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Editor's Comments

A wealth of new experiences for me again this month, which I won't bore you with the details, a mixture of good and bad, the usual story. You will be glad to see, although still not completely finished, there are masses of new photo's on the web site, some good ones of the children, however there are literally hundreds more which will be posted eventually but it does take a little while I'm afraid.

I am slowly getting to grips with some of the other pages but the main structure is good and very informative and useful, please have a look and feel free to make

**Don't Forget Sunday 25th
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suggestions or contributions etc. Congratulations to Brenda and Allan for winning the meal for two at 'Simply Italian' I think they had a lovely evening.

Please support Peter in his tremendous effort to run the Hastings half marathon details on page 14, it's not one of the easiest courses to run for your first 1/2 marathon as the first 7 miles is all up hill, yes it might surprise you all but I have run it myself about three times, a few years ago now,. So if you can spare some cash, it is an excellent cause, which needs help.

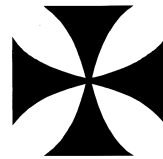


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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Dredging at the Strand Quay is completed and "By and large" has proved successful. Mind you, the project was greatly helped by the volumes of land water cascading to sea assisting in the removal of suspended silts. Further dredging down stream was less successful as the spring tides moved to the neaps not permitting the machine to pump water to the high banks.

A visitor arrives at the Harbour office in the shape of the Whitstable Harbour Master. He has recently taken over the post and was seeking help in the development of a pilotage service. This service had previously been provided by the Medway pilots. He went away taking with him our system of pilotage to copy at his port.

Filming. It must be time of year when little is happening. Some four lots of crews have been in and around the harbour over the last few weeks. Country ways first, then other groups interested in the Scallop festival. We now await the arrival of a BBC crowd who wish to film a "Day in the Life of a Harbour Master" So, you will see me around the rivers trailing behind me a film crew. My licence to pilot in the port has just been renewed. It has a life of two years before I am examined to prove that I still



know where Rye Wharf is located! To pilot, we need a pilot boat and the "Aries" is just the job.

I don't know why but the river is full of old bits of rope and netting at the moment. Three times we have caught old cordage around the propellers which always involves paddling around in the mud at low water to clear the props. The Simmons Quay is fully operational and the first of a program of school visits have taken place. First I attend the schools to give a talk on the fishing industry then that is followed up by a visit to the quay and the processing side of the business. Many thanks to Sue and Russell Drew who really showed an interest in the children showing them the many species of fish caught at Rye and the preparation of them for market. The very first visit was planned for a Friday when traditionally the fleet stays in port for "Make and Mend". Blow me down, as we crossed the Monkbretton bridge from Freda Gardham School not one vessel was in port, the whole fleet taking the advantage of the fine weather to go fishing!

I have previously reported on the trial of the Russians in connection with illegal immigrants. Well, as reported in the Observer, the case has now been completed with long prison sentences metered out to 5 of the defendants. One persons involvement was undecided so a second trial is to commence within the next few weeks that will involve other Rye people who were not required at the original trial. As I write this on Sunday 18th I am reminded that this day is the start of the Chinese New Year. The year of the Boar (or "Pig"). It is a special year as it is the "Golden" pig and this only happens every 600 years. The Chinese community in London is expected to increase



in population during this lucky year by about between an additional 50,000 and 70,000 new babies! A breathless contractor arrives in the office to enquire into using the strip of land from the

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

(Continued from page 4)

Harbour office to the sea for the bundling of 200 metre lengths of plastic pipes to be delivered and laid at Dungeness Power station. They were to be tied together alongside the river prior to being towed to the Point. I sent them post haste to Rye Wharf

who are much better equipped to handle this sort of enquiry. Watch out for "Snaking" pipes leaving the harbour in the next few weeks.

Breaking story. The vessel "Nova" arriving from Penryn, north wales, whilst entering the port, made contact with the western steel sheet piling.

Although little damage to "Us" the vessel has suffered serious bottom damage resulting in the replacement of some 15 tonnes of steel plating at a cost of \$250k.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

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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1 Th	1002	2.6	2215	2.8
2 Fr	1045	3.0	2253	3.2
3 Sa	1120	3.1	2328	3.4
4 Su	1150	3.2	—	—
5 Mo	0001	3.6	1218	3.2
6 Tu	0031	3.6	1245	3.2
7 We	0057	3.4	1308	3.2
8 Th	0117	3.3	1326	3.1
9 Fr	0134	3.2	1344	3.0
10 Sa	0158	3.1	1411	2.8
11 Su	0230	2.7	1448	2.5
12 Mo	0312	2.2	1538	1.9
13 Tu	0421	1.6	1755	1.5
14 We	0642	1.6	1925	1.8
15 Th	0758	2.1	2029	2.4
16 Fr	0857	2.6	2121	3.0
17 Sa	0947	3.2	2207	3.4
18 Su	1032	3.6	2250	3.8
19 Mo	1113	3.8	2321	4.2
20 Tu	1153	3.9	—	—
21 We	0012	4.3	1231	3.9
22 Th	0051	4.3	1311	3.8
23 Fr	0131	4.0	1351	3.6
24 Sa	0213	3.7	1437	3.1
25 Su	0301	3.1	1532	2.5
26 Mo	0402	2.4	1639	2.0
27 Tu	0519	1.8	1804	1.6
28 We	0720	1.8	1955	1.9
29 Th	0850	2.1	2102	2.4
30 Fr	0940	2.5	2147	2.8
31 Sa	1019	2.8	2225	3.2

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Rye Harbour	...	...	...	0827	...	...	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	...	...	...	1532	1554	1707
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
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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	...	...	...

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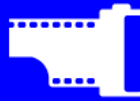
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Hastings (Harold Place)	0747	0842	0829	...	...	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	...	1637	1737	1849
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Hastings (Harold Place)	0845	0845	...	...	...	1608	...	...	0923	1123	1349	...
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Damage

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General Advice

Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves.

* In 2 out of 10 burglaries no force is used, they simply enter through an open door or window. It is very difficult to make your house totally burglar proof, but you can defeat most burglars.

* Try looking at your home through a burglar's eyes - look for places they could break in unseen. How strong are your locks on both the windows and doors; are there high hedges, trees or fences for the opportunistic thief to hide behind and hide vulnerable windows?

* The enemies of the burglar are noise and time. If your security measures mean that the burglar has to take a lot of time or make a lot of noise they can be put off. Great tips include planting plants with sharp spikes on in front of windows and down-pipes, laying pea-shingle on flowerbeds, gravel paths and driveways and fitting window alarms.

Leave a light on in the evening when you go out; be selective as if you really were in the house. Ask yourself what lights would be on.

Doors and Locks

Do not leave a spare key hanging inside the letterbox, under plant pots or doormats or anywhere else around your home. Thieves know all the hiding places and you will just make their job easier.

Many doors offer as much protection from a determined criminal without a key as they do with one, so you could be at risk despite any other security measures you might employ. This is particularly true of outside doors that include any glass, which can easily be smashed to aid a thief's entry.

Outside doors are safest when fitted with what is called a "five-lever mortice deadlock". You can buy these in most DIY shops, but be sure to look at the facing plate (that's the bit in the door where the bolt pops out when the key is turned) and for extra piece of mind, you should see a "kite mark" showing the British Standard and the words five-lever, or similar.

In some cases, your external door may not be thick enough for a five-lever mortice lock, as the recommended thickness is 44mm. If it isn't, you should look for a "high security rim deadlock" also carrying the British Standard BS3621.

Door hinges also need to be sturdy as thieves can easily remove them. Make sure they are secured with good long screws, and for extra security fit hinge bolts to reinforce the hinge side of the door against attack. Glass in doors can be prone to attack but you can minimise the risk by fitting toughened laminated glass (two sheets of glass with a plastic sheet between them).

Security on integral doors is equally as important as on external ones. Doors leading from the inside of the garage to your home for example should also be fitted with 5 lever mortice locks and hinge bolts.

Letterbox

Fit a restrictor to the inside of your letterbox to stop anyone reaching through to release any locks and bolts. Fit a peephole, otherwise known as a "viewer", so you can see who's knocking before opening the door. All doors that you would usually lock from the inside should be fitted with mortice security bolts, one third from the top of the door and one third from the bottom. Laminated glass is the best security option for glazed areas and wooden beading should be glued and fixed with security screws. On modern double glazed units ensure the beading, which holds the glass in, is not on the outside as this makes it easy for a thief to remove the glass.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Patio doors

Patio doors are especially vulnerable to break-ins, so additional security locks should be fitted at the top and bottom to stop the frame being lifted off the tracks, and ensure that the sliding section is always on the inside. A multi-lock system is recommended with mortice security bolts with removable keys at the top and bottom of both doors, and locks that prevent the doors from being lifted out of their runners. In addition to a multi-lock you should consider installing further security devices such as a burglar alarm or security lighting for overall protection.

Remember, quality locks and bolts are only as strong as the door and the frame to which they are fitted. Check that the frame is well fixed, and if the woodwork is weak or rotten make sure you replace it.

Exterior lighting

Using external lighting that has been properly fitted and well positioned outside your home can be an excellent deterrent to burglars and other unwelcome visitors.

The type of lighting you choose depends on your lifestyle and therefore your requirement.

There are basically 3 types of lighting:

Static Lighting - controlled by you from inside the house. This is a lamp or garden lights which will be controlled with a switch, normally from inside your home.

Passive Infra Red/Motion detectors - this will give the impression that it is a darkened area and will only come on once someone has made the decision to enter your property. Be very careful how you position these lights as they can be accidentally set off by small animals or birds at night causing false alarms and annoyance not only to you but also your neighbours.

Photosensitive lights - these will come on as darkness falls. They are controlled by a switch in your home or by solar energy. They are normally low power.

Security lights can be easily tampered with from ground level. Position them high enough so they cannot be reached. Ensure you have one placed near your front door that will not only provide you with enough light to find your door keys, but will allow you to identify anyone who may come to your door without casting a shadow.

Often, floodlights are fitted with motion detectors that activate the light when anyone enters the space around your home. Always follow the instructions for fitting these lamps so that small animals or birds don't accidentally set them off repeatedly during the night - causing false alarm and annoyance.

If a motion detector is fitted you should be able to aim this without moving the light to ensure that only people on your own property set it off.

Lights should be pointed down so that they only shine on your property. If they shine on other houses or through neighbours' windows it is considered a form of pollution. Take notice and be understanding of any complaints, otherwise your neighbour may rightfully inform the authorities.

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THE 23rd Hastings Half Marathon



My name is Peter McBride in Tram Road, as you know our son Louis died last year and I am running the Hastings half marathon in memory of him.

Louis died from an undiagnosed heart condition so I am also trying to raise money for Heart Research UK (this is a registered charity, no. 1044821).

This is the first time I have tried to run a half marathon. Previously I have only run up and down a football pitch hung over on a Sunday. You may have seen me out training near the nature reserve. My old weary body has struggled with the training, but hopefully I'll make it round the course.

I am running in memory of my son Louis to raise money for the charity Heart Research UK. The money raised will go towards foetal heart research.

If you wish to sponsor me there is a sponsorship form in Rye Harbour Stores. To all those who have sponsored me so far, I would like to thank you for your support.

Thank you

Peter



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LETTERS

Dear Marcus,

May I take this opportunity to thank you for organising the 'Simply Italian' competition which Brenda won for us. The food was superb, the ambience friendly and the final touch of the flower for Brenda was an inspiration. We both had a thoroughly wonderful evening. Once more, many thanks.

Yours Sincerely,

Allan & Brenda Goffee

Rye Harbour Heritage

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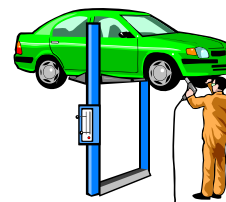
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

March is an exciting time for the staff on the reserve, as it is the month which marks the beginning of spring passage, when the first of our special summer visitors start to arrive



after spending the winter in warmer climes. Species such as Wheatear and Sandwich Terns (pictured) will have turned up by mid-month, while others such as Common Tern, Yellow Wagtail and Sedge Warbler may have arrived by the month's end, and the reserve will be ringing with songs and calls not heard since the end of last summer! The other side of the coin is that many species which have become familiar over the winter months will be making their way back to their own breeding grounds further north. By the end of the month our Bitterns will all have departed to Scandinavia, the Smew which graced our pits will be on their way to northern Russia, and our flocks of



(pictured), Brent, Barnacle (probably feral), Greylag and Canada. Forthcoming events in March can be found on our website: www.wildrye.info.

Wigeon may travel as far as Iceland! Volunteer work parties this month have included a couple of mini-beach cleans, fence maintenance and, yet again, willow clearance at Castle Water. The last of these was performed under the watchful eye of the "Countryfile" camera crew from the BBC, as part of an edition which was largely based in the Rye Bay area. The episode aired on the 28th January, and most of us got our 15 seconds of fame! No autographs please.

Twenty five people turned out for the annual Pett Level walk led by Phil Jones and were not disappointed. Before we had left the car-park we had already been treated to excellent views of an immature male Marsh Harrier quartering over the edge of Pett Pools, and at least two Ruff feeding among the thousands of Lapwings on the sheep grazing. The walk to the Pannel Valley hide produced a few Little Egret, and several Stonechat, while 20+ Snipe were visible from the hide itself. On the return journey a good range of geese species included White-fronted

WildRye.info, or see below: **Sun 4th Camber Castle Wildlife And History.** A chance to see inside Camber Castle and to observe the wildlife of Castle Water Nature Reserve. Meet at Brede Lock car park (TQ919198) at 1pm-3.30pm, 2 miles. Donation please. **Sat 24th Spring Beach Clean** Please come along to help with the removal of the winter's rubbish. We should also see Wheatear and Sandwich Tern. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 10am with work gloves if you have them. Soup will be served at 1pm!

Sat 24th Winter Lecture 'The Peregrine, A Success Story'. An illustrated talk by John Tully. 7.30pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam



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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



February has seen fairly unsettled weather again with wind coming from all points of the compass and has limited the fishing opportunities to a few days here and there with longer spells tied up. Boats that are trawling have found poor fishing in and around the bay, no quantity of any species and a drop in prices have made this month a struggle. Along with them netting boats have suffered with weather conditions, strength of tide and the water still being quite muddy on the neap tides,

making the Cod fishery a non starter. Any Dover Soles to be found are now out in the deeper water, which means a boat that is able to safely fish in the middle of the channel in winter with nets or like a couple of the scallopers that have switched over to beam trawling after the scalloping has dropped off. The beam trawlers are having mixed results with a few Soles but very poor catches of other fish as in Turbots, Brills, Plaice and Lemon Sole, this type of fishing gear having no height or lift in the net, so catches of Cod, Whiting,

Bass etc. are always low. Time ashore has been spent getting the Sole trawls ready, trawls are reset on the chain, a rubber disc and ground ropes to get what is hoped, the right amount of slack in the net, some trawls are replaced with new because of the wear and tear and repairs of other years. March will see most of the scallopers, switch over to trawling in one mode or another and most will look back on a fair season considering the bad weather during the second half.

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RYE & WINCHELSEA CENTRE MARCH 2007 – PROGRAMME OF EVENTS WALK

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 Pub.

Leader: Jeanette Wren: Telephone 01797 252579.

NON MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN OUR WALKS.

(Please note that stout shoes are recommended, as are waterproofs, depending on the weather.)

LECTURE

Tuesday 20th March: 7.30 p.m. at Northiam Village Hall.

BRIAN HARGREAVES WILL GIVE A TALK ON GILDING

Brian Hargreaves, a local artist and writer, will talk about his work in gilding and the famous London buildings he has worked on. He will also demonstrate the different types of gilding and illustrate these with examples.

NON MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL OUR LECTURES.

THEATRE OUTING

Saturday 21st April: "The Bargain" by Ian Curteis at the Theatre Royal, Brighton at 2.30 p.m. Price per person £30 (thirty pounds). Cut-off date Monday 19th March.

The play stars Susan Hampshire, Michael Pennington and Anna Calder-Marshall, in a comedy drama relating a captivating account of an astonishing event in 1988 when Robert Maxwell sealed a deal with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. It sounds fascinating.

For more details of the production and travel arrangements ring 01233 758368 or to obtain tickets send a cheque and stamped addressed envelope to Mrs R Adkins, 5 Six Bells Mews, Northiam TN31 6NT

NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Icklesham Parish this month had their meeting in the Village Hall at Rye Harbour.

In attendance was county councillor Keith Glazier and Rother councillor Nick Ramus, we also noticed the presence of councillor Commoto of Winchelsea. As this is election year an interesting DVD was shown on the work of parish and town councils in Sussex. I did not know that parish councils can now acquire land for social housing. The parish of course has at Rye Harbour, the Pound field, the bus shelter and they maintain the Coronation field and the allotment gardens. Keith Glazier spoke on the cycle track to Rye, this was a three stage project to complete, another stage or hopefully the whole will be finished this year depending on finalising some legal difficulties at some point along the way.

Both Keith Glazier and Nick Ramus are very concerned at the wanton vandalism to the shop windows by a teenager, they like many of us are frightened that Dot and Bogden could pull out and that would be the end, unfortunately little can be done apart from an ASBO order on the culprit.

The proposed order for dogs on public places has been put on the back burner, a stupid idea in the first place.

The parish council planning committee support the application for four houses on the garage site with a order that the land between the village hall and the proposed development is asphalted and drained.

From Our Parish Council Correspondent

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VALENTINE COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations to Brenda & Allan Goffee on winning this years meal for two at 'Simply Italian'.



RYE & DISTRICT LIONS

Rye & District Lions Club were delighted with the massive turnout for their Nearly Burns Night Brass Band Concert, with Beckley Village Hall being completely full. Fortunately, nobody had to be turned away and the majority of the tickets had been either reserved by telephone or sold by Beckley Motors in advance of the night. The few remaining tickets were snapped up early and a "House Full" sign had to be posted on the door.

This was the second time Rye Lions had organised a brass band concert and Sussex Brass again delighted the enthusiastic audience with an excellent and wide selection of music ranging through classical, pop, show music and with a Scottish flavour at times to



reflect the Burns connection. Musical numbers were interspersed with anecdotes and jokes by Sussex Brass's conductor, Steve Hollamby, and ending with their ever popular encore of "Sussex By the Sea", with the audience clapping in time to the music and joining in the lyrics. The evening raised a grand total of £700 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Rye & District Lions would like to thank all who

attended, Sussex Brass for such an entertaining evening and also Beckley Motors for assisting with ticket sales.

Rye & District Lions Club invites the senior citizens of Rye & villages (70 and over) to Sunday lunch at the Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye on Sunday 1st April 2007. Lunch will be at 1pm, with guests arriving from 12.15 pm. After lunch seniors will be entertained before departing at 4pm. If needed, transport can be provided. There are still some places available, although numbers are limited. If you wish to join us ring Reg Emson on 01797 224174.

Conrad Freezer



newsletter

Rye Harbour Farm Restoration

This newsletter has been published by the Environment Agency to update members of the public on the restoration of Rye Harbour Farm.

The Environment Agency purchased Rye Harbour Farm in March 2003 as part of the Pett Frontage Sea Defence Scheme to provide material and location for a secondary flood defence embankment.

Work began on the farm in October 2004 to build the embankment. Excavation of material for the embankment left several saline lagoons, and within the first year many wading birds, including nine pairs of breeding avocets (below), started to use the newly created pits.



Completion of the embankment in September 2006 allowed further landscaping to be carried out to improve the lagoons in biodiversity terms.



In addition to creating saline lagoons, other special habitats that we plan to create or restore are reedbed, saltmarsh, mudflat, coastal grassland, and vegetated shingle habitat.

Like the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, the farm is covered by international and national conservation designations. Prior to the Environment Agency's purchase of Rye Harbour Farm, Natural England assessed large areas of vegetated shingle as damaged due to arable practices. Part of the plan is to restore these damaged areas of shingle, and in order to do so we need to establish a conservation grazing regime. This will be carried in partnership with the Nature Reserve and the local 'Wetland Trust'. In addition to helping restore the shingle, this will help maintain the rest of the site in good condition and allow us to manage the new flood defence more sensitively.

Establishing grazing units will require permanent fencing and gates. Some fencing has already been put in and the rest is due by the end of March to go in mid February, with stock hopefully established shortly thereafter. Plans relating to fencing can be viewed at Lime Kiln Cottage or www.wildRye.info?????

There will be no changes to the existing public rights of way across the farm and there are plans to establish and promote additional walks across around the farm. Some of these new walks may need improvements in order for them to be used, but some can be used straight away.

The farm as a whole has also enormous great potential for environmental improvement and, countryside recreation and heritage gain, but due to its conservation status it needs to be managed sensitively. We hope you will enjoy it.

To obtain further information about this project please contact Emma Thompson, the Environment

• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

MARCH

THURS 1st

Rye Art Gallery – Spring Whispers Exhibitions at East Rooms from 10.30am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm. CLOSED TUESDAY. Runs till 18th March

SAT 3rd

Great Dixter Gardens – Snowdrops and Crocus Weekend

Military Whist Drive – Held at Northiam village hall by Northiam football club in aid of St. Michaels Hospice. £8 per table of 4 includes refreshments. Time 7.30pm

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

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.

Great Dixter Gardens – Snowdrops and Crocus Weekend

SAT 10th

Champagne Fairs – quality antiques & collectables at Rye Community Centre. Traders 8.30am Public 9am – 4.30pm

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.

Champagne Fairs – quality antiques & collectables at Rye Community Centre. Traders 8.30am Public 9am – 4.30pm

Attic Antiques Sale – Icklesham Memorial Hall, 2.00pm – 7.00pm. Valuation of antiques and collectables (max 5 items). In aid of Hall Renovation Fund.

TUE 27th

'Build your own Website' – Computer course begins Winchelsea Community Office, Castle Street from 6.30pm – 8.30pm

SAT 31st

Bodiam Castle – Children's Castle Trail on till 15th April

Bateman's Burwash – Easter Trail on till 15th April.

APRIL

SUN 1st

Bateman's Burwash – Easter Trail runs till 15th

Bodiam Castle – Children's Castle trail runs till 15th

FRI 6th

Leed's Castle – Easter Trail & Activities, runs till 9th

Battle Abbey Green – Annual Marble match & Easter Bonnet Parade. Information 01424 773721

SAT 7th

Brede Steam Engines Society – 10am – 4pm Brede Waterworks, Brede.

SAT 14th

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

"Rye in World War 2" – An illustrated talk by Jo Kirkham from 3pm at Thomas Peacocke, Community College. In aid of Rye Castle Museum - £5

SUN 15th

Wurlitzer Concert – Thomas Peacocke, Community College. Doors open 1.30pm, concert 2.30pm. Tickets £5.50 available on the door, includes interval refreshments.

TUE 24th

Pashley Manor Gardens – Tulip Festival runs till 3rd May

SAT 28th

Leed Castle – English Country Fair & Horse Show – runs till 29th April.

Wealden Craftworkers Fair – Held at Alfriston village hall, from 10am – 4pm entry free. Information 01323 762011

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

Battle Abbey & Battle field – 1066 Falconry, 1066 Battle of Hastings.

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Rye Harbour Church News

Everyone prays. Even a confirmed atheist whom I met recently admitted to praying. Sometimes it's the most natural thing in the world.

Sometimes it's the only thing left when we've exhausted all other possibilities. Ah! leaving God to last. We're very good at that. What about praying being as normal as breathing. We breathe in God's love. We breathe out our thankfulness. Do it as you walk along. After all, we can pray anywhere. I'm told that by people who never attend Church! Of course we can, but we need to realise that prayer with God is a two-way communication. It isn't just presenting Him with a wish-list as though He was in charge of the Lottery. In fact the heart of prayer isn't us at all – it's God. Think of the Lord's Prayer – "hallowed be THY name, THY kingdom come, THY will be done". God comes first because He gives us life, sustains us and is the beating heart within and beyond all things and all people. The General Thanksgiving in the Prayer Book invites us



Prayer renews us in Spirit, refreshes us in our tiredness, makes us less self-centred, lets us drink from God's stream of grace, unites us with saints on earth and in heaven



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

to thank God "for creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life". Thankfulness makes for a cheerful face and a humble attitude. The Church's greatest act of worship is based on this same response. Eucharist is the Greek for 'thanksgiving', in particular the Holy Communion praises God for the gift of His Son Jesus. His life, death and resurrection are the pattern for all human existence. Taking bread and wine is the spiritual food we need for our earthly journey, in the footsteps of the Master. A simple pattern of prayer can be based on the initials ACTS – Adoration (for who God is) Confession (for our failings) Thanksgiving (for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O Praise ye the Lord) Supplication (asking for ourselves and for others).

and opens a channel of goodness and guidance to the great God Himself. We pray as Christians in the name of the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

March Services
Sunday 11th 9.15 a.m.
Holy Communion (Lent 3)

Sunday 25th 10.30 a.m.
Family Service (Lent 5)

Lent House Group on Thursdays in March at 7.30 p.m. at "Castle View", Tram Road, on the subject of "Slavery, historical and contemporary". All welcome at the home of Cyril and Molly Saunders.

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Family Announcements

THANK YOU

Sylvia Alford thanks everyone for their good wishes following her knee operation. She hopes to recommence the Ploughman's Lunches in due course as her health allows but thanks everyone, both patrons and helpers for their support.

HOSPITAL

Bet Ennis has been in hospital, hope she is soon feeling better.

Sylvia Alford has recently had an operation on her knee, all good wishes to her and hope she is on the mend now.

JUMBLE SALE

Jumble in February raised £93 towards the Children's Christmas Party fund, once again, thanks to Brenda (Marcus' neighbour) for the lovely cake and cheese scones, and thanks to all the usual helpers.

We had £40 left from the xmas party fund from last year, so I have donated it towards the playground fund at the back of the village hall.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 60th birthday on 6th March to Julie, from her cousin.

Happy Birthday to Marcus who will be 50 on March 24th

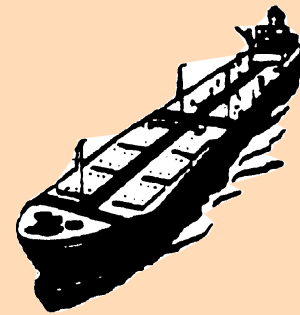
Reports by Julie & Sylvia

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

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