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Editor's Comments

Well, I hope it was worth waiting for, a little late again mainly due to trying to match my computer format to the printers format, but we made it. A little sooner than expected but then last month took me two days to print and the quality was still poor, see page 5 for more details. The new format should also mean that finally the newsletter will appear exactly how it is, on the web site at last, it has only taken two years. However due to the new printing arrangements deadlines will be slightly earlier and will have to be kept to, or will be held over to next month.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the advertisers, most of who have stuck

by me, through thick and thin and who have made this transformation possible. Also I'd like to thank Molly, Anna and Ron once again for all their collating skills, no longer required but most appreciated. Deadline for this month will be **Monday 18th August** please don't be late. Last month I congratulated Nick for having a go, this month the good news is, he won, they re-assessed the Harbour road and now children travelling to school from Rye Harbour will receive their bus pass all year round and not just in the winter. Well done Nick.

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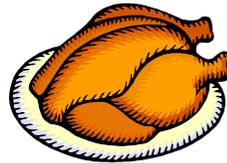
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a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible. If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either Allan or Jane a ring.

Rye Harbour Newsletter



Birthday Celebrations

Yes! it's almost that time again, two years old in September. Last year I organised an exhibition to celebrate the occasion and I had in mind to maybe do much the same each year using different themes. However due to circumstances and horrendous problems I have encountered all this year with my printing arrangements, I have decided this year it would be more beneficial for myself and the continuing improvement of the Newsletter to concentrate my efforts in the direction of my printing problems. So with a lot of careful thought, I have decided after two years of exceptionally low cost advertising to adjust the prices slightly mainly due to the new size advert available, an eighth of a page. This in turn increases all the additional size ad's by five pound. This additional revenue is

sufficiently enough to allow me to send the finished product to a professional printer, who will not only print it but collate, fold and staple it, which will certainly save me a lot of grief every month and will give you a glossy front and back cover with quality printing of text and photo's inside. Initially the Newsletter will remain black and white but once I have got the advertising more stable again I can start looking at some spot colour, which would be good. It will have it's drawbacks, in as much, that deadlines will no longer be of knicker elastic and basically anything that does not hit the deadline will have to go to next issue, this is also due to my further involvement in yet another monthly magazine due to hit the streets mid-monthly in a few months time, but I'll tell you more about that nearer

the time. Since I started the Rye Harbour Newsletter two years ago we, and I say we because we as a community have made the Newsletter what it has become today. I know for a fact, it gets sent all over the world, I've had correspondence and telephone calls from all over telling me we have the best newsletter they have ever come across. It is archived in Rye museum and Rye Library, it is also in as much colour as possible on the Rye Harbour Web Site www.ryeharbour.org I dearly hope that you find it useful and informative and enjoy it, I know I have enjoyed putting it together for the most of the last two years and I hope to continue for many more to come. It would be nice to get a few more letters, with your thoughts and ideas, young, old, whoever, lets hear from you soon.

Your Editor Marcus Whitaker

FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

We all suffered power cuts at the beginning of June up-setting computer and other electrical equipment. Its such a hassle to re-set the times and dates on this equipment and, especially, electric cookers. We are fortunate in having a "backup" generator at the office ensuring that communications and navigation lights keep burning. The annual Raft Race has been cancelled this year with concerns over safety. Last years event was marred by "over-the-top" exuberance. The Water Ski club had agreed to stop water skiing for the day but now have full use of the circuit for the entire summer. Have you noticed the increased numbers of Shell Duck in the river. I counted some 60 adjacent SMR the other day. Such a pretty sight. The seal is a regular visitor venturing as far as the Breed sluice. Its about the size of a large dog and is frequently seen off the Rye Harbour Slipway. The disused Admiralty jetty has had all ladders removed as a safety precaution. The next step is to remove the timber walkways so that all that will remain will be upright



"Sticks" It is unlikely that the jetty will be replaced. I trust all the readers have viewed the new Environment Agency web site, In particular, the lead to "Harbour of Rye". Considerable work has gone into this with video clips and new photographs. Well worth a visit. We had a visit from senior official of DEFRA (the ports sponsoring body). These guys have control over hundreds of millions of pounds. The Environment Agency is making all efforts to gain funding to carry out essential maintenance to harbour structures planned over a fifty year period. To replace all the harbour assets (Training walls, Strand quay steel piling etc) might cost in the region of £80m! So you can imagine the importance of obtaining funding from wherever. With this on-going hot weather film companies are taking advantage and using U.K. plc towns and beaches instead of going on exotic

locations in north Africa or other Mediterranean resorts. The Christmas toy this year is a thing called "Haribo" (named after a fruit sweet I believe). Expectations are that it will rival the "Cabbage Patch" doll of the early 90's. Promotional films are being shot at the harbour mouth. Boots, the chemist, are also in the area photographing for their Christmas catalogue. The film crew are keen to use the sand and dunes as they are seasonless. Channel 4 are also filming for a new series called "The Pilot Show". No idea what it is about. Planning for the Emergency exercise goes on with a visit to a ship similar to the one that will be used on the day to enable participants to carry out a risk assessment. This is to prevent the exercise possibly turning into a real emergency. I believe that Rother District Council are to exercise their procedures for village evacuation as the fire on the ship involves toxic chemicals. In any event some 100 persons are expected to exercise on the day.

Carl Baggwell
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Animals

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01797 225006

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- Tuesday 1.00-2.00pm Smoking Cessation Group (free)
- Tuesday 3.30-5.30pm After Schools Club
- Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm Women's Kick Boxing Class (£3)
- Wednesday 3.30-5.30pm After Schools Club
- Wednesday 7.0-11.00pm Over 16's youth club (free)
- Thursday 3.30-5.30pm After Schools Club
- Thursday 7.00-9.30pm Youth Club 14+ - 50p
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between 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., started on 26 September and is already being well used.

Funded by the Rye Regeneration Partnership, the service will help couples and individuals deal with their relationship problems in a constructive and positive way. Talking with a Relate Counsellor can help people identify the cause of their problem and then decide what they want to do about it. Relate's is there to help the individual or couple resolve their difficulties in the right way for them. This means that the solutions will be different for everyone, because people are different. For some couples this, sadly, may be separation. Then Relate can try to help to make the separation less painful by enabling the couple to understand the changes that are taking place and how their future relationship will be different. This is important when there are children, because it allows both parents to continue being involved in their children's future.

Anyone who feels that an appointment with the Relate Counsellor in Rye would help them can arrange an appointment by telephoning the Central Admin Office on 01323 410001. The Appointment Secretary will take your name, address and telephone number and then make an appointment for you. Because the service is being subsidised by the Rye Regeneration Partnership, clients will only be asked to pay what they can afford, up to a maximum of £5.00 per session.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

On Wednesday 23rd of July, it was the last session of Parent & Toddler group until after the summer holidays and the mothers took the little ones to the playground on the school green for a teddy bears picnic, it was a lovely day and enjoyed by all.

It's a pity there are no seats to sit on, and only 4 swings, a seesaw and a climbing frame for the bigger children, it was a bit of a nightmare trying to keep the toddlers running off into dogs mess, a fence around the play area would be much appreciated, while we were there we saw a couple let their dog off the lead, walk around the green and back, couldn't a couple of notices be put up, (Please clear up after your dog).

J. Tugwell & Mums

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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 IN BLOOM - 2004

Is there anyone out there who would like to participate in **Rye Harbour in Bloom.**

I know that it is rather early to be thinking of 2004 but I am just interested in numbers of residents who would like to be involved in Rye Harbour in Bloom. If you would like to take part then please let me have your name so that I can get numbers of people interested. You can contact me on 01797 223631, e-mail me at in-bloom@virtualwizards.co.uk or pop a note through my door "7 Main Road" (the one with the BIG dog!).

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



July is the time when the breeding season draws to a close for many birds, and migrant waders return from breeding grounds further north. Around the pit margins Common Sandpipers and Green Sandpipers can now be seen along with a few Greenshanks, Little Ringed Plovers and Whimbrel. Some of these, like the Common Sandpiper, may have nested in northern Britain, whilst others, like the Green Sandpiper are returning from

Scandinavia. The Little Egret is also becoming more prominent again. A good supply of fish in the bay has attracted up to 700 Sandwich Terns and helped ensure the success of the breeding colony, along with the Little and Common Terns too. Offshore, Gannets have also been present daily and an Arctic Skua was seen on 20th. More unusual birds were a Bee-eater heard on 6th, but unfortunately not seen, and a Black Redstart on 22nd.

Good numbers of butterflies are now on the wing. The Painted Lady continues to fly in excellent numbers, and its caterpillars can be found on many a thistle. Many freshly emerged Peacocks are also on the wing now, along with Small Tortoiseshells, Large Whites, Green-veined Whites, Gatekeepers,

Meadow Browns and the odd Wall Brown. This is also a good time to observe our many species of dragonfly. The Emperor is one of the largest British insects. Its size, combined with its green thorax and blue abdomen makes it a spectacular looking beast as it hawks along ditches and gravel pits in search of smaller insects. Look out too for Brown Hawkers, Black-tailed Skimmers,



Common Blue Damselflies and Common Darters. Management work has been concentrating on managing "weeds" at Castle Water (ragwort, creeping and spear thistles) and monitoring and protecting our nesting birds. However the big news is that the reed bed creation project has just commenced at Castle Water. The

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Cont.

machines are digging a series of ditches and shallow water areas across the field to provide conditions for reed dwelling species, in particular the Bittern. This is part of a EU LIFE-Nature project lead by the RSPB at 19 sites across England, for more information see the leaflets available in the shop.

Last minute bookings from schools resulted in the reserve being a hive of activity just before the end of term, with 90 kids venturing to the reserve on one particular day! The 6th Hastings Scout Group enjoyed an evening

outing to the reserve, exploring the salt-marsh and undertaking group activities down on the beach. During the holidays, the summer club is booked for pond dipping and beachcombing events on the 12th, 14th, 26th and 28th August. If interested in organising a trip please contact Miriam on 227784.

We welcome new volunteers to help us in our work, whether it be monitoring / protecting the nesting birds, helping visitors or coming on work parties.

Why not join us on our August events....

Sat 16th



Castle Water Bug Hunt and Picnic. A picnic in Camber Castle will precede a hunt for several species of dragonflies, plus frogs, snakes and creepy crawlies in Castle Water. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 12am return about 4.30pm, 2 miles.

Sun 17th

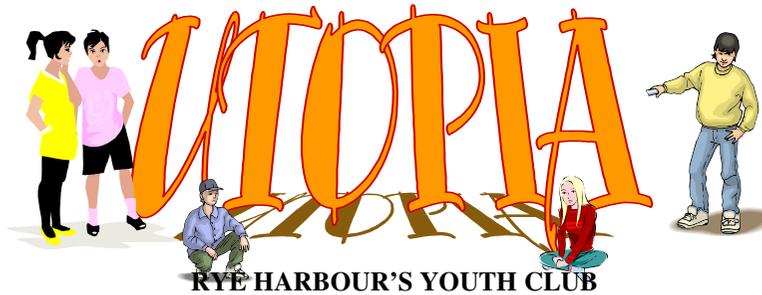
Moth Morning. Another chance to inspect the moth traps, maybe seeing sharks, tigers and elephants! 8am at Lime Kiln Cottage for an hour or so. Bring along any specimens or photos if you need help with identifications.

Sat 30th

Birds, Bats and Bugs. An evening stroll to Ternery Pool followed by a closer look at some nocturnal creatures with the help of bat detectors and moth traps. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 6.30pm.

By Barry, Paul & Miriam (Wardens etc...)

FUND RAISING EVENTS AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL



like to see a few pictures of the



course, were they did some

Firstly, congratulations to Mel our newly appointed co-ordinator for the Youth Club and Summer Club, she is just wonderful with the children and full of new ideas to keep them entertained, well done.

Thought you might



Karaoke, it was wonderful, we heard every note, thanks Kid's. They really enjoyed it and we hope to return after the Summer break for further renditions. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to make it

possible.

Marcus Whitaker



younger children, taken when we treated them to a visit to Frenchman's Beach Holiday Park Club-house, out of hours of



AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL



Now the Summer Club is back, on the strength of

Last year the children enjoyed Pond Dipping and

the more the merrier. But don't forget your



Beach Combing so much that we decided to have two sessions of



last years fund raising from local businesses and a little further help this year from Rye Harbour Stores and Budgens as we seem to have a resident cook helping out this year making cakes, pizzas and judging from the shopping list a lot, lot more.



Wellies.

Pond Dipping
12th & 26th August

Beach Combing
14th & 29th August

Marcus Whitaker



each this year in the hope not so many miss out and if any parents want to come, your welcome, it's great fun and





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



VEHICLE DAMAGED & THEFT

Between about 10-15am and 1-15pm today offenders smashed a window of a vehicle in Harbour Road, Rye searched through and stole a telescope from the boot after pulling the seats forward to gain access. Serial 1048 of 15/7 refers.

THEFT FROM BUSINESS YARD

Probably Tuesday evening 1/7 or overnight to Wednesday 2/7 thieves stole seven 800 litre plastic tanks from a yard at Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, presumably by boat. Serial 1077 of 3/7 refers.

GOLFING GEAR STOLEN FROM VEHICLE

Overnight Tuesday 15/7 to Wednesday 16/7 thieves forced the lock of a vehicle in Rye Harbour to steal a golf trolley, golf bag, clubs, golf shoes and a bag of clothes. Serial 1701 of 16/5 refers.

THEFT OF MOUNTAIN BIKE

About 10-40pm Sunday 6/7 a group of youths stole a mountain bike from an address in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour. They were followed and caught and the thief was arrested. Serial 1771 of 6/7 refers.

DOOR KNOCKER SCAM THEN BURGLARY

About 9-15am yesterday, Thursday 24/7, two males called on a resident in School Lane, Peasmarsh and claimed they needed to cut some trees back from telephone lines. They made a small charge of £15 which was paid and asked the resident to go and look at the trees with them to ensure they were doing it properly. One went with her and she realised that the other was in the house and went back. Today, Friday 25/7, cash has been found missing and it is realised that no tree cutting was done. The two males were white, one described as 40-45 years old, slim with very dark neatly cut hair while the second was younger, in his 20's, average build and well spoken. Serial 1342 of 25/7 refers.

DID ANYONE ELSE SEE THESE TWO? OR PERHAPS AN UNUSUAL VEHICLE IN THE AREA?

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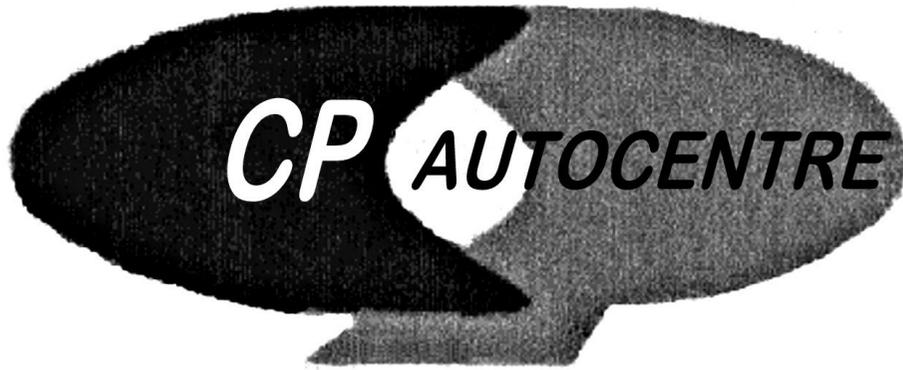
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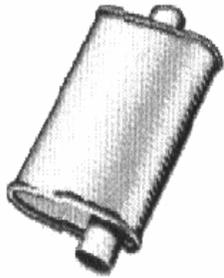
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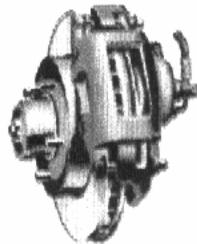


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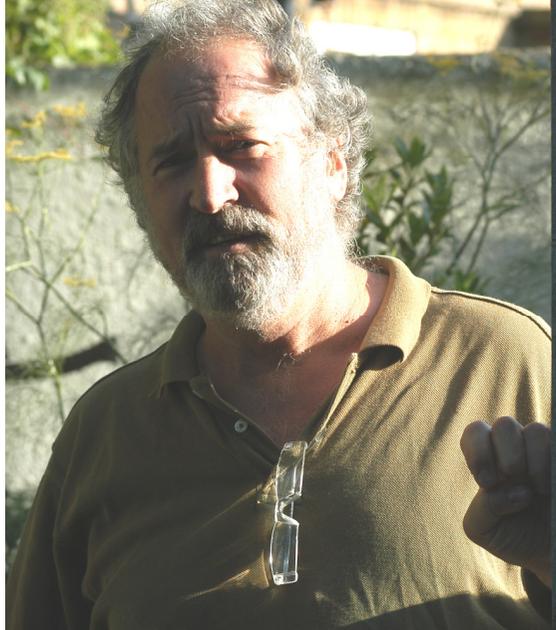
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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Mike was born in Rhyl, North Wales in 1943 and lived there until he was 10. Rhyl is very much like Rye Harbour being a tidal estuary. His favourite Uncle Harry lived on the river and was a great naturalist, raconteur, plumber and Mike spent a lot of time with him walking and making things. He would rescue ducklings and tame jackdaws. He had an eye for beautifully made things and found all sorts of treasures that other people chucked out. He had a garden full of other peoples junk - mechanisms of old merry-go-rounds and a complete ostrich. He had a sea going canoe and put a sail on it and did line fishing. He now lives on the sea front at Rhyl. When Mike was 10 his father came out of the army and went to work for Marks and Spencers and they moved to Birmingham to a large council estate,

this was a big shock to the system. His mothers father was an engine driver or stoker and Mike would sit



for hours on a wall watching engines. Mike went to a vindictive, nasty RC School and took the 11+ possibly 3x and failed so went to a Technical School doing technical drawing and metal work which he loved. The family moved to a more rural area and Mike commuted across Birmingham and found his bus ride fascinating seeing the cattle going to the slaughterhouse, metal workshops, mini blast

furnaces, the fishmarket and cattlemarket all in the centre of Birmingham. When he was 15 father was transferred to M & S in Cardiff. Mike took 'O' Levels and left school at 16. In the summer father was transferred to Bath and this was a big wrench for Mike as he had a longstanding girlfriend. He started a 5 year architecture course at the Art School

and Architectural School housed in a small georgian house in Bristol commuting on a Vespa with Garnex coat to keep the rain out made of vulcanised rubber. He came off the Vespa in someones driveway and got skinned. An Austin 7 was standing in the drive unused and bought it for 10 pounds + spare engine, wheels, gear box etc. The first time out he broke the hard shaft. He moved to

Bristol. Mike maintained the car himself - the brakes failed and he swerved into a victorian lampost. His 21st. birthday present from his parents was a replacement lampost! Mike finished his training in 1964 during a downturn in the economy. He married his 1st. wife who was a fellow student and they had 2 children Nicole and Benedict. Friends from Trinidad persuaded them to go and work out there. The island was volcanic and unspoilt, 90% rainforest,

365 rivers, 40" rainfall, no poisonous snakes but boas who would eat the neighbours chickens. Mike started with a few small jobs and then moved on to a hospital, hotels and schools.

Mike came back to the UK with the 2 children and met up with old friend Jill and her 2 children. They found a house in New Ash Green and Mike worked for other people before setting up in business on his own with an old friend and Jill as

Interior Designer - building hotels, restaurants and cafes. Over 5 years ago they bought the Barn - the Woolstore and moved into Rye town and then found Rye Harbour and has never regretted it. They have now moved the business full time to the Woolstore and mainly work on hotels and restaurants. He is a keen member of the Rye Harbour community and his creativity burgeons around him!



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



July has certainly given us lovely sailing weather. Yachts are arriving back from Holland ,the Solent and the Chichester area. Visiting boats from Holland Belgium France Germany enjoy the challenge of Rye. The cross Channel pursuit race produced plenty excitement. The idea of this is to produce a close finish by using a staggered start according to handicap. On the return journey Richard Hopper came on the VHF to say that a large container ship was bearing down on him and he was unable to take any action as he had picked up a net. A few anxious moments passed. They furled the foresail and this took the forward motion off. The net freed itself and the crisis passed. The wind was very light and those that had to catch the tide put on the engines and disqualified themselves. Spindrift battled on and was rewarded with a good wind to

win the race but then had to sail around the Bay for a further ten hours to go in on the next tide. Last Saturday a surprise 60th birthday party was given to Derek Phillips. He is our past commodore and this was a great opportunity to honor him for all the work he does for the club.

Ken Halpin





Shingle Landscape Competition



We are inviting entries for some competitions that highlight the special character of the shingle landscape around Rye. The entries will reflect how people see this special area and it will result in an exhibition, a CD and a calendar.

Photographs

Could you capture an image of the transitory nature of this ever-changing environment, with its rare species of birds and plants, shifting shingle landscape, sandy beaches, Camber Castle and Martello tower, wooden groynes, circular horizons and tidal currents?

Throughout September we are inviting 'non professional' photographers of all ages to submit a maximum of 2 images which capture the fragility and transience of this unique area.

Poems and memories

If you do not take photos, perhaps you write poetry and can capture the essence of the shingle landscape in a poem.

Or, you may have a memory of the area that you can put on paper. Perhaps an encounter with wildlife, or exceptional weather, or you can remember a time when things were very different and this was a remote area with few visitors.

Winning entries will be displayed alongside the photos at the exhibitions and all entries will feature on the CD.

Photographs can be any format. They will be judged by professionals and will form a 'travelling' exhibition. There will be different age categories and prizes are still being decided. Entry forms will be available from Lime Kiln Cottage information centre or the Nature Reserve address from August 29th.

Closing date for entries is 30th September. All entries will be included on a CD and winning entries will feature in a shingle landscape calendar.

There will be an exhibition of winning entries at the church of the Holy Spirit, Rye Harbour Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th October 2003. The exhibition will continue at the Place, Camber from 13th October until 21st October.

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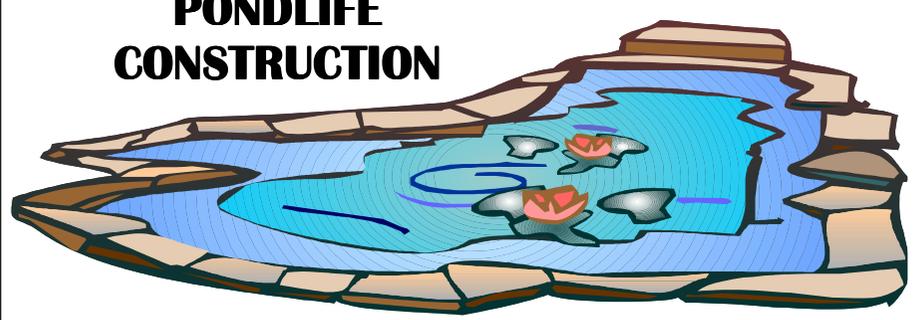
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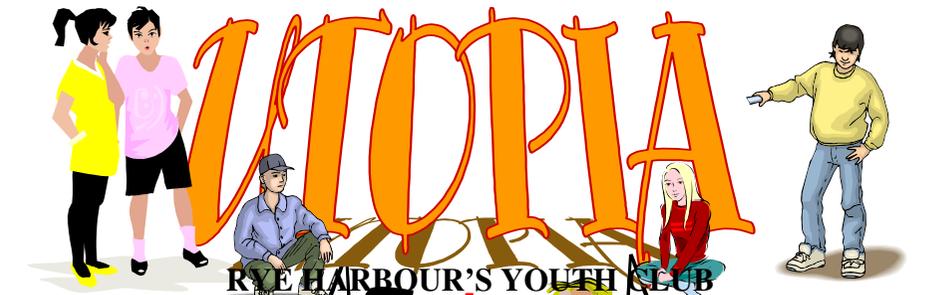
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Steve Tollett

Rye Harbour Church News

Do we want our Church family to grow? At present it is small enough for the

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Church of a Holy Spirit to be run down to extinction within a few years. The efforts

of those few who have worked hard to sustain its life and to keep the Church doors open are laudable but now we must find ways of adding to their number.

Why? Because the Church is the spiritual heart of a community and points us to the higher realm.

Although it has its place for baptism, marriage and funerals, those important moments in life expressing respectively thanksgiving, joy and sorrow, yet it is the regular worship of the Church, which lifts the soul to God and provides spiritual nourishment through our lives. The Church prepares us to live with God: in fact it is that fellowship that is centred on God during our pilgrimage through this world. To be a member of the Church is to have responded to God's love, revealed in Jesus Christ.

We do not have to reach up to God for He has stooped to come down to us in his Son. It is only this experience of God's love that binds us into a family of

believers who find that God has spoken to them and still speaks to them through Jesus Christ. Please remember that the Church is not a perfect community; it is made up of sinful people who have found mercy and forgiveness to live, renewed,

each day. Nor is the Church class-bound, as we recall the first disciples

being fishermen.

A recent publication giving a review of the Church of England over the last year has an article about Darren, a plumber from Essex. Darren went to church twice a year, had a steady job and a happy marriage. Today Darren is in training for the Church's ministry. How come? God had spoken to him, he went to Church, received a warm welcome and found his vocation developing, to his utter amazement. In spite of having dyslexia, Darren his managing his course of study and by 2005, all being well, he will be a curate. So be warned! It is not a vicar's or evangelists who convert people. It's God's work. We pray he that there will be a spiritual awakening to the things of God in Rye Harbour and a growth in His church. No, we are not expecting lots of vicars (or nuns) but simply those whose hearts God has touched.

Hugh Moseley

At present monthly services at Rye Harbour Church are on each second Sunday at 9:15am with the hope of increasing the number of services in 2004, to include Family worship.

JUMBLE SALE

There is a jumble sale on August 2nd in the village hall at 12 o'clock again to raise funds for the Christmas party for the village children.

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



Yes, it's me again, I gave Ann the month off and I wish I hadn't, as I quite enjoy her writing.

Anyway you might say, what do I know about parent and toddler, well not a lot, only I have one, although she stresses she's a big girl now, and I open and close the village hall most Wednesday mornings for them.

I understand the last session before the summer break went extremely well, with the teddy bears picnic and all the children enjoyed themselves.

The Rye Harbour Youth Action Group have now taken on main responsibility for the parent and toddler group, owing to the fact nobody else seemed interested.

On the whole the group is reasonably attended and has some good strong characters, but I know there are lot more of you out there that don't come for one reason or another.

However we do need your support to help keep this facility available, I have heard rumours that it is "clicky", not true, everyone is down to earth apart from me, who is on another planet most of the time, and the rest are there to just mix, have some fun, a stale biscuit, my fault again but I do get you fresh milk every week. The health visitor is still first Wednesday of every month and I know there are other good things planned for the future. So the more the merrier, Dads as well, you can always bring your own biscuits when we re-open on September 3rd.

Many special thanks to Rosemary who comes all the way from Winchelsea every week and amazes me, how many different ways to pack a cupboard, well done and thank you, for all your help.



Marcus Whitaker

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Proud parents Denise and Jimmy McLoughlan said last week's ceremony was emotional.

"We are so proud of him," said Mrs McLoughlan.

"It has been his dream to join the Army since he was very young. He was dedicated and trained hard to make sure he was fit enough."

Jamie is now based near Salisbury.



We are so pleased for Denise and Jim McLoughlan and their family on the news of Jamie and his success in the army.

They had a wonderful day at the passing out parade and their happiness and pride is a joy to see. Well done Jamie.

16 of us went to Stone-Cum- Ebony last Tuesday and had a very nice lunch supplied by the W.I., in the Village Hall. It was the hottest day of the year and as we went inland we missed the sea breezes more and more, even so, we had her lovely day.

On Monday the Monday Club went to Tunbridge Wells for the day. We really enjoyed it and had a lovely drive through the countryside. After a very nice lunch we made our way home, some of us having a sleep on the journey.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

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