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Below is a reminder of the new footpath finally under way and looking good. Thanks again to Carl for the safe but unsafe trip up the river. Far right at the bottom just one of broken windows in



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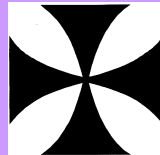
the church. Full colour photo albums on the website for the fete, battle of the bands and Rye Raft Race. Next months deadline will be **Friday 15th September.** Look out for the new goal posts!!



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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

The very hot weather continued for a further three weeks before temperatures reduced and "Down came the Rain".

My "Pumpkin" is greatly appreciative of the rain and is now growing. What has that got to do with anything? Well, each year the "Green Owl" public house in Camber holds a competition for the heaviest pumpkin for which I enter every year. I always come second with last year's pumpkin weighing in at 127 lbs. (old money). Maybe you could get a similar event for the village. Great fun and growers take the event very seriously.

The new white light marking the end of the east pier failed shortly after being commissioned. Not sure of the reason but the new battery was re-charged and all seams well. Scaffolding has been erected to the lighthouse structure. This is to enable a new "Welcome" sign to be positioned.. It will be considerably larger and contain more info on port requirements i.e. speed limit and communication details. The access road to the pier has been cleared of many years of sand build up so we can, again, drive to the end of the pier.



Work has now started on the re-painting of the rail bridge. Scaffolding will extend below the bridge to enable work to be completed to the underside of the bridge. Work is expected to last until February 2007!.

Both of the "Old" boats that resided at the Strand Quay have now been removed to moorings on the west bank. The "Ariel" and the "St. David" have moored in the town for some five years. Both are timber boats and ex-fishing craft, the Ariel working out of Plymouth before being decommissioned. It's always sad to see such wrecks that were once somebody's pride and joy.

A new cargo arriving at Rye. Salt is being imported from the Tees by the Highways Dept for storage near Rye. The first consignment comprised 900 tons. 18 further cargoes are expected before the onset on winter. Does somebody know something that we don't? The first Friday of August

witnessed the pilots and boat crews training in the Harbour Office. All harbour craft are equipped with charts/almanacs etc. Very few people know how to use them so the boat crews had to plan a passage from the Harbour mouth to Eastbourne via CS3 buoy (Off Dungeness), Sovereign Light Tower and arriving at the Eastbourne breakwater. It took all teams some two hours to complete the exercise that will be enacted for real at a later date. The second Friday sees the Deputy harbour master off to Bexhill for the final meeting of the Camber Sands safety Plan. A 160 consultative document has been prepared by "Atkins" that again brings in such issues of safety boats, more signs etc. for the many summer visitors who visit Camber. At the same time the Trinity House vessel "Patricia" entered the bay and replaced the Rye fairway Buoy. Rye Maritime festival suffered a little from the above previously mentioned rains, although Sunday afternoon saw the sun shine. Not as many boats as last year but more in the way of events and entertainment. Those that did venture to the Strand Quay were able to see the

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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extraordinary effort that had gone into decorating the Strand with some 1 mile (yes, 1 mile) of bunting. And on top of all this, the mains water supply to the Life boat station fractured.

Quickly repaired by Richard Tollett. (thanks)
Watch for more filming over the Raft Race weekend (Bank holiday) "Kaddy Lee Preston" of ITV is spending three days

at Camber and on the river filming for an autumn "spectacular"

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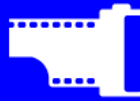
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RYE POLICE STATION

Burglary

At about 1.30 am on Saturday 22nd July 2006, Thomas Peacock School, Love Lane in Rye was broken into. Offenders managed to gain entry in several places including the gym and the classrooms at the rear of the premises. Apart from causing several hundreds of pounds worth of damage, they stole a compressor designed to inflate footballs and basket balls worth £110. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 353 of 22/07/2006 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Assault

On Friday 28th July 2006 a male was stabbed whilst walking up Station Approach in Rye. Fortunately the male was not seriously injured. Police are appealing for witnesses to contact Rye Police Station on 0845 60 70 999, quoting Serial Number 1969 of 28/07/2006.

Message - reverse number telephone scam

In response to recent messages regarding this scam a NHW member has emailed to say that it is possible to have these 0800 reverse numbers blocked from your telephone by phoning BT. Call 150 and ask for premium rate call barring or go to <http://www2.bt.com/static/i/btetail/consumer/premiumrates/index.html>

Message – Increase in the number of ‘sneak’ burglaries during the hot weather

Summer is traditionally the time when the number of sneak burglaries at home and at work increases because of people leaving doors and windows open during the hot weather. In Hastings and Rother there have been a number of reported crimes, which have simply involved thieves opening unlocked doors and windows and walking away with keys, wallets, handbags and laptop computers. Just remember if there is easy access to your home or business a thief can be in and out again within minutes. For crime prevention advice go to www.bbc.co.uk/crime/prevention/index.shtml or www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/how-you-can-prevent-crime/?version=1

Message from a NHW Member – International Lotto Scam

I would like to report to you a scam which is hitting the area at the moment. I have today received a letter from the International Lotto Commission, Madrid, Spain. The letter is dated 20 July 2006 and is signed by the Vice President of the Commission, Antonio Garcia-Peral. The letter is telling me that I've won €615,810.00, in a competition I've never entered or heard of. What is more disturbing is that they have included a "Lottery Payments Processing Form" to be completed with full name, address, bank details and next of kin, dates of birth and place of birth. No doubt I will not be the only person in the area, or even the UK, to receive such a letter and I trust you will be able to get a message out to all, not to respond.

For more information from Sussex Police about fraud and scams go to http://www.sussex.police.uk/community_safety/fraud_pages.asp?id=14

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Telephone Scam

The Trading standards Office have brought the following scam to our attention:

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If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072396655 or ICTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at <http://www.icstis.org.uk> or your local trading standards office. This service is also under investigation by ICSTIS.

Trading Standards - Mobile phone users in East Sussex are being warned to watch out for text messages that could leave them out of pocket.

County Council Trading Standards Officers have dealt with a number of complaints about a practice called "reverse billing". The practice allows companies to charge mobile phone users up to £1.50 for sending them an SMS (Short Message Service) text. This operation is illegal unless the person receiving the text has given permission.

Complaints to Trading Standards and to the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of the Telephone Information Services (ICSTIS), indicates that the problem of companies breaking the law and sending unsolicited messages is growing.

Consumers are urged not to accept the message and to report it to ICSTIS and Trading Standards and to seek a refund from the company concerned. ICSTIS can be contacted on 0800 500 212 and Trading Standards via Consumer Direct, the consumer helpline service on 08454 040506 or by email at trading.standards@eastsussexcc.gov.uk

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LIFEBOAT REPORT

service at 20:20

Since my last report the Lifeboat has been out on six shouts, and these are listed below.

24 July

While lifeboat was on exercise a member of the public contacted the boat house and said that a speedboat had broken down and was drifting in Rye Bay. The DLA contacted the lifeboat by radio and task them to the casualty. The DLA informed Dover Coast guard by telephone and the lifeboat was tasked as on service. The lifeboat was on scene at 11:35 and proceeded to tow the casualty back to Rye Harbour. The casualty was placed on its own trailer at 12:25 and the lifeboat returned to station. The lifeboat was refueled and ready for service at 13:00

23 July

At 13:46 Coastguard requested the launch of the Lifeboat to assist with the search for a missing child at Camber Sands. The Lifeboat launched at 13:50 and was on scene at 13:55. At 14:05 the Lifeboat was stood down when it was reported that the missing child had been found by others.

23 July

Dover Coast guard requested the launch of the lifeboat to reports of a kite surfer who was down and being dragged to sea. The lifeboat launched at 19:33 and was in the area at 19:37. It was established that the casualty was ashore but his rig was still in the water. The lifeboat recovered the rig and returned it to the shore. After ensuring that all was well the lifeboat was released and returned to station at 19:47. The lifeboat was refueled and ready for

24 July

While in attendance at the boatshed DLA Tony Edwards sighted an inflatable drifting from East to West across the harbour entrance. As it was dead low water and the occupants appeared to be trying to paddle against the wind and tide, it was decided to send the boat and shore party to the shore to make sure the inflatable was ok. It was left to the helmsmans discretion whether to launch the boat or not once the situation had been assessed. On arrival at the shore the helmsman decided that the most effective way of reaching them was on foot. The crew explained to the people the error of there ways, they were unaware of the danger they were in, but co-operated and were returned to Camber Sands side of the river. The crew and boat returned to station and was ready for service at 19:35

30 July

At 15:40 Dover Coastguard requested the Lifeboat to launch to assist in the search for a missing child at Camber Sands. At 15:55 the Lifeboat was stood down as the child had been found by others.

13 August

At 20:49 Dover Coastguard informed the Lifeboat Station that a 10metre yacht was aground at Rye Harbour entrance and the Skipper was preparing to abandon ship with his two teenage daughters. The Crew were paged and the Lifeboat left for the shore as it was a low water launch. The Lifeboat left the station at 20:51 and was alongside of the casualty at 21:25. One crewman was put aboard the casualty to assess the situation and it was decided to attempt to tow the



casualty to sea bearing in mind that the casualty had taken the bottom about one hour before low water. The tow line was passed and the tow was started, at the same time all of the casualties crew were asked to stand on the starboard side along with the Lifeboat Crewman to help lift the casualties keel out of the sand. The wind at this time was off of the land and the swell was very slight. The Helmsman kept up a continuous pull on the line and the casualty was gradually inched to sea only moving every time a small swell arrived. At 23:05 the Helmsman reported to Dover Coastguard that the casualty had been successfully towed into deeper water. An inspection had been carried out and no damage could be found to the hull. The casualty was on passage from Holland, where it had just been purchased, to Christchurch in Dorset. The skipper had proposed to anchor in Rye Bay for a few hours during darkness before continuing his voyage, but unfortunately came in too close to shore and ran aground. The Lifeboat left the casualty at 23:06 and headed for shore to be recovered. The Lifeboat was back at station at 23:25 and was ready for service at 23:40.

Forthcoming event

On Friday the 29th of September the Station is putting on a Late Summer Ball and fund raising evening at the River Haven Hotel. There will be a three course meal and Disco. Tickets can be obtained from Richard Tollett on 223631 or Natalie and Tony Peters on 229117 at £25.00 each.

That's about it for now but remember you can always visit the station web site www.ryeharbourlifeboat.co.uk for up to date info.

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

Rye Harbour Heritage
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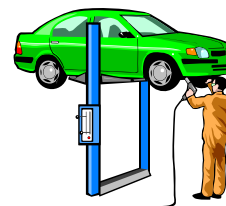
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Recently, the reserve staff were working in the office at Lime Kiln Cottage when a very excited member of the public rushed into the shop and reported that he had seen a Humming Bird! After a moments thought, we explained to him that what he had undoubtedly seen was a Humming Bird Hawk Moth (right). These splendid moths are summer visitors to Britain from mainland Europe, though in some years the species does manage to breed here. Unlike most moths, which are largely nocturnal, they are very active during the daytime, feeding on nectar with their long proboscis. Many common flowers are used by this species, though Buddleia seems particularly to its liking. Many gardens in the area seem to have this species growing in



which is then used to create a series of low lying islands in the main pit, and the deepening

them, and if yours is one of them it is worth keeping an eye open for these exciting visitor which can be seen into late October in the south-east.



Management work during the regular volunteer work-parties on the reserve has been mainly taken up with willow clearance at Castle Water, some of this then being used to create refuges for fish in the pit itself, and the removal of redundant predator proof fencing. During late July, the next phase of the reserves wetland habitat creation scheme began at Castle Water (the first phase was the reedbed creation scheme that took place in 2003). This involves lowering a rather uninteresting field by removing 55,000 cubic metres of soil,

and widening of some of the ditches. By taking the field down to the water table we will be creating more of our special wetland habitat, while the new islands will provide nesting and roosting area for birds. The wide, deep ditches will help keep predators at bay, as well as creating habitat for wetland species.

The numerous summer events that we have held have been well supported, with families enjoying scavenger hunting along the strandline, making postcards out of seaweed, and exploring the saltmarsh for crabs and other creepy crawlies that live just out of sight. Camber Castle had 40 young detectives following clues and

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

answering questions, with goodie bags for all who completed the task.

Events for the forthcoming months can be found on our website www.wildRye.info, but for those without internet access, see below:

Sat 2nd Sept

Seashore

Discovery. Bring the family to discover the hidden treasures that are washed ashore on our beach. Bring a picnic for lunch on the beach (optional). Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 11am, returning 12.30pm (1 mile). Donations appreciated.

Sun 17th Sept

Camber

Castle Wildlife and History. A circular walk to explore Henry VIII's Castle, and see the wildlife of Castle Water. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park (TQ919198) at 10am, returning 1pm. Donations appreciated.

by Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

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Rye Festival – Runs till 17th September. Collect your brochure from our office

Seashore Discovery

Bring the family to discover the hidden treasure that are washed ashore on our beach. Bring a picnic for lunch on beach (optional). Meet at Rye Harbour car harbour at 11am. Donations appreciated

Smallhythe Place – The Mill on the Floss – starring Margaret Wolfitt. Gates open 6pm for picnics.

Performance starts 7pm seats £10. Information 01580 762334

Winchelsea Wonder – A circular walk following the 1066 Country walk out of the historic town of Winchelsea. We will pass ancient monuments standing in the landscape and enjoy views out to sea. A lunch stop at the Queens Head, Icklesham before heading back along the Royal Military Canal. Pre-booking advisable 01797 226488. Meet 10am outside the New Inn Pub, Winchelsea.

Rye Society of Artists Summer show runs till Friday 8th September from 10.30am – 5.30pm including Sundays. Held at

Sun 3rd

The Boys Club, Mermaid Street.

Smallhythe Place Orchard & Vineyard

Day – Celebrate the Autumn at Smallhythe Place & Chapel Down Winery from 11am – 4pm 01580 762334

Echoes from the Sky – A chance not to be missed to find out more about the fascinating Listening Devices, Concrete ears or dishes at Lade from the author of the two books on the structures. Meet 2pm Lade car park on coast drive (half way between the Pilot pub & Romney Sands) Donations appreciated.

Mon 4th

Rye Festival – Runs till 17th September. Programmes can be collected from Rye Heritage Centre

Wed 6th

Smallhythe Place Valuation Day with Bonhams, bring your treasures to be valued by our experts. £2 for first item and £1 after that (max 5 objects) 015850 762334

Mapp & Lucia Walk Meet 2pm at the Look out Eastern end of high street (viewing point with telescope) The walk ends at Lamb House which is only open Thursday & Saturday from 2pm -5pm. Adults £4.95

Thurs 7th

Open Heritage days

Sat 9th

Runs till 10th September

Lydd Air show – Held at Lydd Airport, gates open 11am. Flying display 1.30pm. Music concert 5.30pm, finishes 8pm. Advance tickets Adults £6.50, Child under 10's £3, under 5's Free, family ticket £16.50. Tickets & Enquires 01797 322400

Wed 13th

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Sat 16th

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Sun 17th

Camber Castles Wildlife & History – A circular walk to explore Henry V111's castle and to see the wildlife of castle waters. Meet 10am Brede Lock car park. Donations appreciated.

Fri 22nd

Taste of Rye – runs till 1st October. Information Yolanda Laybourne 01797
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Sat 23rd

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Wain Way Wheelies

Short distance (4hrs) a circular ride from Rye. We will ride along bridleways across Walland March then, following part of Sustrans cycle path 2 passing the sand dunes at Camber. Flat but bumpy across the marsh. Bring packed lunch. Pre-booking desirable 01797 226488. Meet at Rye

Battle Abbey – Experience

Day, the art of Falconry. Come face to face with some magnificent birds of prey. Pre-booking essential 0870 3331183. Also runs on Sunday.

Antique & Collectables

Held at Rye Community Centre from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sun 24th

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer

Mathew Bason, concert starts 2.30pm at Thomas Peacocke Community College. Tickets on the door £5.50, includes interval refreshments.

Antiques & Collectables

Rye Community Centre from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sun 1st

Camber Castle Open Saturday & Sunday from 2pm – 5pm

OCTOBER

Hilden Health Club

Beckley 10K. Starts 11am,

enter on line. www.

runnersworld.co.uk/events

Pevensey Castle - Invasion 1066 from 10 – 5pm. In preparation for the Battle of Hastings anniversary. Re-enactment at Battle Abbey on 14th – 15th October

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Smallhythe Place – Quartet directed by Bill Marshall.

Combined dining & event package available in conjunction with the Chapel Down Wine Bar & Bistro. Dinning from 5.30pm, with set menus. Seats £10 Information 01580 762334

Battle Abbey – Battle of Hastings from 10am – 5pm. To mark the battles 940th anniversary. Over 1000 re-enactors from all over the world., Tickets 0870 3331183. Also Sunday 15th.

Discovering Flatropers

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Sun 22nd

Flatropers wood off Bixley Lane near Beckley at 10am. Donations appreciated.

Antiques & Collectables

Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer

John Mann in concert starts 2.30pm. Tickets on the door £5.50, includes interval refreshments. Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College.

Antiques & Collectables

Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sat 28th

Smallhythe Place

Halloween times 6pm – 7pm, 6.30pm – 7.30pm & 7pm – 8pm. After the house closes there will be spooky stories and Halloween happenings as we follow the guide around the house etc. Adults £6 Children £3. Information 01580 762334

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RYE HARBOUR FETE



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The fishing has stayed fair for the trawlers in the bay with mixed catches of Dover sole, Plaice, Whiting, Cuttle's, Dabs and Lemon sole, prices have dropped slightly for all species but the good weather has allowed boats to get to sea and get the trips in for a weeks work.

The Spider crabs, as yet have not really turned up in the numbers of other years and as the summer season draws on they might not come into the bay, causing problems for the trawlers and netters alike. Most fish being caught at the moment are in very good condition and when gutted are always full of the small shells,

crabs, rag worm or smaller fish they have eaten, showing the rich wealth of feed that is found on the sandy, muddy bottom and would seem the healthy state of Rye Bay. No Cod are being caught by any of the boats at present and with a complete ban on the landing of Cod by the under 10 metre boats in the fleet that's just as well. This is thought to be in place well into the winter and if true could make it very hard for the netters, as it sometimes means a big part of their catch, with not much of an alternative fishery to go for. This stoppage is part of an ongoing battle to build up the Cod stock and is a sign of things to come, perhaps for

other species as well, alongside the very tight quota fishing for the over ten metre boats. With the lack of a good cradle and slipway or a boat hoist in Rye, boat owners have seemed reluctant to lay vessels up for any length of time for painting or major overhauls, so far this year only a quick clean up and anti-fouling of the underside of the boats has been done when the tides suit. With the deeper drafted and heavier boats unable to get right out of the water, it makes it very difficult to do any work needed and will mean a trip to Dover, Eastbourne or Boulogne where all these facilities are.

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Rye Harbour Church News

“The Church is always asking for money!” Well, no, it’s not actually. However it is important that parishioners understand how the Church of England is funded. When we do talk about financial matters, we do so in the context of Christian Stewardship. First let me dispel any notions there may be about the Church’s finances. The Church is wealthy in the way that a farmer is. We have lots of property and some inherited wealth and these are looked after by The Church Commissioners who themselves are responsible to the Archbishop’s Council. Years ago the Church was centrally funded with the Vicar surviving on a stipend which came from parish legacies and glebe (Church land). Now the Parish Church has to be self-sufficient because the Church Commissioners’ money goes on clergy pensions, bishops’ expenses and special grants for needy areas of the Church’s work in this country. In other words, each parish has to look to



can benefit from baptisms, marriages, funerals, pastoral care, home visits, a spiritual leader and teacher, a faithful steward of God’s household.

That’s why we don’t usually ask for money for the Church, but that we do practise Christian Stewardship. What do I have that has not been given me? How do I treat my income? How much do I value my local Church? How repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? How respond to God’s love in Christ? How express my thanks for “creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life”? It is those who recognise the contribution of the Church to our local and national life who give freely and regularly. It is those who have been touched by the grace of God who remember that “all things come of you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you”.

September Services

Sunday 10th 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns
Sunday 24th 10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service
 (gifts of produce welcome)

Hugh Moseley
 (01797 222430)

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

its own resources to remain viable. This means finding sufficient to pay, support and housing for each member of the clergy (about £50,000 per annum) while at the same time maintaining the mission and upkeep of the Parish Church. We get no support from the Government (unless we are very lucky to have a Heritage Lottery grant for repair work on the Church fabric). The farmer has great assets in land and machinery but his annual income may be modest. So the Church of England struggles to pay its way while keeping a service to the people of our land. This is both a heavy responsibility and a privilege! The Vicar and the Church are readily available to help anyone they can. But neither is there by magic. It is the devoted minority of Church members who ensure that the majority

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There was no Parish Council meeting during August. However please check the village hall notice board for details of the next meeting, which is scheduled for 11th September.

The parish poll held on the 27th July had an overall turn out of 40.79% with 716 supporting Icklesham Parish Council and 147 favouring a separate parish. Here in Rye Harbour 105 voted to keep the status quo with 2 voting for a separate parish.

Now that the poll is over, the matter is not a

foregone conclusion with considerable opposition in Winchelsea to Mr Commotto's proposals as well as elsewhere, however the poll will now have to be paid for by the parish, possibly up to £2,000.

A smart new litterbin has been placed on the Coronation Field and one on the Pound Field; DO please keep them fed with your litter. We hope that in due course another will be placed near the triangular piece of ground and the footway into Oyster Creek.

Comments From Church Secretary

Vandals at the church have recently smashed several windows, including two completely.

This will require the church to find several hundred pounds from somewhere to repair the damage. The church is property rich but cash poor, like many of us.

This vandalism is especially sad as in order that the church can continue to function in Rye Harbour for worship, marriages and funerals, the venue is being used by art, music and other groups. Many of us have relations buried in the church yard and so do not wish to see this mindless desecration either of

the church or church yard, which will be in time, for many of us, our final resting place.

The police have been informed and the church, both your property and mine is now under surveillance.

Michael Alford

Church Committee Secretary

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Family Announcements

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 2nd Birthday to Ronnie on 27th September from Mummy & Daddy, Nanny Julie, Granddad Chris and Uncles Nick, Steven, Sean, Lee and Jamie.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Debbie and Rowan on the birth of baby Isaac, a brother for Adam.

HOSPITAL

Mary Downey has been in hospital recently for an operation on her knee, hope she is feeling better and that she will soon be getting about again.

From Julie & Sylvia

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<http://www.wildrye.info>

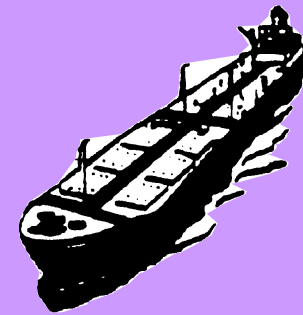
BIBLE STUDIES

Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, there is a bible study and house group at my house in Tram Road. We have good free discussions and are forming good friendships. All and any are welcome. Molly Saunders.

The Ploughman's Lunches

Due to the road traffic problems in Rye, it is felt advisable to cancel the Village Hall Ploughman's Lunches for May and June as a considerable number of our patrons either live in Rye or beyond.

We Thank all our supporters for their unfailing help and loyalty and know that we have between us contributed to the well being of the Village Hall and purchase of equipment. However, brighter days lie ahead for the lunches will resume on Monday 11th September at noon. We shall keep you informed.



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