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Editor's Comments

A Happy New Year to all, although many may have noticed at the excellent Children's Christmas Party, all credit to Julie and her merry helpers, that the village hall Christmas tree lacks just a few decorations, we never had many but this year although spoilt with a new set of lights had even more missing, I had to improvise and take the used cracker shells from the Christmas Ploughman's Lunch which were in the bin and possibly not too many people noticed, so if there is anyone when stripping their trees this year going to throw



decorations out we would most appreciate them for the tree for the end of this year, I don't think the crackers will last, thank you, Julie would be pleased to except these donations.

Next months deadline will be **Monday 15th January** hope to get the Valentine Competition back for next month, so watch this space for that dinner for two.

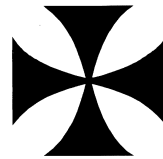


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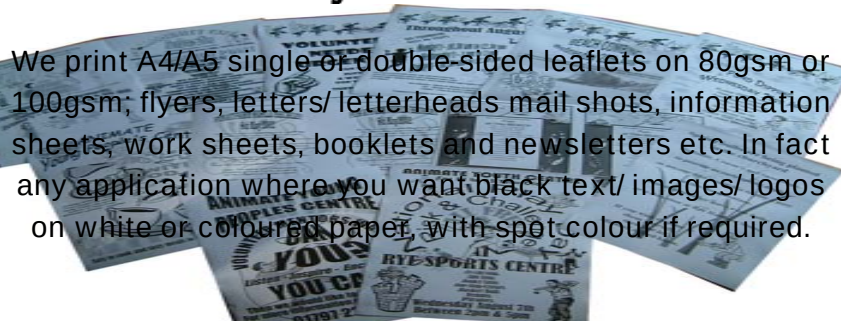
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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Christmas is now as far away as ever with all eyes on the forth coming new year of 2007. What will this bring us at the harbour?

The Owners, the Environment Agency, have embarked on a new strategy known as "Creating a Better Place". So we will see more safety signage! Dredging at the Strand Quay is to take place in January commencing on the 18th. The operation will be completed by a system known as "Hydrodynamic Dredging". That is, water is pumped just below the surface of the silts at low pressure causing the "Fines" to become suspended within the water column. The out going tides will carry this material far out to sea. That is the theory. The contractors, the Dutch company, Van Oord, are well experienced at this and have given guarantees that it will work.

The first of our fishing boat visitors are arriving from the Thames estuary. The old "Stager" "Charlie Boy" is berthed at the Simmons Quay with the "Matie J" at the Admiralty Jetty. With such appalling weather few boats have ventured to sea so little fish caught hence little profit. In my previous newsletter I mentioned the illegal immigrants case being heard at Maidstone Crown Court. Well I attended and as usual a great



deal of "Hanging about" before actually being called to give evidence. When my time finally arrived I was amazed at the "Slick" electronic equipment available for both prosecution and defence. On large plasma screens affixed around the court pictures of Rye Harbour were displayed. There then followed a video clip of the entire village detailing the route that these immigrants took. Did anyone see the police taking these pictures?

After two days of evidence giving I was dismissed and encouraged to claim £2.90 expenses! Beacons No 13 and 17 on the east side of the river just above the old Alsford's wharf are in need of replacement. These beacons are some 40 years old and have proved the test of time. They are made of old "Hop" poles (Used for hanging and growing of hops) with green top marks. Over the Christmas period new ones have been prepared at the harbour office and will be positioned early in January. Do you like the new look tide tables? The "Shaded" dates indicate that one hour must be

added for British Summer Time. Should make it easier for use when planning boating trips.

With the heavy rains experience in December considerable quantities of mud have been removed from the Rock Channel area. This natural dredging exposed the anchors to the lit buoys subsequently causing the buoys to "Move". It came as a shock to find that the buoys had travelled down the river under the influence of the fresh water rush. The buoys were quickly replaced so as not to confuse any boaters who might venture onto the rivers.

Flood defences! I have been slightly confused as I thought the access to the RNLI station was to be "gated". Imagine my surprise when I witnessed the construction of a large ramp. I hope no trailers become "Grounded" when accessing the slip-way. Commercial shipping. One vessel arrived Christmas Eve, discharged and sailed at 0200 Christmas day. Other ships are due over the New Year period including the large vessel "Helen" at 85 metres one of the longest vessels to visit Rye. Grain is still being exported to Rotterdam for biscuit making. Lets hope 2007 is successful for the Harbour and all its users.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Icklesham Parish Council held their monthly meeting at the new hall Winchelsea on Monday 11th December. In the chair Ms Coriene Merricks ably assisted by our own Charles Bronsden and the new Clark Derek Rose, well who promises to be a great asset. The Council learnt from Rother's planning notices that the proposed new clubhouse for the caravan site has been refused, a number of reasons for the refusal were given, including objections by English Heritage and the Harbour of Rye Authorities concerned about lighting causing confusion to shipping at sea, there were other objections, all expressing concerns of various kinds.

The November meeting ran on way past time

closing at 10.20pm mainly due to Mr Commotto nit picking with next years precept figures.

However at the December meeting he put down a number of proposals for adoption on the finances, a number of Mr Commottos supporters were present to watch the fun, not all present were Commotto supporters and when the time came to consider Mr Commottos proposals, not one councillor seconded him. Had the precept as proposed not been adopted, the Council would have been forced to scrap a number of proposals for Rye Harbour and the other wards, but right prevailed, the Parish Councillors bar one gave their verdict and the motion defeated.

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Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1 Mo	0856	3.0	2133	2.8
2 Tu	0956	3.1	2226	3.1
3 We	1049	3.2	2312	3.3
4 Th	1136	3.3	2356	3.4
5 Fr	—	—	1218	3.2
6 Sa	0035	3.4	1255	3.2
7 Su	0112	3.4	1331	3.0
8 Mo	0149	3.3	1408	2.8
9 Tu	0224	3.1	1443	2.6
10 We	0257	2.8	1521	2.4
11 Th	0335	2.6	1605	2.0
12 Fr	0420	2.2	1704	1.9
13 Sa	0521	2.0	1815	1.8
14 Su	0633	1.9	1924	1.9
15 Mo	0742	2.1	2024	2.1
16 Tu	0842	2.4	2117	2.5
17 We	0934	2.7	2204	2.8
18 Th	1021	3.0	2247	3.2
19 Fr	1106	3.3	2330	3.4
20 Sa	1150	3.4	—	—
21 Su	0011	3.7	1231	3.6
22 Mo	0051	3.8	1311	3.6
23 Tu	0131	3.8	1351	3.4
24 We	0214	3.8	1435	3.3
25 Th	0259	3.6	1524	3.0
26 Fr	0349	3.2	1621	2.6
27 Sa	0447	2.7	1731	2.2
28 Su	0601	2.4	1855	2.0
29 Mo	0731	2.2	2019	2.1
30 Tu	0855	2.4	2131	2.5
31 We	1003	2.7	2224	2.8

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Freda Gardham School		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1520	1520	1520	...	...
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Rye Harbour		...	...	...	0827	...	...	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	...	...	...	1532	1554	1707	1807
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌		...	...	...	...	...	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1515	...	...	...	1540	1601	...	...	...
Cadborough Cliff		...	...	0830	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1533	...	...	...	...
Tilling Green		...	...	0835	0837	...	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	...	...	...	...	...	...	1608	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌		...	...	0840	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	...	...	...	...	1538	...	1629	1719	...
Rye Harbour		0800	0820	...	...	0835	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	...	...	...	...	...	...	1637	1727	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌		0807	0827	...	...	0843	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	...	...	...	...	...	...	1645	1735	...
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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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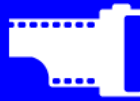
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Northam (Goddens Gill)		...	0721	0721	0731	0801	...	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1442	1531	1631	1731
Beckley (Rose and Crown)		...	0725	0725	0735	0805	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1446	1535	1635	1735
Beckley (Four Oaks)		...	0728	0728	0738	0808	...	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	B	...	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
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌		0749	0843	0831	0845	...	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	...	1639	1739	1851

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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 (Safeway)			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	1016	1214	1441	1610					
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⇌			1019	1219		1610					
Priory Avenue (Linton Road)			1022	1222		1613					
Amherst Road			1024	1224		1615					
Silverhill (Bottle Road)			1028	1228		1619					
Upper Church Road			1032	1232		1623					
Sainsbury's Superstore			1036	1236		1627					
Asdown House			1041	1241		1632					
Little Ridge (Hare Way)			1043	1243		1634					
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)			1046	1246		1637					

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Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1050	1316	...	...	1710
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1053	1319	...	...	1713
Asdown House	...	...	1055	1321	...	...	1715
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1100	1326	...	...	1718
Upper Church Road	...	...	1104	1330	...	...	1722
Silverhill (London Road)	...	...	1108	1334	...	...	1726
Amherst 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 (Safeway)	...	0923	1123	1349	...	...	...
Hastings (Baldslow Road)	...	0925	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
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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RYE POLICE STATION

On Monday 18th December, a for sale sign was Ripped down near to the wharf, 4 youths including one with a Moped were seen by a Member of the public leaving the scene, some local youths have been spoken to, and the sign has been re-erected, Hi-vis patrols are continuing in Rye Harbour.

Please Report any incidents using the appropriate emergency and Non-emergency Numbers.

Some time between Thursday 14th and Saturday 16th December, a Boat at River Brede Moorings, Rye Harbour Road, was Set on fire, it is unknown by who, but is thought someone had possibly used it to sleep in overnight, as Items were left at the scene - If anyone has any information regarding this incident please contact PCSO Bevan at Rye police station 0845 6070999 Quoting Serial 874 16/12/06.



Good News from PCSO Dan Bevan, Rye Town PCSO, Shop Watch Co-ordinator

Serial 485 14/12/06

On Thursday Morning shops in Rye put out a message on the Shop Watch radio scheme, in Rye Town, I carry a Shop Watch radio whilst on patrol in Rye and responded to the call and made my way to the shops involved. On arrival I was pointed towards the Church to where the suspected shoplifter had gone followed by shop staff and a store detective. The town and car parks were searched but unfortunately the male had gone. However, all the property stolen, valued at £205, from the four shops involved was retrieved, including four joints of beef worth £11 each. This is a great boost to the Shop Watch scheme, which over the past four months has provided five arrests and countless stop searches from information given and has created a greater sense of security for shops in Rye.

Well Done to all those involved, especially Boots, Waves, WJ Bennetts, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill, & Moss the Chemist.

Message Bogus Water Board officials (Distraction Burglaries)

Distraction burglars posing as bogus Water Board officials are still tricking their way into elderly people's homes. Police are reminding residents to be on the lookout for these and other bogus callers following two recent incidents in Hastings and Rother.

Please keep a close eye on elderly or vulnerable neighbours in your area and if you see anything suspicious please report it to the police immediately by calling 0845 60 70 999. Registration numbers and descriptions of vehicles are very helpful.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Project Endeavour - Hits the ground cycling.

Project Endeavour a youth led project, run in association with Activate Youth Club and based in Fairlight, has got off to a flying start, with the support of Police Community Support Officer, Christine Locke.

Together with Mike Cooper a cycle trainer from ESCC, they have devised and run a very successful course for young people, teaching them about bike maintenance and the life saving skills needed to ride a bike safely on the road. Youngsters of all ages came to join in, and the two-day course, proved to be a great deal of fun for all involved.

Each event run by Project Endeavour will be different and is aimed at gaining skills and awards, whilst also having fun. From conservation of woodland, to art skills and from engine rebuilds to animal care, the events are as varied as the skills of the residents. This project compliments the great work already done by Activate Youth Club, that empowers the youngsters to care for their village and become active members of the community.

If you have a skill you would like to share or you are interested in the Project, contact Alexendeavour@aol.com or call 01424 812944

Requests for banking details (Phishing) Advice from a NHW member

I read with interest the comments sent in on Neighbourhood Watch by E-mail about requests for personal banking details made by 'Phishers'. The best and safest approach to these messages is to never open any such messages. To do this alerts the originator of these 'spams' to the fact that they have hit a live e-mail account and they will inundate the recipient with mail!

Silent Calls - Information from a NHW Member

Re: the Silent Guard Service, there is a free number for the helpline - 0800 0831138 - but you have to use the 'premium number' 0870 4443969 to register. However it is possible to register on line for free by going to www.silentguard.co.uk.

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.

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

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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



Apologies for the lack of a report last Month. This was due to a technical problem beyond my control. As you can see it has now been rectified and last months report is combined with this one. Only one shout this month and that was on Sunday the 19th November. While the Lifeboat was on exercise with Hastings All Weather Lifeboat a report of a person fallen over the cliff at Ecclesbourne Glen, just east of Hastings was received over the radio. Both lifeboats responded as well as Hastings Inshore Lifeboat. Rye Harbour Lifeboat was first on scene and two Crew were put ashore. Unfortunately it was discovered that the casualty did not survive the fall. As our

Lifeboat could not be of any more assistance it was released and returned to Station. We had an assembly (that's a shout when we don't launch) for a dog in the River on the 2nd of December. By the time we were ready to launch the owner had rescued the dog herself, and the Crew were stood down. On the afternoon of the 19th November the whole of the Crew along with crew members from Dungeness and Hastings attended the Mary Stanford memorial service. Again this year the Church was full to capacity with some of the Crew not able to get into Church. The weather managed to stay fine for the proceedings around the memorial where flowers and wreaths were placed to

remember those that died in 1928. On Sunday the 10th December some of you may have seen or heard The Coastguard Helicopter from Lee on Solent. We had our annual Helicopter Exercise. This involves the Lifeboat running through some of the procedures that might have to be used for the real thing. That's it for now apart from wishing all of our friends and supporters a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All of this years shouts can be viewed on our web site at www.ryeharbourlifeboatstation.co.uk

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

Changes to the Bus Timetable

Service 325 Rye - Rye Harbour No Change

Services to Hastings

Stagecoach 711 to Hastings departs 57 minutes past the hour.

Coastal 344 at 09.00 and then 30 minutes past the hour.

For the Conquest, Stagecoach 26a departs stop K (Priory Meadow) 07.32 and 52 minutes past the hour.

Leaflet available at the Information Centre, Tiown Hall and the Conquest.

Returning to Rye

Two convenient Coastal buses return via Westfield, service 342

departs Conquest 15.36 and 17.16 which connects for Rye Harbour, otherwise return via town centre for 711 or 344.

Michael Alford

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.

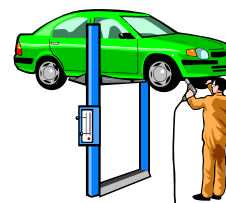
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

One of the most distinctive (and anticipated) winter visitors to Rye Harbour is the Smew (left). This attractive little duck belongs to a group known as 'sawbills' due to the fine serrations along the edge of their beak. These serrations help them to catch and hang on to fish, their main prey. Adult males are striking creatures with their largely white plumage set off by black markings, while females and immature males (often referred to collectively as 'redheads') are more subdued in their colouration. In Europe, Smew breed in Scandinavia and northern Russia, moving down to the sheltered coasts of the Netherlands and Germany



total we had 21 helpers filling over 90 bags of rubbish found on the beach. Soup and mince pies helped to warm people up afterwards.

during the winter. When the weather here gets particularly nippy a small number of these birds generally end up reaching Britain, and Rye Harbour is one of the top sites in the country to see them. The best place to see this species on the reserve is Castle Water, though they may turn up on any suitably sized body of water.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out on our Festive Beach Clean on the 2nd December. It was a wet start to the day, but luckily the wind stayed away, making the filling of black bags slightly easier. In

Forthcoming events in January can be found on our website: www.WildRye.info, or see below:

Sat 20th **Winter Lecture – 'Plantwatching'**. All illustrated talk by Colin Page. 2.30pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall

Sun 21st **Beach Reserve Circular Walk**. A closer look at our waders, wildfowl and other wintering birds. Meet at Rye Harbour car park. 11pm – 2pm. 2 miles. Bring a packed lunch. Donations please.

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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



December has seen the best and the worst of the weather, with full south westerly gales for days at a time and then a lull just before the last markets at Christmas weekend. The few boats still trawling found good fishing, with a mixture of many species, even a show of Dover soles in the bay, perhaps because of the mild temperature and still quite warm water. Once again the unsettled weather has done its own conservation in the inshore waters of the south east, all the local fleets being small vessels either towing boats or netters and very restricted in the

strength of wind we have had. The trips that any of the boats managed, have been helped by fairly good prices, although the run up to Christmas saw the demand for Plaice, Cod, Whiting and Huss drop right off with any Sole, Turbot and Brill holding up. The odd time the water cleared with the wind dropping on the slack tides, netting boats targeting Cod had very good catches, even more so further to the east of Rye at Folkstone and Ramsgate with large fish making up a big part of the catch. Press and television reporting, would have us all believe the Cod was already extinct but the evidence at sea differs somewhat and with the V.K. fleet

decommissioning, to reduce the catching capacity alongside the many changes in mesh sizes, do seem to be helping the Cod stock rebuild. Rye Scallopers have been joined by several away boats that return each year to take part in the fishery and have also benefited from the new fish quay and moorings at the fish market, previous times they have had to use the old staging down at Rye Harbour. Scallop catches have held up so far, with these boats only able to get to sea when the weather allows, prices not as high as some years but a little better than was feared at the start of the season.

BOY ASHORE

• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

JANUARY

FRI 12th

Rye Community Centre – Shirley Collins – “America over the Water Tour” Time 7.45pm. Tickets £6 & £4 concessions, sold at Rye Heritage Centre, Strand Quay.

WED 17th

Rye Players present – ‘Humpty Dumpty’ Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, 7.30pm. Also 18th/19th

FRI 19th

Concert by Sussex Brass – Beckley village centre from 7.45 – in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief (Rye & District Lions)

SAT 20th

Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve – Winter Lecture at Winchelsea Beach, Community Hall, Sea Road, Winchelsea Beach. Colin Page with a slide-illustrated lecture on ‘Plantwatching’ from 2.30pm. Admission FREE Tea, Coffee and biscuits available

Rye Players present – ‘Humpty Dumpty’ Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 2.30 and 7.30.

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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A Happy New Year to all our members and supporters. We hope you will join us in some or all of the forthcoming events during 2007.

WALK Saturday 13th January: meet 1.30 p.m. by Louisa Lodge in the middle of Bedgebury Forest (**not the Pinetum**). This walk is about 4.5 miles. Access to the Forest is along the A229 between Hawkhurst and Goudhurst (map ref TQ 740,334) approximately 2 miles from Hawkhurst traffic lights. When turning into the Forest proceed along Park Lane through Badger's Oak, past a white clap board Forrester's cottage on the right and into the forest. About 100yds after the end of the surfaced road you will find plenty of room for parking.

Leaders: Roger and Ann Rolfe: Telephone 01797 361770.

TALK **Tuesday 30th January: 2.30 p.m. at Rye Harbour Sailing Club, Rye Harbour.**

TWO DIFFERENT WAYS TO REACH MACHU PICCHU (PERU)

Marion Brunt and Frank Nunneley give an illustrated talk about their very different experiences travelling in Peru. Marion travelled on horseback from Cuzco, the old Inca capital, to Ollantaytambo. From there she went by train to Aguas Calientes and then on to Machu Picchu. Frank travelled the more conventional tourist route via coach, plane and train from Lima, visiting Arequipa, the Nazca Lines, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and Lake Titicaca.

If you have contemplated visiting this fascinating country, or have an interest in Peru and its rich history, then this is the talk for you.

NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.

Rye Harbour Church News

What will the New Year bring? It doesn't seem long since the start of 2006 and now 12 months later, we begin all over again. Are we simply going round in circles? Well, in one sense, yes! There are 12 months in a year and 4 seasons, which we travel through year in and year out. But in terms of our own personal lives, we are on a time-line with a start and a finish. We entered life at the moment of our conception although we didn't experience life-as-we-know-it until we were born. We are given a certain number of years along our time-line until..... Sometimes we need to think about the bigger picture. Not just the detail of every day (work, leisure, eating, sleeping) but the reason for being alive. St. Augustine who lived 1600 years ago



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

wrote this, "Lord God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you". Surely life is given us to enable us to discover our origins and our destiny. Once we try to do that, the answer will have a profound affect on what we do with the years between birth and death. If the answer is a negative, our life will reflect that. But if we say "yes" to life and to the source of life, then each day will be seen as a journey from God, with God and to God. The Christian Faith narrows

God, for this purpose, down to Jesus Christ. Scripture reminds us that "all things were made through him" and that "whosoever comes to me, I will never turn away". All in all, our journey in faith can be summed up this, "I have come that you may have life and have it in all its abundance". 2007? Walk with the Lord and you will never walk alone.

January Services

Sunday 14th 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 28th 10.30 a.m. Family Service

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Sailing On The Tenacious

Continued From Last Issue

26 - 03 - 06
Wind still F8 so the ship was not moving to Hamilton so we took a bus and had with us Sophia in a wheelchair. The conductress was very unhelpful so we had to manhandle chair and Sophia. This is very different in USA where there are lifting platforms and special places for wheelchair bound travellers. Bermuda is American but has yet to catch up with such modern practices.

27 - 03 - 06
We did the midnight - 0400hrs watch. The gale was still blowing and we walked along the old railway track to the biological research centre. We returned to ship @ 1600hrs to see off old crew to the airport and visited our Australian friends taking the photograph of the Horta chart.

28 - 03 - 06
We started the day with more ship maintenance under Mark our new First Mate and Captain Barbara our new Captain. She is the only woman full member of Trinity House alongside honorary members Princess Ann and Ellen Macarthy. We motored round to Hamilton as the wind had dropped sufficiently.

30 - 03 - 06
New crew arrived and we old hands helped them settle in and feel welcome.

31 - 03 - 06
We had safety talks in the morning and served a buffet lunch. Some of us went for a walk to a nature reserve with pools and untouched habitat next to the sea where the reef and rocks were a magical colour of blue. We saw tropic birds wheeling and turning above us. We returned in good time for bracing the yards practice working up a good appetite for our invitation to the mariners for a meal and disco and dancing. We took our resident piper Murdo McLeod from the Island of

Lewis and made up for an eightsome reel.
1 - 04 - 06

Our pilot came on board for a 0930 hrs. departure. We left sailing past the dockyard with new friends waving goodbye with Murdo playing a lament from the course platform. It was very moving. Our pilot stayed until we had left the reefs behind some 4hrs. later. We motor sailed 080 degrees sails set in a SE wind of 15 knots. We were on mess duty learning once again the needs and wishes of the new crew.

2 - 04 - 06
On watch 0400 - 0800 hrs. Watched Bermuda disappear and looked for the 'green flash'. Wind now S b E F5 and all sails set - 7 square sails, spankers and staysails. Speed picked up from 5 - 9 knots, engines off. Exercise on foredeck to music. Nick in our watch is a great character. He has done more voyages than anyone else and is one of two people who have fallen overboard. Nick was training as a 'sparky' and at the age of 18 yrs. was going into the Merchant Navy when he contracted meningitis and was in a coma for some months. On recovery his brain had been affected causing some cerebral palsy, slowness of movement and speech. He has a great sense of humour and loves to be on watch on the bridge on the starboard side. His buddy John had just lost his young wife through a fall downstairs. Another member of our watch was a Bermudan, Celia, who joined us in Hamilton on the spur of the moment. She had never sailed on a tallship she was given Jill as her buddy. She had been a photo journalist and was able to give us some great photographs. Captain Barbara gave us a talk on the sails. 2000 hrs. - midnight we were on watch. the wind continued steady, the



skies were clearing and we had some wonderful sailing. the sea state was slight. The following watch member Don who had lost his leg falling off a roof quoted the wonderful poem by R. L. Stevenson 'Upon Christmas Day'.

03 - 04 - 04
Lee cloths in position (for landlubbers these are canvas cloths taken up by your bunk to stop you rolling out when the ship is heeled especially if you are on a top bunk)! The wind was SW to S F6 until 04 - 04 - 06 and we covered 500NM from Bermuda. All sails were set. Seas built up and we were on a broad reach which resulted in a comfortable pitch and little roll. We had a talk on astronomy by Mark. There was drizzle for the midnight watch. Carol the medical purser gave us a talk on sailing round the world.

04 - 04 - 06
Morning watch 0400 - 0800 hrs. with Venus and Jupiter observations. One ship passed, the first sighting since leaving Bermuda.

05 - 04 - 06
Dolphins and whales seen. Astronomy talk by Dave and active night viewing of Venus and Jupiter. Talk on knots and weather. We completed our log for our watch JST website.

06 - 04 - 06
On midnight - 1600 hrs. watch. Sails handed. We lost one hour which was
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Sailing On The Tenacious Cont....

shared between watches. Sunrise promises a very hot day. Sea temperature 18 degrees air temp 19. Murdo played the bagpipes and Ken led an eightsome reel on the deck, dashing white sergeant and gay gordons.

07 - 04 - 06

1230 - 1600 hrs. watch duty and mess duty. Sails were set 4 - 5 NM F3. Steering on manual as opposed power steering to give people more of a feel of the rudder and steering. It is much heavier and harder work. Some people prefer it. More dolphins and whales spouting always exciting.

08 - 04 - 06

Wind ENE F3/4 and a decision was made to head into wind and hope for veering of direction to allow sailing in morning Barbara gave a talk on wearing and tacking ship, setting up jury steering, instruction on the automatic identification system AIS which is legally required by all ships over 500 tons. A social was set up by the Mates on a horse racing circuit laid out around the mess. A riotous time was had by many.

09 - 04 - 06

0400 - 0800 hrs. watch we saw dolphins, shearwaters and a tanker ship. Service at the foremast at 0930 led by Barbara with pipes and guitar. A restful day catching up with sleep and wind still NE. We did last dog watch.

10 - 04 - 06

Forenoon watch 0800 - 1230 hrs. Fore and aft sails hoisted. Wind still in the wrong direction so fore and aft sails taken down and we continued motoring straight into the wind at 90 degrees. We had a kite making competition with some imaginative and clever designs. Ours dived straight into the sea! It was fun anyway and revealed hidden talents. Dave the mate showed us tallship sailing in a Polish ship with Canadian 16 year olds on board for 1 year. They sailed down the E coast of the Americas round Cape

Horn and up the W coast. They started off as children and ended up as mature individuals.

11 - 04 - 06

We lost another hour. Wind still ENE F5 under engine.

12 - 04 - 06

We split the watch as the wind was still steady on the nose during the night ENE excitement as we passed Flores on the port beam. Ken gave a talk on the Azores as he had sailed there with Max Logan and on Tenacious. Many shearwaters seen.

13 - 04 - 06

Morning watch 4 - 8 and Pico became visible at first light 5.30 hrs and the lights of Faial also seen. We came alongside the quay in Horta by 10.45 hrs. The first mate rapidly left the ship by Dotty boat for the airport to catch a flight to Lisbon for the UK as his first baby was on the way. He did make it for the birth. Our watch left the boat and booked a table for dinner in the evening and visited the ATM machine for money. We visited a church and listened to a lovely rehearsal by an orchestra of Easter music. We engaged two taxis for the 8 people in our watch to explore the island. The day was very wet and misty so our views of the caldera were limited but still interesting. We visited a bay where there was a cargo ship high and dry from a storm in December 2005. Many containers were still on board. The island flowers were very beautiful particularly the hydrangeas and Macrocarp a tree of the cedar family. We went to the eruption area of 1998 and the earthquake. There are new houses all around and the churches are being repaired. We had a delicious meal of bean soup and fresh tuna. We found the painting of Alyosha with Max's name on it and added Jeremy and Ken's names! Traditionally every ship and boat calling in Horta leave a painting on the quay. We walked 4 miles up the hill on the edge of an old caldera via the beach and the old

whaling station and the view of Pico with snow on the top was superb. We went with 2 of our disabled members and they did valiantly. We saw whales at sea and buzzards, blackcap, bullfinch and goldfinch. Over the sea common tern, one swallow, lesser scaup and black backed gulls terns. We had lunch in the famous Petes Cafe and went shopping for scrimshaw next door.

15 - 04 - 06

Set sail at 1500hrs. sailing north between Tercera and Graciosa and wonderful clear views of Pico hoping to get some close views of whales but saw thousands of shearwaters instead. A lot of them resting on the water. Wind 15 - 20 knots NE.

16 - 04 - 06

On watch midnight - 0200 hrs. One ship with a sleepy watch on board slow in responding to the radio check. Easter Day coloured eggs for breakfast. Easter Service with accompanying bagpipes. We had a pin competition to see how well we could identify pins on the pinrail. There after cleaning and sanding pins. Large rafts of young jellyfish.

17 - 04 - 06

Hooray at last wind veered S F3 sails set. Man overboard practice. Delay in starting outboard and brake failure meant time taken to dummy casualty was 10 minutes by which time it was difficult to see casualty and they were a long way off - frightening.

18 - 04 - 06

Big Jerry in our watch 60 yrs. old and Jill had done a portrait of him which he said would have pride of place over his mantlepiece. This took a number of sittings. Birthday cake at smoko. Dave gave a talk on collision rules and regs and lights and shapes. toby gave a talk on kayaking. Our watch from 2000hrs - midnight. Wind veering N - NW speed (Continued on page 25)

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5 knots with drizzle becoming clear and sky full of stars and Jupiter brilliant. The wind dropped during the night.

19 - 04 - 06

Yards braced sharp to port after breakfast. Another MOB waking Dave from a well deserved sleep. He was not pleased! We were on the 1230 - 1600 hrs. watch. Jan gave a talk on her work with the Flying Doctor Service in Zimbabwe. Wind now a constant 20 - 25 knots topt'gallant was handed in good time. 1500 hrs. yards were squared as the wind was now S - S by W. Our course was 75 degrees.

20 - 04 - 06

The winds continued to mount to 30 knots and a full gale was evolving very quickly with noise and whistling. A loud bang announced the departing of the upper topsail and lines were lashing around the tattered remains. The bosun and mates climbed aloft to rescue as much as possible. The seas were now lashing across the decks which were roped off and no one was allowed on deck. there were a number of people taking photos! Portholes were checked to make sure covers were tightly shut. A number of people sustained injuries as it was difficult to keep your balance - the safest place was in your bunk unless doing essential duties. This was a F10 and Ken found it

exhilarating the way the ship took the weather and drove on through the waves through the spume and spindrift. 1930 hrs. finished mess duty after an extremely stormy day in the Atlantic with 50 knots of wind and forecast to increase. 2 other sails were damaged but would be repaired on deck later.

22 - 04 - 04

NW storm developed overnight. All regular watches were cancelled and deck was out of bounds. Breakfast was cereals only. Lunch a sausage roll but by evening the seas were settling and wind was down to 30 knots and more NNE and persisted and in view of the damaged sails we went to 80 degrees and all sails were handed and only fore and aft left. Wind continued to moderate to 25 knots and sea state lessening but still a considerable swell. 3 sails were taken off the yards completely by Andre and Ken for mending and they went up and cleared the upper topsail completely. Ken was very courageous in all of this (Jill was not - Jill ed.) !

Our Nick became quite ill with cellulitis and we would possibly change course to Falmouth. He became better so we continued to sail to-wards Ile de Brehat an island off the coast of N Brittany.

24 - 04 - 06

Morning spent on setting old sail in

main topsail halyard, hoisted up with gantling rope and then stretched along yard and finally ties through eyesets. Watch 1230 - 1600 hrs. on watch. We saw several cargo vessels and numerous birds some hitch hiking on our ship some were migrants from S Africa exhausted by the storm white throat and willow warblers. At sea there were guillemots, kittiwake, gannets, lesser blackback gulls and fulmars. We ghosted into our anchorage in the dark and in a fog. We did an anchor watch via radar noting the swing of the ship and making sure we kept clear of rocks.

25 - 04 - 06

Went by Dotty boat to the shore and what a beautiful spring day it was. We walked around the island with nightingales singing, cuckoos calling, meadow pipits displaying and swallows nesting. A lovely tranquil island with no traffic except tractors. We weighed anchor at 1940 hrs. We anchored off Guernsey and Andre went in Dotty boat for fresh supplies and came back with loads of fish and seafood and eggs donated by his friends and what a feast we had with that next day. We attempted to sail off anchorage but failed and ship was 'worn'.

26 - 04 - 06

Aldemey Race was favourable and we had a night crossing to the Needles and the S coast of the Isle of Wight. We had 5 knots in the race increasing to 14.3 knots. We practised wearing the ship. Then we had a visit from a coastguard helicopter which landed a crew they came very close to the mast so that we held our breaths. But all was well. In the evening we had a visit from Bembridge lifeboat.

Thence to Southampton.
Bermuda - Southampton 3518 NM
Antigua - Bermuda 1079 NM
Total 4597 NM

Jill Halpin

The End



Family Announcements

Children's Christmas Party

LETTERS

Dear Editor

I would just like to give a big thank you to Julie and her band of helpers, for all the hard work they put in for the Children's Christmas Party, once again a great success with the children enjoying every moment.

Vanessa Jordan

Pendulum Parish Magazine

The 'Pendulum' is a very good magazine, published by St Mary's every two months. A number in Rye Harbour receive a copy and comment very highly upon its contents, it also keeps us in touch with the church and its life.

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Reports by Julie & Sylvia

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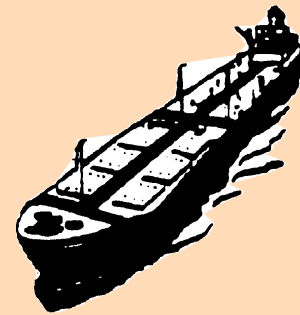
BIBLE STUDIES

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 8th January 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 8th do join us please, all are welcome.



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