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Wow! If this newsletter gets to you on time this month it will be nothing less than a miracle. My main computer has now completely died, taking with it all the files for the newsletter and the website, I have however been very lucky, I know a man called Dave and it took him a couple of days but he managed to retrieve all my files apart from the website ones, hence the reason if anyone has been there lately, it is being rebuilt completely. It is a little slow at the moment as I have been working on this issue plus I am reduced to working from my very slow laptop, that will teach me to do more regular backups, I know. Once the website is back up to its full strength you will no longer be able to download the newsletters for nothing, there will be a small fee to pay

however I will add in to the download for free additional e-books or software depending on what is available at the time, plus you will also be able to purchase a whole year at a time or even the first five years package, this will help to take the pressure off of the advertising and also support the website itself. Hard copies will be available as usual and hand delivered to Rye Harbour at the beginning of each month. The deadline for December will be a little earlier as always due to the holidays and will be **Monday 11th December**, hopefully in the meantime have a good but safe firework night, see you there.

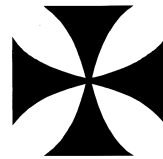


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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Weathers changed and we prepare for the winter.

Some say as there are so many berries on the bushes that a cold, harsh winter is to be experienced. I say the berries are plentiful because the birds are finding better food elsewhere.

Harbour Office "Planters" have been taken down and stored for the winter. Speed buoys taken in from guarding the beaches from speeding jet skis etc. and our shift pattern at the harbour changes, with me taking alternate weekends "off".

Our main task is to install the 14 or so camera's at the Simmons Quay that will provide security coverage for the operations there.

Some 23 fishing boats will be moored at the quay landing about £3m pounds worth of fish a year (first sale price).

A series of educational trips for school children will begin in November when children of all ages will see the fishing fleet and all the necessary repairs and gear required to keep them going. The Strand quay toilets have been closed early on account of some vandalism. A small fire was started within the changing area. The entire complex will be cleaned and painted in time for the next boating season 2007!!

Some replacement of orange traffic lights conducted over the last 2 weeks. These are the flashing lights on top of the office and at the end of the Admiralty Quay that "flash" to warn boating in the river that large commercial shipping is taking place. The new lights no longer contain "Bulbs"



but LED's that seem to be taking over our lives.

The harbour has an Oil spill plan that in the event of a major oil spill into the harbour, either from a ship or from a shore source (lorry?) that will be activated. This plan has to be exercised so this coming Saturday (21st) will see harbour staff deploying a boom at the Strand Quay to retain and remove "oil" spilled from a road tanker off the Tillingham bridge.

Another dog "fell" (jumped?) into the river near the harbour mouth. This being reported to me for action. In nearly all case's the animal finds its own way out usually on the east side with the owners having to drive around to collect it. Dogs in the river is a great worry as it has been known for the owners to jump in, a far more serious incident that will involve the launching of the life boat.

Whilst taking of animals in the river a very concerned lady phoned me over the weekend of the very high tides to report the drowning of seven (the number was precise) sheep near the Rock Channel. The life boat together with other craft attended and found nothing un-towards. The informant was told of this but did not prevent her from writing a scathing letter to the local paper complaining bitterly of unknown persons permitting sheep to drown. (they didn't).

The Rock Channel marker buoy came adrift during the high tides and floated down stream. It was recovered, where upon it was discovered that the holding chain had rotted. This was renewed and the buoy placed back on station within days (thanks to Charles Bronsdon for his help). The RNLI Ball, "Wot a Ball" I think it was a great success and will probably be held again at the River Haven Hotel.

The new light to the east bank (7a) has been named the COURTNEY BENNETT light after Peter Bennett of Rye, a well known and loved person. This was a result of a sealed bidding system. The light will retain this name for a minimum period of ten years.

Twenty years ago, some of you may remember that early news letters had a look back in the past. In 1986 the harbour underwent a Marina Feasibility Study, with comments on the 5 preferred sites. There were many against a marina in those days similar to the "nays" for the most recent enquiry earlier this year. Some 50 French and other yachts filled the Strand Quay over a summer weekend. You could walk across the quay at almost any point.

The locally based vessel "Ivy B" was detained in Athens after being found with a cargo of illegal munitions and guns bound for Nigeria.

Up to the end of October some 32,000 tons of cargo has been handled in the port comprising Aggregates, Generals, Asbestos (!), Timber, Potatoes, Fertiliser, Grain and seeds, this was carried in 67 vessels.

At the same time 511 visiting

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

(Continued from page 4)

yachts reported in at the harbour office, busy days.



Ten Years ago: I wrote in my diary the following quote from George Orwell. "Loved the past, Hate the Present, Dread the future". Don't know why. Local Mayor Robert Beckwith and MP Jacqui Lait sailed on the restored fishing smack "Excelsior". Harbour Master Colin Marsh moves to Ramsgate and I am appointed harbour master. Environment Agency formed. Local Boat yard owner, Derek Phillips drives to Chenobll to deliver aid to the victims of the power station disaster. Captain Nigel Jardine (DHM) leaves Rye for a post of manager at Brixham. Rye Wharf re-opens after a

lengthy period of closure following insolvency.

The worries of shipping live animals from the port is addressed. And finally the village flag pole comes crashing down following a storm.

The harbour master arranges its replacement with new poles and rigging. (yes it really was ten years ago!!)

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		O.D.	
Date	Time	Metres	Time
1 We	0659	2.5	1940
2 Th	0801	3.0	2036
3 Fr	0853	3.4	2124
4 Sa	0940	3.8	2208
5 Su	1025	4.0	2250
6 Mo	1109	4.2	2332
7 Tu	1153	4.0	—
8 We	0015	3.8	1234
9 Th	0056	3.6	1316
10 Fr	0140	3.3	1403
11 Sa	0228	3.0	1455
12 Su	0321	2.6	1555
13 Mo	0421	2.2	1702
14 Tu	0528	2.0	1823
15 We	0647	2.1	1940
16 Th	0754	2.4	2030
17 Fr	0842	2.7	2109
18 Sa	0920	3.0	2143
19 Su	0955	3.1	2216
20 Mo	1026	3.2	2247
21 Tu	1059	3.3	2319
22 We	1131	3.3	2351
23 Th	—	—	1205
24 Fr	0023	3.3	1241
25 Sa	0102	3.2	1321
26 Su	0146	3.1	1409
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High Street (The George)	...	0940	1005	1035	1105	1140	1205	1235	1305	1340	1405
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ arr	...	0945	1010	1040	1110	1140	1210	1240	1310	1345	1410
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ dep	...	0945	1015	1045	...	1145	1215	1245	...	1345	...
Cadborough Cliff	...	0951	1021	1051	...	1151	1221	1251	...	1351	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ arr	...	0957	1027	1057	...	1157	1227	1257	...	1357	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ dep	0915	...	...	...	1115	...	...	...	1315	...	1415
Rye (Memorial Care Centre)	0918	...	...	...	1118	...	...	...	1318	...	1418
Playden (Peace and Plenty)	0920	...	...	...	1120	...	...	...	1320	...	1420
Houghton Green	0922	...	...	...	1122	...	...	...	1322	...	...
Military Road	0925	...	...	...	1125	...	...	...	1325	...	...
Kings Avenue	0930	...	...	...	1130	...	...	...	1330	...	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌	0935	...	...	...	1135	...	...	...	1335	...	...

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Northam (Coppards Lane)	...	0720	0720	0730	0800	...	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1441E	1530	1630C	1730		
Northam (Goddens Gills)	...	0721	0721	0731	0801	...	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1442	1531	1631	1731		
Beckley (Rose and Crown)	...	0725	0725	0735	0805	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1446	1535	1635	1735		
Beckley (Four Oaks)	...	0728	0728	0738	0808	...	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1449	1538	1638	1738		
Peasmarsh (Old Post Office)	...	0733	0733	0743	0813	...	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1454	1543	1643	1743		
Playden (Peace and Plenty)	...	0738	0738	0748	0818	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1459	1548	1648	1748		
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr	...	0745	0745	0755	0825	...	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1506	1555	1655	1755		
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep	...	0751	0751	0756	...	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	1559	1659	1759R		
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0757	0757	8	...	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	...	1605	1705	1816		
Winchelsea (Beach)	...	0800	0800	...	...	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	...	1608	1708	1819		
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	...	0802	0802	...	...	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	...	1610	1710	1821		
Pett Level	...	0806	0806	...	...	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	...	1614	1714	1825		
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0812	0812	...	...	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	...	1620	1720	1832		
Fairlight Glen	0736	0818	0818	...	...	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	...	1626	1726	1838		
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0821F	0821	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	...	1629	1729	1841		
Hastings (Boating Lake)	0745	0840	0827	...	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	...	1635	1735	1847		
Hastings (Harold Place)	0747	0842	0829	...	...	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	...	1637	1737	1849		
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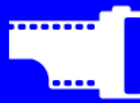
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Service Number:	347	347	346	346	346	346
Days of Operation:	⊕	N#				
Pett (Chick Hill)	0815	0822	0949	1149	1414	1545
Pett (Church)	0818	0825	0952	1152	1417	1548
Guestling (School)	0825					
Guestling (White Hart)	0830	0830	0957	1157	1422	1553
Ore (Kings Head)	0834	0834	1001	1201	1426	1557
Ore (Christ Church)	0836	0836	1003	1203	1428	1559
Hastings (Baldslow Rd)	...	...	1008	1208	1433	...
Hastings (Sawley)	...	...	1012	1212	1437	...
Hastings (Queen's Road)	...	...	1014	1214	1439	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0841	0841	...	...	...	1604
Hastings (Harold Place)	0845	0845	...	...	...	1608
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⊕	0847	0847	1019	1214	1441	1610
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⊕	...	...	1019	1219	...	1610
Priory Avenue (Linton Road)	...	...	1022	1222	...	1613
Amnerst Road	...	...	1024	1224	...	1615
Silverhill (Battle Road)	...	...	1028	1228	...	1619
Upper Church Road	...	...	1032	1232	...	1623
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1036	1236	...	1627
Ashdown House	...	...	1041	1241	...	1632
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1043	1243	...	1634
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1046	1246	...	1637

Operator:	RC*	EMP*	EMP*	EMP*	RC	RC*	RC*
Service Number:	347	346	346	346	347	347	347
Days of Operation:	⊕	N#					
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1050	1316	...	...	1710
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1053	1319	...	...	1713
Ashdown House	...	...	1055	1321	...	...	1715
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1100	1326	...	...	1718
Upper Church Road	...	...	1104	1330	...	...	1722
Silverhill (London Road)	...	...	1108	1332	...	...	1726
Amnerst Road	...	...	1112	1338	...	...	1730
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⊕	...	...	1116	1342	...	...	1734
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⊕	0745	0919	1119	1345	1510	1510	1735
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Hastings (Baldslow Road)	...	...	1125	1351	...	...	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0752	...	...	...	1517	1517	1742
Ore (Christ Church)	0758	0932	1132	1358	1523	1523	1748
Ore (Kings Head)	0800	0934	1134	1400	1525	1525	1750
Guestling (White Hart)	0804	0938	1138	1404	1529	1529	1754
Guestling (School)	...	...	...	...	1532	...	...
Pett (Church)	0809	0943	1143	1409	1540	1534	1759
Pett (Chick Hill)	0812	0946	1146	1412	1543	1537	1802



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Introduction

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Criminal Damage

Over the Summer Months, Rye Harbour has been targeted by vandals, spraying bus shelters, signs, life boat station, Also many windows have been smashed Rye Harbour Garage, and the Nature Centre In the End Car park, with a Burnt out car, and also a small fire being set in front of the Life Boat station, the Toilets have also been hit this year, with familiar Tags (graffiti name for personalised writing) being left on the building.

Working closely with residents such as Vanessa Jordon, Charles Bronsdon, we are trying to tackle these issues, with Graffiti Removal Kits being available, leaflets being delivered to homes, and the parish council supporting the work these people are doing, Sussex Police have Put on extra patrols of Community Support Officers to support the community.

Vanessa Jordon, Has worked so hard on raising money for football posts and getting the pound field ready, having litter Picks, and now she is working hard to put in place a Basket ball Hoop for the Children in Rye Harbour To Use, Unfortunately The work she and her fellow residents are putting in, is getting stepped on by a few, who are smashing bottles on the field, dumping rubbish and making the field unusable for the children, she told me it took "40 minutes" to clear the field of glass to make it safe, this is terrible and needs to be stopped, we need to work together, to make this area useable for everyone.

Her Work and the work of the other residents and Parish Council members who are supporting her, is a credit to Rye Harbour, With the help of Sussex Police Community support officers, we will make Rye Harbour a Safer Place to Be for everyone.

If you would like to contact Dan to discuss any issues you have or to speak to him about an incident that has happened please use the details below.

Dan is available by email on Daniel.bevan@sussex.pnn.police.uk Or by telephone on 0845 6070999 ext 66310

This is not for emergency's or for reporting incidents, please use 999 for urgent calls or the 0845 6070999 number for non-emergency calls.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Message from PCSO Dan Bevan

At Approx 3am on Tuesday morning two young males were spotted in a back garden of an address in Tram Road in Rye Harbour, the two males quickly made off when they were spotted by a resident, leaving two bicycle's behind, these have been taken by police as it is believed they may be stolen.

If you believe you can help, or you have any information regarding this incident please contact PCSO Dan Bevan at Rye Police Station on 0845 6070999 ext 66310 or email at daniel.bevan@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Rye Harbour Shop

At 9.57pm on 11th October 2006 two bricks were used to damage the windows of Rye Harbour Stores, Rye Harbour, Rye. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 1845 of 11/10/06 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Message - from the Rother PCSOs

Please be on the lookout for a suspicious male travelling around the rural areas of Rother who appears to be targeting churches that are a little secluded. The man is described as white, in his mid 20s about 5ft 11" in height of slim build with cropped red hair. He was seen driving an N registration blue Renault Laguna and has also been seen driving a grey or pale green Citroen car.

If you have any information please email nhw@sussex.pnn.police.uk or PCSO Tina Grevett at tinamarie.grevett@sussex.pnn.police.uk You can also call Crimestoppers, anonymously, (24x7) on 0800 555111.

Harbour Watch

Do you want to be kept up to date with Neighbourhood Watch information about crime prevention advice and issues relating to your area.

Then why not subscribe to this free service to receive this information by e-mail, either at work or at home.

It's as easy as sending an e-mail to HarbourWatch-owner@yahoo.co.uk to join. Please make sure that the subject reads 'SUBSCRIBE'.

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

SUSSEX POLICE

In an emergency dial 999

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

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111. Information about any type of crime can be given anonymously on this number. Trading Standards: 01323 418200

Hastings Borough Council ASBO (Anti Social Behaviour Order)

Helpline: 0800 783 6084

Rother Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator: 01424 456160



LIFEBOAT REPORT



At the station we do quite a lot of things other than saving lives at sea. One of these is the scattering of ashes at sea; the crew does this several times each year in a very professional way. One such job was being carried out on the 7th of October, when the boathouse was contacted by the Harbour Master, reporting that a Member of the Public had reported several sheep drowning in the area near to the end of Rock Channel. Deputy Launching Authority Jeff Robus took the message and relayed the information to the lifeboat. When the crew had finished scattering the ashes, the helmsman made a

course for the incident site. When the lifeboat arrived on scene the crew could only find a couple of sheep and these were on dry land. The first informant appeared to have left the scene so the crew assumed that all was OK and returned to station. On the last Friday in September the crew staged a 'Late Summer Ball' at the River Haven Hotel in Rye, a good night was had by all who attended and it is hoped to stage the event again next year. Funds in excess of £2,000 were raised by the event and our thanks go to all who supported the night. If you have a chance to see the group photo of the crew, have a good look. The phrase that comes to mind is 'Didn't they scrub up

well!' That's about it for now.

If you think that you may be able to give a bit of time and would like to learn how to be a Lifeboat Crew Member, come along and join us. You will be made to feel welcome and your efforts will be appreciated.

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

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council have been able to arrange with the unpaid work team for work on the parish land in Rye Harbour.

The area around the Flagstaff has been cleared and most of the uncontrolled weed growth cleared.

On the Pound field most of the vegetation has been cleared and burnt, the remaining tree stumps will be cleared by a contractor and the area grassed.

The goal posts are being well used and proving an asset, unfortunately we learn that a group of

individuals, smashed bottles in the goal area. This irresponsible behaviour might have caused serious injuries to the players. Dog waste bins have been installed both on the Pound field and the Coronation field, please encourage their use! Finally, Rother will consider the recent parish poll during November, it should be interesting.

Rye Harbour Heritage
NEED YOUR HELP

<http://www.ryeharbour.net>

Rye & District Age Concern

Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
At Rye CVS, 25 Cinque Ports Street, Rye

On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10 am to 12 noon

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

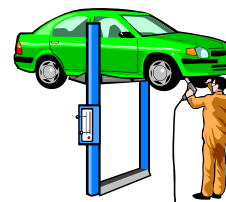
The service aims to help older people, their families, friends and carers. Callers can drop in during the opening hours mentioned above or telephone on 01797 225466

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Autumn is an exciting time of the year for

bird-watchers, as many birds are on the move and there is every chance of a real rarity turning up on the reserve. At least part of the reason for this is that many of these birds are inexperienced youngsters hatched during the summer, who have never migrated before and sometimes get very lost! This year, the star-turn was a young Buff-breasted Sandpiper, a mainly North American Wader breeding in



Cottage continued to prove their worth when they played host to a Temminck's Stint (left), a tiny wader from northern Europe, and an Osprey, while a Wryneck, an inconspicuous relative of the familiar Green Woodpecker was present briefly behind Temery Pool in late September. However, probably the strangest visitor to

excitement (bordering on hysteria!) when this bird was first reported. Unfortunately this excitement faded when it was realised that the bird

was exceptionally tame, suggesting that it was of captive origin. The completion of the new excavations at Castle Water has made a number of fences here redundant, and recent volunteer work-parties have spent a lot of time removing the posts and netting. This was then used to construct enclosures for reed planting on some of the new islands. We also planted seedlings of Marsh Mallow at Castle Water in the hope of attracting the rare Marsh Mallow Moth, constructed fish-refuges (right) and carried out Willow clearance.

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

Sun 12th Nov **Camber Castle Exploration**. Come along and explore Camber Castle and the surrounding ditches of the Castle Water reedbeds for a number of winter birds. Meet at [Brede Lock Car Park \(TQ919198\)](#) at 1pm-3.30pm (2 miles). Donations appreciated.

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northern Canada and Alaska. The bird was present on Flat Beach Level during mid-October, only the second record for the reserve, (the first was in 1989) and attracting large numbers of excited birdwatchers. The new excavations next to Lime Kiln

the reserve was a Marbled Duck which was present at Castle Water in late September. A truly wild individual of this species has never been recorded in Britain (the closest breeding population is in southern Spain), and there was much

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

Sun 26th Nov

Birds at the Beach Reserve.

Winter

A chance to get to grips with a good variety of winter visitors.

Meet at [Rye Harbour Car Park](#) at 11am-1pm (3 miles).

Donations appreciated.

Sat 2nd Dec **Festive Beach**

Clean. A pre-christmas clean up of the rubbish washed up along the beach by the autumn's storms, plus the chance to see many wintering birds. Your efforts will be rewarded with soup at Lime Kiln Cottage afterwards. Bring work gloves if you have them. Meet at [Rye Harbour Car Park](#) at 10am, soup at approx 1pm.



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NOVEMBER

Sat 4th

Battle Bonfire Celebrations – Information 01424 773721

Lewes Bonfire Celebrations – Information 01273483448

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

Church Market – Held at St. Thomas's Church, Winchelsea from 10.30 – 12 noon.

Sun 5th

Antiques & Collectable Fair – Held Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Wed 8th

Smallhythe Place – Putting the house and garden to bed, learn about what we get up to after the house closes. 1pm start. Price £7.50

Tea Dance – Held at Playden W.I. Hall from 3pm. Friends of Playden Church

Sat 11th

Rye Bonfire Celebrations – Information John Izod 01797 223781

Wealden Craftworkers Fair – Robertsbridge village hall from 10am – 4pm
Free entry. Contact 01424 447307

Sun 12th

Remembrance Day Parade & Service

Fri 17th

Exhibition & Sale of Creative Arts – A.R.R. C.C. Respite Care Centre. Behind Rye Hospital from 4.30 – 7.30pm. Formally opened by Tony Penrose at 5pm

Sat 18th

Robertsbridge Bonfire Celebrations

Antiques & Collectable Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, at 9.30am – 4.30pm

Exhibition & Sale of Creative Arts – A.R.R. C.C. Respite Care Centre. Held behind Rye Hospital from 10.30 – 3.30pm

Art @ Iden Exhibition of Arts & Crafts – Held at Iden village hall from 10 – 4pm. In aid of the Parkinson's Disease Society

Sun 19th

Exhibition & Sale of Creative Arts – A.R.R. C.C. Respite Care Centre. Behind Rye Hospital from 2 – 4pm

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Robert Wolfe in concert. Tickets on door £5.50, includes interval refreshments. Concert starts 2.30pm

Rye Harbour Lifeboat Memorial Service – Service starts at 3pm

Antiques & Collectable Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, at 9.30am – 4.30pm

Mon 20th

Rye & district U3A – “Aspects of New England & Boston” Michael Hoad at Rye Community Centre from 2pm

Fri 24th

Bexhill Festival Light Switch on Event
Also late night shopping.

Sat 25th

Battle – Christmas Lights, Battle Abbey Reindeer Trail. Information 01424 773721

Winter Lectures – Speaker Richard Thompson at Winchelsea, Beach Community Hall from 2.30pm. “The work of the R.S.P.C. A. Mallydams Wood Wildlife Centre”. Admission Free. Donations appreciated to help meet the costs of hiring the hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Wealden Craftworkers Fair – Rye Community Centre from 10am – 4pm. Entry Free. Information 01424 428035

Sun 26th

Classic Cars – Details to follow.

DECEMBER

Fri 1st

Christmas Parade, Lights on and Late Night Shopping – Details to follow
Tenterden Late Night Christmas Shopping – Details required nearer time, please call Ashford T.I.C. 01233 629165

Sat 2nd

Antique & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Wealden Craftworkers Fair – Herstmonceux Village Hall, 10am – 4pm. Entry Free. 01323 485927

Sun 3rd

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Bryon Jones in concert. Thomas Peacocke, Community College. Tickets on the door £5.50, include interval refreshments. Concert 2.30pm

A Winter Ramble around Pett Level

A 4 mile walk to look at the wintering birds of the level and visit to the hide at Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. Please bring a packed lunch and binoculars if you have them. Some stiles. Meet at road side pool at Pett Level 10am. Donations appreciated.

Antique & Collectables Fair

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

Wed 6th

Coffee Morning – The George Hotel, Rye. Stalls ect from 10am – 12pm

Sat 9th

Bexhill – Father Christmas with Reindeer in Manor gardens. Old Town skating rink and other activities 10.30 – 17.00pm

Thur 14th

Battle – Christmas late night shopping

Sat 16th

Antique & Collectables Fair
Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sun 17th

Rye Singers

Carol concert at East Guldeford Church.

Fri 22nd

Yesterdays World Battle

Santa's search, runs till 31st December. Information 01424 775378

PLEASE NOTE

RYE FARMER'S MARKET HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY ON STRAND QUAY BETWEEN 10am – 1pm

THURSDAY GENERAL

MARKET AT ROPE WALK

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2006

TALK

Tuesday 21st November at 2.30 p.m. in Brede Village Hall.

Frank Palmer gives a talk with photographs and memorabilia on
"Something of Rye".

WALK

Saturday 11th November: meet 10.00 a.m. at the Two Sawyers Pub car park Pett village.

There is a morning walk of 6 miles through the Pannel valley, RMC path and Pett Level, followed by lunch at the Two Sawyers Pub. The optional afternoon walk is

3 miles to Guestling church and back through Guestling Woods.

Leader Carol Harding: Telephone 01580 850365.

THEATRE CLUB

Wednesday 6th December at 2.30 p.m. Theatre Royal Brighton:

"Me and My Girl", a happy, sparkling musical starring Trevor Bannister (are you being served?), Dillie Keane (Fascinating Aida) and Sylvester McCoy (Dr Who). Price £22 (twenty two pounds per person) (Cut-off date for tickets Monday 6th November).

To obtain tickets for the above event please send a cheque and s.a.e. to

Mrs Ros Adkins, School Cottage, 5 Six Bells Mews, Northiam TN31 6NT (telephone 01797 253763).

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Full details available in our programme



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



Good landings of Plaice, Sole and Cod when the unsettled weather has allowed, is being soured by the restrictions that are now in place in the form of quota's. The landings of the few bigger boats, over ten metres in length, have been recorded for many year's and they fish to a small quota each month for many species but now the under ten metre boat landings are being logged, with monthly quota's in place.

This has already led to boats landing the amount of Plaice

specified and having to throw back good fish, so they don't go over their quota, which in the mixed fishing of Rye bay is almost impossible to get away from.

Netting boats had a good run for a few days, catching Cod and Codling but this led to them reaching their monthly quota and faced with the prospect of throwing back dead fish even when caught while targeting Sole or Plaice. Trawler crews have been getting Scallop gear ready and may be forced to leave the good fishing that they have in

the bay, a little earlier than anyone would choose. At this time there is no restriction on the amount of Scallop's to be caught, only a sensible minimum size limit, so this will ease the headache for now but next year will see these quota's in force and more fishing opportunities lost and more fish thrown back, many of them dead. This is the Common Fishing Policy at work, which has not helped for twenty odd years, so make of that, what you will.

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Rye Harbour Church News



It has been suggested to me that there may be residents of the Harbour who would like to support the Harbour Church financially on a more regular basis. I understand that donations in the form of gift envelopes were once used to do this. The scheme is still in operation and is a simple one. A book of envelopes is issued to each person interested, covering 52 weeks of the year. The donation can be placed in one envelope each week and brought to Church (or handed to someone who is attending Church). The scheme is a helpful reminder to give regularly even if the subscriber does not always come to Church. Mrs. Ann Tollett, 7 Paines Cottages (223631) is happy to hear from anyone who wants to support the Harbour

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Church. She will pass on the list to me. As we all know, no building can exist without maintenance and meeting the running costs. A Church is both an asset and a responsibility to any community. Today it is local people who are asked to help keep the Church open and available for use. The most effective way to give is through Gift Aid, if you pay tax. The Chancellor gives us an extra 28p for every £1 donated. So please think carefully about the Church's survival and get in touch with Ann Tollett.

On your behalf, I am still in negotiation with Cemex UK (Materials) Ltd. to see if we can acquire a piece of land for an extension to the Churchyard. The

current area is almost full of graves and if this facility is to be available for future generations, we will need more land.

October Services

Sunday 12th 9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion
(Remembrance Sunday)

Sunday 19th 3 p.m.

Lifeboat Memorial Service

Sunday 26th 10.30 a.m.

Family Service (Christ the King)

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)



Children's Christmas Party



This years Children's Christmas Party at the village hall will be held on Sunday 17th December, to which all resident children of the village are invited and welcome, we hope to see you there for fun and games, food, entertainment and presents with Father Christmas.



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

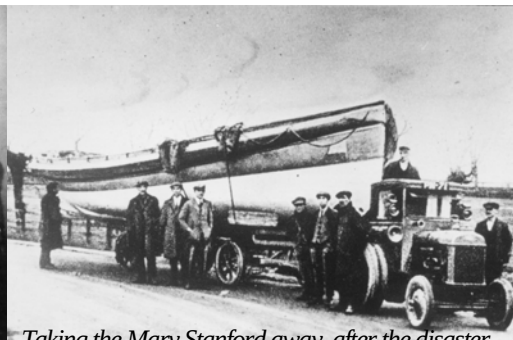
After the disaster Rye Harbour Station was closed.

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

Article taken with permission from 'Rye Harbour Lifeboat Station History' also with the consent of the late Bill Head



Launching the Mary Stanford



Taking the Mary Stanford away, after the disaster



Procession down Main Road



Floral tributes in Rye Harbour Church

Sailing On The Tenacious

We are members of the Jubilee Sailing Trust and we met on the S. V. Lord Nelson in

1994 in the Canaries when Jill had taken Ron Banwell from Rye Harbour for the Christmas Voyage and Ken was the Ship's Doctor. The ship enables disabled and able bodied people to sail as crew on a tall ship. Ken had been on Shore Watch holidays working alongside craftsmen to build the S. V. Tenacious in Southampton from 1996 - 2000 when she was launched. Ken was thrilled to be present at the naming ceremony and celebratory dinner with the Duke of York who is President of the JST.

Tenacious is the largest wooden boat in the world weighing 690 tons, is 65 metres long and has a total of 21 sails which is an impressive sight to behold. Then in February of this year news came of a few vacancies for the voyage, crew from Antigua to Bermuda and Bermuda to Southampton with 5 days of maintenance work in between. Ken had known Antigua from boyhood days of stamp collecting but had never visited. English Harbour and Nelson's Dockyard was an immediate attraction so Jill was immediately on to the websites and discovered the very lovely Admirals Inn where we stayed for 5 days of exploration before joining the ship. The Dockyard exceeded all our expectations. It is no longer a health risk so I think Nelson would enjoy it if he were to sail there to-day. The Dockyard was restored by the British after the island gained independence. The buildings are in the Georgian style and are now tastefully converted to shops, workshops, chandlery, sail-making and boat-building. We managed to make 2 evenings of the Royal Tot Club but did not fulfil the 5 criteria to enable us to fly the white ensign, which would be fun!? We were delighted to find the pennant of the RHSC flying donated by Dick Cook of course!



© John Lupton - May 30, 2006

We were privileged to have a simple room at the top of the Inn overlooking the Harbour and were visited in our room by Antillian Hawfinches, various pigeons, egrets, calling frogs and crickets. We explored the Island and forts and the museum and harbour. Also staying at the Inn was Roz Savages mother who was awaiting the arrival of her daughter after 109 days rowing single handed across the Atlantic from the Canaries. We were part of the crowd waiting to greet her on her arrival. She looked exhausted and very skinny but well and so happy to have made the journey safely. Her oars were patched and broken pieces tied together. She said her worst moment had been her hearing that one of the boats had capsized as until then she had had faith that her boat was invincible. On Valentines Day the British Royal Navy had tracked her down and come out to her in a rib to deliver a cake and flowers. She had been walking along a beach in Peru when she decided to give up a well paid prestigious job in the city to do something that was much more worthwhile.

The Royal Tot Club is a truly British Club set to maintain all the British Naval Traditions. We were invited to attend the initiation ceremony. This

involves a daily reading of the life of Nelson and the Navy and drinking a daily tot of rum. A glass of water is held in the left hand and a full measure - 2.5 floz in the right. We had no difficulty with the traditions of the Club and its good works but the regular assault ring of the liver is another matter. There is an examination and interview before acceptance for membership. We had the pleasure of inviting the Club on to the Tenacious for the evening before we sailed. The crew of Tenacious were invited by the crew of Mirabella to a party on the pontoon as were moored opposite them, the second largest yacht in the world which was built by Vosper Thomeycroft in Southampton. There is even a swimming pool on deck! The boat is so large that they are limited to very calm conditions to be allowed to put the sails up. We were very unimpressed. Our crew members in wheelchairs some of whom were young and attractive were excited and had really done themselves up for the occasion but were largely ignored by the 'beautiful people' on Mirabella. We were even more unimpressed!

NEXT MONTH - Diary Of Events

Jill Halpin

Family Announcements

Jumble Sale

The last jumble sale for this year in aid of the children's Christmas party
Please give generously and come and enjoy, lots of goodies just for
Christmas.

RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL
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From Julie & Sylvia

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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 Ploughman's Lunch will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th November at noon.
Profits raised from the lunches go towards the Village Hall funds. Recently the storage trolley
for the tables was purchased from the funds raised.

If you are free on the 13th do join us please, all are welcome.



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