

# Rye Harbour Newsletter

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Newsletter Compiled By & For The Residents

## Editor's Comments

Welcome to Issue two, hope you enjoyed Issue One as much as I did.

I understand copies of the first Newsletter reached America, Canada, Margate, Maidstone, Ashford and even London.

I have added a further four pages this month which some is for advertising but not all.

Even so due to a slight miscalculation of funds on my part, I haven't managed quite to fit every ones details in

### Young People Up To The Age Of 16 Read On

Please turn to the Youth's page to find out what you need to do to commemorate the Coronation.



this months issue, I can only apologise and promise to print it next month, when I shall have rectified the problem. Thank you all once again for your reports, please keep them rolling in. There will be at least another four pages next month.

I was hoping to do a report on the Mobile Library Service that is threatened with extinction but again there just wasn't room. However I will create a petition that you can all sign, if you wish to retain the service and it will be at 17 Tram Road. I will then send copies to the appropriate authorities. Hope every one has a good Halloween especially the children.



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## Fund Raising - Jumble Sale

Thank you so much to all the kind people that gave jumble to the recent Jumble Sale, for all the cakes made and the Raffle prizes donated too. We raised a grand total of £172.00 I would also like to thank all the friends that came along to help on the day. There was a bit of a mix up about the time, as the paper had forgotten to print the time. So we went

ahead and had it at 12.00. Once again thank you all so much. The money has been added to the Skate Pipe Fund, I am hoping that after Christmas or just before if I can arrange it, we could hold a Quiz Evening to raise some more funds, the last one being a great success, with lots of people joining in at the Conqueror. Once again thanks a lot, I will keep you all

posted via the Newsletter. If anyone has any ideas for a Quiz Night, or can come up with a venue, maybe Rye Harbour Social Club. Or if you have any other ideas for raising money, then please contact:  
Pam on 01797 227090

By Pam Carroll

### Jumble Sale

Saturday 1st December in aid of children's Christmas Party to be held at the Village Hall, see Julie or Pam for details.

### Christmas Coffee Morning

In aid of Village Hall Funds being held on 24th November between 11am & 1pm. Lots of Fun. ALL WELCOME.

## Rye Harbour Youth Action Group

### Meeting 9th October

There was a very good attendance from all ages of children in the village, with noisy, but nice discussion from all who came along. The children had a range of ideas from: Clay modelling to Drama Workshops etc. We asked for volunteers for a committee with a good response of 10 children aged 10-15 years. Hopefully a committee will be formed at the

next meeting, to be held on 7th November at 4.15pm after school.

So do come along, all are welcome. With a bit of luck we should get some funding and form a Youth Group for the kids very soon.

By Pam Carroll

## Monday Luncheon Club

We all enjoyed another one of Silvia Alford's Luncheons on October 15th. It really is a lovely get together, we even had friends who came from Rye, Winchelsea Beach and Great Stone, (Kent). After we had eaten, we had a sing-song, including some old Fisherman's Songs we learned from Johnny Doughty.



## Parish Council Notebook

At the Parish Council meeting, held on October 8th, the following items of interest to us here in Rye Harbour were on the agenda. Following the advice from Mr Roger Scott, an Area Planning Officer from Rother, together with support from Gina Sanderson, Volunteer and Project Co-ordinator for the Rye area. It was resolved to write to both to co-ordinate a long term plan in association with Residents of Rye Harbour and other groups with goodwill to formulate an overall project rather than in bits and pieces, details later, together with your input, will be wanted. Proposed Sea Defences: The initial feeling is for the defences along the West Main; we learn that Rye Harbour Nature Reserve has a number of queries and concerns on the project.

Concern is also expressed upon the future of the Mobile Library, and the retention of the service.

The Council have also had a letter from a resident concerning the Queens Golden Jubilee, next year. The Council were reminded of this forthcoming event and will be commemorating this Historic Occasion in all Four Wards, possibly with Seats or Play Equipment.

Finally, Strand Hill Winchelsea has been closed for almost a Year now due to Land Slips, mainly through the heavy rains, engineers are still monitoring the bank and assessing movements of soil, from the reports it will probably be some time before remedial work can begin, meantime, the Hill is open to pedestrians and Cyclists.

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## Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



The avian highlight from the last month was a juvenile Sociable Plover from western Asia. It was initially seen at Castle Water on 29th September before moving to Pett Level for several days. They are not normally seen alone, as their name suggests, and this bird chose a flock of Lapwings for company. Only 40 or so have been seen in Britain before, so it attracted crowds of admirers from all parts of the country throughout its stay.

From further afield, although less rare, was a Pectoral Sandpiper - the second record of this American species during September. The strong southerly winds of 7 October pushed a Sooty Shearwater within sight of the Nature Reserve - only the third record here. Mild conditions and regular southerly winds thereafter encouraged many summer migrants to stay later than usual, with Wood Sandpiper, Sandwich Tern and Black Tern all seen on very late dates.

In the third week of October there were still several Wheatears and Whinchats around, along with quickly diminishing numbers of Swallows and House Martins. Stonechats have been in good numbers and there have been several sightings of Black Redstart.

Many finches are also on the move now. Flocks of Goldfinches and Greenfinches are fairly widespread, but most will move on in the coming weeks.

Little Egrets have been regular around the river mouth and 32 were still coming in to roost at Castle Water in mid October. Only a few years ago this species was an uncommon sight here, but large numbers are now spreading up from France and colonizing southern England.

The increasing area of reed bed at Castle Water has encouraged a few Bearded Tits. Although a striking looking bird, they usually remain hidden amongst the reeds, revealing themselves by their distinctive 'pinging' calls.

The mild weather has also encouraged large numbers of Red Admiral butterflies and dragonflies to remain active.

Forthcoming events - open to all .....

Sat 17th November - The Moths of Sussex. If you think all moths are brown, boring and eat your clothes, then come along to this illustrated talk by Simon Curson at the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall - 2.30pm.

Sat 18th November - A guided walk to look at wildlife and history around Camber Castle and Castle Water. Meet at the Brede Lock car park (Rye end of the Rye Harbour Road). 10am to about 1pm.

There is no charge for events, but donations towards the nature reserve are appreciated.

For more information on the nature reserve, visit our web site at [naturereserve.ryeharbour.org](http://naturereserve.ryeharbour.org).

Warden: Paul Troake



## Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report

We've had no calls since my last report but training goes on as usual. Several of the Crew have been updating their First Aid skills with the help of a mobile Instructor from Lifeboat H.Q. in Poole.

We are shortly starting a Duke of Edinburgh award scheme Bronze course at the Station, with six students from Rye Sea Cadets and four from Thomas Peacock College. This years Memorial Service

for the Crew of the Mary Stanford will be held on Sunday 18th November.

By Richard Tullet

Also See Page 8



## Harbour Master's Comments

The RNLI has outlined plans for a new Lifeboat - a 25-knot slipway launched craft. This new design is planned to enter service in 2004.

We are reminded that the lifeboat service launched 6521 times in 1999 saving 1028 lives and gave assistance to a further 5565 mariners. Since 1824 more than 133,500 lives have been saved. The present complement of crew volunteers is 4,500 men and women operating from 223 lifeboat stations (including Rye, Hastings, Eastbourne, Dungeness, Littlestone). Lochin (the owners name (Nichols) spelt backwards) Marine boat builders, who started their boat building in Rye and moved to Newhaven, have introduced a new 40ft islander class of boat. With a forward wheelhouse construction and designed to house twin 420bhp engines the craft will have a top speed of 28 knots. The first boat built, Dolphin Discovery, has been delivered to Limerick, Ireland. The Harbour launch, Rother III, was constructed in 1979 at a cost in those days of £20,000 complete with engine. It is pleasing that this very popular design is enjoying a renaissance with some 15 vessels on order.

By Carl Bagwell, with permission from His Newsletter.



## Rye Harbour Sailing Club News

Rye Harbour Sailing Club has a full programme of racing, cruising and fun sails for both the Dinghy sailing members and the Cruiser members every summer, the Dinghy section continues to race, weather permitting, all through the winter.

The Cruiser section holds races and cruises both in Rye Bay and further a field on this side of the channel and across to France.

During the winter months the club, which is also an RYA shore based training

establishment, runs various courses for members and non-members alike.

Also during the winter a series of speakers and social events keeps members in touch with each other whilst not sailing, we are a friendly club who welcomes new members whether they are boat owners or enthusiastic sailors willing and hoping to crew for others.

Please come down and see us.

By Jean Phillips

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## The Rye Partnership News

Unfortunately due to ill health, Kevin Stower is unable to do this month's report, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. However Rye Partnership assure me the shop is still moving along with a hopeful opening date around March.



## General Information

### FUN BUS

The Fun Bus will be in Rye Harbour on the following dates:  
 Tuesday 6th November 10am - 12pm - Tuesday 20th November 10am - 12pm  
 Tuesday 27th November 10am - 12pm

### Local Tide Times

NOVEMBER		Rye Harbour Approaches	
Date	Time	O.D. metres	O.D. metres
1 Th	1056	3.6	2314 3.5
2 F	1127	3.6	2344 3.6
3 Sa	1158	3.7	—
4 Su	0014	3.6	1230 3.7
5 M	0047	3.6	1305 3.6
6 Tu	0125	3.5	1345 3.2
7 W	0210	3.1	1436 2.7
8 Th	0311	2.6	1559 2.5
9 F	0444	2.2	1740 2.2
10 Sa	0614	2.5	1901 2.5
11 Su	0729	2.7	2009 2.9
12 M	0829	3.2	2104 3.2
13 Tu	0920	3.6	2153 3.6
14 W	1007	3.9	2236 3.7
15 Th	1050	4.1	2315 3.9
16 F	1133	4.1	2355 3.9
17 Sa	—	—	1213 4.0
18 Su	0033	3.9	1251 3.7
19 M	0112	3.6	1331 3.4
20 Tu	0151	3.4	1412 3.0
21 W	0234	3.0	1500 2.5
22 Th	0325	2.5	1557 2.1
23 F	0423	2.2	1700 2.0
24 Sa	0527	2.0	1810 2.0
25 Su	0638	2.1	1919 2.0
26 M	0740	2.5	2013 2.5
27 Tu	0827	2.7	2054 2.7
28 W	0906	3.0	2131 3.0
29 Th	0943	3.2	2206 3.2
30 F	1019	3.5	2243 3.5

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### Citizens Advice

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### Mobile Library

The Library van will be parked in Rye Harbour Road every fortnight.  
 November  
 5th & 19th

## Youth Page

### Competition News



Last month's competition winner was Becca Cleary from Mary Stanford as seen in picture being presented by M. Alford with her four free tickets to Drusillas Park.



Winning Design

On the 31st October Pointes School of Dance (Yes the same one that used to practise in our Village Hall) had a show at the White Rock Theatre in Hastings. Michelle Paine, who runs the school, put in many hours of hard work in teaching, organising and sewing, together with some of the mums, who also sewed, made props and helped backstage. Most of the dances were Tap, Modern and Jazz, which seems to be the popular choice of young people today.

Hairdressers from the 'Cats Whiskers' in Winchelsea Beach, including Bev Gudgeons, used their expertise to do French Plaits and Buns on every Dancer. There were three dancers from the Village, Danielle Melrose, Karen Spencer and Nirosha Saunders all aged 11 years. Also dancing was Gwen and Jack Caisters granddaughter Stacey Swaine. The Show was very professionally presented; the performances were of a very high standard,

Even the babies (under fives) in their dinosaur costumes performed well.

Occasionally one or other might forget which way to turn or where to skip to, which made them all the more delightful. Michelle is very



good with her pupils and really excellent with the babies, she never puts them under pressure and still obtains great results. It was an exhilarating and exciting show and very much enjoyed.

By Molly Saunders

*Local Photos: Left: E. Spencer, Centre: N. Saunders & Right: D. Melrose*

### Golden Jubilee

The Rye Harbour Management Committee are hoping to raise funds to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in 2002 by having an old fashioned street party with all the fun that, that entails, plus every young person up to the

age of 16 will be presented with a Jubilee Mug and Crown. For this to happen it is necessary for every parent or young person who wishes to partake, to register their young person.

The register will be held at 17 Tram Road, so please register as soon as possible, so we have some idea on numbers required.



## FISHING NEWS



### Round Rye Bay for More

October saw the first gales of the autumn and thoughts turned to last year, when for days on end and sometimes weeks, we had strong gale force winds. This does give the fishing grounds a rest and stirs thing up a bit, but it is very frustrating trying to get out to sea. The Summer Fishing as usual had it's ups and downs, with very good catches of Dover Sole and some poor weeks to equal it out, but the

abundance of Spider Crabs making it a job to find the fish without the Crabs, for both the Trawlers and the Boats that fish with Sea Nets.

This month has also seen the first show of Cod, small in number, but they seem to be a good class of fish and perhaps a sign of something to catch this Winter.

During the Summer, most Trawlers and Netters have been fishing the dark hours, but come this time of year, some

boats are changing type of gear used and starting to fish the daylight, targeting more the Cod and Whiting which come into the Bay.

Ashore there has also been some work done to the Scallop Dredges, ready for the season that starts locally in November.

BOY ASHORE

## More Fishing News

Scot Marchant and Nick Watson had a shock the other day at sea, when they netted up a Turtle!

The latest bit of information is

that John Craven from the BBC is coming down to make a documentary on the incident. It is called a Kemp's Ridley Turtle, and it weighed 33 pounds and measures 92cm.



## Local Art Report

Local Artists have been placing Sculpture in the environment of Rye Harbour and Rye town in the past week as part of the Nine Days Wonder Sculpture walk. The theme of the walk is 'Angel' and you'll have noticed the three sites at the Harbour, the Chrome figure standing on the Salt Marsh Plinth is by Artist Sue Quatermass and is a Guardian of the waterways, linking the town and the village together.

The Piano, which seems to have fallen from the sky, is by Artist David Cutmore and the public Toilets have been used as a poetic reminder of

our connection to each other and the beautiful world we inhabit.

The walk doesn't finish until Sunday 28th October, so anyone wishing to participate, they will find a map at 'The Conqueror'. Hope you managed to enjoy some of these pieces and I will keep you informed of future events coming up.

By Sue Quatermass



## Rye Harbour Church News

Proposals are being put forward by the Church Council of Rye Harbour that it becomes a

Diocesan Pastoral Committee and the Privy Council.

Rye Harbour Church Services for

November  
Sunday 11th November, Parish  
Eucharist - 9.15am

Sunday 18th November, Annual Lifeboat  
Service - 3pm

Further details on the future use of the church will be made known as things progress. We would like to emphasise the church is not closing, rather other use options are being explored. Meantime we would welcome new supporters at the monthly Eucharist, 9.15am, every second Sunday.

daughter church of St Mary's. This would form a new parish of Rye with Rye Harbour. Rye Harbour Church would continue to be used regularly in the normal way, as a place of worship, including baptisms, weddings and funerals. So for example, the annual Lifeboat Memorial takes place as usual next month on Sunday 18th November at 3pm. The official description of Rye Harbour Church would be a 'Chapel of Ease'. This would mean a chapel for the greater ease of getting to worship for Rye Harbour residents. The purpose is to make one more effective unit rather than trying to keep a small congregation running as a legally separate body.

It is intended that the finances of Rye Harbour Church will continue to be kept separate. These proposals will have to be agreed by the

From Our Church Correspondent.



## Craft Classes

Craft Classes will be held at the Village hall on Thursday 15th and 29th November. 1pm - 3pm. It is hoped that all those who came last time will come again and that anyone else will be welcome.



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## The Mary Stanford Disaster

In 1928 the worst disaster for many years occurred on the 15th November when the whole of the 17 man crew of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat were drowned, the whole male fishing population of the village.

The Lifeboat was launched in a south-west gale with heavy rain squalls and heavy seas, to the vessel 'Alice' of Riga. News was received that the crew of the 'Alice' had been rescued by another vessel and the recall signal was fired three times, but apparently the crew of the Lifeboat had not seen it and the whole crew perished.

After the disaster, Rye Harbour Station was closed.

The seventeen men who lost their lives were Herbert Head, Coxswain and two sons James and John; J. Stonham, 2nd Coxswain; H. Cutting, Bowman and his two brothers Robert and Albert; Charles, Robert Alexander Pope, three brothers; William and Leslie Clark, brothers; Maurice and Arthur Downey, cousins; H. Smith, W. Igglesden and C. Southerden.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE**  
The Village Hall Management Committee are currently in the process of applying for a new Public Entertainment Licence as the previous one has now expired.

The Entertainments Licence authorises the provision of the following Entertainments, namely public dancing, singing, music and public entertainment of the like kind, between the hours of 09.00 and 01.00 (9am and 1am in old money). The reason that we are asking for an end time of 01.00 is so that any events taking place in the Village hall on New Years Eve, can actually continue past midnight - ringing in the New Year.

Other members of the Management Committee and myself have been approached by occupants of the Village who are opposed to the Village Hall being turned into a Night Club. It is NOT the intention of

the Management Committee to use the Village Hall as a Night Club. As previously stated, the 01.00 end time is for events like New Years Eve. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act states that premises owners within a radius of 50 metres of the building need to be notified of the application in writing, we wrote to all premises owners within a 55 metre radius on the 4th October 2001, the letters were delivered the same day. If you have any comments or suggestions about the Village Hall, then let us know, pop a note through the letterbox at the Hall.

Steve Tollett

For and on behalf of Rye Harbour Village Hall Management Committee

## Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



From making 5-6 cups of tea a week, we now make 15-16 cups a week.

A favourite with all the toddlers is the dreaded painting, old clothes are a must where that's concerned. But they love it.

It's wonderful to see so many young children and babies enjoying themselves and they play so well together.

On 14th October we are being visited by Sarah, a lady who runs Fit Kids, which is fun physical exercise for toddlers and young children.

News on the First Aid Course

is that, we have sorted out the premises that we shall be using. Thanks for the help from Rye Harbour Social Club.

We can now confirm that the First Aid Course will commence on Thursday 22nd November from 9.30am - 11.30am.

Thursday 29th November from 9.30am 11.30am and Thursday 6th December from 9.30am - 11.30am.

The Toddler Group will be closed for half-term and will re-open on Wednesday 7th November, 10.30am -

12.30pm.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 19th December 10.30am - 12.30pm. The Amazing Daisy Daffodil will be here to entertain us with Puppet Show, Sing along and Balloon Animals.

There will be a present from Santa's Sac for each toddler. In the meantime, if you have a toddler and time on your hands and haven't already paid us a visit, why not come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

By Julie Cleary



## Family Announcements

### Congratulations

To Ria Gudgeon and Nirosha Saunders, in showing their dancing skills in the wonderful show at the White Rock Pavilion on Saturday 13th.

Many people don't realise how much hard work goes on behind the scenes, to present the public with such an enjoyable evening. This also applies to parents who give up so much of their time to make sure the Dancers are there for every rehearsal and on the actual show nights.

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To Nirosha, Also for winning a Scholarship to Ashford Grammar School. We can only imagine how hard she has worked to achieve this, and her family must be very proud of her, Well Done!

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#### Well-Done Ladies!

Rye Harbour Women's Dart Team had their first game last Thursday, which they won, in spite of 2 members being on holiday, and 1 being ill. They won the League last year, and the Cup is behind the bar in 'The Conqueror'.



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### Hospital

#### GET WELL SOON

Lil Cutting has unfortunately been taken unwell and is in hospital at the time of going to press. Friends and well wishers hope she makes a speedy recovery. Our best wishes to you. From Residents of Rye Harbour



## Family Announcements

### BIRTHDAYS



We all wish Doris Cutting a Happy 94th Birthday on November 16th.

This is the latest picture of Doris taken with her Great-Niece Emily, who comes from Sydney, Australia, but has been working over here for nearly 2 years, first of all in London, and now in Rye.

Doris can always be seen at all the Village activities and will always contribute something to our Jumble Sale, either a Raffle prize or some buns or a cake. She is a very independent lady. Have a Lovely Day!



November 19th, Happy 86th Birthday Arthur Berry taken when he and his wife were at The Inkerman, which they kept for 11.5 years.

Arthur was in the Ambulance Service in the first Blitz in London. Then he did 4 years in the Army, 3.5 of it in North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium and Germany. He came to Rye in 1951, and to the harbour in 1954. He has mixed in with most village projects and is still very active and joins in most activities whenever he can. He and Sylvia Alford are hoping to get Craft Class started in November, as Arthur is a keen artist.



#### Rye Harbour Village Hall

The Management Committee will be in the Village Hall the evening of 31st October (Halloween), for re-painting the Hall. Children of the Village are Welcome to give them a call for Tricking and Treating.

#### WHAT A CUTIE!

WHAT HAPPENED?!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
to Ashley Williams 9th  
October, 18 at last, hope  
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