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Editor's Comments

You may notice some changes this month, as I endeavour to create a more cost effective publication but at the same time striving to maintain the quality. Plans as usual have not fallen into place and because of that I have had to compromise a little, but I shall continue as long as possible to get it right if I can, but the odds continue to stack up against me, a situation that I am quite

accustomed to, but one I wish to change for the future, so bear with me, it may cause a few unforeseen errors initially, which I can rectify as we go along.

Next months deadline will be **Monday 15th August** the final issue of volume four.

Below, left are stark reminders of the evil man is capable of, and our hearts and thoughts go to the victims and their families.

As usual quite a lot going on this month and with the children on holiday every Wednesday in August, SureStart have free playdays in Alexandra Park from 10.30am to 2.30pm and they are just amazing for all ages.

Rye Raft Race - Sunday 21st August



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The day arrives and I recover my "Blue" uniform from the attic, brush it off and try it on. It fit where it touches. I arrive at the palace together with about 400 other invitees and, following extensive security measures, I enter the palace rooms. Our hosts are the Queen, Prince Phillip, Duke of Kent, Prince Michael of Kent, Tim Laurence (Husband of Anne) and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy. The evening went quite quickly with good conversation with all kinds of marine people and even better wine. Following the dredging of the Fish market we had the opportunity to utilise the dredger at the harbour mouth. Some 400 cubic metres of material was removed at the entrance deepening the approach channel making entry into Rye that much safer. Wasn't the dump barge noisy as it passed the village on its way to the dump ground at the Fairway Buoy? A deputy harbour master has now been appointed. He is Captain Robert McGregor from



Glasgow. He takes up his duties from the 8th August. I'm sure he will want to meet as many local people and harbour users within the first few weeks of joining us. Rye's own "Trafalgar 200" is really turning into a major event.. Not only do we expect many craft to be moored at the Strand Quay but river side events include the Rye Cinque Port Volunteers in full marching uniform and an assortment of military vehicles. The event concludes with an air display followed by a fly past at low level! Work continues on repairing the eastern training wall. A second shipment of small rock has arrived by ship from the port of Calais. There remains one final shipment sitting on the quay at Calais bringing the total tonnage of this 6" rock to 3,600 tons. The G8 summit has been and gone with the security services (Special Branch) taking an interest in boats arriving from France, through Rye, to attend the demonstrations. As it turned out only 4 boats came to our shores via Portsmouth and

no problems at all for Rye. Sea Sunday was well attended with a service of thanks giving held at the Strand Quay. The priest toured the harbour blessing boats, fishermen and leisure users as he went. The weather was particularly favourable for the day with many attending the service on the grassed area by the slipway. The white navigation light marking the end of the east pier went out last Monday, the first time for many years. A new battery was required which was promptly attended to. As the weather continues in its present hot mode many visitors are arriving from the continent. Some very large craft are arriving many in convoy as family and friends are tending to travel in flotillas. They all report on the friendly welcome received by Ryers and others alike. The harbour Authority is very active in promoting the port with advertisements in trade papers and, of course, at Boat Shows, tell your friends! More next month.

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strimmer by Rye Partners Community Chest, this strimmer goes through almost anything and is also used at Winchelsea Pear Tree Marsh site.

Being affiliated to the National Allotment and Leisure Gardens, we are able to purchase seeds and potatoes at roughly half shop prices, this year an order of £330 was made.

The week of August 8th – 13th is National Allotments week, to encourage allotment use and to grow ones own. It has been ascertained that a family of four, can to a great extent live off a 10 rod, 80 feet by 90 plot, I understand that National Allotment week is to be televised on the garden programmes.

Should anyone be interested in a plot, I am the contact and letting agent here in Rye Harbour, I can also enquire about sites in Winchelsea. At the moment, I have three on my waiting list, the council have in mind, extending the site, but we wait until October, which is the end and start of the allotment year and proceed from there. If anyone is interested and not on my list, please contact me.



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Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1 Mo	0823	2.1	2055	2.2
2 Tu	0925	2.4	2156	2.5
3 We	1015	2.7	2242	2.7
4 Th	1057	3.1	2320	3.0
5 Fr	1134	3.2	2353	3.0
6 Sa	—	—	1208	3.3
7 Su	0023	3.1	1238	3.3
8 Mo	0050	3.0	1304	3.3
9 Tu	0114	3.0	1328	3.3
10 We	0137	3.0	1353	3.2
11 Th	0204	3.0	1425	3.2
12 Fr	0238	2.8	1504	3.0
13 Sa	0321	2.6	1553	2.6
14 Su	0420	2.2	1702	2.2
15 Mo	0555	1.9	1841	2.1
16 Tu	0737	2.1	2008	2.5
17 We	0849	2.6	2118	2.8
18 Th	0948	3.1	2218	3.3
19 Fr	1041	3.6	2310	3.6
20 Sa	1128	3.9	2357	3.8
21 Su	—	—	1212	4.0
22 Mo	0038	3.8	1252	4.2
23 Tu	0116	3.8	1331	4.0
24 We	0153	3.6	1410	3.9
25 Th	0232	3.3	1450	3.6
26 Fr	0316	2.8	1535	3.0
27 Sa	0406	2.4	1627	2.5
28 Su	0508	2.0	1734	2.0
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30 Tu	0759	1.9	2047	2.0
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Some of you may be aware that there is a Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Search Team in West Sussex. They are a resource Police sometimes call on to help with searches for vulnerable missing persons. All necessary training is provided and Sussex Police are now looking to extend this across the force.

The existing team has had some great results and they are highly motivated, often working in difficult terrain and weather. They are always deployed with a Police Search Advisor and receive full briefings and maps.

PC Jason Ede is happy to come and give a presentation to groups of interested persons and will bring along one of the existing search team members to share their experiences and learning points.

It is by no means easy work but it is vital and often saves lives.

If you are interested in joining such a team please forward your details to me at rebecca.forte@sussex.pnn.police.uk and I will pass them on to PC Ede who will arrange a meeting if there is enough interest.

If you would like further information and to see what the existing search team does, visit: <http://www.highdownnhw.org/searchteams.php> for further information.

Thank you to all those who responded to the request for NHW Search Volunteers. I have been in contact today with Jason Ede, search co-ordinator at Headquarters. A meeting for all those interested has been proposed for 10th August 2005 at 19:30 to be held in Hastings, venue to be confirmed. Anyone else who thinks they may be interested is invited to attend - the more the merrier! PC Ede will speak about the venture and we are hoping that volunteers from the West Downs NHW Search Team will also attend to speak and answer any queries. Look forward to seeing you there.

Operation Sunshine ~ Help us to reduce Burglary

Now the warmer weather has finally arrived it is tempting to let security measures lapse in the effort to stay cool. Please remember to follow the following advice to prevent your home becoming a crime scene:

* Close and lock all your ground floor doors and windows when you go to bed.

Secure all your doors and windows when you leave your house or when in the back garden

* Fit a door chain or bar and, if you have a solid front door, a wide angle door viewer. Don't let anyone into your home you don't know. Check identification. Official visitors won't mind being asked for ID. Be vigilant.

* Property Mark your valuables by using your postcode and house number or name. Some articles are unsuitable for marking so take photographs of them

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

* Intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars. Before choosing a system ensure it is the most suitable for your needs and seek advice. For further advice on any of the above points visit the Sussex Police website or www.bbc.co.uk/crime/prevention/yourhome.shtml. Alternatively contact the Community Safety Unit at Bexhill Police Station on 0845 60 70 999 for advice.

Station Approach, Rye

At approximately 21:42 on Friday 08 July a group of approximately 15 youths were seen to break a window at a supermarket. The group were mainly male youths with a couple of girls, all aged approximately 16 years and wearing baseball caps, hoody's and jogging bottoms. Did you see these youths? Can you name any of them?

Quote serial no. 1921 of 08/07/05

London Incidents

Further to recent events in London Sussex Police are running an operation in response to the bombings in London.

In the Hastings & Rother Division it has been a mostly quiet weekend and high visibility patrols have been reinstated at railway stations.

Yesterday afternoon Assistant Chief Constable Williams authorised Section 44 search powers across the whole of the Sussex area. This allows uniform officers to stop search vehicles and persons under terrorism legislation.

There have been a couple of local incidents which may or may not be linked to feelings running high as a result of recent events and Sussex Police ask that you are extra vigilant at this time and report any suspicious incidents or persons.

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Wed 3rd

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Winchelsea Town Archaeological walk

Walk with David Martin of Archaeological South East and our Warden David Lewis Winchelsea Town and surrounding areas. Get an in sight Medieval History & discover its rich maritime heritage and something of its natural history (approx 2hrs) meet at Winchelsea Church 2pm

Sat 6th

Hastings Old Town Festival &

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Battle Abbey – Scenes from Bayeux Tapestry

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Step Back in Time – Vintage agricultural tractors at work, heavy Horses, country food & bar, country craft demos. A family day out. Adults £3, OAP £2, children £1. Free

Car park. All proceeds St. Michaels Hospice. Time 10am, Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe.

Caught in a Trap – Another chance to inspect our moth traps. We may get over 50 species. Wheel Chair accessible. Meet Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour 8am.

Antiques & Collectables Fair Held at Rye Community Centre, conduit Hill from 9.30am 4.30pm

Sun 7th

The Royal Military Canal – Part Two

Walk along the Royal Military canal over the week-end. We will take us from Ham street railway station to Rye and then along the River Brede to Winchelsea then catch train back to Ham street. Please bring a packed

lunch. Distance 14miles.

Rye Trafalgar 200 Festival Held at Strand Quay from 11am – 4pm. A celebration of Rye's unique Maritime Heritage. Attractions include: Beer tent, BBQ and live music, Cinque port volunteers in period Napoleonic uniform. Strand quay full of boats of all shapes and sizes. Plus much more.

Antiques & Collectables Fair Held at Rye Community Centre, conduit Hill from 9.30am 4.30pm

Wed 10th

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Sat 13th

St Peters & St. Pauls Church

Peasmarsh – Jazz concert, food & bar. 01797 230255

St. Mary's East guldeford – Flower Festival with the theme Mary's story

Sun 14th

St. Mary's East Guldeford – 10.30am Thanksgiving Eucharist. Also 6pm concert with The Queen Consort followed by refreshments. Tickets £7 from 01797 222021/223288/225386

Lookers on the Level – The Town of Rye has watched over the marsh for centuries with the River Rother and Royal Military canal as defences against possible invasion. This circular walk will follow the riverbank before crossing the windswept landscape of the Guldeford level where the lookers needed shelter as they watched over the sheep before returning to Rye via the rolling dunes at Camber. Bring a packed lunch. Pre-booking advisable 01797 226488. Meet Rye train 10am

Wed 17th

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Sat 20th

Hastings Old Town Carnival

Information 01424 781111

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

The Rye Country Fair, Horse & Dog

Show – Held at Salts Farm on the A259 coast road from 9am. Details from Ann Hostler 01797 223810

Our Ports of Stranded Pride – A walk looking at three very different memorials and a variety of historic defences. We tour Rye's ancient town centre pass Camber Castle to lunch at the Inkerman Arms, Rye Harbour then along the coast for tea at Winchelsea. We return to Rye by bus. Meet Rye railway station at 10am.

Castle Water, Bug Hunt & Picnic

A family picnic in Camber Castle will proceed a hunt for several species of creepy crawlies, from frogs to leeches and newts in Castle water. Pre-booking advisable 01797 227784. Meet Brede Lock car park at 12pm.

Sun 21st

Raft Race – Scotts Float to Town.

Information 01424 751059 Bob Harvey.

Mon 22nd

Smallhythe Place – National Trust Theatre Company – As far as I can Sea. Children's outdoor theatre (in marquee) starts 12.00 & 3pm. Also runs on Tuesday 23rd. Information 01580 762334

Wed 24th

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Sat 27th

RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE FETE & FLOWER FESTIVAL 27th to 29th

Battle Abbey Proms – Information 01424 773721

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Held at

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WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

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Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Sun 28th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am – 4.30pm

Rye Birds, Bats & Bugs Guided Walk

An evening stroll to Ternery pool followed by a closer look at some nocturnal creatures with the help of bat detectors and moth trap. Meet 6.30pm at Rye Harbour car park. Donations appreciated. Notes – suitable for children. Dogs not allowed.

Wed 31st

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

SEPTEMBER

COSTAL CURRENTS ART

FESTIVAL – Runs all month, brochures from the Heritage Centre.

Sat 3rd

RYE FESTIVAL – Runs till 18th

MAPP & LUCIA WALK – Meet 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, eastern end of the high street. The walk ends at Lamb House which will be open for visitors.

RYE IN BLOOM FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW

Held at The Community Centre. Entries from 10am, judging from 12 noon and open to public from 2pm. For further information 01797 229808

BALLROOM – SEQUENCE – LINE

DANCE – Held at Pett village hall from 7.30pm – 11pm. Tickets £4 including refreshments. Information Carole Knight 01424 813803

Sun 4th

ECHOES FROM THE SKY – A chance not to be missed to find out more about the fascinating Listening Devices, concrete ears

or dishes at Lade Pitt. Meet Dr Scarth at 2pm and the Romney Marsh countryside project (01797 367934) at Lade car park on coast drive (halfway between the Pilot Pub & Romney Sands. Distance 3 miles. Donations appreciated

BIKE JUMBLE – Held at Ham Street from 10am. Details 01797 344277

VALLEYS & VISTA – A circular walk from Rye, enjoying fantastic views from over the Rye Bay. We will cross three main waterways leading to Rye, which have helped shape the landscape we see to day. There will be a pub stop on route for lunch. Pre-booking advisable 01797 226488 by Friday 2nd Sept. Meet Rye station 9.30am.

Wed 7th

MAPP & LUCIA WALK – Meet 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, eastern end of the high street. The walk ends at Lamb House which will be open for visitors.

Wed 14th

MAPP & LUCIA WALK – Meet 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, eastern end of the high street. The walk ends at Lamb House which will be open for visitors.

Sat 17th

FRIENDS OF RYE WURLITZER Coffee morning/Craft stalls & Wurlitzer afternoon concert with Len Rawle. Evening with Nigel Ogden & Kent Police MVC. Information 01424 444058. Held at Thomas Peacocke, Community College, Rye

MAPP & LUCIA WALK – Meet 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, eastern end of the high street. The walk ends at Lamb House which will be open for visitors.

Sun 18th

FRIENDS OF RYE WURLITZER Breakfast with Len at 8am To 10am. Master class. 11am – 12.15pm Morning Song of Praise with Len Rawle. 12.30pm to 1.45pm Special buffet lunch, also afternoon concert Nicholas Martin.

CAMBER CASTLE WILDLIFE & HISTORY – A circular walk to

explore Henry VIII's Castle and see the wildlife of Castle Water. Meet Brede Lock car park 10am

Wed 21st

MAPP & LUCIA WALK – Meet 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, eastern end of the high street. The walk ends at Lamb House which will be open for visitors.

Fri 23rd

TASTE OF RYE FESTIVAL – local food & drink until Sunday 2nd October. Details 01797 226696

Sat 24th

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit hill at 9.30 – 4.30

Sun 25th

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit hill at 9.30 – 4.30

RYE HARBOUR LIFEBOAT

DISTRICT – Lunch at Manor Farm Oast, Icklesham. Information, Mrs Mylrae 01424 813787. Proceeds for funds of Lifeboat.

Wed 28th

MAPP & LUCIA WALK – Meet 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, eastern end of the high street. The walk ends at Lamb House which will be open for visitors.

Camber Castle open week-ends only 2pm till 5pm Last entry 4.30pm

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

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO ADD, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE DEADLINE

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

For many species at Rye Harbour, the breeding season is now reaching it's climax, and by the time you read this, many of our summer visitors will already be winging their way south en route to their wintering grounds. On the Beach Reserve, the tern species are having a good year, with the 18 pairs of Little Terns (right) producing a dozen fledglings already (more than the twice as many as last year). The Common Terns nested in record numbers (149 pairs) and the 200 pairs of Sandwich Terns raised many young. All signs that the fishing has been good again this year. Particularly exciting for the reserve is the success of our breeding Mediterranean Gulls (pictured below). This is probably the rarest breeding seabird in Britain (only 150 pairs last year), and it's presence as a breeding species on the reserve has been kept quiet until now due to concerns over egg collectors. This year 36 pairs produced around 40 fledglings, the highest numbers yet!

The reserve has also already seen signs of passage movement, when birds breeding further north in Europe begin to make their way south as their breeding season



was around!

Some years ago a few plants of Stinking Hawksbeard (like a small Dandelion that had

become extinct in Britain) were introduced. This year we found at least 5 plants flowering, so this rare plant may have a future with us!

ends. This time of the year is always very exciting for bird-watchers, as with all this movement you are never sure what is going to turn up! An exam-



ple is the Glossy Ibis which passed through the reserve during mid-July on it's way east. This is a very rare visitor to Britain, with the closest population around the Mediterranean, and was only the fourth time that this species has been seen on the reserve, the last time was ten years ago! Needless to say there was much excitement and running around and radio messages when we heard the bird

Practical work this month was dominated by the ever present thistling and ragworting (don't know if that's a real word!), as well as control of valerian which, attractive though it is, is not a native and is in danger of usurping some of our rarer shingle plants and animals by creating too much shade.

Please see below for forthcoming **August** events.

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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Thurs. 11th and Mon 29th. Seashore Discovery Bring the family to discover the hidden treasures that are washed

ashore on our beach. Bring a picnic for lunch on the beach. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 11am returning, 1pm (1 mile).

Lock car park (TQ919198) at 12 noon, returning approximately 3pm (2 miles).

Sun 28th. Birds Bats and

Bugs An evening stroll to Ternery Pool followed by a closer look at some of our nocturnal creatures with the help of bat detectors and moth traps. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 6.30pm-dusk (2 miles).

Sat 20th. Castle Water Bug Hunt and Picnic A family picnic in Camber Castle will precede a hunt for many species of creepy-crawlies from leeches to frogs and newts in Castle Water. Meet at Brede

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam



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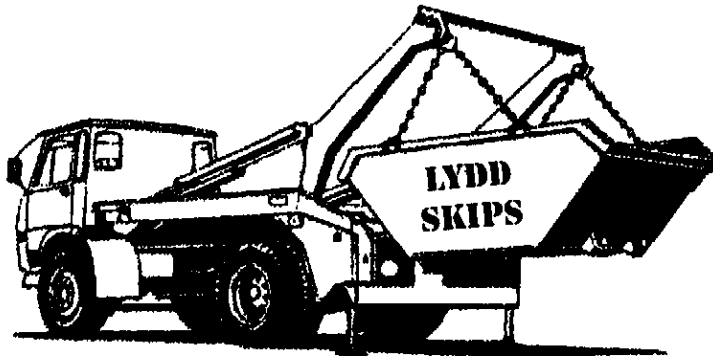
For Further Details

AGE Concern

Due to the increase in demand, Age Concern East Sussex require more self employed gardeners to include in their gardeners register for many parts of Rother. The gardeners agree to work for no more than £7.00 per hour for the current year. They are also required to supply two references and evidence of insurance.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the co-ordinator Age Concern East Sussex, the Almonry, High Street, Battle TN33 0EA or ring 01424 775721.

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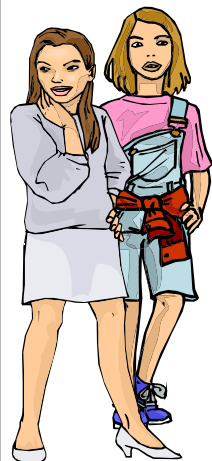
Animate is situated next to Skinners Garage,
Fishmarket Road, Rye. 01797 225006/226217



01797 225006

NEW PROGRAMME FOR 2005

Monday	3.30-5.30pm	After-Schools Club (free)
		11-14 years
Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Club 11-14 years (50p)
Tuesday	10-12.00pm	Parent and Child Group (£1.25)
Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
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
Friday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Friday	7.00-9.00pm	Amateur Dramatics Group
Saturday	7 - 10.00pm	Young People with Learning
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Parish Council Notebook

The monthly parish meeting of Icklesham Parish Council was held in the Winchelsea Beach Community Hall on Tuesday 11th July. The meeting opened with an address by a Mr Haddock upon the proposals by a Jordanian businessman, to develop and expand Lydd Airport, to eventually, by 2021, cater for 6,000,000 passengers,

comparable to Luton airport. Naturally there are deep concerns by the residents of Lydd, New Romney and Camber as they would be on the direct flight path, both in and out. There are other implications, such as traffic on the A259, the Power Stations at Dungeness and the sensitive landscape, together with the holiday trade and of course those who would be under the flight paths, which includes Rye, Rye Harbour

along with Winchelsea and Winchelsea Beach, we shall doubtless hear more on this. Other items – The Triangular piece of ground behind the Village Hall is to be mown on a regular basis, this will be of use for the Parent and Toddler Group and others. It was the Parent and Toddler group who first raised its clearing for outdoor pursuits and activities and we wish

We in Rye Harbour are fortunate in that a Heritage Group has recently been set up and are putting together ideas, at present they are studying traffic problems and signage into the car park. The signage is not good at present both to the car park and to the toilets, we are hoping that an appraisal can be drawn up and to include everyone.

Many will recall we had an appraisal some years ago and this led to Oyster Creek and Lucas Shadwell Way along with the Pound field. Ideas for the Pound field will be sought, a basket ball area, perhaps, if funding and local effort can get together to arrange match funding. The next meeting will be in September.



them well for the future. Two new litterbins are to be provided for the Coronation field- School Green, the last two were vandalised. We were informed of Community Action Plans and Appraisals.

**Parish Council
Correspondent**

APPEAL FOR HELP

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group, which organises the two youth clubs within the village, is running low on funds and is in desperate need of donations and or somebody to co-ordinate a funding application.

If anyone can help in these matters and you don't have to be local, please contact Vanessa Jordan on 01797 229859, all help will be gratefully appreciated.

RYE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB **IN PARTNERSHIP WITH** **RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY**



RYE **RAFT** **RACE**

The twenty seventh Annual Rye Raft Race will take place on Sunday 21st August 2005

Rafts will launch at Scott's Float, Military Road, Rye at 12.00 noon and after the start make their way the Fishmarket, Rye for the finish and presentations of the trophies.

There will be a fete on the Town Salts with many attractions with proceeds going to support a varied selection of charities.

Do come along and support this event.

Should you wish to enter a raft entry forms are available by telephoning 01424 751059.

SUNDAY 21st AUGUST 2005
LAUNCHING - SCOTTS FLOAT
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Quiz Nite Finale for 2004-2005 Season

The village hall quiz season came to an exciting climax at the end of May, as usual a good time was had by all who attended. The winners for the night were Westenders, only half a point clear of Williams Family. In last place, a regular position for

rule (normally used for calculating results of abandoned cricket matches)!!! The champions for the season were Flagstaff with Pams People a close second. The champions received very stylish medals for their efforts, plus a small bottle of champagne with 6 straws. The real excitement

The Firm, The Snobs and the Rattling Tappets. The continued support of them all has enabled us to raise in excess of £850 toward the ongoing maintenance and renovation of the village hall.

Look out for posters later on in the year to mark the start of the new season. We have already heard that the Bingo Babes are revising hard!

We look forward to seeing everyone again in September.



surrounded who would win the lovely handcrafted wooden spoon, which was kindly made and donated by Richard Tollett. This was presented to the Bingo Babes in honour of their consistently enthusiastic but low scoring performances.

Ann & Steve

However the them, were the Bingo Babes, but as they say it's not the winning it's the taking part.

nights would not be the same without them. We would like to thank all the teams who have made

Unfortunately some of the regular teams were unable to attend but the final league positions were calculated using the quiz masters version of the Duckworth-Lewis

this season a success: Bingo Babes, Flagstaff, FNIS, Pams People, Westenders, Williams Family, Harbour Rats,



Wanted: Cakes, Raffle Prizes, Tombola Prizes

The Village Hall Management Committee is appealing for donations to help support the Village Fete.

If you would like to donate a tombola prize Bogdan has kindly agreed to have a box in the shop where these can be left. The box will be in the shop in the three weeks leading up to the fete.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize please ring Ann and Steve on 225755 who will arrange to collect it.

Finally if you are a cake maker and would be willing to make cakes for the cake stall then please bring these down to the Coronation Field on the day of the fete or ring Ann and Steve who will arrange for them to be collected on the morning of the fete.



Welcome to Rye Harbour Sailing Club

About Rye Harbour Sailing Club

The Club has dual parentage, The Rye Bay Yacht Club which was founded in 1925 and The Rye Harbour Sailing Club which was founded in 1934. The two amalgamated to form the present Rye Harbour Sailing Club (RHSC).

The club is situated on the River Rother close to Rye Bay where excellent sailing is enjoyed all year round. We have active dinghy and cruising divisions and year round events both sailing and social.

The club prides itself in the diversity of its members' sailing interests and in the variety of yacht and dinghy classes that are enjoyed. Many members undertake substantial annual passages whilst others are happy to mess around on the river!



We are a RYA Training Centre for certain Royal Yachting Association courses and our more experienced members are always happy to share their knowledge. We have established links with certain overseas clubs that members have visited and regularly undertake cruise/races to Boulogne.

The club welcomes new member applications and details of this are within the membership section.



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Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor

I noticed in June and July's newsletter that the Rye Harbour Youth Action Group is very low on funds and in desperate need of donations, why don't they do a few Jumble Sales as we do for the Children's Christmas Party in the village, it's no good waiting for donations, that just won't happen, you have to work hard to raise the money yourself, as we know, who do the jumbles, and we will always help them with a jumble sale, if they would like us to. (Just Ask)

Julie – 229804

Dear Editor,

In my capacity as Parish Councillor, I have been approached by a number of people with regard to the village tree, which was to replace the lovely tree we had, by the toilets.

There was a collection jar in our shop, which reached the desired target, the tree was duly purchased and planted by the toilets.

This tree was removed within days, due to it supposedly being sub-standard. It is alleged that the removal was by order of someone living in close proximity to the toilets.

I would be interested to know: Who organised the collection? Who purchased the tree? Who removed the tree? What happened to the collected money?

It is a pity that people take it upon themselves to act independently, this was a public collection, and the people who have put money in the pot have a right to know what happened to the proceeds. If you can enlighten me on the above, please call me on 224918.

Viv Enis (Parish Councillor)



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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



July has seen mixed fortunes for the Rye boats, with the trawlers seeing slightly better returns and the netters fishing dropping right off. Boats trawling for Dover Sole at night are now finding fish well spread out all over the bay, with good hauls close into the shore, in the mud and back of the shelly bank.

The mix of other fish has seen many species but low in quantity, with Cuttle fish, Whiting, Plaice, Flounder and Huss being the main one's, the odd Lobster, Bass, Turbot or Brill being a bonus. Lobster's seem to be increasing in numbers with one boat fishing the rough ground of Dungeness, seeing more this year than any before. This boat is trawling with gear known as rockhoppers, the

name showing the idea to hop over the rocks as opposed to them ending up in the net and giving the opportunity to fish the rougher and harder grounds. The Lobsters are a bye catch to the other fish, these being mainly Lemon Sole and Dog fish but there has been more caught along side a seemingly never ending supply of old ships anchors.

Netting boats have seen their fishing go slack, with the Soles not swimming quite so much and so this mode of catching them, not so efficient. Boats are trying different things now, from drifting for Bass to setting big mesh nets out in mid channel for Skate, Turbot, Brill and again a bye catch of welcome Lobster.

Some boats have started their yearly paint up and refit, the small-

er vessels using the local boatyards, there still being no facilities for the larger deep drafted boats but work is progressing well at the fish market and it is hoped that in the future some room will be made for a boat lift out cradle to cater for all the fleet. Two fresh boats have come to Rye, one being a part completed steel vessel and is to be finished off by a local fisherman, the other a boat that was built for Rye at what was Hollands boat builders, on the Harbour Road, now Rye Spice Co. The Vichanna Rx5 changed hands while still in Rye and then was sold again and has fished from many different ports around the coast and has now returned once again with a young local fisherman being the owner.

Boy Ashore

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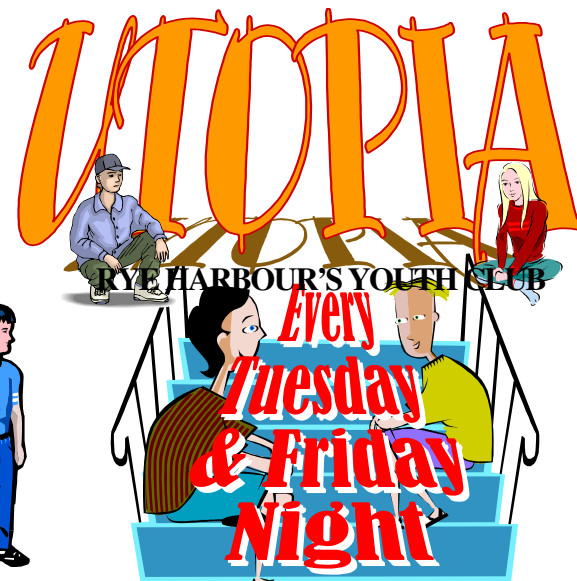
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Rye Harbour Church News

By the time you read this article, the installation of a toilet and mini-kitchen within the Vestry area will have been completed by Richard Tollett. This means that the Church will be more available for use by the community, so long as the activities proposed are appropriate for such a building. It is not the intention to take business away from the Village Hall which needs bookings to help it to survive financially. Our flower festival will be held, as usual, at the end of August over 27th -29th with the theme of "Favourite Hymns", the last verse in particular being depicted in flower arrangements. Janet Pollard and Stella Parsons have taken responsibility and would be grateful to hear from anyone willing to help. Refreshments will be available over the



community life. Knowing one another, having a concern for each other, contributing to the common good, using one's gifts to enrich and serve others, these

are marks of a communal spirit that should never be lost. As I have said before, community does not just happen. It needs the input of all its members to make it work. That includes both the worship and the prayers of a people gathered on behalf of others. What is to be your contribution? "God so loved the world that he GAVE....."

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

*Rye Harbour Flower Festival
August 27th-29th*



Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

At recent funerals at the Church, it has been encouraging to see so many of the village attend to pay their last respects and to support the bereaved families. The joy of being a member of a village is the quality of its

Hugh Moseley
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Services in August

Sunday 14th 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion with hymns
Sunday 28th No Morning Family Service but 5 p.m. "Favourite Hymns" Family Service followed by a Piz-

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Rye Harbour Village Fete
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AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL



For further details contact: Claire on 01797 223894

Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

The Toddler Groups 'get-together' at Icklesham a couple of weeks ago, turned out to be a really good day.

The Fun Van provided messy play, sand, water and outside ball pond and toys, inside there was activities to do and make. There was also a 'fruit-shy' and lots of lovely fruit for the children, along with wonderful 'smoothes' for all. We all took a picnic lunch and had a great time.

As I write this, we are all looking forward to the 'Rare Breeds Farm' trip July 20th, I'm sure it will be a great hit with all concerned.

Throughout the summer the toddler group will

meet as normal on Wednesday's between 10am and 12pm. Claire is hoping to arrange another trip and will let everyone know details as they are finalised. If anyone is on

holiday and is not sure of arrangements, they can ring Claire on 223894.

In addition to normal sessions, the 'Fun Van' will be visiting the harbour on Friday 1st and 26th August (but not 20th as previously advertised). The children all love the messy play and different activities, so please come along, so they can enjoy the fun.

See you all there,

Rosemarie



RARE BREEDS TRIP

Our trip to the 'Rare Breed Centre' went really well. The parents and children all had a fantastic time. We had a trailer ride, met the animals, explored the

gardens and butterfly tunnel, adventure playgrounds and had a picnic lunch. We hope to organise a couple more trips during the summer, possibly to the 'Underwater World' at Hastings and to one of the 'Surestart' activity days in Alexandra Park in August.



Claire



Family Announcements

Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlotte and Scott on the birth of their son, Spencer, a brother for Jessica.



A big thank you to Molly for a lovely 'Garden Party', it was very nice and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Welcome to our new neighbours, Chris and Paul Hudson who recently moved into 'Tram Road', we hope they will be very happy here.
Sylvia Alford has been in hospital again but is out now and is hopefully well on the mend

Hospital

Sympathy goes to Liz, on the death of Victor, who died in hospital.

In Memorandum

Jean, who moved into the village about three years ago, has also died very suddenly. Our thoughts go to her children and grandchildren, and her sisters, Dolly and Mary, I had only known Jean since she lived here, but I did get very friendly with her and often met her on our walks to the beach.

Reports From Nanny Pat & Julie

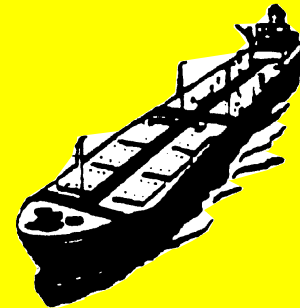
NEW BUS SERVICE

New Sunday bus service with a connection both to and from Hastings via Winchelsea Beach.

Four Journeys each way, leaflets available either in the shop or on the bus shelter timetable.

The Ploughman's Lunches

The next Ploughman's Lunch will be Monday 12th September



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