the cars on the drive so that it looks like they have been used.

Make sure expensive items such as stereos and computers are not easily visible from ground floor windows.

REMEMBER - Most of these things apply whatever time of year you go away.

Wish Street, Rye

Sometime during the day on Wednesday 09 March two unknown females called at a property and distracted the elderly occupier. After they had left it was found that a handbag was missing. The females were approximately 20-25 years old and were with a male who is described as having dark curly hair. The females asked for some paper and a pencil to distract the occupier who was understandably left shaken. CID officers believe that a silver Ford Focus, registration X469 RJX, is connected to this incident. Please call 0845 60 70 999 if you have any information. Visit www.bbc.co.uk/crime/prevention/boguscallers.shtml for advice on dealing with unknown callers.

SUSSEX POLICE

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If you would like to received the NHW information at a different e-mail address, then include this in the message body.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

It seems that the door has finally closed on winter's cold grasp, with many birds and flowers now enjoying the warm-spring weather. Even



displaying well.

Why not come and discover the **Castle Water Wildlife and History on Sunday**

many months of a bird less **17th April**. This is a

circular walk around part of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve and an exploration of Henry VIII's castle. Meet at Brede Lock car park at **10am-1pm** (2miles). All donations gratefully received.

At the end of April, we are trying to encourage people



though the snow caused chaos on the roads, people still battled to get out into the countryside for walks and to do a spot of bird-watching on the reserve. Winter birds in good numbers included Wigeon, Smew and Bittern.

By the middle of March there were signs of Spring, with the arrival of Wheatears and Sandwich Terns from Africa. After

Ternery Pool, it is now alive with the sound of gulls and terns setting up territories. On the shingle the Ringed Plovers and Lapwings are



Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

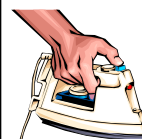
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to appreciate and learn more about the surrounding area and the wildlife that lives here. So come along and join in

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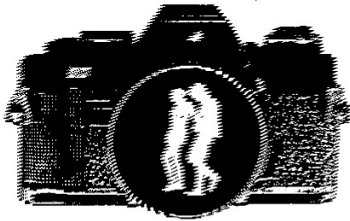
Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
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IT'S OFFICIAL CYCLE & FOOTPATH FOR THE RYE HARBOUR ROAD

Brian Mathews has won his battle after a long campaign, to get safety improvements on the road where his son was killed.

Graham Mathews, aged 22, died when his cycle was hit by a car on the Rye harbour Road last August.

Since then dad Brian has been fighting to get a cycle path and footpath on the busy road.

A petition set up in Rye Harbour and Rye attracted more than 1,000 signatures and Mr Mathews spent several days seeking the co-operation of businesses along the road.

Now county council leader Peter Jones has persuaded officers to take early action and the safety measures should be in place in the near future.

A delighted Mr Mathews said: "I can't tell you how pleased I am and I would like to thank Cllr Jones for listening and taking action. "I would also like to thank the parliamentary candidate Mark Coote, who was very supportive and helpful.

"There have been many deaths on this road and the county council has said in the past that it would do something about it and create a footpath come cycle path but as is usual, nothing was done. If something had



been done my son would still be alive.

"I would like to add that many hundreds of people have signed the petitions placed by Rye Harbour Newsletter in Budgens and the Rye Harbour Stores. "I don't want any other family to suffer what we as a family have suffered."

Cllr Jones confirmed that a design team were already looking at plans for the foot and cycle path and as soon as this was completed it would be taken up by construction engineers. He said: "I am delighted we have been able to go ahead and do this. It was to have been part of a bigger scheme to improve the road junction with the A259, but this has been put aside until we can get the Highways Agency to co-operate and secure funding. This may take some time.

"Rather than wait we have

agreed to proceed with the cycle and footpath.

"The Transport Department is undertaking the initial work, planning the route and talking to landowners.

"I am not sure what the exact timetable for completion is at this stage.

"I am really pleased. It is good to respond to understandable concerns - one death is too many on that road."

Jim Holland, of cycle group Rye Wheelers, who supported the campaign, said: "The real credit must go to Brian Mathews, he has worked so hard for this and has real concerns that no-one else is hurt or killed on that road.

"Thanks should also go to Christopher Strangeways, chairman of Rother Environmental Group."

EASTER



for the
old photo but due to

circumstances I was unable

BUDGENS

EGG COMPETI-

Maddie Wright was this month's competition winner, and I apologise



Rye Harbour Village Hall Developing the Facilities



Rye Harbour Village Hall – Developing the Facilities

The Village Hall is a valuable resource and important part of the Rye Harbour. The Village Hall Management Committee is in the process of making applications for grants to develop the facilities in the Village Hall. How the development continues needs to reflect the wishes of those who live in the Village.

What the Committee would like to know is what facilities the Villagers would like to see in the Village Hall. This short article is forming one of a number of ways that we as the committee will be

asking you the Villagers for your help and thoughts.

Let the committee know what you think, write us a letter with your ideas. Bogdan has kindly agreed to let us have a suggestion box in the shop where you can post your ideas.

Help make the Village Hall an even more valuable asset for Village residents of all ages.

Many thanks to those who are helping us to undertake this project and all those who support our continuing fundraising efforts.

Ann Newman

WHAT'S ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

APRIL

SAT 2nd

Smallhythe House Open Day – An open day and behind the scenes Tour of the Barn Theatre. Information 01797 229542

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

The Giants of Brede – Steam pumping engines and water heritage Collections from 10am – 4pm Held at Brede Water works

SUN 3rd

Early Spring Flowers – Guided estate walk, meet Pestalozzi International Village reception at 3pm. Charge £1, no bus service on Sunday.

SAT 9th

Spring Fair Rye Methodist Centre, Gun Garden, Rye from 10am – 4pm Refreshments served all day. Cake stall Tombola, Bric a Brac & competitions

WED 13th

Spring In The East – A Circular walk exploring the East Sussex border Between Northiam & Bodiam. Meet 10am Northiam public car park off A28 near Church.

SAT 16th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre from 9.30am – 4.30pm
Winchelsea Singers – Present Haydn's 'Creation' at St. Thomas church Winchelsea at 7.30pm

SUN 17th

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

Castle Water Wildlife & History – A circular walk around part of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve and a exploration of Henry VIII's castle. Meet Brede Lock car park at 10am, return 1pm (2mile) Donations appreciated.

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 2.30pm. Jean Martyn from the midlands will be playing

SAT 23rd

Concert by The Queens Consort – Held at Udimore Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £8 includes wine & refreshments.

Pevensey Castle – St George's Day Dragon trail, runs till 24th

THUR 28th

Pashley Manor Gardens Tulip festival runs till 2nd May.

FRI 29th

Jack in the Green Festival of Morris Dancing – Runs till 2nd May Details 01424 781111

Wildlife Week-end - Looking at our fantastic plants and animals in Spring when so much is happening. Events for all ages & abilities in Rye's countryside from Hastings to Dungeness. Activities in Rye at and Near the Town Hall on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Details available From Yates@clara.net
Lookers on the Level Circular walk will follow the river bank before crossing the windswept landscape of Guildeford levels where the lookers needed shelter as they watched over the sheep before returning to Rye via the rolling dunes of Camber. Bring a packed lunch. Meet Rye station at 10am. 01797 226488. Distance

10miles. Booking essential.

SAT 30th

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

MAY

SUN 1st

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

Canal – Castle & Circular Ride – Ride from on Cinque Port to another. From Rye we will follow the bank of the Military Canal and up into Historic Winchelsea for lunch stop. We then go back to Rye following the sustrans cycle path under the old cliff line. Pre-Booking essential 01797 226488. Meet Rye station 12noon (3hrs)

MON 2nd

St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Peasmarsh – Mimosa Quartet. Sit down Dinner by Candlelight. Licensed bar. Time 6.30pm. Information 01797 230324/230255

THUR 5th

Coastal Ways, Meridan TV – Showing Rye & Rye Harbour at 7.30pm

SAT 7th

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Parish Council Notebook

Icklesham Parish Council held their monthly meeting on the 11th April at the Village Hall in Rye Harbour.

In attendance was an apparently orchestrated group from Winchelsea to complain about the street lighting.

However turning to Rye Harbour several Rye Harbour residents came to express their concerns about a proposal by Rother District Council, or one of their officers – I think that the latter is more correct, to charge for the use of the car park.

One of our two district councillors Nick Ramus informed us that he did not know of the proposal and expressed his annoyance and displeasure at first reading of it in the local newspaper, just as the rest of us.

Mr Ramus has been active on the matter and has been in contact with Rother's cabinet asking that the whole matter be differed – he is also totally against the proposal as being unworkable and for the knock on effect throughout the village.

For a start it would probably mean double yellow lines everywhere

and restrictions on 'on road parking'.

However a suggestion has been put forward that the operation of the car park be taken over by Rye Harbour Nature Reserve or as a

joint venture with Icklesham Parish Council. This will be taken forward for examination.

The next item is the flagstaff.

This very fine flagstaff is on land owned by the Environment Agency who a few years ago, wanted to remove it.

It was thanks to Keith Glazier as a County Councillor and several concerned at Rye Harbour lead by Shaun Downey that the flagstaff was saved, although rent has to be paid for the land upon which it stands.

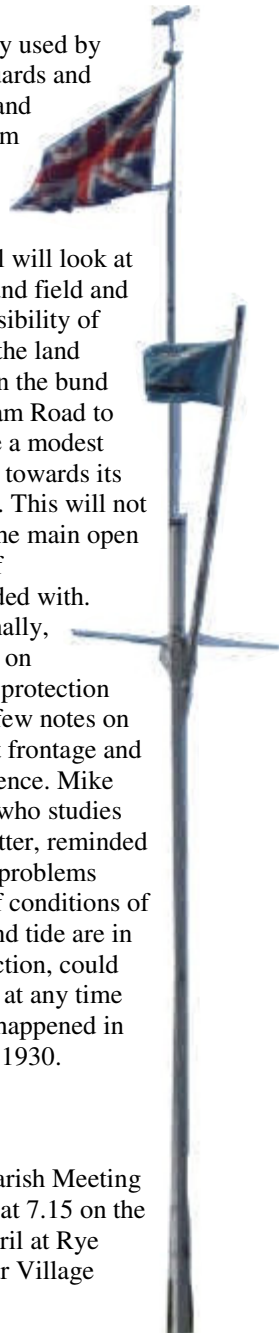
The Environment Agency has asked for rent for the next three years of £350. After listening to comments from Mike Slavin and others, all very relevant, the council will contact the Environment Agency to see whether the rent can be waived, the insurance will also be checked.

The writer would like to see the flagstaff used more than at present – it is probably one of the best around

and formally used by coastguards and pilots, and for storm signals. The

Council will look at the Pound field and the possibility of letting the land between the bund and Tram Road to provide a modest income towards its upkeep. This will not affect the main open space if proceeded with. And finally, a paper on coastal protection with a few notes on the Pett frontage and sea defence. Mike Slavin who studies this matter, reminded us that problems could if conditions of wind and tide are in conjunction, could happen at any time just as happened in around 1930.

Next Parish Meeting will be at 7.15 on the 10th April at Rye Harbour Village Hall.



Characters Of Rye Harbour

Ken Halpin is the character for this month, reluctantly I must say! He was born in Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland

in January 1934 - the youngest of 4 children. His parents met in the First World War. Father had been drafted into the Navy straight from school at the age of 16 or 17 years and his ship

was based in the important defensive Port of Burnt Island on the coast of Fife. Kens' mother was staying with her parents at their holiday home there and they and others offered meals and hospitality with the sailor lads on shore leave and so they met. Kens' father was in the Signals. The Scottish give high priority to education so the 2 sons became doctors and the 2 daughters became teachers. Kens' particular interest came before he started school, as he saw that doctors had lovely cars, particularly a woman

doctor of the town who had blond hair and a De Lage open topped Tourer! He did not divulge this fact when writing his application for medical school. Ken had to be

was trying to reassure his mother that it was the Dockyards they were aiming at not their home - little did they know. So school at the earliest part of the war was



walked to school held firmly by the hands of his eldest sister and her friends as at the age of 5 he was very frightened of his teacher - Mrs. Muckhart - a very forbidding woman who taught the alphabet on his first day at school. As WW2 was starting and the first raid of the war in the British Isles took place over their garden - the Spitfires chasing off the German bombers who were attempting to bomb the Forth Bridge and the Rosyth Naval Dockyard. Ken at 5 years old

held in children's homes until shelters could be built. They cycled up in the days following to look for craters after the raids and the Clyde blitz. After he progressed beyond the small class of five children in Mrs. Muckharts' class, where there was no hiding place - he enjoyed school. His parents were very musical and wanted them all to learn instruments and form a small orchestra. Ken was set to learn the violin and piano but he never got beyond the difficult part. He is now

Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont.....

learning the piano and knows enough to be able to push through the difficulties and practices everyday!

Ken went to secondary school in Dunfermline and especially enjoyed math's and science. He then went on to do Medicine at Edinburgh University which was very hard work but he did enjoy badminton and some hockey and lived in digs with Mrs. Brown. In the last 2 years of the 6 years training he lived in Craighouse, a private Psychiatric Hospital where he worked as a Clinical Assistant at weekends in exchange for his board and lodging. During this time he met Ann who was studying languages at Edinburgh. After graduation, marriage and the birth of twins they went to America for 2 years as an Intern as in ER on TV.

They were treated very well and Ken was offered the possibility of going with the Colonial Service to Fiji. Ann was keen but Ken worried about the education of the children and so they came to Manchester instead to join Ken's elder brother in practice

there and where he remained for 32 years. These were very busy happy years bringing up 6 children and the 13 grandchildren. The eldest of these has just qualified as a doctor and expecting the first great grandchild. This eldest grandchild is in the Navy and so traditions continue. Holidays were spent camping in France all packing into a VW campervan and staying with Ann's family in the Isles of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

Ann was a fluent Gaelic speaker and Ken learned but has no-one to practice with down here. Lewis engendered their love of sailing and boats and they chartered off the West coast of Scotland and in Greece and Turkey. They were both keen members of the Highland Society and Highland Dancing and active members of their church and community. They had completed a number of the long distance walks and the culmination of this was a high altitude expedition in Peru in the Andes. Sadly Ann died of cancer at a young age. Ken and the family were

devastated. Ken threw himself into sailing and developed his interest in the Jubilee Sailing Trusts work with the the handicapped and it was my taking Ron Banwell on the Lord Nelson in the Canaries at Christmas 1994 when Ken was the ships doctor and Kens first view of me being - sea-sick and my falling for those twinkling blue eyes that led to him uprooting himself and come to Rye Harbour where he sails to his hearts content and continues his enthusiasm for nature and bird watching and is involved with the Nature Reserve and Sailing Club. He loves the area down here and finds the people fascinating and most welcoming and such a variety and of course it is a birdwatchers delight down here. We continue the camping expeditions all over the world and wonder sometimes how we can live in anything bigger than a 6 feet square tent. Thank you Ken

Jill Halpin

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



Spring has come to the boatyards and much work is being done on the boats in preparation for the putting into the water. Sails and ropes have to be washed and mended, bottoms scrubbed and painted and topsides cleaned and polished. All this means getting dirty, wet and cold - but such is a sailors life! The winter programme came to an end with a

supper on St. Patrick's Day with a fine Irish stew cooked by John and Liz Royle and helped by Eileen and Russell Rison. An excellent time was had by a full clubhouse decorated with flowers from the Royles' garden and Liz dressed in an appropriate green. We have already seen a number of boats going out along the river on some of our fine days.

We have been delighted to see James and Kate Schaffers' Folkboat Lapis arriving in Derek Philips' Yard in Rock Channel. Kate and James have worked on building her for the last 15 years and she is now ready to be launched

from New Zealand before the imminent birth of their first grandchild. Richard Hopper has just run a conversion VHF Course for those of us who are struggling with the new technology required for us to work our GDMSS

radios - it should make things easier and safer in the long run. Ken Halpin has just run First Aid Courses for Rye Harbour and The Sovereign



on the high tide on Tuesday 12th. of April. James was a Cabinet Maker with Heals in the Tottenham Court Road and all his and Kate's skills have gone into this boat build. We do congratulate them on this tremendous achievement and wish them many years of happy sailing. They have had to hurry the date forward so that their son can fly over

Yacht Club at Eastbourne. I give a helping hand and am glad to learn the newest techniques of First Aid and lifesaving procedures. We will give a full account and photos of the launching of Folkboat Lapis in next months newsletter.

Ken Halpen

JUMBLE SALE

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**SATURDAY 9TH APRIL
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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



Any amount of fish for netters or trawlers has been very hard to find, with the wind staying in the same north quarter, bringing down the water temperature and keeping the murky conditions. This has gone on for over two months now and any sign of the weather changing to be more general, south westerly direction is eagerly awaited. The channel grounds have seen a lot of beam trawlers working on the Dover soles, these boats being seventy to ninety feet in length and registered in England, Belgium and Holland. It seems when the

temperature is colder the soles go to deeper water and are concentrated in favoured spots, making better fishing for beamers with the boats being able to fish on in most weather conditions. This time of year is usually the peak fishing time out on the bullock bank for the netters with boats from England fishing alongside the French netters from Boullongne. The bullock bank being in mid channel is a hard place to fish in the winter and only the most modern and nearly all sheltered in boats try to earn a living there. As is usually the case, the beam trawlers are catching the sole's when they do not

seem to be moving about very far due to the cold, when things warm up, the netters hope their fishing will pick up as the sole's start to swim more. The scallopers have been fairing better when weather allows the boats to get to sea with a steady fishing if not good. Scallops now are in best condition with a good meat yield and more sales made locally to the public and restaurants alike due to quite a bit of good publicity making a nice change from the normal doom and gloom that comes from the media.

Boy Ashore

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To write a small column each week on the events of Rye Harbour that often get missed by a monthly publication.

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Rye Harbour Village Fete 2005 - Yes it's that time of year again.

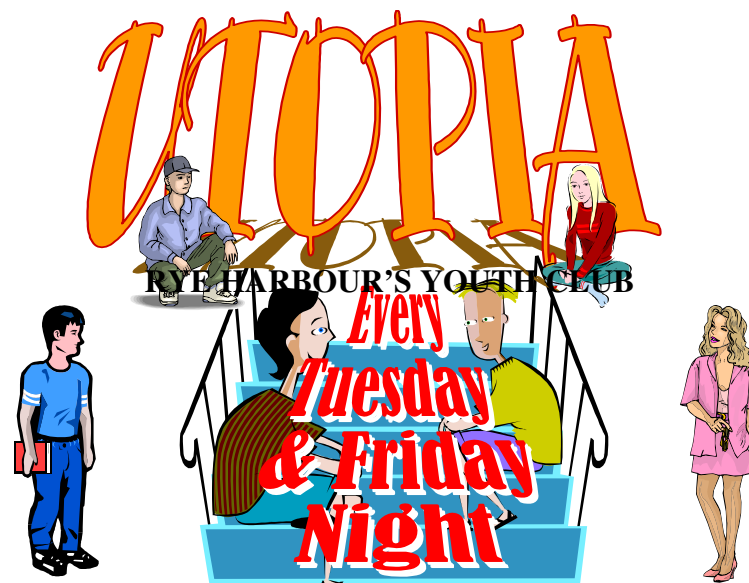
Volunteers are wanted to help form a Fete Organising Committee

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Rye Harbour Church News

Walking together or apart? (The Windsor Report)

You may have read about the crisis in the world-wide Anglican Church and wondered what the fuss was about. Why are Anglicans across the globe getting so angry with each other and threatening to go their separate ways?

Women's ordination to the priesthood and later their consecration as bishops have strained relationships and led to what is called "impaired communion) but the latest row is worse. A bishop with a live-in partner in New Hampshire (USA) and the blessing of same-sex unions in New Westminster (Canada), resulting in some bishops taking responsibility for dioceses and parishes not legally under their own jurisdiction, have led to this impasse.

Some parts of our huge Church family, in particular African Dioceses, have been scandalised by these developments, so much so that they are ready to opt out.



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

The Archbishop of Canterbury, caught in the middle of this row, asked a Commission to meet under the chairmanship of Archbishop Robert Eames, Primate of All Ireland, in order to set out the issues and offer advice.

Anglicans have a long and notable history with Churches in Australia, New Zealand, South America, Africa (the fastest growing of all), the Far East, India, Central America, America and Canada, the West Indies, across Europe, to name some, as well as the Church of England, the Church of Ireland, the Church in Wales and the Scottish Episcopal Church, numbering in all about 70 million members in 164 counties, comprising 30,000 parishes. It is, after the Roman Catholic Church, the most widespread in the world. Our relationships have

normally been very cordial with Bishops meeting at Lambeth every 10 years and much co-operation through Councils and consultations. The Windsor report

explains that the way in which Anglicans work together but highlights how easy it is for one province or dioceses to go its own way, without due regard to the greater membership. The Report recommends that those involved in the divisive issues express "regret" and that Archbishop Rowan Williams should have his central role strengthened as a focus for unity and sound teaching. It asks for healing and reconciliation within the Anglican Communion lest we end up "walking apart". Archbishop Rowan in particular is in need of our prayerful concern at this time.

Hugh Moseley

Services in April

Sunday 10th April 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 24th April 10.30 a.m. Family Service

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Hi, Our activity and coffee morning was a huge success, raising a massive £181.40 for Comic Relief! We would like to say a big "Thank you" to everyone who baked cakes, donated raffle prizes (the raffle alone raised £95!) and came along on the day to support us. The people from the Fellowship of St. Nicholas fun van did a great job entertaining all the children with red-themed messy play and face painting. Thanks to Pam for running the raffle and for her enthusiastic shouting of the numbers! Thanks to Pat for manning the cake stall and to Sylvie for making all those red nose day buns, they were a big hit! Also to Joyce and Ann for a great cup of Tea!

Most of our new toys have now arrived and some of these were out for our red nose day session. The following Wednesday we put out even more, including the Airflow Undersea Adventure Maze and Crazy Bowling which were both a huge success. Marcus and the lady from the Observer both came along to get a few pictures!

It's really lovely to see so many parents and children coming along and enjoying all the facilities. Just a reminder, everyone is welcome, we meet Wednesday mornings from 10 until 12 in the Village Hall. It's great value at only £1 per family, including refreshments! We hope to see you there!

Claire and Rosemarie

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Family Announcements

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Jess would like to thank all who helped and supported the evening.

Hospital

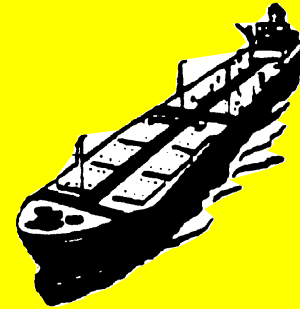
By the time you read this Pat Gawn (Nanny Pat) will be in hospital and will not be able to hit me for mentioning the fact.
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