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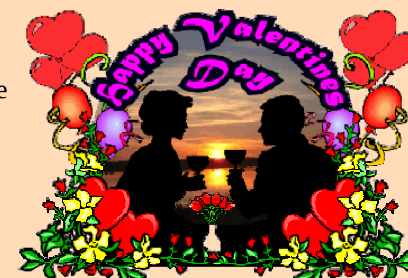
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MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Many thanks to and I hope I've got this right, Jan Wadey for her donation last month it is most appreciated, this time of year businesses in our area are all up against it, and advertising is the first line of withdrawal, so I would also like to take this opportunity to thank once again all those that do support us, as without them the newsletter would not happen, not forgetting special thanks to Phil at Compass Electrical without his great support the website would not be as excellent as it is, do pop in and see him if you need some advice or work done on your computer or house alarms, it is a very friendly family business.

Something I have never mentioned before but I do appreciate, are your wonderful comments, sometimes whilst delivering or sometimes by phone, well thank you very much, it makes it all so much more worth while.

The Website has now been



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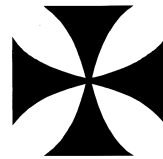
completely rebuilt and hopefully for the last time, although there are one or two empty pages still and out of the 25 photo albums you only have about five at the moment, this is mainly due to the complexity of the menu, that I had to put the links on before the pages were finished, but I am and will be continually working on this till it is complete, which may take a month or so but there are 90 odd pages in all and it is all voluntary, if you wish to add information to any page, just let me know and I will update it.

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Strong winds feature heavily in this newsletter. New years eve witnessed some of the strongest winds of the year. The old timber signal mast at the harbour office carried away falling neatly between cars and fencing, no damaged being caused. Derek Phillips of Phillips Boatyard has offered to make repairs to the mast, renew all the standing wire rigging and erect back on site. This will give this well known land mark a further 30 years of life. Again strong winds for Thursday 18th January hamper the commencement of dredging at the Strand Quay. Two units, each of 20 tons are craned into the river at Rye Wharf. The barge unit comprising the pumping system and the tug that manoeuvres the barge around make their perilous way to the dredging area with winds in excess of 50 knots. All craft having been moved so as not to impede the operation. It is expected that some 6,000 cm of silts will be dislodged using the water jet method. With considerable land water easing through the sluices this mud will be transported to sea very quickly! Shipping around the coast is held up in ports safely tucked away in the shelter of break waters and warehouse.



Ferry services out of Newhaven and Dover are suspended. The port is awaiting the arrival of the vessel "Torrent" sheltering in Shoreham. And is scheduled to load grain for Rotterdam. A second vessel is loaded with bagged Talcon Powder is at Rotterdam, again waiting for the weather to ease. Few days have been conducive for the fishing fleet to venture to sea and time alongside is dedicated to the repair of nets and alterations to scallop dredging systems. And on top of all this cold weather with the possibility of snow is forecast for next week! Another marine casualty is discovered. A large Dolphin has been washed up on Camber Sands. Its carcass was inspected by a sea life group who have recorded the death as yet more of our beloved sea animals perish. The shop on Monkbretton Bridge has been leased for the sale of "Fish" products. This shop has been trading under the "Duncan Grant" name for many years. It had been closed and it is now expected that major refurbishment will take place prior to opening in

the Spring. In keeping with many others in the village I have taken on a resolution to "Get" fitter. The new sports centre at the Thomas Peacocke school see's me once a week playing table tennis. At one time I was some sort of Champion but that was many years ago. It is a great sport and one that keeps people fit. The harbour launch "Rother II" has returned from having the engine repaired. This, as reported previously, had suffered a major breakdown when at sea. We will trial the boat for a week or so before the "Aries" goes in for a re-fit



CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The next meeting of Icklesham Parish Council will be in Rye Harbour Village Hall, on Monday 13th February at 6.45pm. A DVD will be shown, showing what parish councils can do for their communities. The first 15 minutes is

devoted to public questions. The Council who have done, and is doing a lot for the wards, has had a difficult three years, so please come and support them, it is badly needed.

RYE & DISTRICT LIONS

Rye & District Lions would like to thank the Christmas shoppers at Jempsons, Peasmarch and Jempsons-Budgens, Rye, who generously contributed to the buckets held by Rye & District Lions Club members outside the two supermarkets



before Christmas. A total of £1,625 was donated which

will be given to various charities, local, national & international over the coming year. The Lions would also like to thank Jempsons for allowing them to collect outside their two stores.

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General Information

Local Tide Times

FEBRUARY Rye Harbour Approaches

Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1 Th	1054	3.0	2307	3.2
2 Fr	1134	3.1	2345	3.4
3 Sa	—	—	1209	3.2
4 Su	0021	3.6	1241	3.2
5 Mo	0054	3.6	1311	3.1
6 Tu	0125	3.4	1338	3.0
7 We	0150	3.3	1403	2.8
8 Th	0213	3.1	1426	2.7
9 Fr	0238	2.8	1452	2.5
10 Sa	0312	2.6	1531	2.1
11 Su	0400	2.1	1630	1.6
12 Mo	0528	1.8	1838	1.5
13 Tu	0708	1.8	1955	1.9
14 We	0820	2.1	2055	2.4
15 Th	0918	2.6	2145	2.8
16 Fr	1007	3.1	2230	3.3
17 Sa	1053	3.4	2313	3.7
18 Su	1135	3.7	2355	3.9
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21 We	0112	4.2	1331	3.8
22 Th	0152	4.0	1412	3.6
23 Fr	0234	3.7	1457	3.1
24 Sa	0321	3.2	1551	2.6
25 Su	0420	2.6	1700	2.0
26 Mo	0535	2.0	1829	1.8
27 Tu	0724	1.9	2013	1.9
28 We	0902	2.1	2126	2.4

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Playden (Peace and Plenty)	0920	...	...	...	1120	...	...	...	1320	...	1420	...	...
Houghton Green	0922	...	...	...	1122	...	...	...	1322	...	...	...	...
Military Road	0925	...	...	...	1125	...	...	...	1325	...	...	...	...

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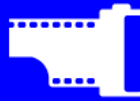
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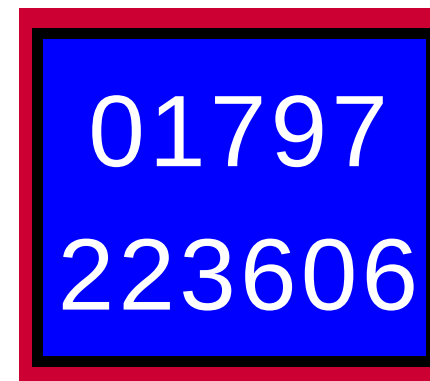
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In the early hours on the 2nd of December a premises on Rye Harbour Road, had its fencing pulled down, and entry was gained to the site, and a large value of Sheet Metal stolen, Any information regarding this please contact myself on 08456070999 Quoting Crime number SR3/40/07

On the night of Monday the 15th January the windows of the Rye Harbour stores, were smashed, this being the second time in 6 months, a female was later arrested and is helping police with their enquires - Anyone with information regarding this incident please contact PCSO Bevan on 0845 6070999 quoting SR3/272/06.

Bogus Callers

Potentially bogus callers operating in our area. The most common example is that individuals are calling on residents selling paintings and pictures. If you feel that they are suspicious do not hesitate to call in as we need to identify these people. If they are still in the location call in, be patient with our call operators, because if a unit is available the individuals will be stopped and we can then discover if they are genuine or not. Contact Sussex Police on 0845 6070999 For advice on bogus callers click on the link for good information www.crimereduction.gov.uk

Selling Your Car? Potential Cheque Fraud

Be aware if you are selling your vehicle and you receive a cheque for more money than the advertised selling amount. The cheque arrives on your doorstep and you are then asked to send the buyer a cheque from your own bank account for the difference. When you come to cashing the cheque the buyer has sent you, it bounces therefore you have sent a fraudster a legitimate cheque.

Mystery shopper scam warning Monday 15 January 2007

Residents are being warned about a scam involving a letter from a business called 'Paid Surveys'. The letter states that there is an employment opportunity for people to carry out a 'mystery shopper' role and that anybody that does will be paid £350 for their first assignment. There is a cheque attached supposedly to cover pay and other expenses. The recipient is advised to cash the cheque and then to complete an assignment by posing as a customer of a money transfer agency by wiring £1,500 to a 'relative' at an address in Canada. However, the cheque is counterfeit and the money wired to Canada is collected by the scammer. Victims would be liable for any funds they spend while waiting for the cheque to pass through the banking system, and end up losing over £1,500.

To read more please click on <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/pressoffice/pressreleases/2007/01/1244.htm>

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Big cash prizes are bogus

Consumers who are notified by mail order firms that they have won a large sum in a prize draw should read the small print. That's the advice from East Sussex County Council's Trading Standards after complaints from customers of a firm called 'Vitamail'. The company promises prize winnings of up to £10,000 to people ordering goods from them. Whilst the advertisements suggest that you are already the winner of a large prize, tucked away in the small print is the reality all they are actually offering is entry into a prize draw, where the likely prize will actually be just £1. 'Vitamail' use a UK mailing address but are actually based in France. The fact that companies using similar advertising techniques are usually based abroad makes it difficult for the Office of Fair Trading to tackle the problem as they have to take court action in the countries of origin. <http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/>

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Free stickers are now available from the County Council to help people in East Sussex stop junk mail and reduce the amount of paper that goes to landfill. For a free sticker and information pack, contact the County Council's Waste Management Group on 01273 482144 or by email waste.disposal@eastsussex.gov.uk To read more please click on <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/pressoffice/pressreleases/2007/01/1259.htm>

Is it a scam?

Recently we have received lots of emails from our members asking whether something is a scam or not. I thought it would be appropriate to highlight this excellent link. Hoax slayer holds information on all kinds of scams either current or historic. If you have queries about odd phone calls from companies, people promising money back from cheques or anything else suspicious please use this site and if it is not genuine contact Police (information is at the bottom of this message), it will help and lay your fears to rest. www.hoax-slayer.com

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.

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LIFEBOAT REPORT

This year has started off very quiet since my last report we haven't had a single shout. With nothing to report I thought I would give you a brief résumé of last year.

2006 was not as busy a year as recent years with only 22 calls these were:-

Two Dogs in the River. We started the year with one and our last call of the year was to the second.

One Flock of sheep marooned on an Island at Rock Channel when we had the long Spring tides.

Two Human bodies were recovered both were thought to be suicides.

Three separate incidents to Sail Yachts.

Four Separate services to a total of five inflatables.

Four separate calls to powered pleasure craft.

Two calls to Kite surfers.

Three call to missing children at Camber.

One call to an angling boat with engine failure.

We now have five helmsman and a sixth is preparing to go on his course at the end of the year. We will then be at full strength helm wise.

We have a total of eleven crew including trainees. Nine shore helpers and of course seven station branch officials. These

are Steve Tollett Hon.Chair/ Admin officer. Richard Tollett LOM. Tony Edwards.DLA. Jeff Robus DLA. Diane James. Hon Treas./Hon.Press. Dr. Norman Fergusson HMA. Rev. Peter Clark. Station Chaplain. During the year one of the crew went on a lifeboat mechanics course and this gives us a full compliment; with the station lifeboat mechanic and two assistants. Our advertising seems to have paid off as last year we had a total of five new recruits, it is hoped that they will all go on to pass out as boats crew. After almost 25 years in the crew, Andrew Tollett decided that for him the spark had now gone out and at the beginning of February he resigned from the crew to become a shore helper.

It was with great regret that we attended the funeral of Ron Caister. Ron had joined the Crew in 1966 and had been crew and helmsman on his retirement from the boat he became a launcher, after a few years took up the position of DLA, when Humph Lestocq was the Hon.Sec. He remained DLA until 1999 when he had to retire due to age.

Another sad loss was that of John Barnard, John was Station Hon. Sec from 1984-



1986 when I took over from him.

On the 29th September we put on our best togs to attend the first Annual Station Ball at the River Haven Hotel. If I do say myself, I think that we all scrubbed up rather well, with the men in their DJ's and the ladies in their gowns. This was a fantastic success raising in excess of £2,000 and donated to the Train One Save Many appeal. We are going to hold the same type of event this year, as last year, tickets will be £25 per head and sold on a first come first served basis.

Tickets cannot be booked in advance.

In November the lifeboat service was well attended once again, with some of the crew unable to get into the Church yet again., fortunately we only had a light shower.

Finally at the very end of the year, I was completely bowled over when I received a letter from The Chief Executive telling me that The Institution's Council has decided to award me the Gold Badge in recognition of my long and dedicated service with the Rye Harbour Station Branch.

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

Rye Harbour Heritage
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Rye & District Age Concern

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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**

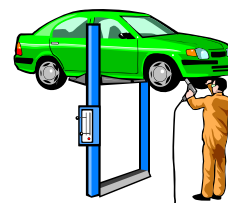


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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

With the turn of the year many birds on the reserve are already preparing for the coming breeding season. Drakes of our common duck species have begun displaying hopefully to prospective mates, for while it's the male that has the splendid plumage, it's the female who finally makes the choice. In Teal (pictured), the smallest of our dabbling ducks and a very dapper little fellow, this involves the male performing a series of half-turns, dips, crest raises and what are called 'grunt whistles' where the head is lowered onto the chest and then thrown back while almost standing upright in the water. Similar displays are carried out by most dabbling ducks, and the callisthenics are accompanied, as the name of the manoeuvre suggests, with a series of sound



munching the invasive willow and bramble.

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

Sun 4th

A Winter Ramble Around Pett Level. A look at the wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. Please bring your own lunch and binoculars if you have them. Meet at the roadside pool at Pett Level - TQ903146 at 10am-2pm. 4 miles. Donations appreciated. Tues 13th + Thurs 15th

Fun Bird Activities. Bring the family to have fun learning about nesting birds, and try your hand at making tasty treats to take home to your garden birds. Call into *Lime Kiln Cottage* between 11am and 3pm for these craft activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations appreciated. Sun 18th

Reedbed Exploration. Come along for an exploration around the new reedbed excavations of Castle Water, and see what wildlife hides amongst the reeds. 3pm-dusk. Meet outside entrance to Bourmes on Rye Harbour Road (TQ931194 – look for nature reserve Land Rover). Donations appreciated.

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

affects which can include grunts, whistles, burps or squeaks depending upon the species! It can be quite amusing to watch, and the passage of a female through a flock of amorous bachelors is followed by what looks almost like a Mexican wave as male after male attempts to attract her attention! Tasks on our regular volunteer work party recently have included that old favourite... willow clearance, this time in front of the viewpoint, and the addition of more secure fencing here to allow us to graze a small flock of goats during the winter. The goats were subsequently moved in during early January and have a ready made a start on



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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The first three weeks of January, has seen strong to severe winds from the west resulting in most boats only able to snatch one or two trips in this time. Prices are high but this means little if boats cannot get to sea, the last quarter of the month might see the wind change and come from the north east, with it a drop in the temperature. Trawlers and netters found a mixture of Cod, Sole, Flounders and Robin Huss, with Plaice being very scarce and in poor condition after

spawning, these might not show again until March or April. Scallop boats spread well out for their couple of trips, finding the fishing had fallen off as is usually the case after the start of the season, some content to get some sort of trip in, others started to search other places trying to find better fishing. With the strongest wind yet, the mooring system at the new fish quay seems to be able to cope, boats on the tops of the tide holding a lot of wind, putting strain on mooring ropes and wires and as the water

drops, boats are sheltered more down below the capping. As the quay is well up river there is not the surge from the sea when the weather is bad, this causes many problems in harbours such as Folkstone and Newhaven when heavier ropes and many fenders have to be used.

So all the fishermen are waiting for the weather to improve with the sceptics fearing its next move is to come round from the east and blow even harder and colder.

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Portraits – Side by Side

Action in rural Sussex, the Lewes-based charity and Sound Architect (Music & Film) are working with three rural communities in East Sussex on an exciting new project, involving filmed interviews and multimedia workshops held in village locations.

Rye Harbour Village Hall - Meeting – 23rd February 7.00pm

The project, called *Portraits – Side by Side*, aims to strengthen social inclusion and highlight the realities of living in rural areas. The project will draw directly from people's own life experiences and will encourage individuals with stories to tell to get involved in making a film or video about those experiences. A broad range of interests and individuals will be needed and the project particularly wants to focus on those who do not necessarily have a voice. It provides an opportunity for community groups to get directly involved in filmmaking. The aim is to use these personal life stories to be an inspiration for further events and activities at the community level. The films made in East Sussex will be shared with communities in northern France as a celebration of rural life in both areas.

There will be an information presentation on **Friday, 23rd February at 7.00 pm at Rye Harbour Village Hall**, with refreshments provided. All are welcome to come along to find out more about *Portraits – Side by Side* and how it can benefit Rye Harbour.

Two other issues will be presented revitalizing the village hall and the Nature Reserve May Bank Holiday Festival, which will include a children's parade with art created by Rye Harbour, Winchelsea and Camber youngsters.

If you would like to know more, please telephone on
Marilyn Eva (Action in rural Sussex) on 01243 587475



THE NATIONAL TRUST

RYE & WINCHELSEA CENTRE FEBRUARY 2007

The Rye & Winchelsea Centre Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 23rd February at 7.30 p.m. in Playden W.I Hall**, followed by wine and nibbles.

WALKS

Sunday 11th February: meet 1.30 p.m. Brede Lock approximately 3.5 miles. We will have access to Camber Castle and will also visit the bird hide on Castle water. Leader Carol Harding: Telephone 01580 850365.

Saturday 3rd March: meet 10 a.m. at The Red Lion pub Brede opposite the church. The walk will be approximately 3.5 miles around Brede village and will include a visit to the preserved Victorian water pumping station (which will be in operation). Lunch at the Red Lion. Leader: Janette Wren: Telephone 01797 252579.

Non members are very welcome to join the walks. Please note that stout shoes are recommended, as are waterproofs, depending on the weather.

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"Simply Italian" Competition



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There are no drinks included in this prize, just the meal.

Applications forms can be obtained from Rye Harbour Stores on the box at the back of the store or at the Simply Italian Restaurant in Rye only.

You will find spread throughout the newsletter on some of the adverts thirteen cupids, all you need to do is write the name of that advertiser down in the correct order they appear throughout the newsletter on the official competition form, don't forget to enter all your details and post it in the Post Box situated in Rye Harbour Stores or you can enter on line on www.ryeharbournewsletter.org and follow the instructions.

Closing date for entry forms at the shop and on line will be Monday 12th February 2007 at 10.00 pm

All entries will be checked by an independent adjudicator whose decision will be final.

All correct entries will be put in a hat and again drawn by an independent sponsor.

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SECONDI

Pollo San Valentino
Chicken breast filled with spinach and sun blushed tomatoes served with a mushroom sauce, roasted vegetables and roasted potatoes

Risotto al Branzino
Risotto with asparagus, prawns and cream topped with pan fried filled of seabass

Bistecca Amore
Rib eye steak cooked in a brandy peppercorn and cream sauce served with roasted vegetables and roasted potatoes

Tagliatelle Primavera
Tagliatelle pasta with our homemade pesto, rocket leaves, cherry tomatoes and shavings of parmesan

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FEBRUARY

THURS 1st

Bric a Brac and Fleamarket

Starts again weekly on
Thursdays at the Community
Centre Rye 8.30 – 2 pm

SAT 10th

Leeds Castle

Dragons & Dungeons at half term.
Runs till 18th.
Information 0870 600 8880

SUN 11th

Wurlitzer Concerts

Donald Mackenzie at Thomas
Peacocke, Community College.
Doors open 1.30pm, concert
2.30pm, tickets £5.50 available on
the door, to include interval
refreshments.

FRI 16th

Rye Bay Scallop Festival

On till 25th. Information Yolanda
Laybourne 01797 229600

SAT 24th

Great Dixter Gardens

Snowdrop and Crocus Weekend

MARCH

SAT 3rd

Great Dixter Gardens

Snowdrops and Crocus Weekend

SUN 4th

Wurlitzer Concerts

Chris Stanbury at Thomas
Peacocke, Community College.
Doors open 1.30pm, concert
2.30pm, tickets £5.50, available on
the door to include interval
refreshments.

SUN 11th

Hastings Half Marathon

More info on 01424 781111

WED 21st

Leeds Castle

Spring Flower Festival, runs till
25th. Information 0870 600 8880

SAT 24th

The Friend's of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

John Tully "The Peregrine – A
success story". Held at
Winchelsea Beach, Community
Hall, Sea Road, Winchelsea
Beach. Admission FREE,
donations will be welcome. Tea,

coffee and biscuits will be
available. All lectures will be open
to everyone. Time 7.30pm.

TUE 27th

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Rye Harbour Church News

My mind
has
been

thinking recently
about water. I wonder
why? It must be
something to do with
overcast days, perpetual
rainfall, rivers flooding and
Water Companies
reminding us that though
local reservoirs are full, the
underground aquifers are
not. Water – one of the
elements we need for life
but one that we have
always assumed will be in
plentiful supply. However,
predictions are being made
that southern England will
change in climate so
greatly that we will need to
rethink what we grow and
how to conserve even more
reserves of water. Can we
imagine a world where war
will be waged over access
to water supplies?
Stranger things have
happened. Water in
Scripture is associated with
fertility of the ground, with



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

refreshment, with the
swelling of the grain, with
God's blessing upon his
people.

Water is used for cleaning
and a sign in baptism of
spiritual renewal. The
hymn "All creatures of our
God and King" based on
the Canticle of the Sun by
St. Francis of Assisi has
these lines:

"Thou flowing water, pure
and clear, make music for
thy Lord to hear". Imagine
the immensity of the
ocean, the babbling of a
brook, the rushing of a
waterfall. All create a
joyful cascade expressing
the wonder of God's gifts

to humanity. In fact
scripture sees the
natural world
glorifying God for his
goodness; "the dawn
and the evening sing
your praises"; "the
pastures of the

wilderness run over and
the hills are girded with
joy"; "the valleys stand so
thick with corn, that they
shout for joy and sing".
How is it that man is often
silent while nature sings
God's praise?

February Services

Sunday 11th 9.15 a.m.
Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 10.30 a.m.
Family Service

(Ash Wednesday 21st
February 7 p.m. Eucharist
and Ashing at St. Mary's)

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

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. The Pendulum subscription is £2.00p per year for six issues. If you would like a copy delivered, please contact Sylvia Alford on 222650.



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Family Announcements

THANK YOU

Sylvia would like to thank Amanda, Heidi and Bernie for the fruit given to the lunches party, it was much appreciated.

A big thank you to Jeanette for the decorations she donated, for the Xmas tree in the village hall, which we shall use this year.

Thanks to Brenda again for the lovely cakes and especially the cheese scones, that always go down so well, that she bakes for our jumbles.

JUMBLE SALE

Jumble Sale Saturday 3rd February at 12.00 noon in Rye Harbour Village Hall in aid of the Children's Christmas Party 2007

Reports by Julie & Sylvia

SEE THE NEW NATURE RESERVE SITE

<http://www.wildrye.info>

BIBLE STUDIES

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

The Ploughman's Lunches

There will be no Ploughman's Lunch for either February or March. We hope to resume in April, thank you to all of our supporters and helpers, without you we could never have happened.



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