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NEXT MONTH'S DEADLINE
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First of all I have to apologise as I have not had the time this month to sort the article from 1932 on Rye Harbour village, hopefully I will have more time next month.

Below is a picture that may be, how Lydd airport may look in a few years time, on page 9 you will find details of how these plans could affect the environment of surrounding areas including Rye Harbour, you may agree or disagree, it might be good to here from the owners of Lydd airport, obviously they feel differently, would the influx of major expansion be good for our already

frail economy in the surrounding areas, providing jobs, tourists, more money being spent ?

Let these people know how you feel and how it may affect your life, business etc, email me on ryeharbournewsletter@tiscali.co.uk or drop a line in the Newsletter post box at the rear of Rye Harbour Stores.

However if you enjoy the fresh air then why not join the Sellens on page 24 at Icklesham for another of their glorious walks in the Bluebells in aid of the Macmillan fund, there is a 10, 5 and 1 mile distance, staggered at appropriate times to converge for a garden party with live music and more.

Is this how Lydd Airport might look soon? - Find out on page 9



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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Summer has come early! Harbour craft have crustacean and weed growing on the under water hulls.

The "Aries" is in the boatyard for annual re-fit and to have the hull treated with patient anti fouling material. This modern stuff, without poisons, seems to attract growth.

The Rother III is performing well and able to turn the larger commercial vessels efficiently at the recently dredged turning bay off Rye Wharf. (That's what all the noise was about in the early hours)

The vessel "Drawa", at a length of 85 metres, arrived from Poole to load a cargo of grain for Cork.. This vessel is the first Polish vessel to arrive within the last forty years and is setting a standard for larger vessels to visit Rye.

The western steel sheet piling extending from the slipway to the harbour mouth has been subjected to a survey into its condition. As many of you will know certain areas have collapsed over the years requiring repairs. Plans are to be developed to either replace the steel in its entirety or, remove the lot and "Batter" back the side similar to the east side of the outer channel.

Considerable thought required before this will take place. It now seems that the Monkbretton Road bridge repairs will take place in July,



before any works can take place a full environmental study has to be undertaken. In consequence, a "Bat" survey has been completed with the results that no bats were found under the bridge.

The Harbour's CCTV has been requested again by the Police. A serious incident took place at the beginning of the month at Strand Quay and the police wished to view and download pictures from our system. More news on this as and when a report is filed.

A visit by officers of the National Veterinary service who enquire into the landing of food waste from ships, this is an important issue as strange alien seeds etc can arrive in the country by visiting vessels. Those of you who have tried to take food stuffs out of the county for friends and families abroad will be aware of border controls.

The harbours navigational aids have been inspected by Trinity House inspectors, who are the authority for U.K. lights. A few beacons to be painted but other wise all our aids are in fine fettle.

The first rescue of the year by the Pett level rescue service, a

small yacht owned by a German gentleman was towed into Rye after running out of fuel on a delivery trip. The craft remains with us still at the Strand Quay.

As many of you will know the deputy Harbour Master has submitted his resignation and will be taking up a post of ship inspector for the Isle of Man ships registry. He will be moving, with his family, on the 13th May. The post of DHM will be advertised soon!! The vessel "Balmoral" (not the "Waverly" as per last newsletter) will be arriving at Rye on the 11th June in the early hours. The vessel will discharge passengers before taking on a new lot the following day. Buy your



tickets now for the leisurely cruise to London.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

Rye Harbour Church News Extra

The Church Committee have been anxious for some time, upon the care of the church yard.

After a good deal of enquiry we have found a contractor who specialises in churchyard maintenance.

This is important, as many churchyards have never been treated with pesticides or weed killers and often contain plants and other wild

life in many cases on the danger list.

An excellent job of the churchyard has been made and the Church Committee thank Icklesham Parish Council for the churchyard maintenance grant of £250.

At the last count there were around 120 different species of plant life within the churchyard.

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Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1 Tu	1044	3.0	2259	3.2
2 We	1115	3.1	2329	3.2
3 Th	1145	3.1	2356	3.1
4 Fr	—	—	1211	3.1
5 Sa	0018	3.1	1233	3.1
6 Su	0043	3.1	1300	3.1
7 Mo	0113	3.0	1334	3.0
8 Tu	0152	2.7	1419	2.6
9 We	0244	2.4	1520	2.4
10 Th	0406	2.1	1646	2.1
11 Fr	0541	2.1	1806	2.2
12 Sa	0653	2.4	1914	2.6
13 Su	0754	2.7	2013	3.1
14 Mo	0847	3.1	2104	3.4
15 Tu	0936	3.3	2154	3.7
16 We	1022	3.6	2242	3.8
17 Th	1108	3.7	2330	3.8
18 Fr	1155	3.7	—	—
19 Sa	0017	3.7	1240	3.6
20 Su	0102	3.6	1325	3.4
21 Mo	0149	3.2	1412	3.1
22 Tu	0238	2.7	1502	2.8
23 We	0333	2.4	1555	2.5
24 Th	0432	2.0	1654	2.2
25 Fr	0542	1.9	1802	2.1
26 Sa	0700	2.0*	1916	2.2
27 Su	0800	2.1	2016	2.5
28 Mo	0848	2.4	2103	2.6
29 Tu	0929	2.6	2144	2.8
30 We	1006	2.8	2222	2.8
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Lydd Airport Proposals - RSPB Position Statement

Background

The owners of Lydd Airport have submitted planning applications to extend the runway length and increase the amount of air traffic to 0.5 million passengers per annum (ppa). They have stated their ambition to raise that figure to 2million ppa in the future.

Lydd Airport is located near to the Dungeness to Pett Levels Special Protection Area (SPA), which is designated for its internationally important bird populations. It is also next to Dungeness Special Area of Conservation (SAC), designated for its great crested newt populations and rare shingle habitat. These designations represent the highest level of legal wildlife habitat protection available in Britain.

The RSPB is very concerned about the proposals for expansion of Lydd airport and the impacts this could have on wildlife and the environment.



- Runway extension and new terminal will mean the destruction of part of Dungeness, Romney Marsh and Rye Bay Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) designated for its geological importance.
- Air pollution from increased road and air traffic is likely to impact on SAC plant communities.
- The Government's policy on safeguarding of airports from bird strike means that major airports can object to proposals that would lead to an increase in birds in the area within 13km of the airport. This means that an expanded Lydd Airport will be able to object to any plans to create wetlands to improve the area for birds, other wildlife, and people.

regional significance. The policy relating to Lydd has been removed from the latest version of the South East Plan, which sets the region's development priorities up until 2026. The Plan is now being assessed at an Examination in Public (EIP). The RSPB presented our views at the EIP and opposed any suggestions to reinstate the policy.

The RSPB has objected to the planning applications for expansion at Lydd Airport. We have requested that the Airport supplies further information, particularly on the bird hazard management measures they will employ. The RSPB has also recommended that the Government Office for the South East call-in the applications for determination at a Public Inquiry. We will continue to object to any development that threatens to damage the special wildlife of Dungeness.

Nearly four thousand people have shown their support for the campaign by signing our petition against the expansion. Local opposition is further emphasised by an overwhelming vote against the airport's plan in a local newspaper poll.

Bird strike management

The large numbers of birds in the area make Dungeness a high bird strike risk area. Around 90,000 gulls are known to roost near to the airport on Romney sands. Therefore, the airport will have to implement bird hazard management measures, which could include scaring birds away from parts of the SPA.

Other impacts on wildlife and habitats

- Potential disturbance to birds from increased air traffic and bird hazard management measures.
- The filling in of a pond to create a clear and graded safety strip next to the runway will mean the loss of part of Dungeness SAC designated for great crested newts.



Climate change

The plans for Lydd Airport are another example of the increasing expansion of the aviation industry. The RSPB is very concerned about the implications that the growth of air travel, and associated greenhouse gas emissions, has for climate change and consequent adverse impacts on species, whole ecosystems and people. Greenhouse gas emissions from aviation are by far the fastest growing sector. Currently they account for 3.5% worldwide, but will rise to 15% by 2050 if demand is unchecked.

The RSPB considers that human induced climate change poses the biggest long-term threat to global biodiversity and that the case for further growth in aviation to be questionable. The marginal economic and social benefit of additional growth in aviation is outweighed by its environmental and social costs, and the economic implications of dealing with these.

Conclusions

The South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) has indicated that it does not believe that Lydd Airport is of

Further information

If you would like more information about the RSPB's views on the expansion of Lydd Airport, please contact either Alison Giacomelli, Joanna Crouch or Paul Outhwaite on 01273 775333.

Locally, there are two community groups representing the interests of local people who are opposed to the airport. These are **Lydd Airport Action Group** (contact: Louise Barton on 01797 361548, lbmbarton@aol.com), and **Keep the Marsh Special Alliance** (contact: Malcolm Dyer on 01797 361772, MDyer004@aol.com)

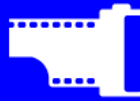
How you can help

Please help to stop Lydd expansion. There are window stickers and small posters available from Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Information Centre that you can display to show your opposition to these plans.

For more information about what you can do, please contact Joanna Crouch, RSPB Community Planning Officer on 01273 763622 or by e-mail: joanna.crouch@rspb.org.uk.



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Stolen Dog

Between 4:00pm and 6:00pm on Saturday 7th April 2007 a dog was stolen from a rear garden at Mary Stamford Green, Rye Harbour, Rye. The dog is a 14 month old Springer Spaniel bitch who answers to the name of Connie. She has a black head with a black and white "speckled" nose. Her coat is mostly black and white spots, she still has her whole tail. She was wearing a red leather effect collar with a gold coloured heart shaped ID tag. Connie was also chipped.

Police wish to speak to a white man who knocked at the door of the aggrieved around that time asking about ferrets for sale. This man is described as white, in his mid twenties, medium build, about 5'11" in height, short dark hair with some sort of beard. The man was wearing a yellow high visibility vest and spoke with an Irish accent.

Do you know this man? If you are this man please could you come forward so you can be eliminated from our enquiries. Do you know anyone who has recently acquired a black and white Springer Spaniel that matches the description of Connie? Please help us to reunite a family with a much loved pet. Please contact PC Simon Knight on 0845 60 70 999 and quote serial 411 of 08/04/07.



Bogus caller claiming to be from Rother District Council Rye area

A male called at an address purporting to be from Rother District Council. The male was described as white, between 40 and 50 years old, tubby build, brown hair wearing casual blue jacket with a photo ID card stating 'Rother' clipped onto the jacket. Rother Council were contacted and they confirmed that they had no representatives in the Rye area that day and that the male was in fact bogus. If this happened to you, call in and report it, it could have been the same male.

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The event will start at 10.30 a.m.

FORTHCOMING OUTINGS

Wednesday 16th May – Tour of the BBC Television Centre, Wood Lane, London

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Friday 29th June – Tour of the House of Commons

The Tour of the House of Commons itself is fully booked but there are approximately 20 places available on the River Trip to Westminster from Greenwich which will leave you with 5 hrs to spend in London before rejoining the group.

The cost will be £15.00 per person (fifteen pounds).

Organiser Ann Rolfe: 01797 361770.

WALKS

Wednesday 2nd May – meet 10 a.m. in Sedlescombe village car park.

This is an all day figure of eight 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.

Sunday 13th May – meet 10 a.m. at The Queen's Head, Icklesham.

Again this is an all day figure of eight walk around Winchelsea and the Brede and Pannel valleys: 4 miles in the morning, then a Pub lunch, followed by a further 4.5 miles.

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RYE & DISTRICT LIONS

Nearly 100 Rye Seniors Fed by Lions (rather than fed to Lions)

Ninety-seven senior citizens from Rye and nearby villages enjoyed a free lunch provided by Rye & District Lions Club on Sunday 1st April at the Community Centre in Rye and that was no April Fool Joke! After being collected by the Rye Community buses and Lions' cars, the seniors were greeted with an aperitif and then sat down to a full Sunday roast lunch, with wine, followed by pudding, coffee and mints. To ensure they did not nod off following this, they were then entertained by Rye Players with a sing-song, which the seniors sung

along to. Prizes were then distributed in a free raffle whilst they enjoyed tea and biscuits and the contented and happy seniors



were then transported home, leaving the Lions rather exhausted - to say the least, but a great time was held by

all.

Rye Lions wish to express their thanks to Chris Emson and Janet Carree for slaving over several hot stoves cooking the lunch, Pat and her colleague from the Community Bus for their efforts, the Rye Players for the entertainment and to the Lions' long-suffering wives and partners who really did most of the work.

I realised that I forgot to also thank St. John's Ambulance for being in attendance, in case of emergencies, so could you please add them to my email of yesterday.

Conrad Freezer

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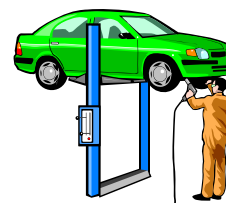
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Spring has well and truly sprung at Rye Harbour, and a wide range of summer visitors are turning up on the reserve for the first time since the end of last years breeding season. By the end of April all three of our breeding tern species had



from its black cap which resembles the headgear worn by certain European lawyers (lawyers is also a colloquial

new excavations on Harbour Farm and raised several young, and the hope is that this success will be repeated during 2007!

The reserve's herd of grazing animals continue to grow with the addition of 13 Belted Galloway cattle (pictured) during mid-April. As the name suggests, this rare breed originated in Galloway, southern Scotland (though these particular animals only had to make the trip from the Wetland Trust at Icklesham!). Traditional breeds such as this are ideal for conservation grazing as they are very hardy and will eat a wider range of vegetation than more 'modern' breeds. Their use on Harbour Farm will allow the reserve staff to create and maintain varied habitats that are suitable for a wide range of plants and animals.



put in an appearance, warblers such as Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Sedge Warbler and Reed Warbler could all be heard singing and Swallows, those archetypal harbingers of summer, were passing though in ever increasing numbers. However, one of our most eagerly awaited arrivals is the Avocet (pictured). The name of this bird apparently derives

name for this species in some parts of Britain). This striking black and white wader became extinct as a breeding bird in Britain in the mid 19th century before re-establishing itself in the 1940s, and up until 2006, this species had attempted to breed at Rye Harbour on very few occasions with little success. However, last year nine pairs were attracted to the

It was a busy Easter weekend for Henry VIII's castle. The castle gates were opened over the weekend with many visitors exploring the hidden tunnels and imagining what it would have been like over 500 years ago. The castle was also the venue of an Easter egg hunt organised by the nature reserve on Good Friday. 56 children

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.....

came along to hunt out the eggs which were hidden inside the castle, and after finding all the numbered and lettered eggs, they had to decipher the phrase that they spelt. An enjoyable time was had by all, and on completion everyone went home with a chocolate

egg (which hadn't melted in the heat of the sun!)

For more information on forthcoming events on the nature reserve, please visit our website www.wildRye.info, collect a leaflet from Lime Kiln Information Centre, or

phone 01797 227784.
Sun 6th **Seashore Discovery**
10 -11.30 am
Mon 7th **Sounds of the Reeds**
10-11 am Sat 19th
Stop the Roman Invasion
10am-12 noon. Thurs 31st
Family Treasure Hunt.
11-12 noon



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WILDLIFE WEEKEND. Four days of local discoveries, outdoor activities, creative workshops and nature games:

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 May – Rye & Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

Sunday 27 May – Wickham Manor Organic Farm Open Day, Winchelsea

Monday 28 May – Camber & Camber Sands

Brochures now available at Lime Kiln, Libraries, TICs or visit www.wildrye.info

During the May bank holiday weekends, Camber Castle will be open to the public from 2-5pm on 5th, 6th + 7th and also 26th, 27th + 28th May. Usual cost, £2 per adult, £1 concessions, free admission to Friends of RHNR and English Heritage members.





FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The fine spell of weather we have seen through April has allowed most boats to fish all of the days they have wanted to and to end up with a weeks work in spite of slack fishing. Netting boats setting gear out in the channel are seeing the best catches of Dover Soles, the main species but some days a mixture of Bass, Brills, Skate and Cuttle fish making up for some better trips. When Soles are still being caught this far out, it seems to be the case that catches are low in the bay but this should

improve soon as the temperature rises and fish move closer to shore and into the shallow water. Landings have been quite low in amounts but the different sorts of fish caught have increased, dramatically with sometimes up to twenty species of shellfish and fish being listed in a single trip. May water or gully water as it is called locally has started to show, signs of it on the gill and trammel nets, have been reported, some places even coming up on the anglers lines. This doesn't affect trawlers too much as the net being towed

through the water washes most of it off but set nets allow it to build up into a slime making them heavier in the water and not so efficient and very dirty to handle on the boat. The fish shop at the bridge end of the fishmarket quay has re-opened, a local man who has been at sea all his life has come ashore and taken on the lease to run it as a wet fish shop. The building has been revamped up to the necessary level of hygiene and insulation needed today and has seen a steady start to trade.

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• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

MAY

TUE 1st

Pashley Manor Gardens – Tulip

Festival, ends on 3rd May

Open Gardens – ‘Four Spring Gardens’ in Winchelsea. Open 10.30am – 4pm Cleveland House, The Retreat South Mariteau and The Well House. Refreshments, stalls at Cleveland House. In aid of St. Michaels Hospice

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.

Eastbourne Motor Show – (Classic & Vintage) – Eastbourne Seafront gates open 10am Western Lawns, Eastbourne. Free Event. Runs till 6th

Camber Castle – Open 2pm – 5pm. Admission Adult £2, concession £1. Runs till 7th

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

Jack in the Green – Festival of Morris Dancing. Information 01424 781111

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

Champaigne 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.

Spring Jumble Sale – Icklesham Memorial Hall at 2pm

SUN 20TH

Rye & Winchelsea Rotary Club Annual Walk – Forms Phillips Stubs or Le Fevre Wood & Royle

TUE 22nd

Open Gardens – Hayes Farm House, Hayes Lane, Peasmarsh. Open 10am – 4pm. Parking field opposite. In aid of St. Michaels Hospice.

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

Champaigne 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

Camber Castle – Open 2pm – 5pm.

Admission Adults £2, Concessions £1. Also open on 27th May.

SUN 27th

Rye Garden Safari –

Battle Abbey Green – Medieval Fair.

Information 01424 773721

Open Gardens Rye Safari – Five gardens in Winchelsea Beach.- Dreadnought, Marlais Ridge, Willow Cottage, Sea Mists, Rushall &

Sea shells on 12 noon – 5pm. Refreshments & Stalls at Rushall. In aid of St. Michaels Hospice.

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

Camber Castle – Open 2pm until 5pm. Adults £2 Concession £1

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

TUE 29th

Open Gardens – Weathercock House, Windmill Lane, Icklesham. Open 10.30 – 4pm. In aid of St. Michaels Hospice

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

JUNE

FRI 1st

Leeds Castle – Jousting Festival, runs till 3rd June. Information 0870 600 8880

SAT 2nd

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

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per Adult

SUN 3rd

Beginners Guide to Seabirds & Waders

Come down to the reserve to learn how to identify a variety of breeding terns, gulls & waders. Binoculars and ID guides available to use on day. Meet at Rye Harbour car park 10.30am – 12.30pm

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

WED 6th

Leeds Castle – Discovery week, runs till 12th June. Information 0870 600 8880

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per Adult

THUR 7th

Floreston Festival at Peasmarsh – Runs from 7th – 10th June. Information 01797 230145 or pick up a leaflet from the Tourist office, Rye.

SAT 9th

Champaigne Fairs – Quality Antiques & Collectables

Rye Community Centre. Traders 8.30am. Public 9am – 4.30pm

Morning Car Boot Sale – Old Dairy Playden.

SUN 10th

Rye, Winchelsea and Pett Circular – Short distance (5hours) A gentle circular ride taking in Rye, Winchelsea village and the beach and Pett levels. We will cycle through the Rye Bay nature reserve and see stunning views of the Bay from Icklesham Windmill. Generous stops for picnic and sight seeing. Most flat with a few short hills but we can walk them. Per-booking desirable 01424 752714. Meet at Rye station. Leader Martin Searle

TUE 12th

Open Gardens – Beauchamps, Float Lane, Udimore. Open 10.30pm – 4pm. Park in field opposite. In aid of St. Michael's Hospice.

WED 13th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at The

Lookout, Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95

SAT 16th

Leeds Castle – “Wind in the Willows”. Information 0870 600 8880.

Pashley Manor Gardens – Special Rose week-end. Information 01580 200888

Winchelsea's Secret Gardens – Open 2pm – 6pm. Home made teas in New Hall (not NGS) combined admission £5 child free.

Coastal Plants – Get up close and personal with the rare shingle plants on the reserve. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 11am – 1pm

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per Adult

SUN 17th

Trapping Sharks , Tigers and Elephants

Come and inspect last night's catch in the Rye Harbour moth traps at Lime Kiln Cottage. Time 8am. Wheelchair accessible. Donations appreciated.

WED 20th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per Adult

SAT 23rd

Open Gardens – Playden

Champaigne Fairs – Quality Antiques & Collectables at Rye Community Centre.

Traders 8.30am – Public 9am – 4.30pm

Summer Garden Fete - Playden WI – Held at 11 High Street, Rye from 11am 4pm

SUN 24th

Beach Reserve Walk – A good time to come and see our breeding Terns, Wheaters and many other Summer migrant birds. Met

at Rye Harbour car park, 10.30am – 1.30pm, 3 miles. Bring packed lunch.

Bodiam Castle – Out door theatre, ‘Much ado about nothing’. Information 01580 830436

WED 27th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet at The Lookout, Hilders Cliff at 2pm. Price £4.95 per Adult

FRI 29th

Shakespeare in Winchelsea – Twelfth Night at Cleveland House, from 7pm

SAT 30th

Camber Castle Detective – A chance for the kids to become detectives in Henry V111's Castle. Follow clues and answer questions. £2 per child, must be accompanied by an adult. Prize for all completed forms. Booking essential 01797 227784. Meet at Brede Lock car park 1-3pm. 2 miles.

Rye Art Gallery – Delirium of Colours: Summer show & artists paintings, prints, wood, metal ect. Easton rooms/Stormont studio 10.30am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm. Closed on Tuesdays. Runs till 26th August.

PLEASE NOTE

RYE FARMER'S MARKET HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY ON STRAND QUAY BETWEEN 10am – 1pm
THURSDAY GENERAL MARKET AT ROPE WALK ALL THESE DETAILS ARE IN FULL ON

www.ryeharbournewsletter.org

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The last meeting of the present parish council was held at the village hall on the 10th April.

Present were Keith Glazier County Councillor and Nick Ramus Rother Councillor. Councillor Glazier informed the meeting that hopefully the cycle and footpath track would be completed soon. Nick Ramus apologised for the non-clearance of litter during the Easter period due to the breakdown of the contractors' vehicle and of communication.

The Parish Council had little for Rye Harbour;

Councillor Commotto of Winchelsea tried to make a fuss regarding the basket ball stand on the Pound field and was promptly silenced regarding his comments.

There will be a new Parish Council commencing in May, this present one has not been happy due to constant disruptions due to certain factions. There will be an election for Rother District on 3rd May, names of candidates are on the village hall notice board, DO please use your vote!!

From Our Parish Council Correspondent

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Information

Information is available on a wide variety of topics including getting help at home; Social Security (DSS) benefits; arranging a break from caring; carers support groups; holidays and leisure pursuits for people with disabilities; counselling; legal matters, and much more. Care for the carers also publishes, on alternate months, a free magazine, **CareLine**. Emergency alert Card scheme & Care Passport.

Young Carers Service

The Young Carers Service supports children and young people, aged up to 18, who look after family members. The service provides home visits; information; help with obtaining services to make life easier; leisure and social activities.

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Kim Northfield - Rother Support Worker

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Rye Harbour Church News

Rye Harbour Church is coming to life! That seems in keeping with this season of Easter. 10 communicants on Easter morning and 15 in the congregation at the previous Family Service. Such news may encourage others in the Harbour to return to worship God in the fellowship of the Church. The month of May contains both the Ascension of our Lord (returning to heavenly glory) and Pentecost (the gift of God's Spirit in new power to encourage and engift the disciples and us). The Church in general over 2000 years has gone through good times and bad but it will never die. Why? Because it is the creation of God Himself. Unlike any human institution, the Church is renewed by divine energy



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in each age. However like other institutions, it is inhabited by fallible men and women, so it is far from perfect. If we thought that the Church was not relevant to society, we would shut up shop tomorrow. But its message of hope in a world of despair, of life in the face of death, its indomitable spirit challenging the forces of destruction, is as important now as ever. At the heart of the Church is Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as Lord of all, as Saviour and as the human face of God. St. Paul's words say it all –

May Services
Sunday 13th 9.15 a.m.
Holy Communion

Sunday 27th (Pentecost/Whitsunday) at 6 p.m. (a Churches Together sponsored act of worship). There will be No family service on 27th as we have this 6 p.m. United service instead.

We attend church to worship God, to hear his word, to enjoy fellowship, to receive grace, in order to go out into the world to "live and work to God's praise and glory". Can you think of a better way to live?

**Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)**

SEE THE NEW NATURE RESERVE SITE

<http://www.wildrye.info>

Family Announcements

HOSPITAL

We would like to wish Deirdre Caister well for the future after spending an unexpected few days in the Conquest hospital. Fortunately she is home and with her family again.

We are sorry to learn of Pat Hughes suffering a fall resulting in a broken arm. We wish her well as do her patrons on the Sunday community bus trips and wish Pat a speedy recovery.

BIRTHDAY'S

On the 7th April we had a lovely time at the village hall, celebrating the 60th birthday of Roy Chapman and the belated 60th birthday of Pam Gray. (Nee Chapman)

The Chapman family had lived for many years at Rye Harbour, as I am sure many people will remember, Pam and Roy spent their childhood years here living in Tram Road with their brothers and sister and parents Harry and Annie. Pam is one of my oldest and closest friends and I will always remember her great passion for strawberries!!

ANNIVERSARY

A belated Happy Anniversary to Sylvia and Michael Alford who celebrated their Golden Wedding on March 30th.

Reports by Julie & Sylvia

JUMBLE SALE

Jumble Sale in the Village Hall in aid of the Children's Christmas Party 2007 will be at 12.00 noon Saturday 12th May. Jumble and help are required as usual, please contact Julie on 01797 229804

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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