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Rye Harbour Newsletter

March 2005

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Editor's Comments

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As you can see March is proving to be a very busy month this year and all because Easter has made a dramatic leap forward, still at least I don't have to

waffle on so much and that has to be good. No story but I think we all know how well Ellen MacCarthy has done, in the midst of a sailing and fishing community we know only too well the hazards out there. Next month's deadline will be **Friday 15th April** Congratulations to Alison & David Evans for winning last month's meal for two at 'Simply Italian' they said they thoroughly enjoyed their meal. Don't forget to join the fun at the Village Hall Fri. 11th March.

**Alison & David Evans at
"Simply Italian"**

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

It surprising how quickly the western pier structure is developing. I reported previously that between 30 and 40 lorry loads of cement were being delivered to the site and now we can see the results. A massive protective wall parallel with the river has been constructed to keep the sea and the beach out of the Rother. Some 50,000 tons of beach has been removed from this "Pocket" for use on the "Soft" defences that commence at Cliff End. Work ceases this week as the building has to come to an end for this period for environmental conservation reasons, and will resume in August. Work to the 48 groynes at Pett level will continue throughout. Recent weeks have witnessed increased night activity at the Lydd army ranges with orange "Flares" being used continuously until mid night. Mariners also use flares for attracting help when in difficulties. These flares have a shelf life of only a few years and when they are out of date they must be disposed off. Previously boat owners have left them with me and



whilst cleaning out the office stores the other day we found about one hundred of them. These were quickly taken to the coastguard station at Hastings where they are happy to receive them for destruction. Work will commence soon on the harbour office lower floor so as to comply with the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act). A concrete ramp is being built to the lower deck access door and a new, wider door being installed. the lower office will become a new meeting room for those who cannot make it to the main office. Full wheel chair access will be provided including toilets suitable for use by the disabled. (Only 2% of disabled persons are wheelchair bound). Work will also begin on the collapsed eastern training wall. This will last for about four months. Some disruption to walkers is inevitable but alternative passage to the sea has been

arranged. A meeting at the Rye Harbour Village Hall on the 27th was arranged to generate interest in the maritime connection of the village.

I lent a few photographs from archives. We also have numerous records going back hundreds of years including leases for properties in the area and records of payments for barques etc using the port. Old bylaws are also kept including one that states: "Abusive language will not be used against the Harbour Master. Maximum fine = 40 Shillings.

Meetings continue into pushing a gas line down the Harbour road and under the river for use at Camber. Many hurdles have yet to be met and it is not envisaged, that work is about to start. I remember when a gas line was proposed some years ago with no results. Full marks to the RNLI who turned out on a bitterly cold night to assist in the rescue of a Polish sailor who had fallen between his ship and the quay at Rye Wharf. The sailor was pulled out of the mud (Low Water) and taken to Conquest

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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hospital. No injuries sustained other than a "Bent" ear from the ships captain. The Rye Harbour crew took part in another rescue, that of a dog that had fallen into the river from the east Pier. This again was satisfactorily resolved with all smiles at the end of the rescue. The old tram shed near the harbour office is to receive

a new lease of life. Mains electricity is to be provided and the building put into greater use by the Rye Golf Club, Owners. It will be strange to see this building lit up at night in what is a pretty dark part of the river embankment. Well it seems we are in for a cold spell with perhaps some snow. In 1986 the river froze and large chunks of ice drifted to sea, scraping

alongside the boats moored at the Admiralty Jetty. Navigation in the upper reaches and the Rock Channel was impossible for weeks on end, due to this icing up. This time if we have to use the boats there is now installed full heating for the cabins for crew comfort. "Softies eh"

Carl Bagwell

RYE OBSERVER - VILLAGE VOICE

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To write a small column each week on the events of Rye Harbour that often get missed by a monthly publication.

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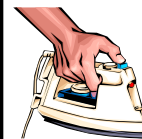
Rye Harbour Village Fete 2005 - Yes it's that time of year again.

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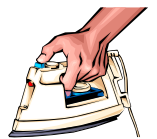
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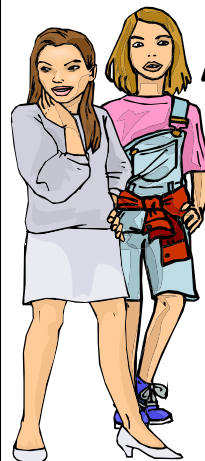


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The extra money has funded a new 24-hour Crime, Recording and Investigation Bureau (CRIB) staffed by 74 people, which has significantly improved the service to people reporting crime by telephone.

It has also paid for an extra 20 dedicated 999 call takers.

The results are now being realised with major improvements in call handling performance within Sussex Police:

- * More than 92% of emergency calls to Sussex Police are being answered within ten seconds.

- * Targets for arriving at emergency calls are also being met - with 80% of calls reached in 15 minutes.

- * 64.2% of calls to the non-emergency number 0845 60 70 999 are being answered within 60 seconds - a 21% improvement on last year.

<http://www.sussex.police.uk/news_feed/index.asp?uniqueid=12050>

CAN YOU HELP HOMECALL?

HOMECALL is a charity which helps to support vulnerable, visually impaired people in their own homes. We recruit checkout and train volunteers to become home visitors who can help with all of those tasks made difficult by sight loss. We need volunteers throughout the county, but especially in Hastings and Rural Rother. Our volunteers are asked to give an hour each week to visit and help with correspondence, changing batteries, checking the fridge for use-by dates, helping to order "Talking Newspapers and Books"..... the list is endless and tailored to meet the exact requirements of the blind or partially sighted person. It does not involve any domestic work or personal care. The visit times can be arranged to suit the volunteer and can be varied as the need arises, so you will see that as well as being a marvellously worthwhile thing to do, the visiting can be flexible, allowing our volunteers to fit it around their other commitments. We support our volunteers and reimburse any travelling expenses. Homecall currently helps around 400 visually impaired people throughout East Sussex and has about 300 volunteer visitors, supported by local co ordinators. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who thinks they be interested in joining our team of volunteers.

I can be contacted on 01424 755032, or by e-mail to barbara4homecall@yahoo.co.uk.

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Barbara Balkham, Rural Rother Co ordinator for HOMECALL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

MEDIATION SERVICE IS LOOKING FOR TWO TRUSTEES

The Hastings & Rother Mediation Service has been in active operation for 9 years, the first eight of which were under the management of the Hastings & Rother Citizens Advice Bureau. In April 2004 the Service became independent in its own right, with its own Board of Trustees.

The service currently has two vacancies on its Board of Trustees and is seeking other members to join them.

The Service currently undertakes both Neighbourhood Mediation and Intergenerational Mediation (between young people and their parents), and uses trained volunteer mediators in this process.

Board Meetings take place quarterly, in the evenings, and last for approx 1 1/2 hours. Other involvement with the service in-between meetings is welcome but not essential.

Please contact Nicola Hawkins on 01424 446808 on hrmediation@aol.com for further information.

Harbour Road, Rye

At some time between 9pm on Wednesday February 9 and 3am on Thursday February 10, someone broke into a temporary office at the end of Rye Nook, Harbour Road in Rye by forcing a window.

A laptop computer was stolen, along with a large A3 printer. It's thought that the offender was on foot, as the gate to the Nook remained unlocked, it being the only access to the office with a vehicle. This is a popular site for walkers, so anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in that area is asked to contact Rye police station, quoting serial 256 of 10.2.05

SUSSEX POLICE

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

As the year moves on and the days lengthen, there has been a real feel of spring coming to the reserve.

Lapwing and Ringed Plov-



spring, there have still been good numbers of winter

six Bittern have been seen on the reserve. However, by the time you are reading this, many of these visitors will have left Rye Harbour on their way back to their breeding grounds, not to be seen again until next winter!

On the practical front, work has been continuing on improvement of the water bodies on the reserve for wildlife. The regular volunteer workparty has helped with the reprofiling of Ternery Pool in front of the Crittall Hide, as well as the clearance of Willows from Castle Water (a perennial problem!) and the removal of dead bushes

er and water birds such as Mallard and Great Crested Grebe have started to display, while Corn Bunting, Linnet, Blackbird, Skylark and Grey Partridge (photo) have all begun to sing. In the case of the latter the term 'singing' is perhaps a tad generous, as the 'song' sounds like a frog with a sore throat (well it does to me anyway!). Not to be left out, a number of plants, such as Field Speedwell, Red Dead-nettle, Shepherds Purse (photo) and Common Whitlow-grass are already in flower! Despite the first stirrings of



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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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from the margins of the Quarry. In addition, an excavator (photo) was used to create new islands and a more wildlife friendly margin to the Quarry, with work continuing on re-surfacing the path from the Beach Reserve to the

constructed at the new Parkes Hide to prevent disturbance to the birds on Ternery Pool.

Lend a Hand or Two! Come along and help us clean up the rubbish that gets washed ashore during the winter storms on Sat

19th or Sun 20th March.

Everyone welcome on one or both of these days. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am, with hot soup



caravan park to make it accessible to wheelchairs, and screening has been

served at 1pm back at Lime Kiln Cottage.

Other events in March:

Sun 6th – Camber Castle Wildlife and History. A chance to see inside Camber Castle and to observe the wildlife of Castle Water. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 10am-1pm (2miles)
Sat 19th – Winter Lecture: "Monitoring Coastal Processes". An illustrated talk by Chris Longmire. 7.30pm at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall.
Sat 26th – Easter Eggstravaganza in Camber Castle. A fun family event, hunting for Easter eggs in Henry VIII's castle. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £1 per child, accompanying adults free. Pre-booking essential – 01797 227784. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 1pm-3pm (1.5miles).

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?



This is Brian Parks, author who is writing a biography on a lady who used to live in the Vicarage known as Monica Edwards, her

father was the vicar at the time of the Mary Stanford Disaster, Rev Harry Newton. Monica wrote a number of children's books which had characters in them, based on residents of Rye Harbour at that time.

Anyway Brian is looking to speak to anyone who may hold memories of any

description of Monica so he can verify information that he has already acquired. Brian has already

published a previous book on Monica which you can see more on his website <http://members.aol.com/BTParks51/Companion/index.htm> and I believe this is the official biography of Monica.

Some points Brian would like clarified are about the Ferry men, a character called Truggy, Silver Bullet, Paraffin Joe and maybe an Onion Ed?

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All entrants must have an official entry sheet,



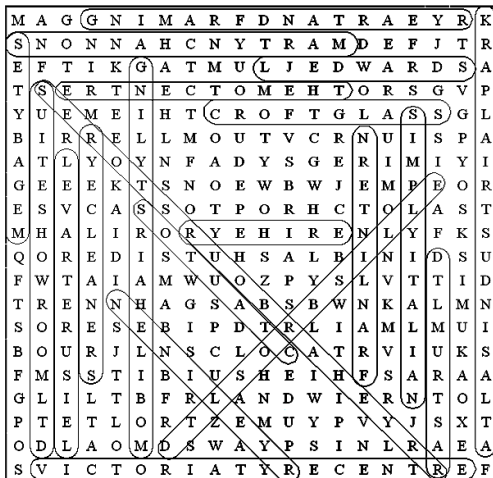
available from the Village Shop. Once completed they must be put in the Newsletter Post box located at the rear of the Village Shop by no later than 5 pm on Tuesday 22nd March.

There has been an independent person elected to check all

completed entries, and they will make any final decisions, with regards to eligibility and no negotiations will be entered into, upon such matters.

HAPPY HUNTING

"Simply Italian" Competition



WINNERS



Alison and David Evans from Rye enjoying their Free meal at 'Simply Italian' many thanks to 'Simply Italian' and all their staff for making the night possible, yet again. **Marcus**

PROPOSED CYCLE PATH RYE HARBOUR

On August 12th 2004 my Son Graham aged 22 was hit by a car in broad daylight and died as a result at the scene.

There have been many deaths on this road and the county council have said in the past that they would do something about it and create a footpath come cycle path but as is usual, nothing was done!! If something had been done my son would still be alive.

On Monday 24th of January 2005 there was a meeting with Peter Jones – Representative of East Sussex County Council, Jim Hollands, Christopher Strangeways and Gary Cooper who was cycling with my son at the time he was killed and witnessed the whole thing. The meeting was very cordial and constructive, Jim Holland reminded Peter Jones that there had been many deaths down this road and added that the council had failed to do anything about it!! Christopher Strangeways said that this cycle path come footpath was now a matter of great urgency and added that it must be in



the costs by financing the areas to the front of their premises, leaving a small amount to be funded from other sources, but again this will also be dependent on the co-operation given by Rother Council, to the local businesses.

I would like to add that many hundreds of people have signed the petitions that were placed by Rye Harbour Newsletter in Budgens and the Rye Harbour Stores, I and many others would like to thank Budgens and Sarah who encouraged many to become involved in signing the petitions, so a big thank you to you both.

Finally please give us your support by contacting Jim Holland of Ryes Own, Marcus Whitaker of Rye Harbour Newsletter or Andy Hemsley of the Rye & Battle Observer. My last comment is that I don't want any other family to suffer what we as a family have suffered and of course his many, many friends.

**Many Thanks
Brian Mathews**

place before the summer traffic starts. Councillor Jones in answer said that there is funding put aside for the road improvement scheme, and he has since this meeting been in the process of asking the relevant authority to release funding, sufficient to construct the cycle path come footpath along Rye Harbour Road. There is also some hope that local businesses situated in the Harbour Road, will bear the brunt of

WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

MARCH

SAT 5th

Antiques & Collectables Fair Held at Rye Community Centre from 9.30am – 4.30pm
The Giants of Brede – Steam pumping engines & water Heritage collection from 10am – 4pm.

SUN 6th

Camber Castle Wildlife And History – A chance to see Inside Camber Castle and observe the wildlife of Castle Water Nature Reserve. Meet Brede Lock car park TQ919198 at 10am return about 1pm. Donations appreciated.

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

SAT 12th

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 7.30pm till 11.30pm. Ballroom & modern sequence. Tickets £3.50

SUN 13th

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer Held at Thomas Peacocke, Community College, Rye. Concerts start at 2.30pm. Tickets £4.50. Chris Powell.
Hastings Half Marathon – Information 01424 781111

SAT 19th

The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve, Coastal Monitoring – The changing face of the South East beaches by Chris Longmire. Admission is free. Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at 7.30pm
Annual Beach Clean – Please come along to help with the removal of winter rubbish. We should all so see Wheatear and Sandwich Tern. Meet Rye Harbour car park At 10am with work gloves if you have them. Soup will be served at 1pm. Please try and come Sunday 20th too.

WED 23rd

Canal & Castle – Following the banks of the Royal Military canal to Camber Castle. Quick look round the castle before heading up into the ancient town of Winchelsea for a tea stop, then back along under the ancient cliff line to

Rye. Meet 11am Rye train station. Donations appreciated.

FRI 25th

Smallhythe House Easter Family Fun – Bring the family and enjoy the delightful garden and Orchard in Springtime. There will be a fun trail and quiz for Children to enjoy. Information 01797 229542 – runs till 28th

Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30am – 4.30pm
Annual Marble Match Easter bonnet parade at Battle Abbey Green. Information 01424 773721

SAT 26th

Easter Egg Stravaganza in Camber Castle – A fun family event hunting for Easter eggs in Henry VIII's Castle. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £1 per child accompanying adults Free. Pre-booking advisable 01797 227784. Meet at Brede Lock car park 1pm
Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30am – 4.30pm

SUN 27th

Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30am – 4.30pm

MON 28th

Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30am – 4.30pm

APRIL

SAT 2nd

Smallhythe House Open Day – An open day and behind the scenes Tour of the Barn Theatre. Information 01797 229542

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

The Giants of Brede – Steam pumping engines and water heritage Collections from 10am – 4pm Held at Brede Water works

SUN 3rd

Early Spring Flowers – Guided estate walk, meet Pestalozzi International Village reception at 3pm. Charge £1, no bus service on Sunday.

WED 13th

Spring In The East – A Circular walk exploring the East Sussex border Between Northiam & Bodiam. Meet 10am Northiam public car park off A28 near Church.

SAT 16th

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

SUN 17th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Held at Rye Community Centre from 9.30am – 4.30pm
Castle Water Wildlife & History – A circular walk around part of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve and a exploration of Henry VIII's castle. Meet Brede Lock car park at 10am, return 1pm (2mile) Donations appreciated.

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 2.30pm. Jean Martyn from the midlands will be playing

SAT 23rd

Concert by The Queens Consort – Held at Udimore Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £8 includes wine & refreshments.

Pevensey Castle – St George's Day Dragon trail, runs till 24th

THUR 28th

Pashley Manor Gardens Tulip festival runs till 2nd May.

FRI 29th

Jack in the Green Festival of Morris Dancing – Runs till 2nd May Details 01424 781111

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Parish Council Notebook

The Parish Council held their monthly meeting in the Village Hall on Monday February 14th.

The meeting opened with a few words from our County Counsellor Keith Glazier who spoke on the difficulties the County Council are experiencing in balancing the books without threat of capping by the Government.

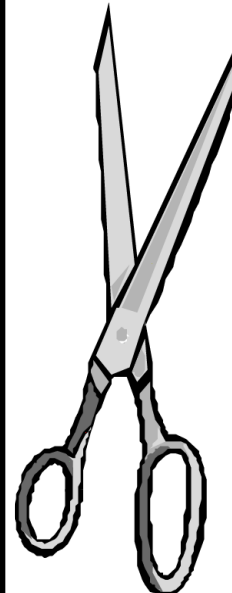
Some northern counties receive much more government support per head of population than do

their southern counterparts. At the moment the county is likely to rise by some 4.6%.

One cannot but help wondering whether politics is involved with the differences in grant aid. After the recent turmoil within the Parish Council in which the entire council, bar one, together with the clerk, resigned, several new members have joined and hopefully the recent unpleasantness is being curtailed although it is going to need a firm handling by every member

to prevent any further disrupting tactics, we sincerely hope so.

We hope to have further Parish news for you next month covering the Rye Harbour ward, meantime can we remind you that there are bottle banks in the car park awaiting your offerings, also to use the paper bins recently given to each household. Sales of both bottles and paper do indeed help with Rothers financial difficulties.



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Characters Of Rye Harbour

I first met Chris Davson when I first came down to Rye Harbour and was applying for a new job in a drug rehabilitation centre which was based on the 12 step programme of the Alcoholics Anonymous of which I was completely ignorant, so rang the local AA number in the telephone book. Chris arrived on the doorstep dressed in motorbike leathers bringing the AA book and inviting me to join him and his wife Kate to go to an AA party. Chris was well known and loved by many people in Rye Harbour and had long kept a boat on the moorings down here, came to and supported the Church of the Holy Spirit and visited quite a number of people in the village who needed his support over the years and gradually I came to realise how much work he did in visiting people in prison, talking to schools and was so very committed to the AA movement which is not just for alcoholics but for families and friends and anyone affected by these problems. It is a wonderful system of support, education and provides a structure for life and living. The following is copied from the Parish Magazine of Rye with Rye Harbour. Chris Davson came to Rye in Summer 1969, a broken man with a broken marriage. His settled intention was to drink himself to death in a town

where he had once been happy. Six months earlier a wise psych-analyst had asked him what he considered the most important thing about himself, to which he replied "that I am a Christian". Installed in Chapel House - now the Rectory - he assumed the role of "Rye Town Drunk". A churchgoer since boyhood - 'more of a good habit than a merit' he would say - he became a memorable and pathetic member of St. Mary's congregation. In 1970 the then Vicar, Canon John Williams intervened dramatically in in Chris's life by persuading and arranging for him to join Alcoholics Anonymous, of which thirty-four years later he remained a grateful recovering member. In 1972, rehabilitated, he returned to Rye, and became a Sidesman - which he was to remain for 20 odd years. In 1978 he was invited to join the PCC - admission in those days was by invitation rather than election! - and served timidly. In 1974 gratitude to John Williams made him volunteer as John's Treasurer/Fund raiser for Rye Community Centre - still happily with us. In 1981 John was ailing and overtaxed setting up the new Rye Team Ministry of which he became the first Team Rector. Reluctantly, after working with him on the Community Centre, Chris now went to

lunch with him to say he was willing to take over from Ted Hickmott as Treasurer of St. Mary's - and indeed much more. Two hours later Canon John Williams was dead, and Chris felt he had assumed a sacred trust. This was deeply ironic as Chris's Christianity involved little affection and respect for ancient fabric and ornament. Nevertheless he gave it his all - Si monumentum requies circumspici - if you want a monument, look around. Chris was ever proudest of bringing about the resuscitation of the neglected and inaccessible Upper Room, and that this should not only be used for Church activities, but also - blessedly - for weekly meetings of Rye Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. There, weekly, feet are washed, sick are healed, evil devils cast out. To embellish it he gave his Rembrandt of "Christ shown to the people - Ecce Homo". Go and see it. The new incumbent Canon David Maundrell (another well loved Rye Harbour figure) was a great delegator. He appointed Chris as Chairman of the (merged) Finance and general Purposes Committees and he became effectively what would now be called St. Mary's Lay Administrator - with the loyal and affectionate collaboration of the Churchwardens Bob

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Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont.....

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Bowler and Edwin Gibson. One of David Maundrell's dearest hopes was to see the Rye Team develop into a single loving Parish - with ONE PCC. As Team "Quota Secretary". Chris won the confidence of our fellow parishes, fought their corners for them with the Diocesan Board of Finance. At "Quota Meetings" - attended by Churchwardens and Treasurers only - they shared their common burdens and problems charitably. Rye has always been in the forefront of ecumenism - thanks largely to the friendship and regard of two men - Canon John Williams and the Franciscan Fr. Richard. Chris relished this approach, describing himself with all due gratitude, as a 'Post Denominational' Christian. He and his wife Kate were (and Kate still is) active members of the International Ecumenical Fellowship - attempting to 'Live To-day the Church of Tomorrow'. Chris gave his own Christian testimony more than once in St. Mary's. He regarded

himself as especially blessed to have been given from his late teens the occasional vision of Jesus on the Cross, and an ever growing awareness of His presence - here in St. Mary's - never. But more importantly, around the streets of Rye and Rye Harbour, Budgens, the Care Centre, Tilling Green and King's Avenue. These were Chris's Church. Ken and I have felt very close to both Chris and Kate and it was always a deep joy to have them just walk in to our house with no knocking at the door being necessary and hope that Kate will continue the tradition. Sadly we were going off to Africa and on the day of our flight on December the 14th. 2004 I popped in to see Chris who was gravely ill by that time. He had been sleeping but immediately knew I was there and opened his eyes and gave me such a lovely smile. Kate e-mailed us with news of his death but we are not sufficiently computer literate to have picked it up. But, they were so much with us in all the powerful

experiences of Africa and we both dreamed of them both and Ken's dream was of being greeted by Chris with open arms and such warmth, and so we remember him. Kate's thanks in the magazine are as follows:- I find it difficult to find words to express my thanks to you all for the prayer and support which you have given to Chris and me during his long illness, and for the loving messages and flowers received by me since his death. I was brought up that one should never call anything Unique, but surely Chris was Unique, and our marriage was made in heaven. I feel it has been an indescribable gift of God to have been chosen to be his wife - and he has been the tool used by God for the making of me (and many others). All of you who helped to give him such a wonderful 'send off' I will probably have heard of things which you had little or no knowledge - this was the 'treasure in broken vessels' which was God's gift to me. George, Emma and Jimi join with me in gratitude for your love and friendship.

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



We have been very impressed by the building and sailing qualities of the African dhow as experienced in Nungwi, northern Zanzibar. They are mainly variations of two

and caulked with coconut oil and cotton. The boat is very wide in beam being one third of the length. The length we estimated to be 12 metres long with a bowsprit of 2 metres. The sail and rigging are the same as for the dugout - very simple and very

effective. The mast is the length of the boat approximately and is of light construction and is raked forward to about 70

degrees from horizontal. The planks are shaped by sousing it in engine oil and attaching each end by rope to stakes in the ground and increasing the pressure gradually with a fire giving heat to get the curve and twist that is so necessary for the lower planks. Around Zanzibar are very strong currents and high tides, 4 tides a day and large bags of sand are used as ballast, easily moved from side to side.

types. One a simple dugout with outriggers on both sides which is sailed with a triangular sail attached on one side to a pole which is raised up the mast with a rope on a wooden pulley and held at two corners by ropes attached fore and aft with a rolling hitch around a cross beam - no expensive winches. In shallow water you pole the boat along and in strong winds you stand out on the rigs. The second type is built on ribbing made of mangrove wood shaped with an adze. The keel and planks are made of teak

We originally had wanted to travel to Pemba island 50 kilometres to the north by dhow, but on hearing that sometimes they lost their way and ended up in Kenya - discretion was the better part of valour. They would all go out to-gether for safety reasons and on their return would be greeted by many children with plastic bags for a share of the small fish. The larger fish such as tuna and marlin would be auctioned at the village market in the morning. The fish with large floating nets, lines and harpoons. We found some narwhal bones on the beach so we suspect there is whaling also. This is a way of life that has been going on for



thousands of years. The women and children would fish in the shallows

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News Cont...

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with hand drawn nets.
There are a very few

outboard motors and these 50 horse-powered engines would be carried on one

mans' shoulders. The

simplicity of the boats was most appealing - no expensive parts to replace and very low tech! So if you see a dhow gliding across Rye Bay you know what has happened. I gather that there have been some lively gatherings at the sailing club with excellent meals.



“Pain” A True Story - sent in by Jill Halpin

This is a bricklayer's accident actual (verbatim) report which was printed in the newsletter of the Australian equivalent of the Workers Compensation Board. This is a true story. Had this guy died, he would have won a Darwin Award for sure.

Dear Sir,
I am writing in response to your request for additional information in Block 3 of the accident report form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident but you asked for a fuller explanation and I trust the following details will be sufficient. I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new 6 storey building. When I had completed my work, I had some bricks left over which when weighed later,

were found to be slightly in excess of 500 pounds. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the sixth floor. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks.

You will note in Block 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 135lbs. Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel which was now proceeding

downwards at an equal, impressive speed. This explains the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collar bone as listed in Section 3. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of experiencing a great deal of pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel weighed approx 50 pounds. I refer you again to my weight. As you can imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third

floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken tooth and several lacerations of my legs and lower body. Here, my luck began to change slightly.

The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked, I am sorry to report however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me. This explains the two broken legs.

I hope this is sufficient to answer your enquiry.



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



February has seen work progressing at the fish market, this being about the only thing that has so far this month.

Strong northerly winds and very poor fishing when the weather moderates has made the start of the year a bit of a struggle for netters, trawlers and scallopers alike. Trawlers having three or four hauls in the bay are finding no amount

of any species, which points more to the fishing conditions than anything else, with strong ebb tides and very murky water. With fuel being expensive, this has to be taken into account even for the size of boats that fish from Rye and some skippers and crew working ashore on nets and maintenance, thinking their time being better spent.

The scallopers have also

found the weather a struggle with the fishing out in the channel getting no lee from the land, making the conditions unfishable. The forecast going into the second half of the month looks a little better with all the fishermen and salesmen hoping things will start to pick up.

Boy Ashore



Rye Harbour Village Hall Developing the Facilities



Rye Harbour Village Hall – Developing the Facilities

The Village Hall is a valuable resource and important part of the Rye Harbour. The Village Hall Management Committee is in the process of making applications for grants to develop the facilities in the Village Hall. How the development continues needs to reflect the wishes of those who lives in the Village.

What the Committee would like to know is what facilities the Villagers would like to see in the Village Hall. This short article is forming one of a number of ways that we as the committee will be

asking you the Villagers for your help and thoughts.

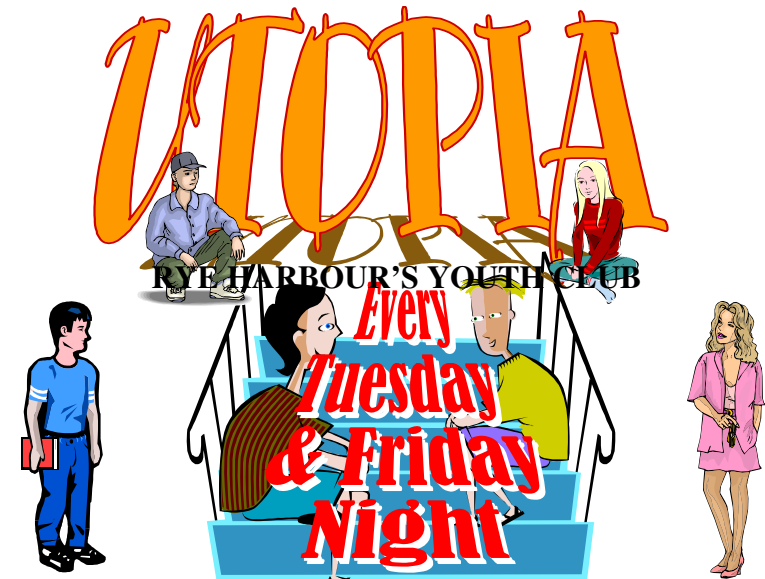
Let the committee know what you think, write us a letter with your ideas. Bogdan has kindly agreed to let us have a suggestion box in the shop where you can post you ideas.

Help make the Village Hall an even more valuable asset for Village residents of all ages.

Many thanks to those who are helping us to undertake this project and all those who support our continuing fundraising efforts.

Ann Newman

RYE HARBOUR YOUTH ACTION GROUP At The Village Hall



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Rye Harbour Church News

Will Rye
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Church rise to new life from its near-death experience of recent years? The congregation often in single figures and the services reduced to one a month did not bode well for the future. I once served in a parish in Kent where something similar happened, with a tiny congregation bravely keeping going three services each Sunday! Someone at the time asked me, "Is your parish really dead?" to which I replied, "As good as." "Good" he said somewhat surprisingly, "because resurrection only comes after death!" We approach the heart of our faith again, during this month of March, as we relive the last events of Jesus' life on earth. His journey to Jerusalem led to his arrest, trial, condemnation, flogging and crucifixion. "So what?" I can hear people say, "how does that affect me?"

It affects us in our relationship with God which has been fractured through sin. It affects the



rather is it the triumph of love over hate, of life over death, of good over evil. Jesus died for you and for me, that we might enjoy a quality of life and love that can be called 'heaven'.



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

way we live our lives – are they to be self-centred or God-centred? It affects the way we treat others – with indifference or with sympathy, with intolerance or with respect? It affects our attitude to death – is it the snuffing out of a candle or a stage in a journey towards our Maker and Redeemer? Jesus doesn't answer every question we might ask. But without him, we have many more concerns to resolve.

The Cross of Christ reminds us starkly of the cruelty of sin and the depravity of human nature. But it also reminds us wonderfully of the sacrificial love of God for his creation. The Church relives these events in its worship to appreciate the cost of God's love for us. If He did that for me, what should I do for Him? Easter is not the reversal of a tragic and unjust death;

We hope to begin work on improvements to the Church Vestry soon with the installation of a toilet and kitchen. The cost will be in excess of £16,000 but it will allow use of the Church for community events. Any help you can offer will be appreciated.

A very happy Easter to you all.

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

Services

Sunday 13th March (Lent 5) 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 27th March (EASTER DAY) 10.30 a.m. Family Communion.

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Hi,
Well we really are going from strength to strength. It's been lovely to see so many new faces and some returning ones too. Now we have our funding through we are almost ready to start buying the new equipment and toys we asked for, it's really exciting to see everything coming together – due mainly to Claire's hard work!
We recently had a trial visit from 'Nifty Nippers', which made a nice change – thank you; the children loved the music and movement, dance and games. For more information phone 07769 713073.
We also had a visit from St. Nicholas's

Fellowship Fun Van, organised by Surestart, the children loved the activities and again it was a very welcome addition to the group. Thanks to them all.

On Friday 11th March it's Red Nose Day

(Comic Relief) and we aim to

have an extra session/coffee morning, there will be posters out locally, so look out for them and please come and join us as we have fun and raise money for a great charity.

Wednesday sessions as normal - £1 per family, 10am – 12.00, see you there.



Rosemarie

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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to Julie on March 6th, Mothering Sunday, we hope she celebrates accordingly.



WELCOME HOME

Welcome back to Dawn and Peter who are now living in Oyster Creek. We hope they enjoyed their holiday after leaving the 'Inkerman'.

We send our best wishes to Pat Fantom in her new home in Five Villages; we wish her all the best.

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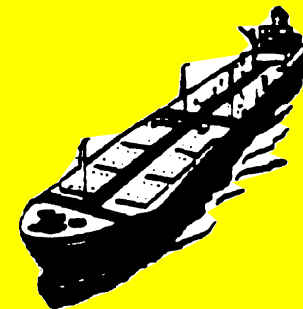
Mick from Martello house is home after his stay in hospital, we see him walking about, not at his usual speed I might add.

Pat and Ken Rook have both been laid low with Flu, glad to say they are better now.

Tsunami Jumble Sale
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