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MONDAY 16TH JULY



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An original c.1830 print of "Rye old Harbour, Blockade Station"



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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

The beginning of June and I am off, yet again, travelling to Maidstone Crown Court for the re-trial of the Russians who were importing illegal immigrants into the country through Rye. The trail was to last three weeks and as yet I have not been advised of the outcome. The previous trail resulted in the imprisonment of 4 others involved, for a total of 58 years. Essential safety maintenance involved the removal of a redundant jetty by the ferry steps some 30 metres up stream of the harbour office. This jetty was used by vessels when careening (repairing) on the "Grid Iron", a repair bay constructed behind the visitors moorings. This repair facility remains in existence only now unusable as it is 1 metre below the accrual of mud's. Prior to this construction another, much and carried to the jetty by rail trucks. The lines still exist if you look carefully around the tram shed. Further, a famous wreck had to be removed that was about 60 ft in length. I am reliably told that this vessel used to travel to



Australia!! When it was removed by drag line crane, the anchors and cables were recovered. The "Wild Life" weekend was successfully conducted with considerable interest in this area. The Environment Agency sited a trailer outside of the sailing club whereby visitors could win (every hour) a useful pack of environmentally friendly goods donated by the shopping mogul "Sainsbury's".

More photography on the beach at camber, by the harbour mouth. Am I the only one not to know who Sophie Anderton is. ("Get me out of here, I'm a Celebrity" etc) I now know she is a well known model who became infamous for her addictions to drugs and Alcohol. In any event she has given the harbour some really nice prints of her in various stages of undress!! Yet more safety signs are being erected around the harbour. Notice the one by the Lifeboat station. Who does it look like?

We have also put in a gate to prevent vehicles going onto the east pier. The contractors had to remove about 500 tons of sand to enable their trucks to approach the site but we can rest peacefully knowing that no cars can pass through the gate onto the pier possibly endangering themselves. A "Litter Pick" has taken on the west bank by the chain moorings. This area is constantly being abused by "Fly Tippers". The Environment Agency may well put in position hidden camera's (In coke tins for example!) so spread the word not to tip here as prosecutions will follow. More grain is being exported this time in Russian vessels. It



is taxing, to say the least, in bringing into Rye empty ships and swinging them prior to loading. The latest vessels have not been less than 82 metres in length (or 270 ft in old currency) Each ship is attended by a pilot and given

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port control with signals being displayed from the masts by the office.. Although the number of ships are down, cargo movement is up as ships carry much more weight. Don't forget the "Balmoral" is due on the 10th July for sailing to London the following morning..

Another round of water sampling has taken place. 10 locations in the river are sampled with analysis completed in the laboratories near Exmouth, Devon. Result suggests that waters in the harbour are very clean and classed as "A".

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

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Local Tide Times

JULY Rye Harbour Approaches
Add 1 hour for British Summer Time to shaded dates

Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Date	Time	O.D. Metres
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2 Mo	---	---	24 Mo	1213	3.2
3 Tu	0030	3.1	25 Tu	1250	3.3
4 We	0109	3.1	26 We	1330	3.4
5 Th	0148	3.1	27 Th	1410	3.4
6 Fr	0231	3.1	28 Fr	1456	3.3
7 Sa	0320	2.8	29 Sa	1546	3.2
8 Su	0416	2.7	30 Su	1642	3.0
9 Mo	0520	2.5	31 Mo	1747	2.7
10 Tu	0637	2.4		1904	2.6
11 We	0753	2.4		2020	2.7
12 Th	0901	2.6		2131	2.8
13 Fr	1003	2.8		2234	3.1
14 Sa	1056	3.2		2326	3.2
15 Su	1141	3.4		---	---
16 Mo	0010	3.3		1223	3.6
17 Tu	0048	3.2		1301	3.6
18 We	0125	3.2		1338	3.4
19 Th	0200	3.0		1414	3.3
20 Fr	0235	2.8		1450	3.1
21 Sa	0312	2.6		1526	2.8
22 Su	0354	2.2		1607	2.5
23 Mo	0444	2.0		1701	2.1
24 Tu	0549	1.8		1809	1.9
25 We	0703	1.8		1922	2.0
26 Th	0809	2.0		2029	2.1
27 Fr	0905	2.4		2124	2.5
28 Sa	0954	2.7		2212	2.8
29 Su	1036	3.1		2255	3.1
30 Mo	1115	3.3		2335	3.3
31 Tu	1156	3.6		---	---

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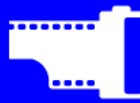


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1) Lifeboat station, attempt break, recently thieves smashed a door on the side of the RNLI life boat station in Rye Harbour causing £100's of pounds of damage, but no entry gained.

2) Message from PCSO Dan Bevan about leaving valuables in cars, Parked in rye harbour carparks and in and around the harbour, recent checks have been made on parked vehicles by myself, and it has been noted that some people are leaving items of value in view, eg. Sat navs, mobile telephones, briefcases, and even in one vehicle a wallet with notes visible on a dashboard

PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEIVES A CHANCE! It only takes a second for them to gain access to your vehicle.

3) Vehicle Criminal Damage, a recent spate of damage to car Tyres in the Rye area, Anybody with any information regarding these incidents, please call 0845 6070999 and quote OP RUBBER or email PCSO Dan Bevan on daniel.bevan@sussex.pnn.police.uk

4) Mini Motos, Scooters, Gopeds. - Recently there have been reports of these vehicles being used illegally in the Harbour area, Parents and also users need to be aware of the possible implications of using or allowing or encouraging others to use these vehicles, under the Police Reform Act, the police and Police Community support officers have new powers to seize motor vehicles which are causing alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public. Repeat offenders should be warned that they may have their vehicles taken from them, and the cost to recover these vehicles will be over £100, otherwise they may be destroyed, it is an offence to use these vehicles on Private land without the land owners consent, to use these vehicles on public parks, land or playing fields. To be road legal a motor vehicle needs to be registered, taxed, insured, and have a valid MOT certificate, and the rider must have a valid driving licence.

PCSO Dan Bevan - Contact details: Rye Police station 0845 6070999 ext 66310 Mob 07796 195639



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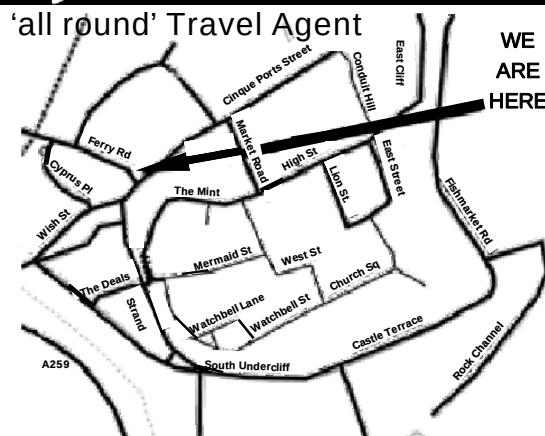


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road bridge to the railway bridge and back, which will offer even better more and viewing for spectators.

Entry to the fete is free, although contribution buckets

will be in evidence, as all money raised goes to charities, many local.

If any local charity, organisation or business wishes to have a stall on The Salts will they please contact Reg Emson on 01797 224174. If you wish to enter a raft, please ring Bob Harvey on 01424 751059.

Conrad Freezer



LIFEBOAT REPORT



Only three shouts since my last report and two of these were to the same boat.

On the 3rd of June we were called to assist a local fishing boat with a broken drive plate. Once the lifeboat had found the casualty in the fog a tow line was attached and the casualty was returned to the harbour.

On the 10th of June I received a report from the Harbour Master that he had been phoned by the skipper of an angling boat saying that he was broken down and required assistance. I paged the crew; it was a low water launch, which always involves a lot of extra effort to get the boat away. When the lifeboat arrived at the casualty the two anglers said that they were both ok and only needed a tow home, when there was enough water in the river. This impressed all those involved immensely. The lifeboat returned to Station via a low water recovery, and re-launched three and a half

hours later to tow the casualty back to the slipway. It turned out that the Henk from Rye Harbour Marine had seen these two trying to start their engine the day before and advised them to have the engine serviced before going to sea. This advice was ignored.

The 16th of June was our OPEN DAY we managed to raise £450 despite the bad weather forecast all week keeping some people away. Many thanks to all those that helped on the day and to all of you that came along and supported us.

On the 19th of June one of our oldest supporters, Elsie Haffenden nee Downey passed away at the age of 95. Elsie had been a supporter of Rye Harbour Lifeboat since she was a young girl at school. Her father was in the crew, one of her brothers, Arthur, was lost in the Mary Stanford, along with her cousin Maurice. Elsie would help to launch the boat when the gun (maroons) went, following her mothers

instruction "make sure you run Els". After the disaster Elsie's interest in the lifeboat continued and in 1966 when Rye Harbour Station was re-opened, her son, son-in-law one of her nephews and her cousins husband were among the first to join the crew. Her husband 'Happy' too old for the crew, joined as a launcher. During the last 41 years her family that joined the crew were:- Husband, one Son, 2 Son in laws, 5 Grandsons, 1 Grand daughters husband, 1 Great Grandson, 1Nephew and 1 Cousins Husband. Up until her mobility started to fail she could always be seen at the Mary Stanford Memorial service in November. One of her recent highlights was to attend a service at the old Lifeboat House to mark the 75th anniversary along with the surviving siblings of the crew. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her and were party to her wry comments about today's world.

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager



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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Even though the weather let us down again at the end of May, people came out to show their support throughout the Wildlife Weekend. We had over 300 people join in the fun wildlife events based at the Rye Harbour Sailing Club on the Saturday. Families took part in various activities from creating a giant seascape collage, building their own nest box for their garden, playing on the keybird keyboard, face painting, watching films in the solar cinema, learning circus tricks, and getting up close and personal with slow worms, grass snakes, leeches and bats! Families also had the chance to explore the reserve whilst following the treasure trail, hunting for crabs on the saltmarsh, and learning how to



catch shrimps down on the beach. The wind and rain didn't stop people from visiting Wickham Manor Farms' open day on the Sunday – with over 500 visitors wrapped up against the elements to meet the animals and buy local produce from the Farmers Market. The blustery Monday saw 40 people exploring the castle water ditches for newts, leeches and water boatmen. Fingers crossed the weather is better for next year.

The cattle have become firm favourites with visitors, but they have been removed, so that the Ragwort can be dealt

with. We are battling against this very successful weed - using mechanical and chemical methods - to ensure that it doesn't spread and

doesn't poison the livestock. In the meantime more sheep have arrived to get the grassland into better condition for wildlife. Some of the birds that have done OK on the grassland this year are the Lapwing, Redshank, Grey Partridge, Yellow Wagtails and Skylark (pictured) – all birds that have declined generally in England. In the grassland many flowers are spreading, Wild Carrot, Red Clover, Goatsbeard and Grass Vetchling. The flowers along the beach have coped well with the difficult weather pattern this year – the displays of white Sea Kale, then Yellow Horned Poppy, then the blue Viper's Bugloss, has been amazing. The insect and other invertebrate life continues to be better understood by recording what we and others find, and there are many opportunities coming up (below) for you find out more. Don't forget you can get daily wildlife reports from the area at www.RXwildlife.org.uk

For more information on forthcoming events on the nature reserve, please visit our

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.....

website www.wildRye.info, collect a leaflet from Lime Kiln Information Centre, or phone 01797 227784. But for now, please see below for out events in July.

Sun 8th

Underwater World at Rye Harbour. Bring the family to explore and find what lives underwater at Rye Harbour. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10.30am-12.30pm. Donations appreciated.

Sat 21st

Shrimping + Rock Pooling at Pett Level. Bring along the family to learn how to catch shrimps and to explore the rock pools at Pett Level. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at the eastern end of the row of houses at Pett Level at 10am-12.00noon. Donations appreciated.

Sun 22nd

Spiders and Their Webs. Join the warden, Chris, on a hunt for a variety of different spiders, and learn how they create their webs. Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage at 10am-11.30am. Donations appreciated.

Fri 27th

Seashore Discovery. Bring the family to discover the hidden treasures that are washed ashore on our beach, and hunt out creepy crawlies living in the saltmarsh. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 2pm- 4pm (1 mile). Donations appreciated.

Sun 29th

Horse Stingers and Devils' Darning Needles. Come along to learn all about the Dragonflies and Damselflies



that live in the Castle Water ditches. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park (TQ919198) at 11am-1pm (1.5miles). Donations appreciated.

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

Throughout July, August and September, Camber Castle will be open to the public from 2-5pm every Saturday and Sunday. Usual cost, £2 per adult, £1 concessions, free admission to Friends of RHNR and English Heritage members.





FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



June has seen the windy, unsettled weather continue with all boats making the most of any finer spells and some of the harder pushing on through any moderate breezes. Netting boats have been seeing the most of the consistent fishing with good daily catches of Dover Sole in nets left overnight and worked every twenty four hours with a fairly clean fishery from crabs and weed.

This is a contrast to the trawlers working at night after Sole, who have seen landings drop with the Starfish still in

large numbers, spread well out over the bay meaning boats are towing gear for shorter hauls in fear of big, unmanageable bags once in the nets.

Prices for fish caught have also fallen right across the board, this is not always passed on as fishermen and the farmers, for their produce know and with no glut of fish being landed and public demand much the same, this is quite a mystery. Another boat has joined the Rye fleet this being a new build from Newhaven the skipper owner previously based on Hastings beach. The boat is solely for fishing static

gear and is a fibre glass catamaran giving massive deck space for the length of vessel and very stable when working the gear, following a trend for some to move over to this type of boat.

Already it has proved its worth with shallow draft, ideal for tidal Rye and has fished very well in some very windy conditions where some mono hulled boats have struggled.

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JULY

SUN 1st

Grand Pageant – Celebrating 100 years of British History (1870 – 1970). Gather at 11am in full costume to take part. The High street parade starting at from The Bandstand, Market Square, Battle. Entertainment, stalls, Town Band ect.

WED 4th

Hastings Beer & Music Festival – Runs till 7th. Information 01424 781111

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person.

SAT 7th

Out Door Theatre – ‘Robin Hood’ at Bodiam Castle. Information 01580 765155

Brede Steam Engine Society – Open from 10am – 4pm. Brede Waterworks, Brede.

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person.

Midsummer Hog Roast with Sussex Brass Band - New Hall, Winchelsea at 7pm.

Summer Fete - Playden Church from 12am – 5pm

SUN 8th

Underwater World – Bring the family to explore and find out what lives underwater. Please wear suitable clothing & foot wear for paddling in the sea. Meet Rye Harbour car park 10.30am for one mile walk. Dogs on leads welcome. Toilets near start, Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

Tour de France Passing through Tenterden. Information 01580 763572

WED 11th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person.

SAT 14th

Sussex Festival of Art – Held Thomas Peacocke, Community College, the Grove.

Champagne Fairs – Quality Antiques & Collectables held at Rye Community Centre. Traders 8.30am Public 9am – 4.30pm

SUN 15th

Classic Bike & Show & Bike Jumble – Gates open 10am at Ham Street.

TUE 17th

Brede Steam Engine Society - Brede Waterworks, Brede from 10am 4pm.

Battle Classic Car Show & Craft Fair – Held at Battle Golf Club, Netherfield Hill, Battle from 10am – 5pm. Admission Adults £3,

accompanied children Free. Free parking, food, children’s rides ect. Musical entertainment, Jazz Cavemers and Sussex Brass,

WED 18th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person.

FRI 20th

Icklesham Village Beer Festival – Held at Robin Hood, Main Road, Icklesham. Doors open 7pm tickets £10. Sorry no children on Friday evening.

SAT 21st

Shrimping & Rock Pooling at Pett Level – Bring the family and learn how to catch shrimps and explore the rock pools. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear for paddling/wadding in sea. Meet at the eastern end of row of house at Pett Level at 10am. Dogs on leads welcome. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

Discovering Flattropers Wood – Explore this little known SWT Nature Reserve. The walk is fairly even with wide and narrow unsurfaced footpaths & several wooden bridges. Suitable clothing & footwear advisable. Meet entrance to the reserve at the Southern end of Flatropers wood off Bixley Lane near Beckley. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01424 870993

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person

Icklesham Village Beer Festival – Held at Robin Hood, Main Road, Icklesham. Doors open 7pm, tickets £10. Playing Blackman Brothers, Reunion Big Band, plus other acts. Sorry no children

SUN 22nd

Spiders and their Webs – Join the Nature Reserve Warden, Chris, on a hunt for a variety of different spiders and learn how they create their webs. Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage 10am – 11.30am

Icklesham Village Beer Festival – Robin Hood, Main Road, Icklesham. Doors open 12 noon finishes 7pm. Tickets £5. Children’s entertainment. Children Free admission with Adult supervision.

WED 24th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person

FRI 27th

Seashore Discovery – Bring the family to discover hidden treasures that are washed ashore. Meet Rye Harbour Car Park at 14.00

for one mile walk. Dogs on leads welcome. Toilets near start point. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

SAT 28th

Bexhill Carnival Parade – Information 01424 773721

Rye Medieval Week-End – Information 01797 226696

Special Event Week – End – Brede Steam Engine Society 10am – 4pm. Brede water works, Brede. Runs till 29th July

Iden Fete

Champagne Fairs – Quality Antiques & Collectables held Rye Community Centre. Traders 8.30- Public 9am – 4.30pm

SUN 29th

Horse, Stingers & Devils & Darning

Needles – Come along to learn all about dragon Flies & Damselflies that live in the Castle Water ditches. Meet Brede Lock car park at 11am. Sorry no dogs. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

AUGUST

WED 1st

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 mins.

SAT 4th

Brede Steam Engine Society – Held at Brede Waterworks, Brede from 10am -4pm.

Caught in a Trap – A final chance to inspect the overnight Rye Harbour moth traps. Meet Lime Kiln cottage at 8am. Wheelchair accessible.

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 mins

Working Bygones – Step back in time at Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe from 10am -5pm. Proceeds to St. Michael’s Hospice. Runs till 5th August.

Battle Of Hastings Boot Camp – Held at 1066 Battle of Hastings, Abbey Battlefield, on till 5th August. Information 01424 773721

Hastings Old Town Festival Carnival Week – Runs till 12th August. Information 01424 781111

Herstmonceux Open Air Classic Concert – An evening of rousing music & fabulous entertainment. Tickets available from Rye Tourist Information Centre 01797 226696

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SUN 5th

Herstmonceux Castle – Iconic Rock, celebrating 3 decades of Rock. Ticket’s available from Rye Tourist Information Centre. Concert starts 6pm ends 10pm

WED 8th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 mins

THUR 9th

Underwater World at Castle Water – Bring family to explore Castle Water and find out what creepy crawlies lurk among the reeds. Pond nets and ID guides supplied. Meet Brede Lock car park at 13.00 for a two mile walk. Dogs on leads. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

SAT 11th

Champagne Fairs & Quality Antiques & Collectables – Held at Rye Community Centre. Taders 8.30am Public 9am – 4.30pm

TUE 14th

Pebbles, Pebbles everywhere – Come along to create some art work out of Pebbles found on the beach. Bring a picnic for lunch on the beach (optional). Meet Rye Harbour Car Park at 11am for one mile walk. Toilets near start point. Wheelchair accessible. Radar Key needed for toilets. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event. 01797 227784.

WED 15th

Hythe Venetian Fete – The gates open at 4pm and entertainment starts at 5pm. The local dignitaries arrive by Floats about 6.45, tableaux at 7pm.
Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 mins

THURS 16th

Eastbourne Air Show – On till Sunday. Information 01323 415450

WED 17th

Hunt for the missing Purse – Come out during marine week to take part in the great egg case hunt along Rye Harbour shore. Meet at Rye Harbour car park, at 13.00, for two mile walk. Toilets near start point. Dog’s on lead. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784.

SAT 18th

Rye Maritime Festival Week-End – Strand Quay.

Rye Horse & Dog Show – Salts Farm, East Guildford. (Horses at 9am) (Dogs at 12pm)

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 mins

Rye Society of Artists – Open daily 10.30am – 5.30pm at the Boy’s Club, Mermaid Street, Rye. Runs till 14 September

SUN 19th

Rye Raft Race & Fete

WED 22nd

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 minutes.

THUR 23rd

Outdoor Theatre – Jack and the Beanstalk at Bateman’s
Seashore Exploration – Bring family to explore for hidden treasures that are washed ashore on our beach. Bring picnic for lunch on the beach optional. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 11am for a one mile walk. Toilets near start point. Dogs on leads. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784.

SAT 25th

Battle Abbey Proms - Information 01424 773721

Champagne Fairs & Quality Antique & Collectables – Held Rye Community Centre. Traders 8am, public 9am – 4.30am

Camber Castle – Open from 2pm – 5pm. Adults £2 Concessions £1

Englands Medieval Festival – Held at Herstmonceux Castle, runs till 27th August.

SUN 26th

Camber Castle Bug Hunt & Picnic – A family picnic in Camber Castle precedes a hunt for several species of creepy crawlies from frogs to leeches.

Nets & I.D. guides will be supplied. Meet Brede Lock car park 12am for two mile walk. Dog’s on lead. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784.

Camber Castle – Open 2pm – 5pm. Adults £2, Concessions £1

MON27th

Brede Steam Engine Society – Held at Brede Water Works, Brede from 10am –

4pm.

Camber Castle – Open 2pm – 5pm. Adults £2, Concessions £1

Birds, Bats & Bugs – An evening stroll to the Temery Pool within the Nature Reserve followed by a closer look at some nocturnal creatures with the help of Bat detectors and moth crops. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 6.30pm till dusk.

Bexhill 100 Classic Car Show – Information 01424 773721

WED 29th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at the Lookout at Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1 hour & 30 minutes

THUR 30th

Postcards from the Sea – Come down and explore the beach and take home a postcard made from Seaweed. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 11am .

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Portraits - Side by Side Rye Harbour

Words and Music on a Summer's Evening



Saturday, 14th July - 7.00 pm
The Church of the Holy Spirit
Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour

Come sip a glass of wine and enjoy a pleasant interlude at Rye Harbour on the evening of 14th July. View a multi-media community performance, celebrating a Portrait of Rye Harbour through the words, music and images of the local residents. Share their memories of rural life from before the War to the present day.

This unique event will take place in the pretty 18th century Church of the Holy Spirit. It will feature filmed interviews, live drama pieces and music from the 'Rye Harbour Ducks'. There will also be the first showing of a film made by young people from the village.

An exhibition of local artists' work will complete this Sussex celebration. Entry to this event is FREE with light refreshments provided. To reserve places, please telephone Action in rural Sussex on - 01273 407313 or email dawn.brock@ruralsussex.org.uk

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Rye Harbour Church News

I spent 4 weeks away on "study leave" from mid-May to mid-June. I stayed at St. Deniol's Library, Hawarden in North Wales (10 miles from Chester). The library was built by public subscription in memory of William Gladstone, the great Victorian who was Prime Minister for four terms of office and who died aged 89 in 1898. Not only was Gladstone a most energetic man (chopping down mature trees on his estate when into his 70s) and a remarkable speaker (he held the Commons and political gatherings spellbound with his brilliant oratory) and a voracious reader (20,000 volumes were read by him during his life time) but he was also a devout Christian. The local Parish Church at Hawarden (pronounced 'Harden') has



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

an effigy of him in marble near to where he worshipped God and was nourished by Bible and the Sacrament. One of his dearest wishes was to see Home Rule for Ireland but his final Bill was defeated in the Lords in 1893. Here was a man who made a huge contribution to his country, to the Church and to his family. We all feel inadequate in the presence of such a man. But behind all his work was his faith, which motivated him to public service and to a dedicated life. God calls us all to serve Him in others but to do it in our

own way. Each of us is unique, with our own distinctive contribution to make. We don't have to measure ourselves against anyone else (although others can be our inspiration), we just have to do our very best in making a better world. But we need God's grace to make that possible.

Services for July at the Harbour Church:

Sunday 8th
9.15 a.m. Holy
Communion with hymns

Sunday 22nd
10.30 a.m. Family Service

All most welcome.

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Parish Council Matters **July 2007**

Icklesham Parish Council held this months meeting in Rye Harbour village hall on Monday 11th June 2007.

The main topics under discussion were:

- 1 The problem of vehicles speeding though the villages of Rye Harbour, Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach, and Icklesham.
- 2 The implementation of a local action plan, which again would encompass all wards. After a lively debate regarding the most effective way of dealing with speeding vehicles it was agreed to invite the Police Traffic Management Officer

to give a presentation to the council and members of the public in order to enable the most effective methods for controlling vehicle speeds throughout the Parish be agreed and then implemented. A date has yet to be arranged. It was felt that it would be beneficial for the council to meet with the Development Officer from Action in rural Sussex with regard to the local action plan.

The next meeting of Icklesham parish Council will be on Monday 9th July at the Community Hall Winchelsea.

Charles Bronsdon (Chairman Icklesham Parish Council).

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Family Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS **JUMBLE SALE**

Congratulations to Marcus who remembered the advert for the Jumble Sale (Ha, Ha), which raised £135.00 Julie would like to thank all who helped and contributed. Julie also wishes Marcus's next-door neighbour Brenda well after her recent eye operation, as her baking was sorely missed and thank her for her donation instead, which didn't taste quite the same.

BEST WISHES **HOSPITAL**

Vivien Ennis is in hospital, all good wishes for a speedy recovery.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy goes to the family of Elsie Haffenden who passed away on 19th June.

Reports by Julie & Sylvia

RYE HARBOUR YOUTH **ACTION GROUP**

Just a reminder that the Nomad will be visiting Rye Harbour every Thursday from 4 pm to 6 pm and parked next to the Pound Field.

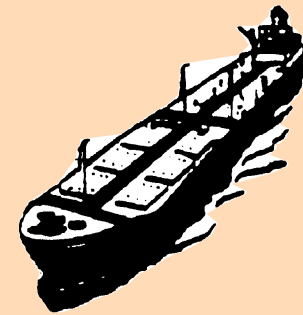
Sports coaching is continuing on the Pound Field on a Wednesday evening from 4 pm to 6 pm for all ages and genders, covering football, rounders, kick rounders, basketball and cricket.

We are working at present on a Summer Holiday programme, and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions please contact Vanessa on 229859 or at 1 Lucas Shadwell Way and watch this space.

Vanessa Jordan

The Ploughman's Lunches

The Village Hall Lunch Club hopes to resume again soon. Sylvia thanks everyone for their good wishes following her knee operation; she also thanks the helpers and patrons for their cards and good wishes.



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