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Editor's Comments

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FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Good to be back finally, as probably most of you are aware now my mother died at the end of November and due to a combination of that and a couple of other major factors affecting my life at that time, is the reason that the newsletter has been on hold for a couple of months.

I would like to thank you all, for your support and kind words and messages, thank you. However due to normal losses of advertising at this time of year and with the two month break, the newsletter will be severely struggling financially for the next couple of months, so please bear with me whilst I attempt to get back on track.

I would like to commend Julie for all her hard work throughout the year organising jumble sales and raising monies to pay for the Children's Christmas Party to which she has agreed to add funds for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party this year, so more local support would be great to

raise the extra funds.

Whilst on the subject of the village hall I was amazed when Julie and I went in the hall to erect the Christmas tree last year, at the dirt that exuberated from the floor, it was absolutely filthy also while we were spreading the decorations liberally, someone came in who was to hire the hall that evening. On the day of the party the floor was still disgusting and although we gave it a quick sweep it was still very unclean, hopefully this situation has been dealt with now as it not a very good representation for Rye Harbour



Village.

It's good to see the rest of the foot and cycle path being completed finally, although there appears to be one or two gaps still at the moment. No Valentines competition this year I'm afraid, due to circumstances but maybe I can do another competition later on this year with a free meal for two at 'Simple Italian' Rye.

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

2008 and a belated

happy new year to harbour users.

Perhaps not so late for the Chinese new year begins on February 9th (Year of the Rat).

It seems ages since a news letter was printed that's probably because of Marcus is not being to well. We all hope for a speedy recovery and that he is fully "On line" soon.

We, at the harbour office found ourselves with some old machines, a Microwave cooker and fridge. Rother contacted and for £48 took away these articles for re-cycling.

Its not many years ago that such detritus would have been taken to sea and dumped near the Rye Fairway Buoy, an acceptable practice in those far off days. The area to the north of the buoy is a renowned "Foul ground" area for years used by boat owners to dump old gear etc.

December witnessed the entire Waterways team of the Environment Agency travelling to Scotland to visit the "Falkirk" wheel, a rotating arm that lifts barges 150 feet from the Clyde Forth canal to the Union canal from Edinburgh.

This £200m project has breathed new life into the canal systems of Scotland. The Medway team were



particularly interested as they are also looking into developing the river system from Maidstone to Tonbridge. Talking of developments we are in the early stages of designing new cat walks to both sides of the river to replace the existing RNLI platform and the visitors reception moorings on the harbour office side. Both these

walkways provide visitors landing facilities but have the disadvantage of going under water on the "big" tides. We intend to raise the walkways by some 2 feet and possibly re-route the mli slipway platform along the back to join the crews access platform thus making the land accessible at all states of the tide, watch this space as the project develops.

A private meeting during January of M. Amanda Hamblin, the High Sheriff of East Sussex, she came to visit Ronnie Simmons, Fisherman's rep, at his home prior to a tour of the Fish moorings. She was most interested in the project and has made a commitment to help the fishing industry whenever she can.

The high winds during the early part of January(Tuesday 15th we recorded 70 knots!) have left their toll at the harbour. A number of beacons have been destroyed together with the office garage door and fences around the houses. Repairs are in hand to make amends. Strong winds necessitated the cancelling of the Sailing clubs annual "Rum Race" for dinghies. This most prestigious race usually attracts upwards of 25 craft not only from the Rye club but from other clubs along the coast. Planning is well advanced for the Rye Maritime Festival (August 3rd), a day for the



whole family at the Strand Quay.

We are hoping the restored fishing vessel "Excelsior" will attend after several years absents. This 95 feet long

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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sailing and fishing vessel will be open to the public and may be offering berths when she sails, probably to Bologne.

The annual London Boat show took place at the Excel buildings in Docklands near the London airport. This is a massive venue with every type of nautical vessel and equipment, including HMS Exeter, on display.

For the first time in years the Environment Agency did not feature with a stand. There were some adverse comments about this from members of the public.

TIMBER!!

It didn't happen at Rye on the same scale as at Worthing and Brighton. A few pieces arrived

on the beaches of Camber and Pett Level but not of any significances to warrant the attendance of the MCA and Police. Who is going to pay the huge costs of the clear at those aforementioned beaches?

Finally I attended the prize giving for winners of the Rye Raft Race for 2007. This was at the "Green Owl" Camber who swept the board with 3 prizes. Out right winners, Best raft and best Pub raft. See you all at next year's race, Sunday 20th July.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

Parish Council News

The November meeting was held in the Rye Harbour village hall on November 12... The main item on the agenda was to discuss next year's budget; unfortunately this had to be postponed until next month due to a point of order raised by one of the councillors from Winchelsea. The children's play ground behind the village hall has at last moved forward and the company that will be installing the equipment has been chosen and will hopefully be starting work early in the new year, Traffic problems within the village were also discussed and it was agreed with ESCC that they carry out a speed survey within the 30mph section of the village some time during January, this will be over a 7 day period and will take place over 24hrs time span. (You will not be informed when this will be taking place). I would like to remind you that you are welcome to attend Parish Council meeting is it your chance to ask questions of not only your local parish councillors but also Councillors from both Rother and County Council who normally attend Parish Council Meetings.

I would also like to remind you that I can be reached on 01797 223560 or charles@bronsdon.fslife.co.uk

Charles Bronsdon (Chairman Icklesham parish Council)

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1	Fr	0541	1.8	1837	1.6
2	Sa	0703	1.8	1953	1.8
3	Su	0819	1.9	2056	2.1
4	Mo	0917	2.2	2144	2.6
5	Tu	1002	2.7	2224	3.0
6	We	1041	3.0	2300	3.2
7	Th	1117	3.2	2336	3.4
8	Fr	1154	3.4	—	—
9	Sa	0011	3.7	1227	3.6
10	Su	0046	3.8	1301	3.6
11	Mo	0121	3.9	1336	3.6
12	Tu	0158	3.8	1415	3.4
13	We	0239	3.6	1500	3.1
14	Th	0327	3.1	1555	2.5
15	Fr	0427	2.6	1712	2.0
16	Sa	0557	2.1	1857	1.9
17	Su	0743	2.1	2028	2.1
18	Mo	0909	2.5	2137	2.6
19	Tu	1012	2.8	2229	3.1
20	We	1100	3.2	2311	3.4
21	Th	1139	3.4	2348	3.7
22	Fr	—	—	1213	3.4
23	Sa	0023	3.8	1244	3.4
24	Su	0057	3.8	1313	3.3
25	Mo	0128	3.7	1343	3.2
26	Tu	0155	3.4	1409	3.0
27	We	0220	3.1	1434	2.7
28	Th	0247	2.7	1503	2.2
29	Fr	0323	2.2	1549	1.8

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Rye & District Lions would like to thank the Christmas shoppers at Jempsons, Peasmarsh and Jempsons Budgens, Rye, who generously contributed to the buckets held by Rye & District Lions Club members outside both supermarkets before Christmas. A total of £1,400 was donated which will all be given to various charities, local, national and international over the coming months. The Lions would also like to thank Jempsons for allowing them to collect outside their two stores.

Bumper Burns Brass Benefit

Beckley Village Centre was packed to the rafters last Friday, when a Burns Night Brass Band Concert, organised by Rye & District Lions, was a complete sell-out. In fact, during the week before, many applicants for tickets were disappointed as all tickets were sold in advance. This was the third concert run by Rye Lions and, as in previous years, the takings from the event were for Macmillan Cancer Support. A total of £760 was raised on the



evening but Bill Coleman, President of Rye Lions, announced at the end of the concert that the Lions would increase their total donation to Macmillan to £1,000 from Rye Lions funds, some of which was raised at the Christmas collections at Jempsons and Budgens. The packed audience enjoyed an evening of music with a Scottish theme from Sussex Brass, and a haggis was duly "piped" in at the start of the concert. In addition to the Scottish theme, Sussex Brass played a wide selection of music from classical, pop and shows, finishing with a rousing "Sussex By the Sea". The conductor, Steve Hollamby, interspersed the musical numbers with information

about the music, anecdotes and jokes. The audience clapped in time to many numbers and many took to their feet with crossed hands to join the band and the Lions in an appropriate encore for Burns Night of "Auld Lang Syne". Bill Coleman also thanked Sussex Brass, the audience and particularly Beckley Motors for their assistance with ticket sales. Rye & District Lions are not resting on their laurels, however, as they enjoyed an evening meal at the Green Owl, Camber last Tuesday and will be assisting Hastings Lions with their half-marathon on 16th March. They will also be taking names for the annual lunch that they provide for the over-70s at Rye Community Centre, which is scheduled for 6th April. If any adult in Rye and surrounding villages is interested in joining Rye & District Lions, who have great fun in raising money for those less fortunate and also enjoy socialising, please ring 0845 833 2825.

Conrad Freezer

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This Months Comments

3 calls were made about youths seen causing a disturbance in the area. The Rye Harbour Garage has been subject to ongoing vandalism both myself and PcsO Bevan have been working hard to get this building made safe this is at present ongoing. Oil was taken from the Village Hall this has now been made secure

Daniel Bevan

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The Harbour Area has had a Quiet December compared with last year, with only a handful of calls to the police, these calls were for the roadworks being faulty on Rye Harbour road, and to

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http://www.sussex.police.uk/neighbourhood_policing/nptnopc.aspx

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

people selling door to door in the Mary Stamford Green Area.

The Old Rye harbour garage has eventually been boarded up, after a joint operation led by myself and PC Hanson and Rother District council officers, due to recent damage to the vacant building, which was causing some safety concerns.

An oil tank behind the Village hall in Rye harbour was tampered with, but no oil was taken, this has now been bricked up and made safe.

There have been further complaints of scooters in the Rye harbour and Frenchmans beach area, Hi Vis patrols have continued, and one bike was recently seized in Rye.

Damage - Harbour Road

Local yard on the industrial estate had damage caused to an entry gate, no access was gained but does appear to have been an attempted break in. Between 1:00pm Sat 26/01/08 and 7:00am Mon 28/01/08 444 of 28/01/08

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The Lions motto is "We Serve" and they believe this **MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE** scheme brings real benefit to the community.

Should any club or organisation like to know more, they should contact Malcolm McDonough on 01797 253111 and a short presentation can be given by the Lions to any club or organisation and answers given to any questions or concerns that they may have.

Conrad Freezer
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

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grassland around the pit.

Recent volunteer work parties have included filling in vehicle ruts on the Parkes Hide path (an extremely muddy and back-breaking job!) and removing Elder and Hawthorn from West Beach and nearby areas of Harbour Farm. While we were sad to see some of these trees go, this was necessary to deny perching sites to Crows and Kestrels, hopefully reducing the predation pressure on birds such as Lapwing, Ringed Plover and Redshank which breed in these areas during the spring and summer. Also with this in mind we have begun the process of electrifying some of the new fencing on Harbour Farm to deter Badgers and Foxes.

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

This article was written for the December issue



Lions Clubs International *Best NGO* Ranked Best NGO



In July 2007, companies ranked Lions Clubs International and its foundation the best non-governmental organization (NGO) worldwide with which to work. This top ranking was according to ratings compiled by the *Financial Times* in association with Dalberg Global Development Advisers and the United Nations Global Compact.

The rankings assessed 34 global organizations ranked by 445 companies involved with NGOs and international agencies. **Lions Clubs International was rated most highly and ranked first for programme execution, communication, adaptability and accountability in the fast-growing world of charity-marketing.**

The assessment, published in the *Financial Times'* Corporate Citizenship and Philanthropy special report, highlights companies' growing interest in long-term partnerships to tackle an expanding range of social issues.

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FINANCIAL TIMES SPECIAL REPORT Thursday July 5 2007

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1 Lions Clubs International	United States	4.7	4.3	4.6
	United States	4.9	4.2	
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Financial Times, July 5, 2007

Name of Organization	Country of HQ	Total Avg
1 Lions Clubs International (Members in 200 countries)	United States	4.6



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QUICK FACT

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LIFEBOAT REPORT



Shout(s): **CABIN CRUISER: IN TROUBLE AT HARBOUR ENTRANCE**

Rye Harbour RNLI lifeboat, B-727, launched on 24/11/2007 at 08.07pm to a small cabin cruiser, in trouble at the entrance to Rye Harbour - the engine had been swamped by a following sea. A tow rope was passed to the casualty. They were then towed back to their moorings at Rye. The lifeboat returned to station at 9.05pm and was ready for service at 9.40pm.

CABIN CRUISER: IN TROUBLE AT HARBOUR ENTRANCE

On 25/11/2007, Rye Harbour Lifeboat, B-727 launched at 12.08pm to assist a speedboat alongside the river wall, with one of the occupants running up the wall. It turned out that

the craft was suffering engine failure.

The boat was passed a tow rope and towed back to Rye Town where it was placed on its moorings.

UNIDENTIFIED DISTRESS SIGNALS HOAX CALL

Dover Coastguard requested the lifeboat launch on 02/12/2007: red flares had been sighted between Rye Harbour and Rye Town. The lifeboat launched at 11.25am, conducting a search of the River Rother towards Rye Town.

At 11.46am the lifeboat reported its position as Rock Channel and that nothing had been found. The lifeboat returned to station at 12.10pm and was ready for service at 12.45pm.

SEARCH FOR MISSING CANOEIST ON RIVER

ROTHER

On 06/12/2008 at 6.35pm, Dover Coastguard requested Rye Harbour Lifeboat, B727 launch to assist with the search for a missing canoeist on the River Rother.

The Lifeboat was tasked to search from Monkbretton Bridge to Scotts Float. After two and a half hours of searching, Dover Coastguard requested that they search back to the Fish market at Rye – nothing was found.

The Lifeboat continued its search of the River Rother back to the lifeboat Station; arriving back at 9.20pm. The Lifeboat was released from the search and was ready for service at 9.45pm



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



November has seen a big change over to Scallop fishing for a lot of the trawlers due in part to the situation of having to throw back Cod after having caught them while fishing for Plaice and Soles. The catches of flat fish have fallen as well so the Scallop fishery was seen to be a more productive option; and to get away for now from the quota madness. First landings have been good with reports of more Scallops being caught further to the west in the channel by British and French boats combining to make a well-supplied market

with the prices reflecting this. The weather is playing its part by being unsettled with gales on some days and too much wind on others for most boats to get to sea especially as the scallopers fish further out, well clear of land. After the good run of fishing that the netting boats have enjoyed for the many months, their catches have dropped off and are relying on a few Soles and Plaice whereas most would be after Cod if the quotas allowed. One fish that hasn't shown in any big numbers is the Herring, November was the month when the biggest catches were made when the

fisherman used drift nets set from the surface down and mostly at night. A couple of good landings have been made by the Hythe boats that are launched off the beach but it is a very limited market nowadays and no-one really fishes for them from Rye but it is unusual that none have been caught as a by catch in either the gill nets or trawls that are fished in the bay.

Boy Ashore

This article was written for the December Issue

In Aid Of Rye Castle Museum

Tuesday 12th February 2008:

An illustrated talk - "Romney Marsh at War" - by Edward Carpenter
7.30pm at the Museum, 3 East Street Rye.

Saturday 8th March 2008:

Coffee Morning - 10.30am - 12 noon at the Museum, 3 East Street, Rye

Tuesday 11th March 2008:

"Vita and Harold" - Nina Thorndyke and Vernon
Reeve deliver readings from the words of Vita Sackville-West and her Husband Harold Nicholson. - 7.30pm at the Museum, 3 East Street Rye

Many thanks, Jo Kirkham

RYE HARBOUR FOOTBALL

Are you interested in playing football?

Are you a girl or boy between 10 to 15 years of age?

If YES and you wish to be part of a team, please phone Vanessa on 01797 229859

We meet every Monday, Tuesday and Friday at School Green (Coronation Field)

Between 4.30 to 6.00 pm.

This football team is being run by the older youths of Rye Harbour
with the support and backing of the Youth Action Group & Sussex Police

WEBSITE: <http://www.rhfc.co.nr>

• WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA •

FEBRUARY

FRI 1st

Rye Art Gallery – 'Come Gentle Spring', runs till 9th March. Easton Rooms open from 10.30am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm closed Tuesdays

SAT 2nd

Brede Steam Engines – Brede Water Works from 10am – 4pm

SUN 3rd

A Winter Ramble Around

Pettlevel – A look at the Wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. Meet at the road side pool at Pett Level at 10am, return about 2pm (4 miles). Donations appreciated.

SAT 9th

Antique & Quality Collectables
Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4pm

FRI 15th

Rye Scallop Festival – Runs till 24th February. Web site www.ryebayscallops.co.uk

SUN 17th

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Return of the UK'S No1 organist Robert Wolfe. Tickets available on door £5.50 per person includes refreshments. Concert starts 2.30pm at Thomas Peacocke, Community College. www.geocities.com/ryewurlitzer

MON 18th

Fun Bird Activities – Join in the half term fun of learning about nesting birds during National Nest Box week and make tasty treats to take home to your garden birds. Call into Lime Kiln information centre between 11am – 3pm throughout the week for craft activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations appreciated.

SAT 23rd

Camber Castle Wildlife & History
A chance to see the inside of Camber Castle and to explore the new reedbed excavations of Castle Water and see what Wildlife hides amongst the reeds. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 1pm return about 4pm (2.5 miles). Donations appreciated.
Great Dixer – Snowdrop & Croucus week- end 10am – 4pm

MARCH

SAT 1st

Great Dixer – Snowdrop & Crocus week-end from 10am – 4pm
Rye Art Gallery – 'Come Gentle Spring' at Easton Rooms from 10- 30am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm closed on Tuesdays. Ends on 9th March.

SUN 2nd

Project Kabubbu 2008 – The village hall Northiam, a special Mother's Day concert with The Welsh Wizard Bryon Jones on wersi electronic organ. Tickets £6 include interval refreshments. Doors open 1.30pm, concert starts 2.30pm. Ticket Info 01424 44058

SAT 8th

Antique & Quality Collectables
Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4pm

FRI 21st

Easter Eggstavanza 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 (Adult Free). Pre-booking essential 07999861759. Parking at Brede Lock car park. Start times available when booking onto the event.
Annual Marble Mach – Battle information 01424 773721
Easter Bonnet Parade – Battle information 01424 773721
Easter Egg Hunt – Yesterday's World, Battle, runs till 24th.

Information 01424 893938

Pigram Trail – Bodiam Castle, runs till 24th. 01580 830196

SAT 22nd

Spring Beach Clean – Help removal of Winter Rubbish. Also see Wheatear & Sandwich Tern. Meet Rye Harbour car park 10am with work gloves if you have them. Hot soup served at 1pm
Antiques & Quality Collectables
Held at Rye Community Centre. Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4pm

SUN 23rd

Antiques & Quality Collectables
Held at Rye Community Centre. Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4pm

THUR 27th

Rye Players presents – 'Puss in Boots' at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 7.30pm. Runs till 29th

SAT 29th

The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve – Swifts, slide illustrated lectures at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall from 7.30pm. Admission Free donations appreciated.

SUN 30th

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Iain Flitcroft performing at Thomas Peacocke, Community College at 2.30pm. Doors open 1.30pm, tickets £5.50 includes refreshments.

PLEASE NOTE
RYE FARMER'S MARKET
HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY
ON STRAND QUAY
BETWEEN 10am – 1pm
THURSDAY
GENERAL MARKET
AT ROPE WALK
ALL THESE
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THE NATIONAL TRUST

RYE & WINCHELSEA CENTRE CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2008

IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRUST, WHY NOT JOIN YOUR LOCAL CENTRE?

The Rye and Winchelsea Centre has a programme which we hope will have a wide appeal, with monthly guided walks, outings during the summer, theatre visits and talks on a wide range of subjects throughout the winter months. Our main events in 2007 have included a Coffee Morning held at Cleveland House in Winchelsea and a Symphony Concert held in Cranbrook Church. We ended our year with a Christmas lunch, attended by over 100 people at the Powerdermill Hotel, Battle.

If you are interested in joining us our membership costs £5.00 (five pounds) for a single member and £9.00 (nine pounds) for two adults in one household. For more information please contact our Membership Secretary, Ms Marion Brunt on 01424 883566.

The Annual General Meeting of the National Trust – Rye & Winchelsea Centre will be held on Friday 15th February at 7.30 p.m. in Beckley Village Hall. The meeting will be followed by wine and nibbles.

WALK

Saturday 1st March: Meet at 10.00 a.m. in the car park of the Red Lion Pub in Brede.

This morning walk of approximately 3.5 miles, is a repeat of a very successful walk in March 2007. We will again visit the Victorian water Pumping Station near Brede and a collection will be taken which will be donated toward the upkeep of the Pumping Station.

The walk will be followed by a Pub lunch.

Leader: Roger Brown – telephone 01797 366977.

NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME

TALK

Thursday 20th March at 2.30 p.m. in Beckley Village Centre.

Noel Varley presents a talk entitled:

“From Harbour to Strand 1850 to 1950”.

There is an entrance charge of £1.50 for members and £2.00 for non members which includes refreshments.

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Rye Harbour Church News

Here is a reality check. How do you see yourself? Some people have a positive image of themselves, others a negative one. Some think that they can do no wrong (it's always someone else's fault), others are conscience-stricken and crippled by doubts. Some become angry and frustrated when life doesn't work out while others show patience when difficulties arise. Some can never see their own faults (that's most of us) but see only too clearly the failings of others. Ash Wednesday (6th February) marks the start of the



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Season of Lent, 40 days (more or less) leading up to Easter (23rd March – very early this year). The focus is on Jesus' ministry which leads him to the Cross. Lent is a time for our own reflection, to see ourselves both in the light of God's love and also in the midst of this world's sin. The way through Lent is to see God's love in Christ as His response to our sinfulness

and failings. We have all fallen short of the glory of God but that is overshadowed by God's undying concern for us. The reality is that we are very human. The truth

is that we are loved eternally and raised to new life in Christ. Jesus reminded us that "the truth will set us free".

Services at the Harbour Church in February:-
Sunday 10th 9.15 a.m.
Holy Communion

Sunday 24th 10.30 a.m.
Family Service

Do come and join in worship and fellowship.

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

Rye Harbour Heritage

<http://www.ryeharbour.net>

NaturesKin @ Rye Wharf

FOOT AND HAND PAMPER – November 23rd 3 - 8pm

Come for a free taster session of hand and foot massage by local therapists and try out my new range of hand and foot creams.

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Tai Chi at Rye Harbour Village Hall?

What's it all about then?

Tai Chi Ch'uan originates from ancient China. Nowadays it is practiced throughout the world as an effective exercise for health. Tai Chi consists of fluid, gentle movements that are relaxed and slow in tempo.

Tai Chi facilitates the flow of Qi (pronounced Chee) through your body. Qi is the life energy that circulates throughout the body, performing many functions to maintain good health. Practicing tai chi helps to strengthen your Qi, therefore improving your health.

It can be practiced almost anywhere and is a suitable form of exercise for just about anyone. Scientific studies have shown that tai chi relieves stress and improves concentration and integrates body and mind.

To most people Tai Chi is a slow moving form of gentle exercise that has become associated with relaxation, stress relief and health improvement. Some people will also have heard that it is a martial art. All of this is true.

Tai Chi promotes natural correct posture. Throughout the exercise the cardiovascular system is gently exercised. Because of the positions the student adopts throughout the movements, strength is gradually increased, especially in the legs. By holding the spine in correct alignment and turning and moving the waist, the student stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system that results in a decrease in heart rate and dilation of the blood vessels resulting in improvement in the circulation. This is the body's restraint on the flight or fight syndrome and is of vital importance in lessening the effects of negative stress.

The practise of Tai Chi not only benefits the body, but also the mind. The form that is learnt consists of many different movements. The mind is so absorbed by this that day-to-day worries are left aside. This results in a perceptible increase in mental sharpness and self-confidence as the student becomes more proficient.

When asked "What is the most important reason to study Tai Chi?", Master Cheng Man Ch'ing replied, "The most important reason is that when you finally reach the place where you understand what life is about, you'll have the health to enjoy it."

Classes are held in the Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 (beginners/intermediate) where all are welcome.

The Teacher, Stuart, has studied Tai Chi and other internal martial arts for over seventeen years. He is a certified instructor with: Zhong Ding Traditional Chinese Martial Arts Association; The Tai Chi Union for Great Britain and Dr Paul Lam's Tai Chi for Health Program. He also holds a current first aid certificate and full indemnity insurance cover.

Family Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday mummy on 26th January love Ronnie and Freddie belated due to no Newsletter, sorry!

.What a fantastic turn out we had for the children's xmas party on Sunday 16th Dec with approx 40 children joining the celebrations, thanks to all who helped throughout the past year with the 'Jumble Sales', and a special thank you to Father 'Ben' Christmas.

Thank you to Bernie at the 'Conk' for a lovely Children's Christmas party on Xmas Eve.

JUMBLE

The Jumble Sale on Saturday 2nd February in Aid of the Children's Christmas Party & The Senior Citizens Christmas Party for 2008 raised £119.00, Julie would like to thank all who helped and contributed plus Brenda for her famous cheese scones, which have become a essential part of any jumble sale.

Apparently someone is often leaving 'Jumble' at the village hall, we only store jumble when we advertise the date of a jumble sale being booked, so unfortunately this jumble gets dumped in the rubbish bin, so please don't leave jumble there, thank you.

THANK YOU

Lil Cutting would like to thank all the friends who kindly sent her flowers and cards following her recent move to Rye after many years living in Rye Harbour.

HOSPITAL

Doris Cutting is home now, after her time in hospital.

SYMPATHY

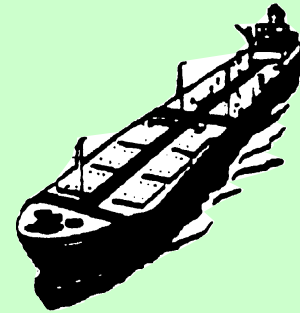
Sympathy to Marcus and family who has recently in November, lost his mother.

YOGA FOR YOU

Reports by Julie & Sylvia

Anyone interested in Yoga at the community centre. Which day would be convenient, which time and if people are interested, would they prefer once or twice a week. A teacher from the REED Gym would like to start classes in the Harbour. Please put a note in Marcu's post box in the village shop. Thank you

Heidi Foster



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