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Editor's Comments

Christmas

is upon us, once again and as I have not managed to create many competitions this year, due to so much going on, I thought you might like a couple of extra prizes to make up for it. This competition is open to all and can be entered on line as well as the pull out page in the centre, on www.ryeharbournewsletter.org. There are also more details on 'Aladdin' on line, including dates and times.

The website now features all newsletters except the first nine, which I have to re-build, so if you are, or you know of somebody who has a little time and can type on a voluntary basis, I would



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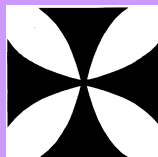
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be glad to hear from you.

The website now has a more comprehensive 'What's On' page, which is growing all the time. Please feel free to add your ideas or comments so that items you feel are important, are included for all to share. Next month's deadline is **Friday December 9th**, early but needed due to the time of year, and please note the new email address is: ryeharbournewsletter@tiscali.co.uk. So I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a good New Year.

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Some news fresh in, Doctor Binny Buckley, whom many of you will know, is retiring in December after some 35 years on service with the Agency and Maff previously. Dr Buckley, Area Manager for Kent, was in charge of the harbour for some ten years from 1991 and, at one time kept her boat "Bloomer", a 32ft Contessa, at the Strand Quay. She is being replaced by Harvey Bradshaw who comes from being area Manager of Hampshire. We wish Binny well for the future and give a warm welcome to her successor.

Dredging! Finally approval has been given to dredge the Strand Quay area using the low pressure water injection method that will agitate silts into suspension and travel to the sea in the out going tide. We expect at top to move some 5.000 cubic metres of mud over a four day period. At the same time flood defence works are taking place around the Strand Quay raising the walls a further 2 feet giving better protection for the low lying areas around the town. During works, boats on the old Laundry side will have to re-locate to the town side. Flood defence works begin just before Christmas with the dredging to take place about March, before the onset of the boating season. A little



disruption; but the ends should justify the means. If the dredging is successful then a longer term strategy will be introduced. This should see an end to the very high, unsightly mud banks visible at every low water.

The Agency also is the navigation authority for the fresh water part of the Medway River. I was asked to take a trip to the Thames to survey a patrol boat for the navigation team on the Medway. It seems the Thames navigation has some six craft for disposal and we want one for the Medway. One has now been delivered and will see service next summer. More shipping arriving at the port with imports of both slag from Dunkirk and aggregate from Raynes Quarry dominating. three cargoes of grain have also been exported to Rotterdam. We are seeing more of the very large Russian vessels recognised by the high accommodation for the 12 or more crews.

Kirk, the deputy harbour master, is busy completing his training to act as a pilot for the port. All new pilots are required to complete 12 acts

under supervision of another pilot before being interviewed. Kirk should be a fully licensed pilot in the next few weeks.

Good reports from the boats who have berthed at the first phase of the fish Market development. Unfortunately, one of the fish box lifting motors was stolen during the week.. A replacement plus spares have been ordered. We are sure that the thief will be caught and punished. Armistice day was attended by harbour staff who represented the fallen of the Merchant Navy during conflicts that still exist today.

Surveys to the steel sheet piling work forming the western training wall have been completed. This survey is part of a £50k project to investigate the condition of this training wall identifying costs and options for renewal or repair. The piles were driven in the early 30's, so have had a good life.

Rother III has had a new propeller fitted. The existing one is some 25 years old and had many chips knocked off it. The new three bladed prop has been especially moulded to the configuration of the Lochin Hull. So far we have experienced an additional two knots of speed (14.5).

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The Point, Rye Harbour, Rye

Prior to 13:15 on Wednesday 26th October a fence was cut and a boat yard was entered. Items stolen were 4 Jerry cans of Petrol, a winch and pole and a lighting panel. Quote Serial 794 of 26/10/05

Harbour Road, Rye

Prior to 09:10 on Saturday 5th of November a caravan window was broken on a holiday village. It is uncertain if access was gained. Quote serial 493 of 05/11/05

Do you live in Udimore, Broad Oak, Brede, Westfield, Three Oaks, Doleham, Westfield, Pett, Guestling and Fairlight?

If so in an effort to improve the contact and service the police service provide in these areas, I believe it is important to find out what matters to you the public. With limited resources and ever increasing demands it is crucial to target those individuals and areas which cause the most problems. Thankfully in rural Rother these are few but never the less they have a significant impact on your lives. To identify the problems that matter to you I have devised a short questionnaire. This will give me an insight to your concerns and I will then prioritise our response. All information will be treated in confidence. If you wish to include your details then feed back can be given directly.

It is not always the case that the police are aware of everything that goes on and this will help uncover where we can make a difference. I would appreciate your help please where possible

Please go on the following link and download the questionnaire (Survey One)

<http://www.sussex.police.uk/survey/>

Thank you PS JON STAINSBY (Rye)

Fatal collision A259 Guldeford near Rye

At about 6:25pm on Saturday, November 12, a road traffic collision happened on the A259 at Guldeford just east of Rye. It involved two female pedestrians and two cars. A BMW car being driven eastwards by a 30 year old man from Camber, was in collision with two female pedestrians who were thrown into the path of a VW Golf being driven west by a 25 year old woman from Chatham, Kent.

The two ladies were related, the deceased has been identified as 43 year old Alison Phillips from New Romney Kent, and her 35 year old sister from Lydd, Kent, who received serious injuries.

The road was closed for some five hours whilst officers from the Road Policing Department conducted an initial investigation.

PS Paul Masterson, Road Policing Department, Bexhill, is asking witnesses to contact him on 0845 60 79 999, quote Operation Garner.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Rother action against drugs in pubs

Police in Rother District have mounted the first operation of its kind in Sussex to stop and disrupt the use of illegal drugs on licensed premises. Plain clothes officers were deployed over the weekend at pubs and clubs, where a new testing device was used to identify customers who had recently handled drugs.

Licensees helped the operation by making it a condition of entry that each customer coming through the door would have their hands swabbed. This was then tested by the Ion Track detection device.

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A recent exercise using the machine at night-time venues in Rother and Hastings had uncovered high traces of Class A drugs use inside.

After that, the decision was taken to mount Operation Vertical, which had a number of aims:

- Disrupt and detect drug misuse and dealing
- Secure evidence to support successful prosecutions
- Arrest persons suspected of unlawful possession of drugs
- Provide support to licensees to prevent drug and drink-related offences

On Friday and Saturday nights, the mobile Ion Track device, uniformed officers and plain-clothes teams and the Licensing Officer moved between pubs and clubs in Bexhill, Rye and Hastings.

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A TRIBUTE TO TED DOUGLAS WHO SADLY PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 05.

THIS ARTICLE WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BY JILL AND PUBLISHED IN ISSUE 12 VOL 1

Characters Of Rye Harbour

Ted was born in Horsted Keynes on the 16th of September 1916 in the middle of the Great War. His father was in the Boer War in South Africa and told his children how he would cook his meals on dried camel dung on the Veldt. Ted took his parents back to Great Missenden where his father was born and they visited the Nags Head and three old chaps sitting by the fire stood up and said "Good God it's Master Harry". He had been a daredevil and his father showed Ted the stairs where they had taken up a donkey and put it in the bed. Boys of Rye Harbour, don't get any ideas. His parents had a farm but it didn't do very well as his father had too many other



interests. He was a very good father and his mother was a lovely woman. Ted was the 6th of 7 children and helped with the milking,

pulling up weeds and all the work of a farm. They sold the farm and dad got a job with East Sussex Council managing bridge building. Dad said the three brothers were holding too much on mums apron strings so at 17 years old Ted left home. One of the neighbours managed a poultry unit for Lord Beaverbrook at Leatherhead and asked Ted to work for him. Ted made gradual progress through the farming world. Ted met Hilda in 1939 in a dance hall and they married and had one daughter called Betty. Eventually Lord Beaverbrook's manager asked Ted to be the foreman of the biggest Friesian herd in the world and they won

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the Butterpat Trophy. Ted went on to manage Lord Hudson's farm. Finally he worked for the son of Sir John Anderson, the inventor of the famous Anderson shelter. Ted retired with Hilda to Rye Harbour and bought the fishing boat the Elsie May. Hilda can be seen in the photograph sunbathing on the boat. The

other one shows Ted on the lifeboat at Newhaven which Ted's hard work helped purchase. Ted is a very popular member of our community and can be seen everyday with his dog Badger walking on the Nature Reserve and bird-watching. He is a keen vegetable gardener and is always friendly and ready to help anyone. He and Hilda

were always very hospitable and I have had a number of meals of freshly cooked dabs and vegetables from the garden. Hilda became very frail for a number of years before she died and Ted took very good care of her in his typically good humoured, no fuss way.

Jill Halpin



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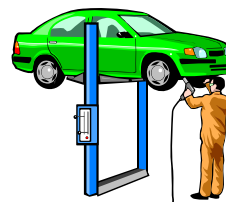
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

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during the last few summers. We have just learnt that we have got the funding to complete the wetland creation work there. The money comes

from English Nature through Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. Management on the reserve has included yet more shore re-profiling and island raising at Ternery Pool by our team of doughty volunteers. This will benefit our breeding seabirds by ensuring that open ground is available for them to nest when they return during the spring. Also at Ternery two short stretches of electric fence have been constructed to allow part of our goat herd to roam between two hides. While here they should hopefully begin munching on red valerian which is becoming a bit of a problem on the Beach Reserve. Elsewhere on the reserve, the seats have been added near the Old Lifeboat House and Lime Kiln Cottage.

During half-term the weather was not the best, but families still ventured out in the wind



most important winter visitors is the Bittern (pictured left), a relative of the common and familiar Grey Heron. Bittern used to be rather common in Britain, but the disappearance of their wetland habitats and persecution by man (apparently they made good

eating) resulted in increasing rarity, until by 1900 they had become extinct. They established a foothold again in the early years of the 20th century, and despite a few ups and downs now have a small but healthy population. While Bittern does not breed (yet!) at Rye Harbour, this is still one of the best places in the country to see the species, with up to ten birds being present during the winter. Most of our visitors come from northern Europe, where the colder winters often result in their

favoured reed beds freezing over, pushing the birds further south. We have been carrying out a lot of management at Castle Water over the last few years to encourage breeding, including making wetlands and planting reed beds, and some birds were seen here

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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and rain to create artwork out of pebbles found on the beach. Snails, anchors and boats on rough seas were designed (see

pictures), along with sea monsters down on the sand. Another activity that took place was the Migration Trail - How many swallows will survive

from rubbish, why not join us on our **Pre-Christmas Beach Clean** on 3rd Dec. Starting from Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am, with hot soup served at Lime Kiln at 1pm. There is also the chance of seeing many wintering birds, like the great flocks of Golden Plovers that have been entertaining visitors along the shore road.



their migration to Africa to return here next year to breed? Lots of children took part, and many found the Sahara Desert the hardest part to cross!

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My glimpse into the soul of Africa – NOV 05 Its courage and despair.

A journey not for the faint hearted but extraordinary and certainly to be repeated. First let me thank everyone who contributed to bring a smile to the orphan's faces, the locals of Rye Harbour and my friends in different places. I am not sure you can imagine the joy of the children to receive the goodies for their school sessions/ the tennis balls which were a great success because they have no toys, and the gratefulness of the adults that a person from the West and her community would bother to consider them and come so far to visit.

From the donations and my own contribution we bought in Nairobi, 30 good blankets (nights get cold there) 30 T-shirts, food/juice and a manual sewing machine for the widows group who once accomplished in using the machine will sew school uniforms for the children and other items to sell in the local markets. A well spent 300 pounds.

My friends picked me up from the Nairobi hotel and from that moment I did not see a white face till I returned to the hotel. We



crossed Nairobi by foot, a town that is overcrowded, sprawls, and is run down, with dirty streets and the neglect since independence very visible. People are selling bits on the roadside to make a few shillings. Yet they were smartly dressed

and many spoke English. No doubt there are corners that are looked after with new buildings where gov officials and whites are working and live. I did not see them.

We found a Matutu, 12 seater bus, with



hardly any suspension left. They all were the same, it's the general transport. Considering the areas we had to cross in Nairobi I did not feel uncomfortable or threatened. We drove for an hour on a dirt road to Thika, north east of Nairobi where my friends lived some of the time to earn money. David being a teacher is able to give extra lessons which put the family just above the abject poverty that I saw outside Nairobi and along the journey.

After a day of rest in Thika and spending the funds I had collected, we started the journey into the belly of rural Kenya. We travelled for ten hours to Homabay, a town near the Ugandan boarder. The roads were dirt tracks, dangerous and

have not been touched in years. The bus had seen better days and again no suspension to speak of. The skill of the drivers and perhaps the blessing of a friend kept us safe yet the Kenyans of course put their lives on the line continuously, as I

saw it, because they have no other choices.

In all my time there and travelling I did not meet any animosity but only welcome and curiosity of why I had come. From Homabay we had another hour journey

ahead by taxi, even more dangerous down a track that was more like a river bed without water, many boulders and rubble and water logs. Half way we got stuck in a mud hole. We thought we had to push but luckily several young men were hanging out with their bicycle taxi (a bicycle with a padded seat at the back, very comfortable as I tried it out several days later and a two hour track became a 30 minute ride, though precarious) that helped get the car to the other side.

By sun down we reached the village which looked romantic and idyllic. Several compounds of huts. One with a sitting and bedroom and the other for cooking. The toilet (French style as all of them in Nairobi I experienced) was a few meters down the hill which was a bit of a chore for a night visit as there is no electricity except the stars to show you the way.

Life is hard in these rural villages. No opportunity to earn any money because of road problems, no jobs and no infrastructure. There is no safety net of benefits, not for anyone so everyone is reliant on each other and the few who work in a town share what they earn with
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the village community. Widows are most vulnerable because they are left with several children and no way of resource to be independent.

Women walk 6/7 miles to fetch water from Lake Victoria several times a day for themselves and the orphan children. There is no healthcare, no medical centre or hospital near by. One morning six men rushed by, carrying a bed. A woman had a miscarriage. They were running to the nearest dispensary 2 hours away. I know its distance as I made the track with my friends later in the baking heat to reach the main track where a Matutu passed every hour to take us to another town. She had not returned in the evening so we did not know if she made it.

Some of the solutions are so simple and don't cost a lot in our terms. The community toiled a large bit of land with two oxes and a plough to plant vegetables for the food programme for the children. It is near Lake Victoria but still they have to water it manually because there don't have a water pump. To create a well they need money to hire the equipment to dig a hole deep enough to reach underground water.

Considering the billions that have gone into Africa/Kenya in the past, each village now should have both and a medical



centre shared between several communities. However the corruption and greed of government, the lack of monitoring by the West and not making the leaders accountable, the prime minister has been able to use a fraction of

specific target money for projects and the rest goes to whomever he decides deserving, himself and cronies as well as pro government constituencies.

Unfortunately, Nyanza District where the orphanage is, the people believe in their right to voice their dissent at the govts bad policy making for the poor and the MP represents his people so he gets no funding for his region.

People from far and wide in the valley came to greet me, most spoke good English, discussing the differences and politics of their leaders. I was honoured by the elders (no English) who came, though here communication was difficult as my Swahili was minimal.

There are many hopes and aspirations for progress as well as much frustration at the limitations because of gov policy. However all of them were behind the orphan school and believed that education is vital for progress and alleviating poverty. The children themselves were wonderful, never having seen a white person and it was good to see them sitting on benches and table rather than learning rather sitting on the floor.

The schoolhouse is dilapidated and needs repair but because it belongs to a family

who could turn them out any time they are reluctant to make it better.

Our dream: To find a diner who would help build a new schoolhouse with a dormitory, including a workshop for the

women to sew the school uniforms for the children and other garments to sell on the markets. We want space for a vocational training section (by locals) for the children (most) who drop out of school at 13/14 because no-one can afford to pay



secondary fees. School beyond primary is not free.

So if there is anyone out there wanting desperately to let their philanthropist part come to the fore, please contact me. The building would be about 10,000 pounds.

Remember that your taxes and donations which are paying for the aid money being sent to African governments often does not reach many of the poor, nor will it make poverty history in most parts of Africa. However, supporting a specific community, who helps themselves but are limited in their capacity to do so, who shares the little they have with the orphans, even when it gets tough and there is a drought, you will know that your money is being target and not misused. I can vouch for that.

I look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested in the project even without any donations as you may have ideas to raise money or suggestions that maybe helpful.

My immediate and pet project is to raise 1600 pounds (estimated cost) for a water pump for the children's food programme as the fear of drought and subsequent hunger, is never far away.

Contact me on 01797 229 103
or email: heidi@heidi15.fsnet.co.uk

Rye Harbour Heritage Group – an update

“Without Rye Harbour there would be no Dover Docks and without Dover Docks there would be no Rye Harbour,” a quote from our own Michael Alford.

The old concrete works situated in Tram Road which supplied concrete blocks to help build Dover Docks is just one of the topics we hope to collect information on as part of the Heritage Project. The concrete and aggregate industries which sprang up during the early part of the 20th century formed a significant part of the early development of the village. It is the continued support of the aggregate industry via Defra's Aggregate Levy Sustainable Fund which is providing funding for the Heritage Group. Following the meeting held in the village hall a number of people have come forward to volunteer their services and any further offers of assistance will be gratefully received.

We are hoping to have a gift card in the shop and other local outlets before Christmas which will reflect a Rye Harbour scene from the past. In addition to helping with heritage project funds the card's main aim is to keep the group in the public focus.

Work is progressing well with the development of the electronic data base and following recent trial runs inputting

data we hope to be in a position before Christmas to start data collection and archiving for real. Mike Slavin is running this aspect of the project and a great deal of further work still needs to be done before we arrive at a fully searchable data base.

The Heritage Youth Project run by Heidi and Saffron is reasonably well supported but they are always looking for additional young people who are interested in learning filming skills using video cameras which are being supplied from the ALSF funding. It is intended that they will use their new skills to film and record the elder statesman (and women) from the village from their own perspective which will then be added to the data base.

When you're in the loft digging out the Christmas lights pull out the box with the old photos and other interesting documents and give us a call. We promise to copy or scan the items and get them back to you before you're back in the loft putting the lights away. A few contact names and numbers if you'd like to get in touch.

Barry Yates : 223 862

Mike Slavin : 224 916

Joan Porter : 225 849

Heidi Foster : 229 103

And myself Alan Read : 222 304

The Monday Club

The Monday Club in Rye Harbour meets every two weeks, always on a Monday at the village hall from 2pm until 4pm. Activities in the hall are Scrabble, Whist, Chatting and of course tea. The Monday Club is loosely in association with the popular monthly Lunch Club and their meetings are arranged to take place either side

of this event.

We would welcome new members as numbers are rather low at present and so if you are interested, pop into the hall and meet us. The dates of the Monday Club and the Lunch Club are always displayed on the notice board outside of the village hall.

• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

DECEMBER

FRI 2ND

TENTERDEN LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Information 01580 763572

SAT 3RD

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

FAIR – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit hill, Rye from 9.30am – 4.30pm

RYE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING – Rye's glittering Green Dragon float will be out with drummers from Rye Bonfire Society and local Brownies and youth group members singing carols. The parade will set off from the Rope walk area at 4.30pm. There will also be a surprise celebrity guest to add to the fun Father Christmas arrives in his classic car via Rye Railway station to The George Hotel for lighting of the Christmas Tree at 5pm. Santa's magical grotto at Ypres Tower is open from 5pm - 6.30pm, he will be there on the first three Saturdays in December. Late night shopping shops open till 8pm.

BEACH CLEAN – A pre-christmas clean up of the rubbish washed up along the beach by Autumn storms' plus the chance to see many wintering birds. Your efforts will be rewarded with soup at Lime Kiln afterwards. Please bring work gloves if you have any. Meet 10am Rye Harbour car park.
GRAND CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE – Held at Northiam village hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 includes refreshments. Grand raffle in aid of St. Michael's Hospice.

SUN 4TH

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

FAIR – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit hill, Rye from 9.30am – 4.30pm

FRI 9TH

RYE GROUP W.I. CAROL SERVICE

Playden Church 7.30pm

SAT 17TH

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, runs till 18th. Information 01342 850594.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

FAIR – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit hill, Rye from 9.30am – 4.30pm

SMALLHYTHE PLACE CHRISTMAS

IN THE BARN - From 1pm – 3pm come and see Father Christmas – Children £2.50 (advanced booking advised). Also performing in the Barn Theatre, Tenterden choir, The Marsh Warblers and Headcom hand bell ringers. Refreshments available. Phone 01580 762334

SUN 18TH

EAST GUILDFORD CHURCH – Carol Concert starting 2.30pm. Information 01424 814574

TREE DRESSING DAY – Make your own Xmas tree decorations from natural materials. Pestalozzi Intermation Village. Charge £3

WED 21ST

FIRST AID FOR WILDLIFE – Learn how to administer basic first aid to stabilise a wildlife Casualty before it is taken to a vet. Suitable for 12-16 years old. Pre-booking essential 0870 906 1423. Mallydams Wood, Education centre at 10am.

THUR 22ND

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS – Make festival gifts with an animal theme during this art & craft based day. Suitable for 8 – 12yrs. Pre-booking essential 0870 906 1423. Mallydams Wood, Education Centre at 10am

JANUARY

Mon 2ND

NORTHIAM IN WINTER – A New Year walk enjoying the winter landscape around Northiam. Part of the "Festival of Winter walks. Meet Northiam public car park 1pm, near church.

SAT 7TH

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Please donate your tree to help this unique recycling project. Whole trees only, NO cuttings or holly. Meet 10am at Central car park Old Lydd Road, Camber or Tan House Furniture, Peasmarsh (near Jempsons)

SUN 22ND

BEACH RESERVE CIRCULAR

WALK - A closer look at our Waders, wildfowl and other wintering birds. Meet Rye Harbour car park 11am.

FRI 27TH

RYE WINTER FESTIVAL - Runs till 29th. Information via www.visitrye.co.uk and link to the Rye Festival site.

PLEASE NOTE RYE FARMER'S MARKET HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY ON STRAND QUAY BETWEEN 10am – 1pm - Both THURSDAY GENERAL MARKET AT ROPE WALK



YOUR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Use the centre page pullout or play on-line

<http://www.ryeharbournewsletter.org>

‘GOOD LUCK’

OLD & COLD WINTER PAYMENTS

The UK has a higher number of avoidable winter deaths than other similar European countries including Finland. One of the main causes is cold, damp homes and, as winter sets in, many older people are worried about heating costs. There has been a 40% hike in energy bills since 2003. According to the Age Concern, almost 2.4m older people live in homes that are cold enough to cause illness. Help the Aged estimate that over 1.4m households containing someone over the age of 65 are without proper heating or insulation. This year could see even more deaths if the Met Office's dire warnings of the coldest winter for over a decade come to pass. So what can be done to help the 10m over 65s in the UK cope? **Cold Weather Payments**

If you get any pension credit, you will get an extra payment each week that the weather is very cold. This Cold Weather Payment is £8.50 a week and is made for any period of seven days when the temperature is freezing or below, or it is forecast to be that cold. This payment will be sent automatically - you do not have to claim it. **Winter Fuel Payment** Every household, which includes

someone aged 60 or more will get a Winter Fuel Payment this winter to help with their fuel bills. It is at least £200 per household and should be paid before Christmas, directly into your bank or building society account, or by cheque sent to your home. **Age-related payment**

Each household with someone aged 70 or over will receive a one off £50 payment. **Over 80s payment** A household with someone aged 80 or over will receive a one off £100 payment alongside their Winter Fuel Payment. The National Home Heat helpline on 0800 33 66 99 (Mon - Fri - 9am to 8pm and Sat - 10am to 3pm). The Home Heat Helpline is staffed by expert advisors, including former health professionals, who are trained to give advice on how to stay warm during cold weather. They will also be trained and authorised to deal with intermediaries calling on behalf of vulnerable customers, such as friends, carers, social workers or health visitors.

This item was taken from parts of GMTV health page, however there will be more information on www.ryeharbournewsletter.org with more links to helplines.



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November 2005

Dear Resident,

Emergency exercise – Sunday 4 December

The emergency services and a number of partner organisations will be carrying out a large exercise to practice dealing with a major emergency at the premises of SRM Ltd., Rye Harbour Road, Rye.

The exercise is to take place on **Sunday 4th December 2005** during the morning. Exercises like this are absolutely vital to test whether all the relevant services are ready and able to work together effectively in an emergency.

The exercise will be centred on the premises of SRM Ltd., Rye Harbour Road and part of the Rother District Council car park in Rye Harbour. There will be additional fire, police and ambulance vehicles moving through Rye Harbour village. They will all travel at normal speeds and without blue lights or horns operating. There may also be some emergency services staff walking in the area. There will be no simulated fires, explosions or any similar such effects.

The important message is that people should not be alarmed. This is NOT the real thing.

It will take place in the daytime and should not cause more than minimal and short-term disruption to the village and on Rye Harbour Road. Your patience and co-operation in this important activity will be very greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Cripps
Emergency Planning Division
East Sussex County Council

Tel: 01273 481889
emergency.planning@eastsussex.gov.uk



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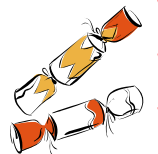
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

Bird Flu

Trading Standards have received the following communication from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). It is circulated in the interests of consumer safety:

"Following the recent news headlines regarding Bird Flu (the disease of birds caused by an influenza virus) and the increased interest in the antiviral treatment TAMIFLU, the MHRA Enforcement and Intelligence Unit are concerned that TAMIFLU, available in oral capsule may be illegally available in the UK.

TAMIFLU is a Prescription Only Medicine (POM) and as such should only be supplied from a registered pharmacy in accordance with a Prescription.

The primary aim of the MHRA is to protect public health through the regulation and control of medicines on the UK market. The concern is that if this product is obtained unlawfully it may be counterfeit or an illegal import which could be harmful to the public.

If you come across TAMIFLU being sold or supplied outside of a pharmacy please contact the MHRA Intelligence Unit on 020 7084 2203/2617 or alternatively e-mail jane.robinson@mhra.gsi.gov.uk"

Card Cloning

This is a warning from one of our members who had a call from their credit card company. Someone had tried to withdraw £250 from an ATM in West London late one night using their Visa card number. Worryingly, the PIN was also correctly entered. However, as the transaction was outside of their normal spending pattern, the transaction was not authorized. A second attempt was made to withdraw money, this time for £500, which was also rejected.

The credit card company asked them to confirm that they still had their cards, which they did. The cards have now been cancelled.

They have no idea how their card & PIN details were compromised, other than guessing someone was looking over their shoulder or it was captured on in a store CCTV. Either way, they are going to make strenuous efforts from here on out to ensure that the chances of their PIN being seen & recorded are minimized and would like to urge you to do the same.

Email scam

If you receive the following email message please ignore it. The Mobile Industry Action Crime Forum www.micaf.co.uk assure us that this is a hoax.

"If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person, saying that, he or she is a company engineer, or telling that they're checking your mobile line, and you have to press # 90 or #09 or any other number. End this call immediately without pressing any numbers. There is a fraud company using a device that once you press #90 or #09 they can access your "SIM" card and make calls at your expense. Forward this message to as many friends as you can, to stop it.

Mobile Alert

All mobile users pay attention if you receive a phone call and your mobile phone displays XALAN) on the screen don't answer the call, END THE CALL IMMEDIATELY, if you answer the call, your phone will be infected by a virus..

This virus will erase all IMEI and IMSI information from both your phone and your SIM card, which will make your phone unable to connect with the telephone network. You will have to buy a new phone. This information has been confirmed by both Motorola and Nokia.

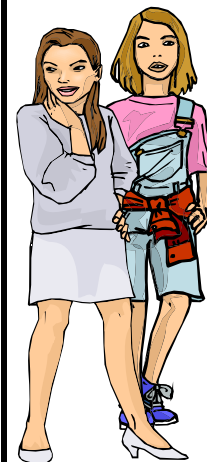
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NEW PROGRAMME FOR 2005

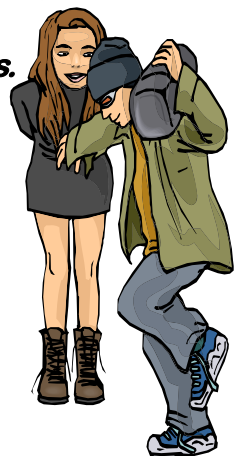
Monday	3.30-5.30pm	After-Schools Club (free)
		11-14 years
Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Club 11-14 years (50p)
Tuesday	10-12.00pm	Parent and Child Group (£1.25)
Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Wednesday	7.0-11.00pm	Over 16's youth club (free)
Thursday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Thursday	7.00-9.30pm	Youth Club 14+ - 50p
Friday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Friday	7.00-9.00pm	Amateur Dramatics Group
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APPEAL FOR HELP

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group, which organises the two youth clubs within the village, is running low on funds and is in desperate need of donations and or somebody to co-ordinate a funding application.

If anyone can help in these matters and you don't have to be local, please contact Vanessa Jordan on 01797 229859, all help will be gratefully appreciated.

**Don't Forget To Visit
RYE HARBOUR'S MAIN
Web Site At
<http://www.ryeharbour.org>**



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



November has seen the weather go to both extremes with gales from the west and a calm spell lasting a week and a half. Fishing has been good for all modes of catching, trawlers finding better hauls for mixed fish, netters doing well with fixed gear and some fine catches of Bass and Sole using different rigs of drift nets. A couple of large trips of Plaice and Smooth Hounds were the best of the trawler trips with lesser amounts of prime fish, such as Bass, Sole and Turbot being the icing on the cake. When the weather was

unsettled, boats were snatching a trip as they could, this seemed to result in more daylight fishing and more of a mixed catch with less Dover Soles. Netting boats have found good catches closer in with the run of fish being large and although not big amounts the price of these fish, has made up the difference. The Sole's and Bass that these boats have caught are in quite shallow water, making it very hard for a single boat trawling to match them, perhaps because of the noise and disturbance the boat creates before the net reaches them.

The fishing has been good all around locally and of course has led to a drop in the prices with the French market, which the fishermen rely on so much also being well supplied with all species of fish. This month has seen the first boat go Scallop, a Folkstone boat, with the first one from Rye only a week behind and many more watching very closely with gear ready to put on and swap over once the catches are known.

Boy Ashore

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

Just look at what they can get up to

SAILING - CANOEING - MOTOR BOATS with RYA and BCU QUALIFICATIONS - OFFSHORE YACHTS - MOTOR VESSELS and the SQUARE RIGGER 'ROYALIST'

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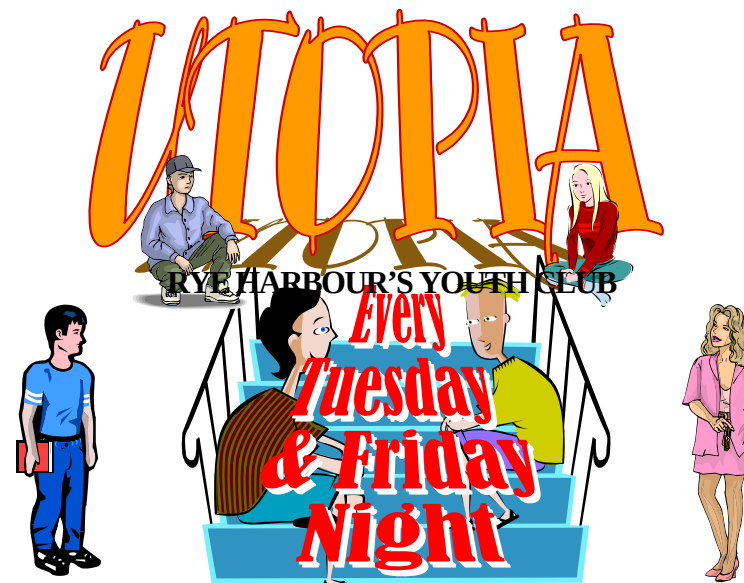
Seamanship - Engineering - Clerical Work - Fieldcraft
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

RYE SEA CADETS

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Rye Harbour Church News

W

ho
was
Jesus

Christ? Our answer will have or at least should have a decisive influence in our lives.

A good man around whom stories grew which, over time, took on a magical quality so that we think of him as a sort of saint? A charlatan who with the connivance of his followers pulled off the biggest con-trick in history? A figure for the festive season who, in the manger, seems a harmless addition to Christmas celebrations? A person with powers of healing and a gift in teaching who was misunderstood and elevated to a status quite beyond his humble origins and modest ambitions? Whatever precisely happened 2000 years ago has failed to lock Jesus in a time-war. In every succeeding century, he has been a reality to millions of people over the face of the earth. They have worshipped him, served him, adopted his teaching, suffered for him and on occasion even given their lives for him. Why? One of the undeniable features of Christianity is its



His time is all-time, his presence all pervasive. He is even in our heart, the deepest recesses of our personalities. All we need do is recognise him, make him

welcome, acknowledge his lordship and thank him for his crib and his cross.

"Today is born for you, in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord".


Veni, Sancte Spiritus

durability. How can faith in Christ be renewed in each age if it is based on falsehood, misunderstanding or deception? Such things never stand the test of time, particularly when filtered through the experience of millions of people of every race and language and culture.

Perhaps people this Christmas will not think too much about the identity of the One whose birth is celebrated in so many carols, nativity plays and services. When New Year dawns, we put Jesus away with the Christmas decorations for another year and return to the reality of our lives. But Jesus does not go away. He is in society, in our place of work, in our homes, walking our streets, in our pubs and clubs. How? Because He is Lord of life, and Lord of history.

Services for December

Sunday 11th

9.15 a.m. Holy
Communion
(Advent 3)

Sunday 18th 3 p.m.

CHRISTINGLES
(Children's Society)
for all the family with
Carols.

Sunday 25th

9.15 a.m. Christmas
Day Holy Communion

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

It's great to see some new faces at parent and toddler. We are lucky to have a really friendly group and do our best to make everyone feel welcome, so if you haven't joined us yet please do come along and see for yourself what we get up to! We always have a large baby area with plenty of toys, soft floor area, changing area, baby seats and cushions. We have a variety of toys and activities for children up to five, such as dressing up, cars and garage, dolls and pushchairs, puzzles, play-dough, sand, drawing, painting, trampoline, seesaw, bikes, bricks and puppets. We also have a giant "Undersea Adventure" maze which the kids all love and we get this out about once a month. We try to vary what we have out on a weekly basis so that there is always something new for children to play with but always have music with song-time at the end of the session and structured snack-time healthy snacks. For adults there is tea and coffee and a biscuit (or homemade cake if Rachael or Pam have

been baking), access to advice and support from the health visitor or nursery nurse on the first Wednesday of the month and a chance for a laugh and a chat with other parents and carers while your little ones play happily. As mentioned last month our Christmas party is on Wednesday 21st December from 10.30 until 1pm. Charlie the clown will be entertaining from 11 till 12 and Father Christmas will be visiting at the end of the session. If everyone could bring a plate of food towards the kids lunch this would be helpful (I will put a list up nearer the time). I have been asked by some of the parents if this years party can be fancy dress and as the children enjoyed dressing up for their Halloween session so much I think this is a really good idea. Don't worry if you haven't got dressing up clothes at home though as there are always plenty in the dressing up chest at parent and toddler! Hope to see you there!

Claire

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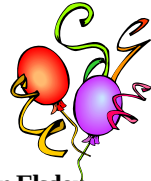
Family Announcements



Congratulations



Happy Birthday to Georgie, who will be 6 on the 13th December. With lots of Love from Mummy, Daddy and Poppy



To Benjamin Elsdon
Happy 1st Birthday
From Mummy and Daddy and Family

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of the late Arthur Berry, instead of flowers the donations amounted to a total of £214.17, which was donated to Age Concern.

Also our sympathy goes to the family and relatives and friends of Ted Douglas who passed recently, donations to go to St Michaels Hospice.

Both funerals were very well attended.

Reports From Nanny Pat & Julie

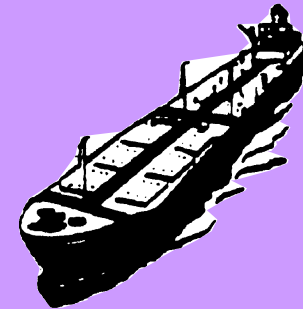
BIBLE STUDIES

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

The next Village Hall Ploughman's Lunch will be a Christmas occasion on Monday 12th December at 12 noon.

The Lunch is open to all ages. Come and enjoy for £2.50 a meal fit for royalty, besides a happy atmosphere and amongst friends.



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