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The first thing I have to do this month, is to make a public apology to Julie and friends for my abysmal failure to advertise the Jumble Sale in the Friday Ad, so we sort of had a in house party, which was quite friendly after I cut the noose off and we actually raised £71, sorry!!!!!! You will see that this month on the middle pages we have the Argument, for the Lydd Airport expansion, we also have further comments from the against side plus one letter regarding the matter. It would be interesting to have more of your comments on

this matter. On page 18 I have publicised the return of two highly respected businessmen to Rye, it is good to see both of them back although one never really left, lets hope they are both back for a long time, serving the community in their professional style we were accustomed to. Please support the advertisers of the newsletter as they are, who keeps it running and let them know where you saw there adverts, thank you..



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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Rain during the later part of April brought much debris down the rivers into the harbour. A very large tree complete with ivy became stuck under the stern of the harbour launch.

Weighing in at, I estimate, about 500 kilos a group of fishermen and harbour staff dragged the trunk into the car park on the high water where it was cut into logs. Imagine, had a small craft hit this brute during the night!!

Speed buoys have now been laid off the beaches at Pett Level and Camber. This really does herald the summer. We also mark that confounded wreck that lies just within the Sussex border. Green wreck buoys, hopefully, keep water skiers away and safe. The wreck (Viernan) was raised by a local diver some 10 years ago and has been a landmark on Camber since.

Kirk, the deputy H.M. arranged a farewell Chinese meal for all harbour and pilotage staff. He is now happily ensconced in Peele (I. O.M) with his Bazillion Wife and children. Adverts will soon appear in trade papers and journals for his replacement. In the mean time Rob Martindale will be assisting at the office..

Did you feel the ground move? I did. I'm talking about the earthquake, at 0816 on the



Saturday. I am sitting at the office desk when I begin to sway. My first thoughts were that I was having a heart attack, then when this didn't happen I believed the building was falling into the river, after 4 or 5 seconds the shaking ceased and all was normal. It wasn't until later that it was reported we had been hit by a mini quake. Inspection of the buildings found only existing path cracks opened up slightly otherwise all O.K.

Rubbish bins! I certainly hope all has now been restored to normality. It has been a difficult time for us all with the change of contractors with the resulting non emptying of bins. Always give me a call if harbour bins become too full and need an additional "Tipping".

Our first Polish registered vessel arrived during the month to load grain. A second vessel anchored off but had to be diverted to Newhaven as the tide was cutting with foul weather preventing entry into the port. This does not happen very

often that ships are diverted. Many of you will not be aware but two German WW2 U boats were sunk off of Rye. A survey has recently taken place on one to establish it as a War grave and given protection from divers. All Rye mariners were warned to keep clear while this work was in progress.

I notice that more and more motor cycles are appearing at the slipway, especially at weekends. These bikes gather in large numbers at the Strand quay causing problems with resident vessel owners parking. Some three car spaces are to be painted onto the tarmac that might assist in giving these owners somewhere to park.



Some small vandalism at the Strand when a water tap was dislodged with water gushing

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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flooding the newly grassed area. Repairs quickly made (Plumbline) and all is now back to normal.

Finally I receive a visit from the Golf Club, "May we fire a Flare to start a competition". With the prospects of rescue helicopters, lifeboats etc appearing in the

harbour I suggested that the players be started with the firing of a 12 bore shot gun..

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2 Sa	1151	3.1	—	—
3 Su	0003	3.0	1223	3.1
4 Mo	0036	3.0	1257	3.1
5 Tu	0112	3.0	1336	3.1
6 We	0155	2.8	1422	3.0
7 Th	0246	2.6	1515	2.8
8 Fr	0347	2.5	1615	2.7
9 Sa	0457	2.5	1720	2.7
10 Su	0607	2.5	1827	2.7
11 Mo	0714	2.6	1934	3.0
12 Tu	0815	2.8	2035	3.1
13 We	0912	3.0	2134	3.3
14 Th	1006	3.2	2230	3.4
15 Fr	1059	3.3	2323	3.4
16 Sa	1147	3.4	—	—
17 Su	0012	3.4	1232	3.4
18 Mo	0057	3.3	1315	3.4
19 Tu	0140	3.1	1358	3.3
20 We	0223	2.8	1441	3.1
21 Th	0308	2.6	1525	2.8
22 Fr	0356	2.4	1612	2.6
23 Sa	0448	2.1	1705	2.4
24 Su	0547	1.9	1803	2.1
25 Mo	0652	2.0	1910	2.1
26 Tu	0753	2.1	2011	2.2
27 We	0846	2.2	2102	2.5
28 Th	0933	2.6	2148	2.6
29 Fr	1016	2.7	2232	2.8
30 Sa	1057	3.0	2312	3.0

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Lydd Airport Proposals - RSPB Position Statement

Dungeness wildlife under threat

Can you help Stop Lydd Expansion?

The owners of Lydd Airport on the Dungeness peninsula in Kent, have submitted planning applications to extend the site's runway and build a new terminal in order to increase passenger numbers from fewer than 5,000 now to half a million annually – part of their strategy to increase capacity to two million passengers in the future. These proposals will have serious impacts on the local

environment and its wildlife.

The Dungeness peninsula is part of the Dungeness to Pett Levels Special Protection Area (which includes Rye Harbour), which is one of the UK's most important places for wild birds. Dungeness is also the site of the RSPB's oldest nature reserve. About 60 different bird species breed on the site in spring and summer and in winter, the reserve and the area around it hosts more than 120,000 birds. In addition to local wildlife impacts, there are the wider environmental impacts of an unconstrained growth in air travel and the negative impacts this will have on climate change – the most

significant, long-term threat to biodiversity worldwide.

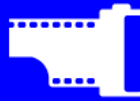
How you can help

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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From Steve Brookman, Chief Inspector AB739,
Rother District Commander

Last year there was a lot of coverage in the local press regarding young people and antisocial behaviour. It is discouraging to find that many parents still do not know or seem to care where their children are. I would encourage parents to know where their children are and what they are up to. It is always useful to test this out from time to time and not accept what kids are saying on face value. It appears that, as a consequence of this lack of interest, reasonable children are mixing with those who are inclined to cause trouble. Not only does this create an impression of an increased threat to ordinary people but there is a danger that these ordinary kids will get wrapped up in unlawful and antisocial behaviour.



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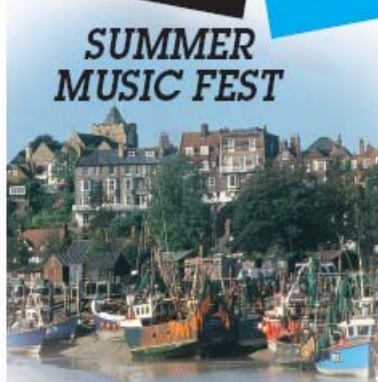
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LONDON ASHFORD AIRPORT (LYDD) HAS PLACED THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE HEART OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS

In the last issue of the Rye Harbour Newsletter, the RSPB set out their reasons for objecting to the proposed development of London Ashford Airport at Lydd. The airport is grateful to the Editor for allowing it to respond to the points raised by the Society.

After reading the RSPB's comments in the last issue, the people of Rye could be forgiven for thinking that the airport's senior management team had completely ignored their environmental responsibilities in drawing up their exciting plans for the modernisation and upgrading of the airport.

The picture painted by the RSPB's article is of an airport prepared to ride roughshod over the environment, local wildlife and natural habitats in the rush to expand. The truth is very different.

First it is important to note that a huge amount of time, money and effort has already been invested in Lydd

Airport. Over the past three years more than £20m has been spent as part of ambitious plans to transform Lydd into a modern regional airport serving the South East. This has included resurfacing the runway, upgrading instrument landing systems, the creation of an aircraft parking apron covering a 13 acre site, a new air traffic control system and new VIP terminal, as well as new departure and arrival facilities for commercial traffic and establishing offices for Immigration and Customs.

As part of the airport's painstaking preparations for the submission of planning applications to continue developing Lydd airport, we have been working with the RSPB for the last two and a half years on our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). During this time, the airport has also fulfilled all its obligations in regards to the scoping report produced by Shepway District Council after they had consulted with RSPB, English Nature and other environmental agencies.



The Environmental Impact Assessment details a whole raft of measures aimed at safeguarding the environment of Romney Marsh and the surrounding regions. So what kind of 'green' measures aimed at safeguarding the environment are Lydd proposing to introduce if granted planning permission for a runway extension and a new passenger terminal building? The EIA report reveals that the airport will:

- Produce an auditable waste management strategy to identify the most environmentally-friendly way to manage, collect and dispose of airport waste, with the focus on reducing, re-using and recycling. Waste prevention and minimisation programmes will also be targeted at airlines to cut down on waste generated by passengers.
- Seek to promote a conservation monitoring programme, linked to a biodiversity management plan, to ensure that airport development doesn't result in any reduction in biodiversity.
- Work closely with the Civil Aviation Authority, the RSPB and Natural England to enhance bird conservation. As part of this, the

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LONDON ASHFORD AIRPORT (LYDD) Cont.

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airport will fund a research study to further assess the potential for air traffic to disturb wintering and breeding birds in the area.

- Develop a travel plan to encourage the use of 'sustainable modes of transport' for both passengers and staff and reduce the reliance on private cars. LAA will also contribute to enhancing the existing bus services between Lydd and Ashford International Station so that they go via the airport.
- Work with regulatory authorities to develop a roundabout at Hammonds Corner (at the junction of the A259 and B2075), vastly improving traffic flow to the benefit of local residents.
- Develop an air quality management strategy and a long-term air quality monitoring study. Develop a noise management plan in consultation with the local authority – including, for example, a penalty system to fine airline operators using excessive thrust when taking off from or landing at LAA. Under this scheme, pilots would be fined for using 'excessive thrust' when coming into or departing from Lydd. Money raised from the fines would be ploughed into a special fund set up to benefit the local community.

LAA's managing director Zaher Deir said: "The development of London Ashford Airport (Lydd) will bring widespread social and economic benefits, not just to Romney Marsh and Shepway but to Kent as a whole – a fact that has been recognised in the Kent and Medway Structure Plan.

"At the same time, LAA realises it has a



duty to ensure that measures are in place to avoid, minimise or offset any potentially significant effects the project might have on the environment and local community. For that reason we continue to do everything we can to make sure any development is done in an environmentally sensitive manner."

Mr Deir said that the majority of people living in the region are in support of the airport development and welcome the huge job creation and economic benefits that it will bring. The highly vocal minority of residents who oppose the creation of a successful modern regional airport at Lydd are not representative of the population as a whole.

"I think it is also important to note that a commercial airport has been here for more than 50 years and has proved to be a good neighbour during half a century of international air transport operations," added Mr Deir.

London Ashford Airport (Lydd) has submitted two planning applications to Shepway District Council. One is for a new terminal building, capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers a year; the other is for a 294-metre runway extension together with an additional 150-metre starter extension. Shepway Council is expected to rule on the planning applications in the summer.

For further information about the airport visit www.lydd-airport.co.uk.

The airport's planning applications and EIA can be viewed at www.shepway.gov.uk

GOOD TO BE BACK

CHANNONS

On the 28th May, 2006 we watched helplessly as the Fire Department struggled to contain the fire that, in the end, completely destroyed Martyn Channon's Country Store in the historic Rye Cattle Market.

To watch more than 35 years of ones business life destroyed in this way is devastating and the first reaction is to call it a day from that point on. But this feeling was not allowed to develop. For the reaction of our staff, customers and members of the local business community were clearly not going to let this happen. Bournes made available a superb building and location we could do business from. Our staff moved effortlessly



into the new location and our customers showed their loyalty throughout.

We have been in this 'temporary'

situation for a little over a year whilst re-building has taken place. On May 23rd, 2007 we moved back into this completely re-built and re-furnished location. We look forward to seeing everyone now we have returned. Our product lines will be well stocked, many extended and new products introduced.

Patrick Channon has taken over the day to day running of the business and Martyn Channon remains as consultant and advisor to the business and customers alike.

Once again our thanks to everyone who has helped us get through this period – it is good to be back in our old location.

THE BARGAIN BOX Re-Opens Under Old Management

Tuesday 1st May saw the re-opening of the Bargain Box in Cinque Ports St., after having been closed for two weeks. In an extra ordinary chain of events the landlord took the decision to call in the guarantee provided by the previous owners John and Avril Percival who had since retired to live in Eastbourne. Prior to selling the business in September 2005 they had run the business for 15 years. Although the turn of events took John and Avril by surprise the shop has been completely restocked, although

there are still a few spaces on the shelves.

In the meantime a temporary home has been found in the area to save on travelling.

The response of customers to the takeover has been described as 'amazing', and both John and Avril would like to thank their customers very much for the loyalty they have shown to the business. At present there are several schemes to encourage customers to restart the delivery of newspapers, including free delivery, reduced prices and a payment to any specified Charity.



Details can be requested on
01797 222313

LIFEBOAT REPORT



We finished 2006 with a total of 21 shouts. A quiet year for us.

Our first shout this year was on the 24th Feb when we were tasked by Dover Coastguard to go to the aid of a capsized speed boat off of Camber it had been reported by a member of the public. When the Lifeboat arrived on scene there was no sign of the casualty so a search was started and soon the casualty was found ashore on Camber. Both of the occupants were found to be OK and the Lifeboat returned to Station. Our second shout was on 14th April when Coastguard requested us to go to the assistance of an inflatable blowing to sea off of Camber. The Lifeboat launched at 12.30 and was on scene at 12.38 Two persons were taken on board and returned to shore and handed over to their

parents. The Lifeboat returned to station at 12.55 and was ready for service at 13.05. Our third shout happened while the Lifeboat was on exercise. On the 6th of May at 12.40 the Lifeboat was tasked to go to the assistance of a sail yacht off of Dungeness. The casualty had a torn sail and was unable to get his engine started. There were two adults and one child on board the child was suffering acute seasickness. Soon after Rye Harbour Lifeboat arrived on scene Littlestone Lifeboat arrived, as the casualty was making for Dover it was decided to hand the casualty over to Littlestone and the Rye Harbour Lifeboat returned to station. On 13th May the shout was an assembly only when a dog was reported in trouble on the ebb tide in the river. Before the Lifeboat launched it was reported that the owner had recovered the dog and all was well.

Our last shout was on 26th May when a member of the public had reported a windsurfer in trouble off of camber. When the Lifeboat arrived on scene it was found that what was thought to be a windsurfer was in actual fact a kite surfer waiting to be picked up by their own boat. All was well and the Lifeboat returned to Station.

The Station OPEN DAY IS ON SATURDAY 16TH JUNE. 10.00 UNTIL 16.00

There will be souvenirs on sale. Demonstrations. A Children's Corner and a visit by Dungeness All Weather Lifeboat.

This years Ball is at the River Haven on 22 Sept Tickets are £25 per head and are available from Natalie Peters on 07746932613 (limited availability.)

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

Rye & District Age Concern

**Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
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There is a wide range information available, on subjects such as benefits, residential homes, sheltered accommodation, support services, clubs, transport and many more. Age concern fact sheets are available and copies can be supplied on request.

The service aims to help older people, their families, friends and carers. Callers can drop in during the opening hours mentioned above or telephone on **01797 225466**

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

With the breeding season well underway at Rye Harbour, the reserve has already been blessed with its first little arrivals. On the Beach Reserve many Lapwing broods have already hatched, while the first Ringed Plover chicks appeared in mid-April, a little earlier than we would expect.

At Ternery Pool, the Black-headed Gulls have also got in on the act, and many nests have their compliment of black-spotted hatchlings (pictured left). For those of you that haven't visited Ternery Pool for a while, it is now thronging with sea-birds, and the sight, sound (and smell) can be quite overwhelming! By the time you are reading this article of course many of these birds will already have fledged, hopefully to return next year and produce broods of their own!

Recent volunteer work-parties on the reserve have included removal of ragwort and spear thistle from Harbour Farm and grubbing up of Red Valerian from part of the Beach



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.

Reserve. While there is no doubt that this introduction from southern Europe is an attractive plant when in bloom, its vigorous spread is threatening native shingle species, hence the control measures.

The start of May saw a very wet and windy bank holiday weekend, but we still had some brave families out on the reserve hunting for creepy crawlies hiding in the saltmarsh. Unfortunately the weather turned even worse for our 'sounds of the reeds' walk, and was a wash out. Fingers crossed for better weather next year.



Sun 3rd
Beginners Guide to Seabirds and Waders. Come down to the reserve to learn how to identify a variety of breeding terns, gulls and waders. Binoculars and ID guides available to use on the day. Meet at the Rye Harbour Car Park at 10.30am-12.30pm. Donations appreciated.

Sat 16th
Coastal Plants at Rye Harbour. Get up close and personal with the rare shingle plants on the Nature Reserve. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 11am-1pm (2 miles). Donations appreciated.

Sun 17th
Trapping Sharks, Tigers and Elephants! Come and inspect last night's catch in the Rye Harbour moth traps at Lime Kiln Cottage at 8am. Wheelchair accessible. Donations appreciated.

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.....

Sun 24th
Beach Reserve Walk. A good time to come and see our breeding Little Terns, Wheatears and many other summer migrants. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10.30am-1.30pm (3miles). Bring a packed lunch with you. Donations appreciated.

Sat 30th
Camber Castle Detective. A chance for the kids to become detectives in Henry VIII's Castle. Following clues and answering questions. £2 per child, must be accompanied by an adult. Prize for all completed forms. Pre-booking essential (01797 227784).

Meet at Brede Lock Car Park (TQ919198) at 1pm-3pm (2 miles).

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



A very slow start to May due to the breezy weather, has seen boats struggle to get a couple of trips in the first half of the month. Trawlers were then rewarded with a finer spell and some very good trips, Dover Sole and Plaice making high prices with decent amounts being landed to meet a keen market. The best fishing has been in the more difficult place's to trawl as in closer to the rockier ground or on the edge of deeper water with steep banks but when these have been

navigated during a tow the resulting catches were good.

In the bay on clearer ground where most of the wrecks and fastenings are known catches have also been fair but not without its drawbacks, this time Starfish are the bugbear. Starfish or five fingers as the fishermen call them seem to be well spread out forcing shorter hauls to be made to head of big bags and lots of weight in the net with a lot of extra work in sorting through it. Netting boats are finding things a bit slack at the moment with different skippers trying other

types of net to make catches better. In this finer weather boats have gone out further in the channel with big mesh tangle nets to fish for Turbot and Skate but this has been very patchy with one net showing promise and the next one no good at all. Gear set overtop of wrecks have not produced any amount of fish only the odd Bass or Cod and not really worth the damage that is done to the nets, so as usual in fishing, one mode is doing better while the other waits for its turn, which will eventually come round.

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• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

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

Rye Goes Rock – Held Thomas Peacocke Community College outside. Time 2pm – Late, adults £5 (£6 on door) children £2.50 (£3 on door). Tickets 01797 227939 or Grammar School Records, High Street, Rye,

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

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

Champagne Fairs – Quality Antiques & Collectables

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

Morning Car Boot Sale – Old Dairy, Playden.

Appledore Summer Festival

Appledore Church, 7.30pm. Concert by Kent Police Male voice choir.

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

Open Gardens in Iden – 12.00 – 5.00.

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 per Adult

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

THURS 21st

Rye Bonfire Society – Auction of Promises at the Mermaid Hotel 7pm

SAT 23rd

Open Midsummer Garden – Playden Friends of Playden Church, runs till 24th

Champagne 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 24

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. Garden open 5.30 (Bring Picnic & seating)

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.

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

JULY

WED 4TH

Hastings Beer & Music Festival

Runs till 7th. Information 01424 781111

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

SAT 7th

Out Door Theatre – ‘Robin Hood’ at Bodiam Castle. Information 01580 765155

Brede Steam Engine Society

Open from 10am – 4pm. Brede Waterworks, Brede.

Mapp & Lucia Walk

Meet 2pm at the Lookout, Hilders Cliff. Price £4.95 per person.

Midsummer Hog Roast with Sussex Brass Band – New Hall, Winchelsea at 7pm.

Summer Fete – Playden Church from 12am – 5pm

SUN 8th

Underwater World – Bring the family to explore and find out what lives underwater. Please wear suitable clothing & foot wear for paddling in the sea. Meet Rye Harbour car park 10.30am for one mile walk. Dogs on leads welcome. Toilets near start, Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

Tour de France Passing through Tenterden. Information 01580 763572

WED 11th

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

SAT 14th

Sussex Festival of Art – Held Thomas Peacocke, Community College, the Grove.

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

SUN 15th

Classic Bike & Show & Bike

Jumble – Gates open 10am at Ham Street.

TUE 17th

Brede Steam Engine Society

Brede Waterworks, Brede from 10am 4pm.

WED 18th

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

SAT 21st

Shrimping & Rock Pooling at Pett Level – Bring the family and learn how to catch shrimps and explore the rock pools. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear for paddling/wadding in sea. Meet at the eastern end of row of house at Pett Level at 10am. Dogs on leads welcome. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

Discovering Flattoppers Wood

Explore this little known SWT Nature Reserve. The walk is fairly even with wide and narrow unsurfaced footpaths & several wooden bridges. Suitable clothing & footwear advisable. Meet entrance to the reserve at the Southern end of Flattoppers wood off Bixley Lane near Beckley. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01424 870993

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

SUN 22nd

Spiders and their Webs

Join the Nature Reserve Warden, Chris, on a hunt for a variety of different spiders and learn how they create their webs. Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage 10am – 11.30am

WED 24th

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

FRI 27th

Seashore Discovery – Bring the family to discover hidden treasures that are washed ashore. Meet Rye Harbour Car Park at 14.00 for one mile walk. Dogs on leads welcome. Toilets near start point. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

SAT 28th

Bexhill Carnival Parade

Information 01424 773721

Rye Medieval Week-End

Information 01797 226696

Special Event Week – End

Brede Steam Engine Society 10am – 4pm. Brede water works, Brede. Runs till 29th July

Iden Fete

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

SUN 29th

Horse, Stingers & Devils & Darning Needles – Come along to learn all about dragon Flies & Damselflies that live in the Castle Water ditches. Meet Brede Lock car park at 11am. Sorry no dogs. Donations appreciated. Contact on day of event 01797 227784

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

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Portraits - Side by Side Rye Harbour



Local charities, Action in rural Sussex and Sound Architect (Music & Film) are working in Rye Harbour on an innovative new cultural project, involving filmed interviews, local performances and multimedia workshops.

A series of filmed interviews is taking place with local people, who are sharing their memories and relating stories about the reality of life today in rural Sussex. A group of young people from the village are also receiving training on making a film drama, from their own perspective as Rye Harbour residents.

On the evening of **Saturday, 14 July** there will be a Community Performance at **Rye Harbour Church**, when all the elements of the above will be brought together. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. Full details will be available shortly, or to find out more, Email Claire at **creative-2007@hotmail.co.uk**.

LETTERS

Dear Marcus (Editor)

Thank you for inviting RSPB to highlight the expansion of Lydd airport in the Rye Harbour Newsletter. I am a resident of Rye Harbour and I oppose this development. I am a member of the Lydd Airport Action Group. I have been involved in a letter campaign to the various parties concerned to reject planning application. For all the reasons written in RSPB report I believe strongly that this expansion should not go ahead.

Regards **Robert Le Page**

Rye Harbour Heritage
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<http://www.ryeharbour.net>

Rye Harbour Church News

What is your calling?

Some would say, "to be a good neighbour" or "to work for the community" or "to be the best parent I can be". Without discerning such a calling, it is so easy to live self contained lives, so caught up in ourselves that we have neither time nor energy for others. But our calling is something to do with eyesight. Mother Teresa of Calcutta walked past dying people, collapsed in the gutter, saying to herself, "something must be done". Others saw them and walked on. She saw them as made in the image of God and she restored to them lost dignity and comfort in their final days. By our baptism, all Christians have been given a gift and a responsibility. The gift varies from person



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

to person. The responsibility is common to all of us. On 2nd July at St. Mary's Church, Joy Davenport is to be ordained as a priest. No one can remember the last time an ordination was held in Rye. However this event is unique in that Joy will be the first woman to be ordained here. That is her calling, after testing and training, she is willing to accept this office and ministry. Please pray for her in these coming weeks. But what is your ministry? Not ordained yet just as important. As members of a body of people, we are

called to complement one another, so that together we can be effective in growing God's Kingdom of love, truth, justice and compassion. How many people have

found a real meaning for their lives because they have had the courage to recognise and use their God-given gift in his Service and for the benefit of others?

Services for June at the Harbour Church:

Sunday 10th 9.15 a.m.
Holy Communion with hymns

Sunday 24th 10.30 a.m.
Family Service

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

SEE THE NEW NATURE RESERVE SITE

<http://www.wildrye.info>

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Parish Council Matters May 2007

Icklesham Parish Council held the Annual General meeting on the 14th of May at the Icklesham Memorial Hall. This was the first meeting of the council where the newly elected councillors have had to make a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and in many cases it is also the first time that some of them may have met.

The meeting was mainly taken up by the election of officers and this year the Chairman is Charles Bronsdon who represents Rye Harbour, we were also pleased to introduce our new Rye Harbour councillor Jacqueline Stanford who will be a great asset to the council and to Rye Harbour.

One item on the agenda was the question of

vehicle speeding through villages and the council are looking towards possibly joining the East Sussex community speed watch. This would involve local residents becoming involved in helping to educate and inform motorists when they are speeding; this is done by volunteers being trained by the Police in how to operate mobile speed indicators (S.I.D). If there any residents in Rye Harbour who would be interested in finding out more about this initiative then please contact Charles Bronsdon on 01797 223560 or by email charles@bronsdon.fslife.co.uk.

I am also pleased to tell you that the council agreed for this years Village Fete to be held on the Pound field for the first time, this will allow the fete to be bigger and will enable more people to attend it and will also help to ease parking.

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Family Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jade on the birth of her son

Congratulations to Pauline and Jay on the birth of their daughter on the 20th May and named Kaylee.

BEST WISHES

Golden Wedding wishes to Alan and Joan Haffenden for June 1st

JUMBLE SALE

Jumble Sale on 12th May raised £71 in aid of the Children's Christmas Party Fund Julie would like to thank all the usual helpers and supporters.

We hope to hold the next Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd June, which we hope will be advertised this time.

Reports by Julie & Sylvia

RYE HARBOUR YOUTH ACTION GROUP

Just a reminder that the Nomad will be visiting Rye Harbour every Thursday from 4 pm to 6 pm and parked next to the Pound Field.

Sports coaching is continuing on the Pound Field on a Wednesday evening from 4 pm to 6 pm for all ages and genders, covering football, rounders, kick rounders, basketball and cricket.

We are working at present on a Summer Holiday programme, and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions please contact Vanessa on 229859 or at 1 Lucas Shadwell Way and watch this space.

Vanessa Jordan

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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