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Editor's Comments

NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE
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Easter is on its way again, all that lovely chocolate and a perfect excuse to eat it.

The picture below was taken from The Sussex County Magazine VOL. VI No.11 November 1932, which I picked up recently and has a very good article about the Village of Rye Harbour written by D.G. Southerden which I will endeavour to reprint for you all next month, the magazine I will pass on to the Heritage Group once I have ravaged it, who I'm



sure will display it for all to see when they have another exhibition.

From what I can gather the photo was taken when the beach came close to the Martello tower but there does not seem to be any reference to who actually took the photo or indeed when exactly. Has anyone got a better one?



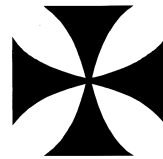
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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Yet another prize ceremony for the Simmons Quay project. 10 of us

including the Chairman of HoRAC (Advisory Committee) and Ronnie Simmons, after whom the quay was named, attended at the War Museum (N)

Manchester where we were entered in two categories. Although we didn't win we were very highly commended within our groups.

The Marine Accident and Investigation Branch (MCA) have decided not to complete a full investigation into the incident involving the "Nova". We have determined that the vessel, with its unusual high sides and accommodation came under the influence of the cross winds probably causing the vessel to twist and run over the steel training wall. We shall never know the full reasons as with many incidents involving the sea.

Some very large tides this month recording 4.7metres on the gauge at the harbour office. 4.9 was recorded at Scots Float sluice as the water "Piles" up unable to proceed through the lock. With plenty of warning no damage was caused although a little seepage into the River Haven car park noted that the flood defences are not yet complete.

We have all been informed that the Monkbreton road



bridge is to undergo repainting and maintenance. This would have involved a traffic light system for some 8 weeks. However I now understand that the road will be closed fully to permit the work to be completed within two weeks. River passage will be unaffected, as a clear channel will be marked under the bridge.

Yet more filming this time for the BBC's web site. Shortly you will see the harbour and its operations forming part of the BBC's south east site giving several minutes of moving pictures!!

Breaking news, The "Waverly" is due back at Rye later in the year probably about June time, so those of you who missed the last trip to London will have another chance..

New power pedestals have now been sited at the Strand Quay, this time with each unit having a water supply. A pedestal has been provided at the slipway making it easier for those boat owners who wish to carry out repairs and cleaning using powered tools.

The slipway at the harbour has been cleaned again by the RNLI boys for which we are

all very grateful. New boards have been provided with the thought that this timber wall will keep the mud/silts off the slipway. We shall see.

With an interest in the possible expansion of the Lydd Airport (perhaps some benefit for the port) I and others went along to witness the trials of the aircraft planned to be used at the airport. The Rye pilot knew of a little used public right of way at the very end of the runway where we gathered. Soon a Land Rover full of police came to us and requested that we keep moving on the public right of way otherwise we would be arrested for "Lingering and Sauntering". I wonder what the penalty is?



A small building has been erected seaward of the harbour office. This is to house our new emergency generator to be used when the power goes off. It hasn't happened lately but older members of the

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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village will remember when the power was constantly disrupted for lengthy periods. The Signal mast has been repaired and re-positioned following being blown down in the January gales, thanks to Derek Phillips and his team. All those involved in piloting, boat crew and mooring gangs

are required to undergo medicals each year. We have all now been certified fit by the Marine doctor based at Newhaven. There aren't many of us below the age of 60, Where are the younger element who take over from us?

Shipping is increasingly improving in numbers, in one

week during March 4 vessels arrived at the wharf. This caused us a few minor hiccups as half of the wharf is closed for flood defence improvements.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

Pendulum Parish Magazine

The 'Pendulum' is a very good magazine, published by St Mary's every two months.

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APRIL Rye Harbour Approaches

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Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1 Su	1050	3.1	2300	3.3
2 Mo	1121	3.2	2333	3.4
3 Tu	1148	3.2	—	—
4 We	0003	3.4	1216	3.2
5 Th	0026	3.3	1238	3.2
6 Fr	0045	3.2	1254	3.1
7 Sa	0103	3.2	1315	3.1
8 Su	0129	3.1	1346	3.0
9 Mo	0203	2.7	1425	2.6
10 Tu	0247	2.4	1518	2.1
11 We	0402	1.8	1720	1.8
12 Th	0616	1.8	1849	2.0
13 Fr	0730	2.2	1956	2.5
14 Sa	0829	2.7	2050	3.0
15 Su	0919	3.2	2137	3.6
16 Mo	1004	3.6	2222	3.9
17 Tu	1047	3.8	2306	4.2
18 We	1129	3.9	2348	4.2
19 Th	—	—	1210	3.9
20 Fr	0030	4.0	1252	3.8
21 Sa	0112	3.8	1335	3.4
22 Su	0157	3.4	1424	3.1
23 Mo	0248	2.8	1517	2.6
24 Tu	0349	2.2	1620	2.1
25 We	0500	1.9	1732	1.9
26 Th	0645	1.8	1907	2.0
27 Fr	0809	2.0	2019	2.4
28 Sa	0859	2.4	2108	2.7
29 Su	0939	2.6	2148	3.0
30 Mo	1013	2.8	2225	3.1

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Rye (Rail Station) ⇄	...	...	...	...	...	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1525	...	...	...	1648	...	...
Tilling Green	...	...	...	...	...	...	0853	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1530	...	...	...	1653	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇄	...	...	...	...	...	...	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	...	...	1546	1659	1759
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	...
Freda Gardham School	...	...	0845	0847	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Mondays to Fridays only (excluding Bank Holidays) 316																			
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Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇄	...	0935	1000	1030	1100	1135	1200	1230	1300	1335	1400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Street (The George)	...	0940	1005	1035	1105	1140	1205	1235	1305	1340	1405	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇄ arr	...	0945	1010	1040	1110	1145	1210	1240	1310	1345	1410	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Cadborough Cliff	...	0951	1021	1051	...	1151	1221	1251	...	1351	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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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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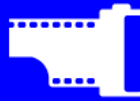
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Hastings (Harold Place)	0747	0842	0829	...	...	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	...	1637	1737	1849
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇄	0749	0843	0831	0845	...	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	...	1639	1739	1851

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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 (Battle Road)	...	...	1028	1228	...	1619										
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Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1043	1243	...	1634										
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1046	1246	...	1637										
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Days of Operation:	⊕	N⊕			⊕	N⊕										
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	1050	1316	...	...	...									
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1053	1319	...	...	...									
Ashdown House	...	...	1055	1321	...	...	...									
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Upper Church Road	...	...	1104	1330	...	...	...									
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Amherst Road	...	...	1112	1338	...	...	...									
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Hastings (Baldslow Road)	...	0925	1125	1351	...	...	...									
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0752	...	...	...	1517	1517	1740									
Ore (Christ Church)	0758	0932	1132	1358	1523	1523	1743									
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Guestling (White Hart)	0804	0938	1138	1404	1529	1529	1750									
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Burglary

Police are appealing for information in relation to a burglary which occurred at 'Sea Spray' in Harbour Road, Rye on 7th February 2007 between 10:00am and 3.30pm. If you saw anyone acting suspiciously in that area please contact DC Ben Ridgway at Rother CID on 0845 6070 999 and quote serial 699 of 07/02/07. Ben.Ridgway@sussex.pnn.police.uk



Assault

At approximately 10:00pm on Friday 23rd February 2007 a male was seriously assaulted in Rye town. A group of youths surrounded a man who was eating his kebab while he sat at a bus shelter on Station Road. The man was struck to the face without any warning with a wine bottle which caused him to fall to the ground, he was then kicked twice to the head while laying face down on the ground. The injured man has then attempted to get up from the floor but has again been struck to the head with a bottle. The aggrieved received a large cut to his head and has possibly sustained a fractured cheek bone. This was a vicious and unprovoked attack on a single man who had been targeted by local teenage youths.

The main offender has been described as a white man, approximately 16 to 17 years of age and of a stocky build. He is 5' 2" to 5' 6" tall with short dark hair. Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Alan Simes CS267 on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 1729 of 23/02/2007 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111. alan.simes@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Bogus Callers

A report was received by Sussex Police on 28th February that two men had been seen calling door to door in the area of Pottingfields and The Close in Rye looking to sell and spread manure. These men were seen to be driving a red open back truck with some sort of metal cage at the rear. On one particular occasion an elderly lady was asked for £170 for laying no more than two bags of manure. It is believed that prices may vary between addresses and the perceived positions of the person/s answering the door. In this case it appears as though a lonely elderly lady has been targeted.

Police would like to make residents aware of these circumstances. If you find yourself in such a position as described above, being offered services or products which you find suspicious in nature, please do not hesitate to call the police.

If anyone experienced similar circumstances around 28th February and can assist the police with further information, can they please call Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 and quote serial 501 of 28/02/07.

Parents pass this onto your children – Sussex Police

An L registered white Vauxhall Astra van has been seen frequently to park by the toilets in the Trojan Plat area of Winchelsea. The car is there at the end of the school day. It has come to our attention that the male in the vehicle is buying school children sweets and offering them fizzy drinks.

The male is described as white, approx. 60 years old, 5ft. 8', slim build, greying coloured combed back hair, moustache, he has tattoos on his forearms and neck.

Parents can you advise your children not to approach this male and not to accept sweets, drinks or money from this man. We are not aiming to frighten you or your children but you need to be aware. Police are

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

aware of this male and patrols at school times have been increased. If you have any information regarding this male please call in on 0845 6070999 and quote serial 1325 09/03/07.

For owners of pedigree puppies and young dogs – from PC Jayne Cleverley

There is a very real danger of the animals being stolen if left alone in the garden. There seems to be an increase in the theft of dogs - especially in the rural areas. If you see suspicious vehicles or persons asking about your animals or looking around your property call the Police and do not share any information with them. If possible take car registration number as this assists the Police in any enquiries.

Hoax telephone calls claiming to be from the Halifax Bank

The circumstances. One of our members received a phone call from a female stating she was from the Halifax Building Society and the bogus caller used the members' name. Our member does have an account so initially no suspicions were aroused. The female caller then asked if it was convenient to talk and if they were on their own. The bogus caller then asked for a date of birth, the member declined to answer, and told her that they were not prepared to give personal information out over the phone. The bogus caller terminated the call.

Our member phoned the Halifax and they said they don't do this sort of thing and this operator had had another call about a similar thing the week before. Do not share personal information with someone unless you are completely sure they are legitimate. If they are genuine they won't be bothered if you check up. Thank you to the NHW by Email for sharing this information.

The Citizens Advice Bureaux are looking for volunteers

The Citizens Advice Bureau, based in central Hastings is seeking more volunteer advisers, reception staff and Trustee members. Advisers and reception staff will be given full training and do not need any qualifications. Trustees will need to show an expertise in fundraising, financial management or human resources. If you have a few hours to spare each week and want to help your local community, please phone Dina on 01424 433493 or email dina@hastingscab.co.uk for more details.

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

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LIFEBOAT REPORT



This winter has been a very quiet one as far as Lifeboating goes. Our last call was on the 24th February, the only proper one this year so far.

At 16.18 Dover Coastguard paged and reported a capsized speedboat near the Harbour entrance. The crew were paged and the lifeboat launched at 16.23 and was in the search area three minutes later. A search was started

working from the reported position, down wind towards the east. At 16.40 the lifeboat reported finding the casualty on Camber Sands. Both of the occupants were OK. The lifeboat returned to station and was cleaned, re-fuelled and ready for service at 17.30. Training still goes on at a pace with competences being assessed every 13 weeks or so. Although we have had some volunteers join us we are still looking for potential crew

members, so if you are thinking that you might like to join us. Why not call at the Station on any Monday evening or Sunday morning and introduce yourself? The only qualifications that you need, are reasonable eyesight, you're not colour blind, reasonably fit and can swim 25metres. We will teach you the rest.

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

RYE & DISTRICT LIONS

On Tuesday 20th March, Rye & District Lions Club again challenged Hythe & Romney Marsh Lions at the annual Quiz Night at the Woolpack Inn, Brookland. This was the twentieth year of the Quiz and Rye & District Lions were pleased to win by a substantial



margin, not due, of course, to it being their turn to set the questions. The evening raised a total of £271, which was, as usual, donated to the pub's charity, the Brookland Sunshine Club, towards their social events and holiday.

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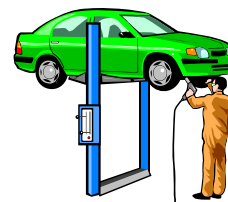
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Despite the cold spell during late March, and the continued presence of winter visitors such as Black-necked Grebe and Goldeneye, in many respects it really has felt like spring on the reserve. By the end of the month, Lapwing, Ringed Plover and Oystercatcher were all staking claim to nest sites, Chiffchaff and Corn Bunting were bursting into song, and numbers of both Black-headed Gull and Mediterranean Gull steadily increased at the reserves main sea-bird colony on Temery Pool. We even had the first of our 'summer' visitors, with the arrival of both Sandwich Tern and Wheatear (pictured) on the reserve.



Wildlife Weekend that is being held in May. If you would like more information or a brochure, call into Lime Kiln Cottage.

You may have noticed the arrival of 33 sheep (Welsh Mountain Sheep) onto the farm, they have returned to graze the land for the first time in over 25 years and hopefully they will create the ideal habitat for breeding waders, bumblebees and many plants.

Many thanks to the 23 people that braved the north wind and came along to the spring Beach Clean. Around 70 bags of rubbish were collected. There were some bird highlights during the morning's work, 150+ Brent

Geese gave close views as they headed east and 26 Sandwich Tern were seen heading for Temery Pool.

We've only got a couple of events during April, due to preparing for the big Rye Bay

Fri 6th April
Easter Eggstravaganza in Camber Castle. A fun family event, hunting for Easter eggs in Henry VIII's castle. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £2 per child, accompanying adult free. Pre-booking essential – 01797 227784. Parking at Brede Lock car park (TQ919198). Start times available when booking onto the event.

Sat 28th April
Whimbrel Watch. For 12 years the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve have been getting up before the lark, to see the Whimbrel. Find out why and enjoy the dawn chorus of gulls, terns, waders, wheatears and skylarks. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 4.30am-8.00am. Donations appreciated.

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam



Throughout the Easter weekend, Camber Castle will be open to the public from 2-5pm on Fri 6th, Sat 7th, Sun 8th and Mon 9th April.

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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



March has seen all but two boats switch over to fishing from scalloping, some with the Sole trawls others to single trawl, twin trawls, beam trawls and one boat with the rockhopper gear out on the rough ground. The very fine spell of weather we had this month fitted in well with the neap tides and brought about good conditions for trawling in the bay as well as much better results for netting boats all over the southeast.

Good catches of Cod were landed

in many ports for several days giving a boost to some of the smaller boats being able to make the most of the weather until the tides picked up with a northerly wind to strengthen the ebb tide and changing the fishing overnight. The rest of March trawlers and netters alike have found it hard going and only managed to find a few Dover Soles to go with the Plaice, which make up the majority of any landing. Quota's are now playing a much bigger part in the running of any boat with a monthly amount of certain species being allocated to every

licensed fish vessel with the prospect of smaller quota as the year carries on. A couple of boats have changed owners recently in the local fleet and two new hulls have been ordered from a west country boat builder for fitting out to be finished after delivery. More paper work, more restrictions and very uncertain fishing opportunities face all the fishing fleets, so it is great that someone still has the courage to go for it, in spite of it all.

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• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

APRIL

SUN 1st

Bateman's Burwash – Easter Trail runs till 15th

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

Rye Art Gallery – Open diagnois – Dave McKean + Bob Allen. Easton rooms 10.30 – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm. Closed
Tuesdays runs till 6th May.

FRI 6th

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

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

Big Easter Art Exhibition – 40 artists displaying their work for sale, at The New Pett, village hall. Admission FREE, each day from 10am – 5pm. Free tea & coffee available. Large car park. Runs till 9th April

Easter Eggstravaganza in Camber Castle Hunting for Easter Eggs in Henry V111's castle. Parking at Brede lock. Child £2 accompanying Adults Free. Booking essential 01797 227784

SAT 7th

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

SUN 5th

Romney Marsh Visitor Centre – Easter Egg Hunt from 11am – 4pm. Bookings 01797 369487

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.

Romney Marsh Visitor Centre – "All shapes and sizes". Help local wildlife – 11am – 3pm. Bookings 01797 369487. 4yrs up with Adult.

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. Information 01424 773721

MAY

TUE 1st

Pashley Manor Gardens – Tulip Festival, ends on 3rd May

FRI 4th

Jack In The Green Festival of Morris Dancing – On till 7th.
Information 01424 781111

SAT 5th

Wurlitzer Concert – Len Rawle at Thomas Peacocke, Community College. Doors open 1.30pm, concert 2.30pm. Tickets priced £5.50, available on the door, this includes interval refreshments, also Nigel Ogden at 7.00pm.

Brede Steam Engine Society – 10am – 4pm,
Brede Water Works, Brede.

SUN 6th

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

Seashore Discovery – Bring family to discover hidden treasure washed up on shore. Meet Rye Harbour car park at 10.00 -11.30. Donations appreciated

MON 7th

Brede Steam Engine Society
10am -4pm, Brede water Works, Brede.

SAT 12th

Leeds Castle – Food, Drink Festival, runs till 13th May

Playden Week- End – Art & Music events – Friends of Playden Church. Runs till 13th May
Champagne Fairs – Quality Antiques & Collectables held at Rye Community Centre. Traders 8am - Public 9am – 4.30pm.

Rye Art Gallery – Bells on their toes – Angie Broven + Charles Newington. Easton rooms 10.30am -1pm & 2pm - 5pm Closed Tuesdays, runs till 24th June

SUN 13th

Classis Bike Jumble Held at Ham Street, gates open 10am

Peasmarsh Place – Church Lane, Peasmarsh. Garden open from 2pm – 5pm. Admission £3.50, children free every Sunday till 21st October.

MON 14th

Rye Mayor Marking Ceremony Throwing of Hot Pennies at Rye Town Hall.

SAT 19th

Brede Steam Engine Society
10am -4pm, Brede water Works, Brede.

SUN 20th

Rye & Winchelsea Rotary Club Annual Walk

FRI 25th

The Black Horse Music Festival
Telham nr Battle, runs till 28th
Rye Wildlife Festival – Runs till Monday 28th May.

Rye Art Gallery Sky Wide & Open from one bay to the other. Robert Greenhalf & Noelle Le Guillouzic and Terry Warren. Stormont Studio. Please call in advance to confirm opening times 01797 222433/223218. Runs till 24th June

SAT 26th

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

Mapp & Luica Walk – Meet 2pm at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1hr 30mins

SUN27th

Rye Garden Safari
Battle Abbey Green – Medieval Fair. Information 01424 773721

MON 28th

Rye Wildlife Festival – Runs till Monday 28th May.

The Black Horse Music Festival Telham nr Battle, runs till 28th

Battle Abbey Green – Medieval Fair Information 01424 773721

Brede Steam Engine Society – 10am -4pm – Brede water works, Brede

Romney Marsh Visitors Centre – Pond Dipping & Mini Beast safari, crafts & other activities. To book 01797 369487. Child ages 4 years upwards – accompanied by Adult.

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THE NATIONAL TRUST

RYE & WINCHELSEA CENTRE

CALENDAR APRIL 2007

The Rye & Winchelsea Centre welcome non-members on their walks, so why not join us on our next walk. **(Please note stout shoes are recommended, as are waterproofs, depending on the weather).**

Wednesday 4th April: meet 10 a.m. in Bodiam Castle car park (free with a NT card). This is an all day walk in two parts: 5 miles in the morning, then a pub lunch, followed by a further 4.5 miles. Walkers can join for the whole or half day.

Sunday 15th April: meet 2 p.m. near the Smugglers Pub at Pett Level. This afternoon walk is approximately 3.5 miles, around Fairlight and Pett. The walk is hilly, but you are rewarded by wonderful sea views.

Both walks are lead by Roger Brown (walks organiser) who can be contacted on 01797 366977.

CALENDAR MAY 2007

WALK - Wednesday 2nd May: meet 10 a.m. in Sedlescombe village car park.

This is an all day two part walk: 4.5 miles in the morning, then a pub lunch or picnic, followed by a further 4 miles. The scenery is mixed with, contours and woodland.

Leader: Sue Clark: Telephone 01797 253428.

OUTING

Our first outing of the year is a tour of BBC Television Centre, Wood Lane, London, on Wednesday 16th May. Price per person £22.00 (twenty two pounds). To book, please send a stamped addressed envelope to: Mrs R Adkins, School Cottage, Six Bells Mews, Northiam, Rye TN31 6NT.

For more details ring Ann Rolfe (organiser) on 01797 361770.

NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.

• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA - Cont...

WED 30th

Mapp & Luica Walk – Meet 2pm at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person. Walk lasts 1hr 30mins.

THUR 31st Family Treasure Hunt – Test your brainpower & follow a clue filled map around the reserve. Meet Rye Harbour car park between 11am – 12pm. Collect map & clues, dogs on leads. Toilets near start. Child £2 accompanying adult free. Booking essential, please ring 01797 227784

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Icklesham Parish Council held their monthly meeting on the 12th March at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall with both of the Rye Harbour councillors present.

The only items your correspondent has for you deriving from the meeting is an application from Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, towards two pedestrian gates in the creation of a new footpath on the reserve where it is proposed to reinstate grazing, this grant was approved. The Council have also three applications for allotments, which hopefully will be available soon. Organic growing has become very popular nationwide.

For some our friend Vanessa Jordan along with her co-workers have been working, following the installation of the goal posts, towards the provision of a basketball stand upon the Pound

field.

I am happy to report that thanks to Vanessa and friends along with our Charles Bronsden an approach was made to Messrs Jackson, the Civil Engineers who have been constructing the new flood banks. Jackson's very kindly offered to install the basketball stand and to complete the surrounding hard standing. They also removed the remaining tree stumps near to the goal posts.

So, we all of us must tender our thanks to Messrs Jackson and their local staff for their help and interest, to Vanessa and friends and to Charles Bronsden, thank you! All of you! It would not have happened without you. Finally there will be elections in May for the County and Rother District, along with the Parish Councils, please use your vote!

From Our Parish Council Correspondent

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Rye Harbour Church News

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His life was one perfectly lived. By that I mean that he loved God and humanity without fail. In so doing he fulfilled the highest of laws – that of love with all its demands and difficulties. He did



end. For that reason, Easter had to happen. Death could not hold the Lord of life. He was raised to new and eternal life.



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

That makes our belief and practice so important. We cannot take Jesus for granted. He bids us to follow him. In him we find hope and grace. He said "I am the way, the truth and the life". Is that your experience?

something that we continually fail to do. But here is the wonder of Christian Faith. Because Jesus was fully human, he represents us to God the Father. So we are acceptable to God, who is holy and good, because of his Son. That acceptance includes the forgiveness of sins. If our sins lead us into death, because they are destructive of human life and our relationship with God, then Jesus leads us into life.

One phrase from the New Testament helps to make all this clear. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself". (2 Corinthians 5:19) In other words, God Himself was and is involved in our world, primarily through his Son Jesus. Our sins and separation from God, Jesus experienced himself yet remained faithful to the

April Services

Sunday 11th
9.15 a.m. Holy
Communion
EASTER DAY

Sunday 29th
10.30 a.m.
Family Service
Easter 4
(a week later
this month)

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

Family Announcements

LOCAL INTEREST

Whilst I was clearing out my Mum's (Nanny Pat) house last year, I came across a book of common prayer dated 1850, which was in use when the church at the harbour was built in 1849. I have passed this book on to the church for them to preserve and display on occasions as they wish.

Julie

HOSPITAL

Elsie Haffenden is in hospital, hope she is soon better and home again.

BIRTHDAY

Please let Sylvia and Julie have your loved ones birthday details, the month before the actual date, thank you.

Reports by Julie & Sylvia

JUMBLE SALE

You will be sorry to hear that there will not be another Jumble sale probably until May as Julie has to go into hospital herself, we all hope that it goes well and wish her a speedy recovery.

Marcus

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



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