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Editor's Comments

BUYING CRIME - SAVES TIME

You'll have to excuse any mistakes I've overlooked this month, as it didn't get such a thorough proof reading due to circumstances, mainly lack of time.

However the newsletter is 40 pages long this month, making up for the short fall last month.

This headline is to do with Saturday night 26th Oct. when three young lads from the Harbour stole certain items from my car, these items were not mine and although after two and a half hours, in horrendous weather conditions, I managed to apprehend two of the culprits the owner of the items refused to prosecute due to the fact that the youngsters guardians paid for the goods stolen.

So legally, case closed no crime was committed, hence also I am not legally permitted to print



there names.

However the two apprehended do already feature elsewhere in the newsletter.

You may ask why there is a man climbing a telegraph pole on the front page. Well it's just a little thank you, to Alan Morgan from St Leonards who whilst installing the new telephone line in the village hall, also cleared the guttering, which I was supposed to do. Copy date for November will be **Friday 22nd** please get your copy in on time. Hope you have a safe firework night.

Special

Features

- Local Events & Meetings
- General
- Comments & Letters
- Youth Club
- Church News
- Sea Defences
- Family News
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Tide Timetable
- Local Bus Times
- Harbour Master
- Parent & Toddler
- Shop Update



FUND RAISING EVENTS

JUMBLE SALE

Well what a Jumble Sale last Saturday, Julie and Pam had some really quality jumble given to them in aid of the Children's Christmas Party and there was an excellent turnout from both local and visitors alike. The total raised was £ 165.00, which will help



considerably towards the children having a good

time. Julie and Pam would like to thank all those who helped on the day and before and all the people who attended. I would like once again to thank Julie and Pam for all their very hard work, which goes into the organising, of the Christmas Party. **Marcus**

Quiz Night

Well what a night, the 27th September saw 8 teams participate in the first quiz night of the new season. The 8 teams in alphabetical order are: BONGO BABES, FARTS, FLAGSTAFF, F.N.I.S., HERRINGS HEAD, PAM'S PEOPLE, PHD'S and THE FIRM
The next 2 quiz nite dates for your diaries are - 15th November and 13th December. I would like to thank all those who supported the event, we do appreciate that you all have had a busy day working, but what a great way to unwind for the weekend.

Quiz Nite 25th October 2002

This month saw our first ever theme quiz night. Eight teams braved the inclement weather and quiz mistress. The teams are as follows:
Bingo Babes, F.N.I.S., The Snobs, F.A.R.T.S, Pam's People. T.I.T.'s, Flagstaff and PHD's
This month's winners were the PHD's with 81 ½ points, closely followed by F.N.I.S. with 81. The rules of adjudication came in to play, not for the first time, when F.N.I.S. asked for a re-count. As always the decision was swift, firm and fair. The ambience of the evening was enhanced by the Halloween decorations in the room.
Special thanks to Jean and Ann who made pumpkin pies, what a great culinary delight they were.
Several of the regular attendees were unable to attend due to health problems or prior engagements. To those with health problems, we all hope you get well soon as your teams need you and those with prior engagements - don't forget the next Quiz Nite is on "15th November 2002" at 19:30 for 20:00 start.
Thanks to everyone who attended, it really is appreciated. Remember the saying "Work hard, Play hard"!
Steve T, Ann N and Steve R.

DONATIONS

I would like to thank all of those who have made donations to the Village Hall over the past months.

Parish Council Notebook

No Parish Council Notebook this month – our correspondent was unable to attend.

IMPORTANT TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Bus services 300 to Hastings via Conquest and service 344 – Rye, Winchelsea Beach and Hastings due to lack of support between Rye and Broad Oak. We understand that services to the Conquest Hospital will be from Rye via Winchelsea Beach and Hastings. The service to Rye Harbour will remain at half hourly intervals support on the 325 route has increased since it became half hourly. Local bus timetable leaflets are available at the community shop.
The Rye to Rye Harbour route times apart from one or two extra services are virtually unchanged.
Services to the Conquest Hospital are less frequent via the 300 Broad Oak route, whilst a more frequent through service via Winchelsea Beach, hourly both ways.

DON'T FORGET EVERY MONTH FREE CLASIFIED

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RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME



Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has

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.

Harbour Master's Comments

FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Despite all the media's dire warnings of flooding etc ("Highest tides since the turn of the century) the early October spring tides passed without serious incident. The highest tide that I remember (25 years) was in 1979 when a height of 4.8 metres was reached. This did not cause flooding within the village or indeed on my side of the river. Work has finally commenced on improving the facilities at the Fish Market Moorings. The first task was to erect a fence around the perimeter to protect the public from the works. The old, derelict sheds are to be removed with "Portacabins" used as a temporary stowage of fishing gear. New ladders and net storage rails will be added. These preliminary works are expected to last some twelve weeks finishing in time for Christmas. All 40 speed buoys have now been recovered and will be stored at the harbour office ready for next years deployment. Only two were "lost" this year. I have now held a First Aid Certificate for some forty years. It is a requirement that all those engaged in pilotage must hold, amongst other qualifications a "First Aid at Work" Certificate. Having just completed the mandatory two days update I discover that I am no longer a "First Aider" but a "Lay Responder"! Everything is changing. The "Celebration" of the Rye Catch was conducted at both St Mary's Church and the Fish Market. A good crowd turned out to listen to the Very Reverend Basil O'Ferrill RN, delivering an interesting history of the Scallop shell, a religious symbol of some importance. This

is significant as the town of Rye, headed by Kate Roy, chair person of the Chamber of Commerce, is promoting the scallop in much the same way that Whitstable promotes the Oyster. The Pilot Vessel "Aries" is experiencing a little problem with its port engine. Late October the boat will be taken to "Rouds" Boatyard where the engine will be removed and completely overhauled. Anybody noticed the intensity of the new "Red Light"?We arrived at East London, a port on the Buffalo river that can rise some 30 feet during heavy inland rains. In not too distant times passengers, crew and cargo were landed into barges from wicker baskets as the quays had not yet been developed. We only spent a few hours here, enough time to visit the seaman's mission to post letters home. We left, navigating very close inshore to avoid strong sw'ly Agulas current that gives the name to this stretch of coast as the "Wild Coast", arriving at 4 in the morning we anchored (No South African Ports open until 6.30). Our berth was not ready delaying our arrival by two days. As the Zulu deck and the engine room "crowd" were "Paying Off" little ship maintenance work was achieved all being excited by the imminent completion of their "Articles" (Contract of Employment). They were all in party mood and had obtained quantities of alcohol (strictly forbidden). An argument started at around midnight and fighting erupted that resulted in knives being drawn and used. Port Police were informed who came out to the vessel and arrested a number of crew and took ashore the more seriously wounded

saloon crew. No meals were cooked for two days so we ate cold meats and salads. With nearly all cargo discharged the holds were cleared of rubbish and cleared in preparation for cargo back loading for either the Mediterranean or the UK. It was decided that the fresh water tanks between the hull bottom steel plates and the cargo hold floors should be cleaned and cement washed. Guess who had to assist? This area comprises of small "Box of Steel" with strengthening plates every few metres in which were cut "Lightening" holes to reduce weight. The small compartments were about three feet high with all surfaces coated in a paint comprising cement and water. We had to chip away rust and old "Wash" removing scale in buckets. The area was extremely hot and lit by portable lamps with large bulbs that added to the heat. We wore only loin cloths with our heads protected by towels (we have earlier completely shaven our heads upon reaching the tropics on the west coast). The work was hard and uncomfortable and took four days to complete. We did manage to get ashore but after a day in the tanks we ate normally and slept soundly until the next day. The ship sailed bound for Matwara in Mozambique, the port built for the infamous "Groundnut" scheme where we were to load sacks of peanuts. Here I became very ill after being stung by poison sea anemones in the clear deep water of the lagoon. It was only through the rapid attention of a tribe that lived in mud huts on the edge of the lagoon, who recognised my very swollen and discolored hand, that I am alive today.

Carl Baggwell (Harbour Master)



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The hall can be hired for £3.50 per hour for Village residents and £5 per hour for non-Village residents, commercial bookings and organisations.

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to book the hall, you can phone 01797 223631.

Don't forget, a deposit is needed to guarantee your booking.

General Information

FUN BUS

The Fun Bus will be in Rye Harbour on the following dates:

Tues 12th and 26th November 10.00 am -12.00 pm



Local Tide Times

OCTOBER Rye Harbour Approaches
Add 1 hour for B.S.T. until 27th October

Date	Time	O.D. metres	Time	O.D. metres
1 Tu	0551	1.9	1833	2.0
2 W	0715	2.0	1948	2.5
3 Th	0819	2.6	2047	3.0
4 F	0911	3.2	2137	3.5
5 Sa	0957	3.7	2222	3.9
6 Su	1041	4.1	2305	4.1
7 M	1124	4.4	2345	4.1
8 Tu	—	—	1205	4.4
9 W	0024	4.1	1246	4.4
10 Th	0105	4.0	1327	4.1
11 F	0148	3.6	1411	3.6
12 Sa	0235	3.2	1503	3.1
13 Su	0333	2.6	1605	2.5
14 M	0439	2.1	1717	2.0
15 Tu	0555	2.0	1911	2.0
16 W	0735	2.1	2038	2.2
17 Th	0843	2.6	2127	2.7
18 F	0929	3.0	2205	3.0
19 Sa	1007	3.4	2236	3.2
20 Su	1042	3.5	2304	3.4
21 M	1113	3.6	2331	3.4
22 Tu	1142	3.5	2358	3.4
23 W	—	—	1207	3.5
24 Th	0020	3.4	1228	3.4
25 F	0040	3.4	1250	3.4
26 Sa	0105	3.4	1319	3.2
27 Su	0136	3.1	1355	3.0
28 M	0218	2.7	1443	2.5
29 Tu	0316	2.2	1607	2.0
30 W	0516	2.0	1809	2.0
31 Th	0642	2.2	1921	2.5

Local Police

Your Local Police Station No.
0845 607 0999



Flood Warnings

Floodline
0845 988 1188

Citizens Advice

Mondays - 10.00am - 12.00pm
Tuesdays - 10.00am - 12.00pm
Wednesdays - 2.00pm - 4.00pm
No Appointment Necessary
Rye Partnership Office (Rye)
Or you may telephone, on **0870 1264101**
7 Days a Week - 24 Hours a Day

Mobile Library

We learn with regret the mobile library will not call at Rye harbour at least for the time being, due to so few in number availing them selves of the service.

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Local Bus Times



Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Public Holidays) 325 / 326

Route No	325	345	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	345				
Operator	CO	SES	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	SE: S	CO	CO	SES			
Day Code	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Sch	Sch	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ			
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1520	1525	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ± dep	...	...	0848	0918	0948	1018	then	18	48	...	1418	1448	1525	...	1600	1631		
Cadborough Cliff	0830	...	...	...	...	at	...	...	...	...	1530	...	...	...	...	...
Tilting Green	...	...	0853	0923	0953	1023	these	23	53	...	1423	1453	1533	1604	...	1638	1636	
Rye (Rail Station) ± arr	0835	...	0858	0928	0958	1028	mins	28	58	until	1428	1458	1535	1536	...	1613	1641	
Rye (Rail Station) ± dep	0835	...	0859	0929	0959	1029	past	29	59	...	1429	1459	...	1536	1548	1614	1644	1750
Rye Harbour	...	...	0820	0907	0937	1007	1037	each	37	07	1437	1507	...	1542	1554	1622	1652	1758
Rye (Rail Station) ± arr	0835	0837	0915	0945	1015	1045	hour	45	15	1445	1515	...	...	...	1602	1630	1700	H
Tilting Green	...	...	0832	0823	0853	1023	1053	53	23	1453	1533	...	...	...	1606	1636	...	...
Freda Gardham School	0840	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Explanation of Codes:
A: Additional journey on Schooldays only at 0830 from Cadborough Cliff to Freda Gardham School
B: The 1520 journey operates via Cadborough Cliff at 1530
Ⓜ: Schooldays only

Mondays to Saturdays only 344 / 345 / 347

Operator	CO	SES	RN	CO	RN	CO	RN	CO	RN	RC	SES	SES	SES	SES	RC	RC
Route No.	344	344	347	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	325	344	344	344	345
Day Code	NS	NS	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	NS	S	Ⓜ	S	NS	NS	NS
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1525	...	...	...	...
Tilting Green (Mason Road)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1534	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ±	...	...	0909	0946	1046	1146	1256	1350	1450	1536	1550	1650	1655	1750	...	...
Rye (Harbour)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1542	...	...	...	...
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0755	0755	0916	0953	1053	1153	1303	1357	1457	1457	...	1557	1657	1703	1808
Winchelsea Beach	...	0758	0758	0919	0956	1056	1156	1306	1400	1500	1500	...	1600	1700	1706	1811
Smugglers End	...	0800	0800	0921	0958	1058	1158	1308	1402	1502	1502	...	1602	1702	1708	1813
Pett Level	...	0803	0805	0925	1002	1102	1202	1312	1405	1505	1505	...	1605	1705	1712	1817
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0809	0812	0932	1009	1109	1209	1319	1413	1513	1513	...	1613	1713	1719	1824
Fairlight Glen	0736	0815	0822	0942	1019	1119	1219	1329	1423	1523	1523	...	1623	1723	1729	1834
Ore (Christ Church)	0738	0817	0825	0945	1022	1122	1222	1332	1426	1526	1526	...	1626	1726	1732	1837
Old Town (Boating Lake)	0742	0822	C	0951	1028	1128	1228	1338	1432	1532	1532	...	...	1732	1738	1843
Hastings (Harold Place)	0746	0824	...	0953	1030	1130	1230	1340	1434	1534	1534	...	...	1734	1740	1845
Hastings (Rail Station) ±	0748	...	...	0955	1032	1132	1232	1342	1436	1536	1536	...	...	1736	1742	1847
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	1018A

Operator	SES	SES	CO	RN	CO	RN	CO	RN	RC	RC	SES	RC	SES	RC
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Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	0907A
Hastings (Rail Station) ±	0826	1008	1108	1248	1348	1448	...	1548	1548	1638	1740	1745
Hastings (Breads Place)	...	...	0830	1040	1140	1250	1350	1450	...	1550	1550	1640	1744	1749
Old Town (Did Town Cutler)	...	...	0832	1042	1142	1252	1352	1452	C	1552	1552	1642	1748	1751
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0739	0939	1049	1149	1259	1359	1459	1535	1559	1559	1649	1753	1756
Fairlight Glen	0743	0743	0943	1053	1153	1303	1403	1503	1539	1603	1603	1653	1757	1800
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0753	0753	0953	1103	1203	1313	1413	1513	1549	1613	1613	1703	1807	1809
Pett Level	0801	0801	1000	1110	1210	1320	1420	1520	1556	1620	1620	1710	1814	1816
Smugglers End	0803	0803	1004	1114	1214	1324	1424	1524	1600	1624	1624	1714	1818	1820
Winchelsea Beach	0805	0805	1006	1116	1216	1326	1426	1526	1602	1626	1626	1716	1820	1821
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	0813	0813	1008	1118	1218	1328	1428	1528	1605	1628	1628	1718	1822	1823
Rye (Harbour)	0820	0820	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ±	0827	0827	1016	1126	1226	1336	1436	1536	...	1636	1636	1726	1830	1830
Tilting Green (Mason Road)	0832	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freda Gardham School	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Explanation of Codes: NS: Not Saturdays S: Saturdays Only NⓂ: Not School Days Ⓜ: School Days Only A: As Local Rider 300 to from this point



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

Could I, through your columns, explain to your correspondents the present situation regarding the land between the bund and rear gardens along part of the Tram Road. I am also an interested party to the situation.

First I will emphasize NO! the land has not been claimed! It belongs to Icklesham Parish Council and will continue to do so as far as I am concerned.

When the Parish Council first took over the land I considered ways and means in which a modest income could be derived towards the upkeep of the field, and as the site appeared to have little potential use in the whole scheme of things I hit on the idea of letting these plots to the frontages adjoining in Tram Road and consulted with the then Chairman and Deputy upon my ideas for income from this area. So an informal arrangement was made to clear the site ourselves and to pay rent when the overall plan is complete – hopefully soon.

For myself I have never had any problem with children and am happy to see them along the back, it is an excellent jogging track.

I very much favour community projects which is why I pushed to get the allotment site for the village – this covers itself financially and would like to suggest one or two ideas for the residents association to consider:-

A city farm

A community garden – perhaps using the concrete troughs

A wildlife plot in the centre

A community compost site

A tennis and hard court site

I will be happy to supply the addresses of organisations for the above should there be any interest in any as a community project on the field.

Michael Alford

Dear Editor

WINTER is here again. I must stress that we at the William the Conqueror public house will not be held responsible for any action taken by patrons of this pub against any teenagers who hang around outside these premises.

For damaging pub property I would like to inform the following teenagers that they are banned from the premises and area ie car park and picnic areas, as on Sunday 7th October the table outside the pub window was damaged by these thugs:-

Jason Prunty, Paul Satchell, Robbie Quatermass, Jamie Pooley, Dean Jones and Billy Davies.

I wonder what the parents of these boys would say if their own property was damaged? Rye Harbour residents are having their gardens trashed, some people are being terrorized by them.

Rye Harbour is a small community; what has gone on in other villages won't happen here. Should Icklesham Parish Council apply for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order? Bernie Chapman – Landlord William the Conqueror



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

As a senior harbourite I have been very interested in the debate concerning Rye Harbour Churchyard. I and the people I speak to agree it is a terrible state. We can remember when Mr Ford looked after it, but it hasn't been touched since. There are large areas completely covered in brambles, but of course we all know how rare brambles are these days. How nice it would be to see it being cared for again.

Perhaps it can be explained to me how a letter can be written by a Committee re letter from Church Committee letters are written by individuals perhaps hiding behind a committee, and so if that is the rules from one faceless one to another, this letter has been written for and on behalf of:- Rye Harbour Treacle Miners Steering Committee - Name & Address Supplied

Dear Editor

Some readers of the September letters' pages may have gained the impression that the garden development to the rear of Tram Road to somehow the result of a "land rush" by residents.

THIS IS NOT THE CASE

The idea to clear the land and the offer to rent stemmed from the Parish Council. This was a sensible course of action as due to the nature of the space, it was, and was always going to be, a problem area.

An enormous amount of rubbish has been dumped there over the years. A health and fire hazard close to housing. There was quite dangerous stuff like fiberglass, metal, broken glass, mixed up with rotting organic waste.

Some may remember how the children use to drag bits of it out into the Pound – to play with. Also, on more than one occasion, smash their way through the dump and undergrowth to break into Tram Road gardens. The earth banks have never been as effective as security. When the ownership was finally transferred to the Parish Council a J.C.B. was organized to help clear and level part of the area. A lot of work was also done by residents.

After various site visits and letters from the District Council Planning Department individual details plans were requested for the section related to my home.

These were drawn up to cover fence lines, hedge heights and shed size etc. I paid the exorbitant fees and full planning consent is now in place:-

(Reference Number RR/2002/1218P Change of Use to Residential Curtilage)

I understand that some sections may be under a group application to save costs. I can assure everyone concerned – it is all above board.

It should be said that the earth banks, that vary in distance from homes, do have some effect in deflecting sound. But that is of course only when the source is from the ground. Not from on top of the bank.

The sound damping effect would be enhanced for the whole of Pound Field on all sides, if the trees that were originally planted were still in place. Trees would help break up partial echoes and deaden the sound waves.

Unfortunately they were all vandalized some time ago. Perhaps replacements should be a priority? Also the preservation of the clump of the trees in the middle of the field as it appears they are also "disappearing".

Yours sincerely P A BRIDGER



PUBLIC INFORMATION SEA DEFENCES



COASTAL DEFENCES UPDATE

Many people will remember the open meetings and blaze of activity surrounding the project to upgrade the coastal defences between Rye Harbour and Pett Level at the beginning of this year. We reviewed the planning submission for the project. Since this was submitted there has been little news, except for Rother Council declaration

during May that they were not able to issue the required Appropriate Assessment on the habitat. According to the Environment Agency the project is very much at the front of their minds – there is after all a 20% chance of a breach occurring at the Pett Level end within 2 years. However, it has been a very long and hard slog to satisfy all the legal requirements, as well as assuring access to adequate supplies of raw materials. This process still has a way

to go and thus we should not expect to see the project starting for at least a further 12 months. We hope at least to establish a dialogue with the Environment Agency project engineers so that the interests of Rye Harbour residents are taken into account as much as possible in the organisation of the project; it is, after all, expected to be in construction for up to 8 years.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

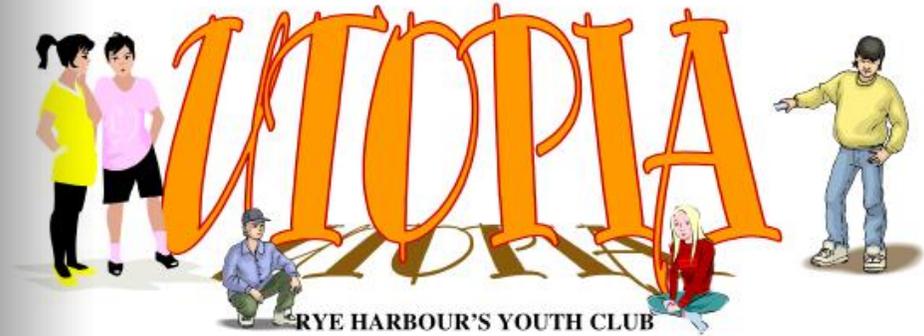


**Letter from Jill Stott to Councillor Peter Jones
No reply from either Anthony Reid or Keith Glazier. Perhaps if more residents write/mailed/ sent carrier pigeons etc we might get some action. Jill**

Rye Harbour – Traffic

Would it be possible to have one of those speed restriction signs at the entrance of Rye Harbour Village? I would propose a sign indicating that you are now entering Rye Harbour Village, perhaps "Welcome to Rye Harbour Village" and indicating that this is a 30 mph speed limit. There is an ideal location opposite the entrance of the Church. We have many young children in the harbour since the advent of the new houses and we also seem to have an increased number of unwelcome visitors – the unwelcomed being those who use the Harbour Road as a racetrack! On a theme of the Harbour Road being a racetrack, our second need is for a barrier to the entrance to the main car park. We are suffering increasingly from youngsters using the car park late at night to "road test" their cars. Quite apart from the fact that there has already been one accident and the potential exists for more, there must be many residents who are woken by a sound reminiscent of a Grand Prix at Brands Hatch in the early hours of the morning! I am sure there are several residents adjacent to the car park who, like ourselves, would be willing to take responsibility for ensuring that the barrier was lowered and locked at an agreed time each evening and reopened each morning.

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group



I mentioned in the Village Voice, that we had a meeting regarding the Youth Club and that some decisions had to be made, well it happened, we aim to open the Youth Club in the week starting 18th November, no days have been finally set, due to staffing but times have been provisionally set at two sessions a week for the younger ones and two sessions for the older ones. If anyone can help with any sessions, we would love to here from you, call me on my usual number 01797 227773. We also christened the Youth Club 'UTOPIA', as you can see from the above, it looks a lot more impressive in colour.

We are also looking for people who might wish to qualify whilst working for the Youth Club as we can arrange this as well at no cost to you, but we would need your commitment. More details will be available soon and I'll let you have them as soon as I know. In the meantime if anyone has any ideas which might help us achieve our goals, then don't hesitate to ring and you can come to the next committee meeting on the 13th Nov. and share them with us.

Marcus Whitaker


FIREWORK NIGHT
 We will endeavour to clear the land at the back of the Village Hall
 On Saturday 2nd Nov. If you can lend a hand, then please do.
 Then
Tuesday 5th Nov.
 We hope to give you a Bonfire with Fireworks & Food
 If you wish to donate to the fireworks see Pam and if your coming along
 Bring a plate of food.



FISHING NEWS



ROUND THE BAY AND MORE

October has seen the weather break and after a spell of east and north easterly winds it has come round the south and south west and we have had some real good blows. Once again this along with the smaller size of boats that fish from the harbour has done its bit by keeping the boats in and given the bay a rest and a good stir up and fairly good catches when the boats get back to sea. Some trawlers have now started fishing with single trawls and seem to be finding the catches as good as the night boats but with different species. The netters have been

doing fairly well with a mixture of plaice and Dover sole in the catch but the bonus being the spider crabs have all gone making the working of the gear so much easier and with the unsettled weather keeping the water muddy and so the conditions better for catching plaice and soles closer ashore in the bay. Skippers and crew of the bigger trawlers have been busy on days ashore getting scallop gear refurbished, changing work bolts, springs and welding parts that have been broke on the dredges. The news from France is not good on the prices but hopefully that will change in the next few months when the

season gets going. Out on the six mile limit things have been very quite with few French and Belgium boats being seen apart from the old beam trawler and this hasn't been sustained fishing and this ground outside the bay will benefit from the rest.

There has been a couple of small catches of herring so far and the ones that have been smoked and turned into bloater's have sold very well but no-one seems to want the fresh herring so perhaps you will be able to smell the smoke again somewhere in the village over the next few weeks.

BOY ASHORE



GETTING CRAFTY



We met again at the beginning of the month and at the end of the month. We started our second collage – we would welcome ideas on buildings etc, like, one at the harbour or has been at the harbour in the past, and one not on the existing collage in the village hall. Some old photographs of them would be helpful too. If anyone has anything old hanging around unwanted that could be used in the collage ie buttons, material, cardboard, netting, shells etc we would welcome it. See you all again soon.

Julie Cleary

This is a photo of the evening 'Getting Crafty' making Toy Sacks, I believe some for Rye Harbour Parent & Toddler.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



A review meeting was held at the beginning of October to check on progress with the experimental scheme to send out Neighbourhood Watch information by email in the 39 villages of the Rye and battle area. The scheme has been judged a success and will be extended. It has proved to be a popular way of increasing awareness of crime and making people more vigilant, as well as catching the perpetrators! Some improvements are being made so that only information which is really relevant to the area is sent – cutting down the amount of spurious information you have to wade through.

Sussex Police is making a big effort to improve its service to the public – officers on the beat have even been seen in the last month locally! Neighbourhood Watch is seen as an essential element in providing a better service; it is like a continuous pressure – you do not see immediate results but the cumulative effect of more people being aware of incidents and wrongdoing and reporting them is very considerable in reducing both crime and equally important, the fear of crime.

If therefore, you have a computer at home I would strongly encourage you to join the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. All you have to do is to send me an email at harbour-watch@pobox.com and you will then receive information automatically. You can also help by passing on information to neighbours who do not have computers and an Internet connection.

For my part I will do my best to ensure information is posted promptly. Steve Tollett did a very effective job during the summer while I was away – he is also working on a website where all the postings can be viewed. More on this later.

If you have any queries then please let me know

Overnight Saturday 5/10 to Sunday 6/10, offenders forced the door lock of a vehicle in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour to steal clothing and property from it. Serial 1472 of 6/10 refers.

A timely report from a local resident lead to a male being arrested on suspicion of attempt burglary after he had smashed a window and tried to get into a shop in High Street, Winchelsea about 12-30am this morning, Saturday 12/10. Serial 72 of 12/10 refers.

ANOTHER CARAVAN BREAK-IN

Sometime over the last week a caravan on a site in Rye Harbour has been broken in to and a lot of property stolen. Serial 758 of 12/10 refers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont.

Yesterday evening, Tuesday 22/10, before 10-50pm offenders cut fencing to get in to the Rye Harbour Marine yard at The Point, Rye Harbour. Was this in preparation to commit crime or perhaps vandalism? Did anyone see anything?? Serial 1487 of 22/10 refers.

Between 12-00noon Saturday 26/10 and 9-00am yesterday morning, Monday 28/10 offenders attacked a lorry in Rye Harbour Road, Rye Harbour, forcing the fuel cap and stealing 150 litres of diesel. Serial 464 of 28/10 refers.

There has been a marked increase in the theft of landrovers and 4X4 vehicles recently. If you own such a vehicle, make sure that it is well secured, and use a steering wheel lock. If possible, store the vehicle out of sight. If you see anyone paying particular attention to one of these vehicle, please let us know on 0845 6070999.

Overnight Thursday 3/10 to Friday 4/10, offenders broke in to a pub in High Street, Ticehurst through the cellar. Fruit machines were attacked and cash stolen. Serial 174 of 4/10 refers.



Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report



October has so far seen only one Lifeboat call. The call was on 2nd October, to the "Lumbering Elephant" who had suffered steering failure some 5 miles South of Dungeness.

The Lifeboat launched at 05:00 and finally towed the casualty into harbour at 07:30, having towed the vessel for

approximately 7 miles.

The crew continue to exercise on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings, so if you are interested in joining the crew then come and see us at the boathouse.

For those without sea legs, don't forget we always need fundraisers!

Richard Tollett

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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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Women in Action and Me A Fairy Story

By Hilary Newbrook

Once upon a time there was a sad older woman call Hilary. She had spent seven years devoting herself to bringing up her two small boys, but the years of domestic drudge and skivving had taken its toll. Something had happened to her. She had got smaller and smaller and she wondered if one day she might disappear altogether.

At night a *Bad Witch* would call on her and utter he words " You are useless, You will never work again, No one will want you and you can't even use a computer Ha Ha Ha!". Hilary believed the bad witch and feared for her future. She knew she must work but it all seemed impossible.

Then one night a *Fairy* appeared to her and said – waving her wand – " You will do a course called '*Women in Action*'. It will give you computer and assertiveness training, It will help you assess your career skills and help with job finding, You will do a psychometric test and a careers interview. You can do work experience and have a mentor to give support when the course finishes. You will receive money for doing the course **AND** it will pay for childcare if you need it" Hilary thought that this was all too good to be true – it was probably a dream – she though to herself.

However, the next day she magically found herself talking to one of the *Wise Women* of *Women in Action*. Yes it was true she did have a place on this amazing course.

Of course Hilary was very pleased but she was also scared. Would she cope with the work? What would the other women be like? Would they like her? Would she like them? She was very nervous on the first day but soon realised that everyone felt the same way. In fact Hilary soon felt the group was a supportive place to be and she knew early on that she would miss the other women when the course finally finished.

Women in Action's fairy tutors were great and Hilary felt that she was growing back to her normal size again. She realised she had gained many skills being at home with her boys, and refreshed her memory of skills picked up over the years of work. In Personal Development she learnt how to be more assertive and was able to deal with the bad witch next time she visited. "I have listened to what you have to say" said Hilary. " But you are wrong about me, It does not support my life to have you visit so please leave and do not come back." Hilary was careful to give steady eye contact, to have a relaxed body posture and spoke in a clear and calm voice.

There didn't appear to be the magical job Hilary had wished for but she knew she was worthy enough to do a teaching job again – and had a plan for the future.

The future looked a lot brighter

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 of the 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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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



The past month has seen numbers of summer migrants continue to shrink, although we still have Swallows passing through in small numbers, a few Wheatears around the Beach Reserve and Chiffchaffs in the bushes. Many more winter visitors are arriving now, with good numbers of ducks and Coots at Castle Water in particular. Rarities have been few and far between, although a Montagu's Harrier was a surprise on 4th, a Spoonbill was seen out from Castle Water hide and a White Stork has been seen over Winchelsea and in the Tillingham Valley. At Castle Water, one Bittern has been seen

already and Bearded Tits are present daily in the reed beds, whilst up to four Cetti's Warblers have been present throughout the area.

Forthcoming events...

Sat 16th Winter Lecture - The Wildlife of East Sussex. By Ian Rumley-Dawson - 2.30pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.

Sun 24th Guided walk - Winter Birds at the Beach Reserve. A chance to get to grips with a good variety of winter visitors. 10-12.30.

Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park.
Donations please.

Paul Troake (Warden)

GUY FAWKES

Good old Guy Fawkes must have had a good idea of what wanted to achieve under the Houses of Parliament so many years ago, but could he possibly ever have envisaged the centuries of mayhem that would follow celebrating his failure?

November 5th is almost upon us and no doubt most people interested in this particular historical event or those who just like bonfires and fireworks to brighten a cold November evening will celebrate perfectly safely. Unfortunately however, there will also be those who either don't consider the implications of their actions with fireworks or just couldn't care less and they are a potential danger to us all!

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

PAUL TROAKE TROAKIE=OUT OF THE OAK.

Born of Devon stock with connections to Lorna Doone and Ex-moor. Holidays were spent there. Natural History especially birds, sparked his interest. He grew up in

Surrey near Camberley. His parents showed him creepy crawlies and of course birds. Dad was a keen gardener. This interest too was passed onto Paul and soon after working in an office he

found this a far more satisfying way of making a living. He was a rebel at school-regularly sent to the headmaster for correction of behavior-Mum said he was bored. She had encouraged him to read before he went to school. In 1976 at the age of 7 he joined the y.o.c.junior

branch of the RSPB. He had to have his older brother join as Troakie was shy. The first bird he remembers was a great tit at Windsor Castle. His interest spread to the local countryside and gravel pits. Soon he had left school and doing a course at



Merrist College. His main further education was a 3 year in countryside recreation and management. He worked at Gibraltar Point, Lincolnshire, and Studland Bay, Dorset. He was a shore bird warden looking after little terns and he is still guarding this

gem of a bird. Paul's interests gradually widened. Moths are a very fascinating species to study. He is to be seen observing birds, leading work parties, showing people round the reserve and doing many tasks to encourage birds.

Troakie is well traveled in his quest to study birds. His best bird to date is a blue headed pitt Boneo. He has traveled widely in the Far East including New Zealand, Iceland, Gambia, Florida, Spain, Ireland, Tunisia, Israel, and Morocco.

Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



The Summer Season is drawing to a close, the cruising yachts are being prepared for winter lay-up however dinghy sailing will continue A winter programme including a Firework Display a dinner dance, and a Christmas Party will take place. Winter lectures and social evenings complete the programme.

I have been reading A Steady Trade by Tristan Jones. It is the true history of his life at sea in the thirties. His first sail=trading ship left from Rye Strand Quay taking glass bottles and scrap iron to Germany. The captain's name was Tansy Lee. Some of you will know Morris Burgess who called his yacht Tansy after this salty sea dog. Jill and I sailed recently to Boulogne with Morris and a 15 year old boy called Luke. Luke had had a very traumatic experience in Quito Ecuador where he had a gun held to his head by two very dangerous criminals. After some terrible happenings, along with his mother and another girl, they were left miles from help. We hope that the

weekends sailing helped to give him a more balanced outlook on life again We returned in very strong wind conditions-force 7 gusting 8 and were glad to leave a stalwart Jill at the helm.

Ken Halpin





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College) and the 300 running from Northiam through Rye and Udimore to the Conquest and Hastings is almost completely cut. In the mornings you can use the 312 but to reach the Conquest in the afternoon you need the 344. This now runs hourly from Northiam, through Rye, Winchelsea Beach and Fairlight to Hastings Station where it becomes the 340 and goes out of

Hastings via the Conquest. This journey takes well over an hour though. ESCC Passenger Transport Services have given us lots of the new Rural Rother timetable which covers the 325, 326, 344, 300, 312, 340 and 341 and 711 as well as the train services to Hastings and Ashford. If you want a copy ask any of our drivers on the 326.

Pat Hughes

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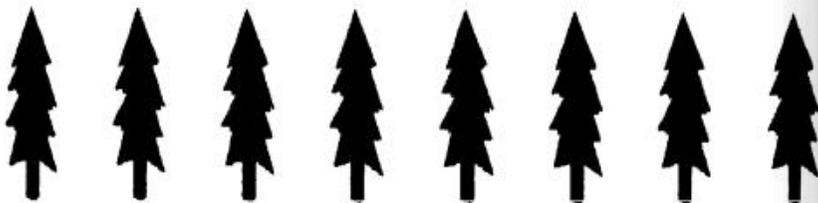
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Rye Harbour Church News

Sunday November 10th – 9.15. The Parish Eucharist 9.15 We will also remember those who died in two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts around the world and in particular in Northern Ireland part of the United Kingdom. November 17th at 3pm. The annual lifeboat service when we particularly remember the crew of the Mary Stanford and all lifeboat crews who have given their lives trying to save others in distress or peril at sea – a good servant but a bad master. “Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters and all


Veni, Sancte Spiritus
 who have left this world in your friendship”. For some time now the Church Committee have realized that the Church like many others is very much underused and ways and means have been discussed both among the Committee and with others involved with art, drama and music. A faculty has been obtained to sell the pews and those who have expressed an interest in purchasing one will be contacted shortly – although one or two will be held back for old times sake.

Padded folding chairs will take the place of the pews to enable greater flexibility of the floor space in the Church. The choir stalls and sanctuary are untouched. Finally we thank those who have donated daffodils for the Churchyard. More would be welcomed also snowdrops and crocuses. If planting yourself please see Michael Alford to decide where. Lifeboat Service November 17th The sermon this year is by the Revd. Lucy Murdock Vicar of Camber who is herself an ex WRNS officer.

SLIDE SHOW

There will be a slide show on 19th November 2002 at 19:30 in the Village Hall. The slides are of Rye Harbour and come from the Lorrie Band collection. Most of the slides are pre 1970.

The entrance fee will be £2, this includes a cup of tea or coffee.

To save disappointment, why not book a seat in advance by posting a note through either my letterbox or the Village Hall letterbox, phoning 01797 223631 or sending an e-mail to tickets@ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk please ensure that the subject reads Slide Show 19/11/02.

Steve Tollett

Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

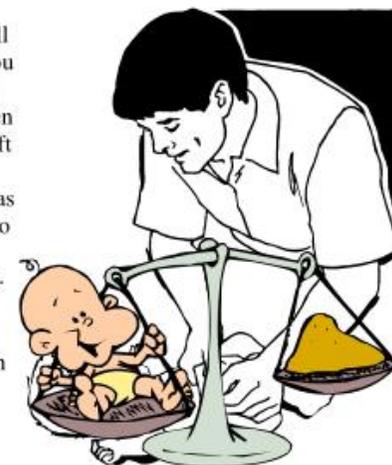


We are still enjoying a busy time at parent and toddler. As our older children are leaving us to go on to nursery schools and toddler groups, the new younger ones are making the place their own. From babies who sit in the safety of mums arms and watch all the fun, to the little ones experimenting at crawling and walking and those who are more daring and want to try out the slide. We have quite a mixture at the moment, which is really nice and

there really is never a dull moment. I'll take this opportunity to let you all know that this will be my last year with our group, as my own daughter is now at nursery school. The Christmas party seems like the most fun way to depart. I'm always up for a party. I'll give everyone more details in next months newsletter. We hope that the toddlers who have moved on, will be able to join us for the party, it will be lovely to see you and hear all about what you have been doing since you left us. So far the group has 2 new volunteers to carry on the good work, they are Kitty and Juliet, Margret Delahoy our health and community worker will continue to offer

her support to the group [on going]. If anyone in the village feel they can offer some time once a week for a couple of hours, or would like to know more about Parent and Toddler please feel free to contact me on 01797 227773. Next Wednesday 6th November is Health Visitor session.

Karen Whitaker



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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Well, we've had our first darts match of the season, a very enjoyable evening was spent in the conqueror playing against Icklesham, a team we always have a good evening with. We now have eleven members in our team.

Twenty Four of us went out on Oct 22nd with Age Concern to a Nursery Garden at reading street. We had a lovely lunch and started doing our Christmas shopping, buying presents and decorations for the festive season.



About seventy of us attended the Rye Harbour Boat Owners laying up supper in the village hall on Oct 26th. What a good time we had. The food supplied by Stuart Pope was first class, and there was a very large raffle. Everyone agreed it was a great evening.

Hospital

Our thoughts are with Betty Brooks who was suddenly rushed into hospital a week ago. We understand that she is improving every day. We are so pleased. Also we are thinking about Terry who goes into the same hospital for a hip operation, all our best wishes go to both of them.

I have just had a telephone message to say that Terry Brooks is back in the hospital ward having had his operation, that's good news indeed and we all wish him well and better health in the future, when last seen, he was eating sandwiches, that sounds more like Terry.



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BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to Becky and Ben on the birth of Maddie. What a lovely little girl she is, weighing in at 8lbs 11 ounces.



Happy Birthday Michelle with lots of love and best wishes from Mum, Chris and all the family.



We wish Arthur Berry much happiness in his new home in Rye, many happy returns of the day Arthur on November 19th.

Happy Birthday too, to Doris Cutting on Nov 16th. Passing her house just now, there's a line of washing out, in the gales too, what a remarkable lady.

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