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## Editor's Comments

If you are now reading this column, it is because I have finally persuaded the printer to give me more credit, or a miracle has happened.

Yes things are that bad and it is at times like this, that a lot of people might throw in the towel and say enough is enough, however as many of you already know, I don't give up without a very good fight. It's a simple problem the one that most businesses have at some time or another and that is cash flow, the difference being that Rye Harbour

Newsletter is a non-profit making entity. Over the last couple of years keeping the level of advertising at the correct level has been an uphill struggle due to one or two personal problems but I have managed to pull it back each time, then I have never had a cash flow problem, it was just the level of advertising.

And yes a few; and it is only a few of my advertisers have got

the same problems that I am encountering, so I understand exactly where they are coming from.

I am now in the process of changing the way the newsletter is put together, either I find a cheaper way of producing it; and maybe lose quality in the process, or advertising rates and the quantity may have to increase but certainly it can not carry on as it is, so hopefully watch this space.

Next month's issue should not encounter such problems as I know the problem will

ease next month, so I will give you the deadline of **Monday 16th May**, in the hope that you will get as close to that date as possible to give me every opportunity of getting the newsletter back on it's feet and building for the future. Lets hope May is a better month all round, lets hope those April showers stop as well as the downpours, it would be so nice to see the sun again.

## Special Features

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## FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

The Deputy Harbour Masters post has been advertised on the Agency's web site together with appearing in a number of trade papers and journals.

In the mean time I am being assisted by Rob Martindale whom many of you will know as the Customer Development Control officer dealing with planning applications etc. around the harbour and villages. He is an experienced boater and will be of great help during the coming summer period whilst the wheels of appointing a permanent Deputy grind slowing around.

During the high tides of the 26<sup>th</sup> of March we were called out to recover one of the floating pontoons moved whilst work is in progress in the Rock Channel raising the flood defences. The contractors had secured the pontoon to steel hand rails not realising that the high tide would float the pontoon in such a manner that when the tide receded the pontoon would carry away the hand rails and drift up to the Strand Quay. We recovered it and to much embarrassment re-secured it in proper "Ship Shape"



fashion. Clocks have moved forward as we approach the summer period. No sign of the "Cuckoo" (or French Yachts) yet though. A full survey has taken place on the eastern arm that will shortly be under going repairs, into the possibility of Ordinance (Bombs!) None were found during the investigation although a full set of photographs have been lodged at the Harbour Office in order that we might identify "Strange" objects that might be unearthed. The Admiralty Jetty lights failed during the month. Thanks to Robin Paine who very promptly attended making repairs/replacements as necessary. All pilots and boat crews who assist in the navigating of ships into and out of the Harbour are now required to undergo severe medicals every two years. Our nearest doctor who is able to carry out this deed is at Newhaven. In two cars we attended and thankfully all of us are

fit and well.

News reaches me of the latest meeting of the Lydd Ranges Advisory Group. Patrol craft were in attendance for 115 days last years (many will see the boat either moored at the Harbour Office or secured to the east pier during inclement weather). Some 540 vessels were "Challenged" with 6 craft being intercepted and requested to move away from the ranges, in total only 113 minutes were lost as a result of butts having to be closed, it was considered too dangerous for firing to continue when unauthorised craft entered the exclusion zones. Many of the boatyards have now "disgorged" their craft back into the water following the winter "Lay-up". We should now start to see Armada's of boats passing through the village en- route to the Bay for a few hours sailing. Its always a pretty site to see these many vessels under full sail as they transit the outer channel. You heard it here first. An exercise is to be carried out at the harbour mouth during the summer to simulate the stranding of "Several" Whales. Plastic "Balloons" will be filled

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## Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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with water and treated whilst "High and Dry", prior to encouraging them back into the water. Many hundreds of people will be involved (Volunteers required?) on the day. More info, as it becomes

available.

The Harbour Authority hosted a meeting "Scrabster" attended together with senior figures from the DEFRA. The group discussed issues of significance to ports who are obligated to provided

safe moorings and facilities for their fishing fleets. We are all aware of the difficulties of the Scottish industry but it appears that things are beginning to look up for this industry.

Carl Bagwell



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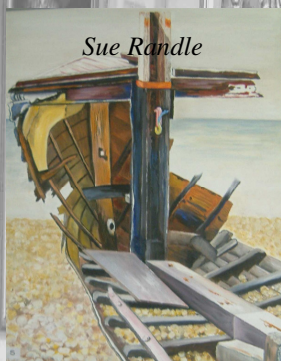


# Rye Harbour Art Gallery

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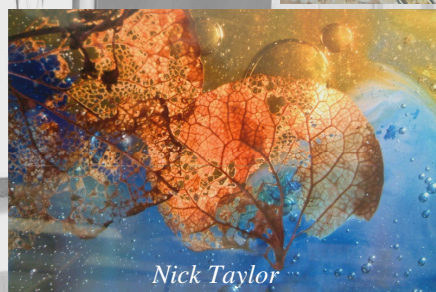
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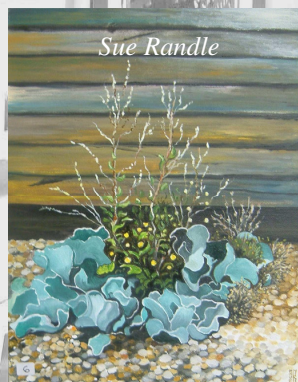
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Add 1 hour for British Summertime

Date	O.D.		O.D.	
	Time	Metres	Time	Metres
1 Su	<b>0357</b>	2.4	<b>1633</b>	2.2
2 Mo	<b>0530</b>	2.1	<b>1759</b>	2.1
3 Tu	<b>0659</b>	2.2	<b>1922</b>	2.4
4 We	<b>0814</b>	2.6	<b>2028</b>	2.8
5 Th	<b>0910</b>	3.0	<b>2120</b>	3.2
6 Fr	<b>0956</b>	3.2	<b>2206</b>	3.4
7 Sa	<b>1036</b>	3.3	<b>2248</b>	3.6
8 Su	<b>1113</b>	3.4	<b>2328</b>	3.7
9 Mo	<b>1148</b>	3.4	—	—
10 Tu	<b>0005</b>	3.6	<b>1224</b>	3.4
11 We	<b>0040</b>	3.4	<b>1259</b>	3.3
12 Th	<b>0113</b>	3.2	<b>1333</b>	3.1
13 Fr	<b>0147</b>	2.8	<b>1409</b>	2.8
14 Sa	<b>0224</b>	2.5	<b>1449</b>	2.5
15 Su	<b>0313</b>	2.1	<b>1541</b>	2.1
16 Mo	<b>0418</b>	1.8	<b>1643</b>	1.9
17 Tu	<b>0525</b>	1.6	<b>1749</b>	1.9
18 We	<b>0633</b>	1.8	<b>1855</b>	2.1
19 Th	<b>0733</b>	2.1	<b>1951</b>	2.4
20 Fr	<b>0821</b>	2.5	<b>2035</b>	2.7
21 Sa	<b>0902</b>	2.8	<b>2116</b>	3.1
22 Su	<b>0942</b>	3.1	<b>2157</b>	3.3
23 Mo	<b>1022</b>	3.3	<b>2240</b>	3.6
24 Tu	<b>1104</b>	3.4	<b>2323</b>	3.7
25 We	<b>1147</b>	3.6	—	—
26 Th	<b>0009</b>	3.6	<b>1233</b>	3.6
27 Fr	<b>0055</b>	3.4	<b>1322</b>	3.4
28 Sa	<b>0148</b>	3.2	<b>1415</b>	3.2
29 Su	<b>0248</b>	2.8	<b>1515</b>	3.0
30 Mo	<b>0359</b>	2.6	<b>1619</b>	2.7
31 Tu	<b>0512</b>	2.4	<b>1727</b>	2.6

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## Local Police

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**01424 456078**

**RYE POLICE STATION**

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Service Number:	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌	...	0935	1000	1030	1100	1135	1200	1230	1300	1335	1400
High Street (The George)	...	0940	1005	1035	1105	1140	1205	1235	1305	1340	1405
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ arr	...	0945	1010	1040	1110	1145	1210	1240	1310	1345	1410
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ dep	...	0945	1015	1045	...	1145	1215	1245	...	1345	...
Cadborough CME	...	0951	1021	1051	...	1151	1221	1251	...	1351	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ arr	...	0957	1027	1057	...	1157	1227	1257	...	1357	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇌ dep	0915	...	...	...	1115	...	...	1315	...	1415	...
Rye (Memorial Care Centre)	0918	...	...	...	1118	...	...	1318	...	1418	...
Playden (Peace and Plenty)	0920	...	...	...	1120	...	...	1320	...	1420	...
Houghton Green	0922	...	...	...	1122	...	...	1322	...	...	...
Military Road	0925	...	...	...	1125	...	...	1325	...	...	...
Kings Avenue	0930	...	...	...	1130	...	...	1330	...	...	...
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<b>Norham</b> (Goddens Gill)	...	0721	0721	0731	0801	...	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1442	1531	1631	1731	
<b>Breckley</b> (Rose and Crown)	...	0725	0725	0735	0805	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1446	1535	1635	1735	
<b>Breckley</b> (Four Oaks)	...	0728	0728	0738	0808	...	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1449	1538	1638	1738	
<b>Peasmarsh</b> (Old Post Office)	...	0733	0733	0743	0813	...	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1454	1543	1643	1743	
<b>Playden</b> (Peace and Plenty)	...	0738	0738	0748	0818	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1459	1548	1648	1748	
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<b>Rye</b> (Rail Station) ≠ dep	...	0751	0751	0756	...	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	1559	1659	1759R	
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<b>Winchelsea</b> (Beach)	...	0800	0800	...	...	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	...	1608	1708	1819	
<b>Winchelsea</b> (Smugglers End)	...	0802	0802	...	...	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	...	1610	1710	1821	
<b>Pett Level</b>	...	0806	0806	...	...	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	...	1614	1714	1825	
<b>Fairlight Cove</b> (Hotel)	0730	0812	0812	...	...	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	...	1620	1720	1832	
<b>Fairlight Glen</b>	0736	0818	0818	...	...	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	...	1626	1726	1836	
<b>Ore</b> (Christ Church)	0739	0821F	0821	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	...	1629	1729	1841	
<b>Hastings</b> (Boating Lake)	0745	0840	0827	...	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	...	1635	1735	1847	
<b>Hastings</b> (Harold Place)	0747	0842	0829	...	...	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	...	1637	1737	1849	
<b>Hastings</b> (Rail Station) ≠	0749	0843	0831	0845	...	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	...	1639	1739	1851	

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Service Number:	347	347	346	346	346	346
Days of Operation:	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Pett (Chick Hill)	0815	0822	0949	1149	1414	1545
Pett (Church)	0818	0825	0952	1152	1417	1548
Guestling (School)	0825	...	...	...	...	...
Guestling (White Hart)	0830	0830	0957	1157	1422	1553
Ore (Kings Head)	0834	0834	1001	1201	1426	1557
Ore (Christ Church)	0836	0836	1003	1203	1428	1559
Hastings (Baldslow Rd)	...	...	1008	1208	1433	...
Hastings (Safeway)	...	...	1012	1212	1437	...
Hastings (Queen's Road)	...	...	1014	1214	1439	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0841	0841	...	...	...	1604
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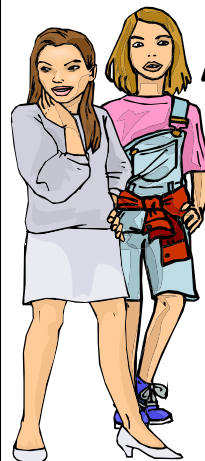


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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.0-11.00pm</b>	<b>Over 16's youth club (free)</b>
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>3.30-5.30pm</b>	<b>After Schools Club</b>
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



### New powers to stop vehicles

Sussex has become the latest police force to make it possible for vehicles to be stopped without a police officer being present.

Staff from the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) have now been accredited with the power to stop goods and passenger vehicles for spot-checks in Sussex.

VOSA officers will operate using Ford Galaxies with distinctive yellow-and-black battenburg side markings, yellow-and-orange chevrons at the rear and a roof bar with amber lights.

In the past a police officer has always been present during spot-checks as only they had the authority to stop vehicles. This new power to stop commercial vehicles and private motorists will increase VOSA's effectiveness and flexibility in targeting vehicles which are likely to break roadworthiness and traffic legislation.

### Mary Stanford Green, Rye Harbour

Sometime between Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March a property was entered via a forced front door and smashed windows. A wallet was taken and belongings searched through.

### Tram Road, Rye Harbour

Between 22:00 on Wednesday 30 and 07:45 on Thursday 31 March a parked Landrover was entered and the steering lock damaged but nothing taken.

Quote serial no. 571 of 31/03/05

### Rye Harbour

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend, the Rye Harbour area suffered a serious spate of criminal damage. Private buildings, council property and signs were sprayed with silver aerosol paint or daubed with black indelible marker pen. Various 'tags' were used including DONA or DONS and NATS. The buildings damaged include Rye Harbour Stores and private houses.

Anyone who may have any information is asked to contact PC John Berry at Rye police station on 0845 60 70 999. Quote serial no. 455 of 28/03/05

### Harbour Road, Rye

Between 09:00 and 14:45 on Sunday 10 April a van was entered via a bent door frame and broken window. The satellite navigation system was stolen.

Quote serial no. 932 of 10/04/05

### Castle Water Estate, Rye Harbour

Sometime prior to 21:02 on Friday 15 April a food van at Castle Water Estate, Rye Harbour was broken into. It is not known at this stage what was taken.

Quote serial no. 1724 of 15/04/05

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

### Rye Harbour

On Thursday 21st April, an early morning drugs raid was conducted at an address in Rye Harbour. Police drugs enforcement dogs and the local Rye Neighbourhood Policing Team officers executed a drugs warrant which was issued by Hastings Magistrates Court. A male was arrested for possession of a quantity of controlled drugs and has subsequently admitted the offence.

### Cackle Street, Brede

I have just been made aware of this incident in Cackle Street, Brede. At approximately 16:25 on Thursday 24 March two young lads called at a property and told the elderly occupants they were friends of their grandson. They asked to come in and use the toilet which they were allowed to do. It was later found that a purse and a large amount of cash were missing. The males are described as white and in their 20's and left on foot towards Broadoak. Keep a special look out for elderly neighbours or relatives or those living alone? Make sure they are aware of what to do if they have an unannounced caller.

### Conmen warning

Householders are being warned about burglars who have been conning their way into the homes of vulnerable people. On one day alone they made six attempts, in Rye, Hastings, Brede and Guestling. Now the public is being asked to help find and stop them. In each case, the men used the same method of tricking their way into someone's house. One calls at the door and says that he's from the water board or he's a builder and tells the occupant he needs to check the water pressure or the drains. Once he's inside the house, a second man enters, carries out a search and steals what he can while the householder's attention is being diverted.

The first is described as being in his late 20s with short, dark hair and about 5ft 4in tall. He's clean-shaven with prominent front teeth and victims say he had a smart appearance. The second man is a little older and had an untidy appearance. He had brown, messy hair and was wearing a biscuit-coloured jacket.

Anyone with information is asked to contact DC Tuting at Hastings police station on 0845 60 70 999 or anonymously to Crimstoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Hastings Borough Council ASBO (Anti Social Behaviour Order)

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Rother Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator: 01424 456160

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## Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

**S**pring most definitely sprung on the reserve during April! By the second week of the month, we had the full set of breeding terns, with the first Common and Little Tern arriving, while Sedge Warbler, Reed Warbler, Chiffchaff and Willow Warbler could all be heard singing on the reserve, and the first splendid male Yellow Wagtail (pictured right) arrived at Castle Water. On the Beach Reserve, the seabird colony on Ternery Pool was gearing up nicely, with Black-headed Gull and Sandwich Tern (pictured below) staking their claim to nesting spots, and the



on the Parkes Hide path as part of our continuing drive to make the reserve accessible for wheelchair users, and by the time you read this

brought smiles to the wardens' faces! The only thing missing from the complete experience was the smell! By the end of April both the seabirds and our important nesting waders such as Lapwing and Ringed Plover will be incubating eggs, with the first bouncing babies due in early May.



similar work will have been carried out at Castle Water Hide. Recently our goat herd rose to 20 animals with the arrival of two new additions at the Bittern Excavation on Castle Water.

The good weather over the Easter weekend encouraged lots of families to come and explore Camber Castle for Easter eggs with a difference.

Once the puzzle was  
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sheer number of birds and the volume of sound

On the practical side, more work has been carried out

## Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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solved, everyone went home with an egg. I think it's safe to say, lots of fun was had by all.

To get yourself trained for the summer bird watching season, why not come along to our **Beginners Guide to Seabirds + Waders on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> May**. Meet at the Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am returning

1pm (2 miles).

More family fun is also planned for the May bank holiday. Head down to the Rye Harbour Car Park between **11am-12noon on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** for a **Family Treasure Hunt**. You will be following clues to test your brainpower around the Nature Reserve, with prizes for all completed forms handed in at Lime Kiln that

same day. £2 per child, accompanying adults free. Pre-booking advisable – 01797 227784.

We must say a big thank you to all who helped out with our annual beach clean. 40 must be a record number of people to help out over one weekend. Thank you again.

**Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam**



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## WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

### MAY

#### SUN 1<sup>st</sup>

**Antiques & Collectables Fair** - Rye Community Centre from 9.30am - 4.30pm

#### Canal - Castle & Circular Ride -

Ride from on Cingue Port to another. From Rye we will follow the bank of the Military Canal and up into Historic Winchelsea for lunch stop. We then go back to Rye following the sustrans cycle path under the old cliff line. Pre-Booking essential 01797 226488. Meet Rye station 12noon (3hrs)

#### MON 2<sup>nd</sup>

**St. Peter's & St. Paul's Church, Peasmarsh** - Mimosa Quartet. Sit down Dinner by Candlelight. Licensed bar. Time 6.30pm. Information 01797 230324/230255

#### THUR 5<sup>th</sup>

**Coastal Ways, Meridan TV** - Showing Rye & Rye Harbour at 7.30pm

#### SAT 7<sup>th</sup>

**Playden Week-End** - Including Art & Crafts. Information from Mrs S Fox 01797 222234 Runs till 8<sup>th</sup> May  
**Lunchtime Jazz** - Join Maureen Connatt at The Place, Camber, Nr Rye. Included in the price 2 course lunch £19.77 each.

#### SUN 8<sup>th</sup>

**Classic Bike Jumble** - Held at Hamstreet, Kent, TN26 2HD at 10am

#### SAT 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### SUN 15<sup>th</sup>

**Friends of Rye Wurlitzer** - Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College. Janet Dowsett playing a special concert. Concerts start 2.30pm all Tickets £4.50

**Rye In Bloom Plant Fair** - Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 10-2pm. Admission 30p. Lorna Hall 01797 229808

#### Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

**Mayor Making** - Throwing of Hot pennies in evening. For information 01797 223902

#### SUN 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Rye & Winchelsea Rotary Walk** - Starts 9am. Further details from Mr Temple-Bone 01797 225911  
**Rye Garden Safari** - Places taking part 4 Mermaid Street, 11 High Street and Ferry Cottage in aid of St Michael's Hospice from 12.00 - 5pm

#### WED 25<sup>th</sup>

**Mapp & Lucia's Walk** - Meet The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern of High Street at 2pm. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and costs £4.95 per person. The walk ends at Lamb House, the home of E.F.Benson.

#### FRI 27<sup>th</sup>

**The Black Horse Music Festival** - Telham near Battle, runs till 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### SAT 28<sup>th</sup>

**Antiques & Collectables Fair** - Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye from 9.30 - 4.30pm  
**Battle Abbey** - Meandering Monks. Information Battle 01424 773721. Runs till 5<sup>th</sup> June  
**Mapp & Lucia's Walk** - Meet The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern of High Street at 2pm. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and costs £4.95 per person. The walk ends at Lamb House, the home of E.F.Benson.

#### SUN 29<sup>th</sup>

**Antiques & Collectables Fair** - Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye from 9.30 - 4.30pm  
**Medieval Fair** - Held on Battle Abbey Green, runs till 30<sup>th</sup>. Information 01424 773721

#### MON 30<sup>th</sup>

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

### JUNE

#### WED 1<sup>st</sup>

**Mapp & Lucia's Walk** - Meet The Belvedere, with telescope, eastern end

of the High Street at 2pm. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

#### SAT 4<sup>th</sup>

**Antiques & Collectables Fair** - Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am - 4.30pm  
**Mapp & Lucia's Walk** - Meet The Belvedere, with telescope, eastern end of the High Street at 2pm. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

#### SUN 5<sup>th</sup>

**Antiques & Collectables Fair** - Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill from 9.30am - 4.30pm  
**Rye Winchelsea & Pett Circular** - A gentle circular ride taking in Rye, Winchelsea, Winchelsea beach & Pett Levels. We will cycle through the Rye Bay Nature Reserve and see stunning views of the bay from Icklesham Windmill. Generous stops for picnic and sight-seeing. Mostly flat with a few short hills but we can walk them. Meet Rye station 10.30am (5hrs) Martin Searle 01424 752714  
**Iden Open Gardens** - Pick up your route from Iden Stores. Gardens open from 11am - 5pm. Enjoy a Ploughman's lunch or Cream tea. Also Enjoy a ride on the Garden Railway.

#### WED 8<sup>th</sup>

**Mapp & Lucia's Walk** - Meet The

Belvedere, with telescope, eastern end of the High Street at 2pm. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

#### SAT 11<sup>th</sup>

**Rye Harbour Lifeboat Open Day** -

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# RYE HARBOUR SEA - FLOOD DEFENCES

## FLOOD DEFENCES THE NEXT STAGE

**A**fter the recent winter work some real changes are visible at Nook Point – near the river mouth with a large new concrete wall and several rock emplacements. As everyone is doubtless aware these are part of the continuing programme to upgrade the flood defences in the coastal segment between Pett Level and Rye Harbour. In fact the most obvious changes so far are at the Pett Level end with a new groyne field, a whole series of new groynes complete with shingle banks built up between them. The work at Pett Level has already made a big difference to the outlook there; more important it has made a big difference to the safety of the village and the low land behind the sea wall, decreasing the probability of a breach from a 1 in 5 year event to (when complete) a 1 in 200 year event. Paradoxically the progress of the work has been much helped by the comparatively benign winter weather – a lower incidence of major storms than usual. Note that the last time the village was flooded (in 1929) was the result of a breach at Pett Level, the water travelling up the Nook and flooding the village from that direction and remaining for up to 10 days. Judging even from the fuzzy photos of the time, the impact on the village was severe. At Nook Point the new 74 metre long gravity structure



50,000 cubic metres of shingle will be transported from Nook Point to Pett Level. The shingle pocket may therefore retreat as much as 60 metres back from the normal shoreline, exposing the new wall and rock

wall is a neat piece of civil engineering; it stays in position, resisting the destructive force of the waves by dint of its weight alone. The existing Terminal Arm is also a gravity structure and it has been obvious for several years that the foundations were being exposed and progressively undermined by the scouring action of the sea, together with the action of the drainage channel along the toe of the shingle visible at each low-tide. Both walls have therefore been protected against scour damage by the rock armouring placed in front of them. These are designed to absorb the wave energy and prevent scour. The combination is designed so that the occasional wave breaking over the structure has little effect, nearly all the shingle being trapped on the west side of the wall. The reason for these new structures is primarily to develop and protect a 200 metre shingle pocket where the accumulated material carried by the sea over the year can be retrieved and used to recharge the groyne field at Pett Level. The plan is that each year up to

armouring to wave action – which it is designed to resist. The river mouth is also protected from shingle being washed into it, so avoiding blockage of the river channel and increasing the flood risk along the River Rother. The shape of the beach appears already to have changed significantly, not only at Pett Level but in the sector between the old Lifeboat House and Nook Point. These works form only part of the programme to protect the whole length of the coast; the beach itself acts as the primary protective barrier between Nook Point and Winchelsea Beach. If there were to be a breach by the sea through the line of the beach, it would then cause extensive flooding across the Nature Reserve, threatening Rye Harbour and Winchelsea Beach. With a large breach such as happened in 1929, the flood area could extend over several square-miles. To counter this problem three further phases of the project are planned; -

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- 1) Install a new groyne field at Winchelsea Beach.
- 2) Install a secondary flood defence embankment between Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour.
- 3) Upgrade approximately 600 metres of the bund facing the River Rother.

The construction of the secondary defence embankment will have a visual and environmental impact on the village, especially the Frenchman's Beach caravan park and the Nature Reserve. It is planned to start this work next September. The Environment Agency has purchased Rye Harbour Farm and will use some of the area as raw material to build the embankment, moving approximately 120,000 cubic metres of material, including some that may well have to come in from outside the area. The detailed design for the secondary defences is currently being finalised, but in general the line will run along the existing drain between Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour. Not all the engineering decisions have yet been made but anyone looking out (or listening) towards the sea from next September will not fail to notice the scale of the work. The performance of the Main Contractor in the work over last winter has been very good; to the observer it seems to have been carried out in a

professional manner, with excellent progress being made at Nook Point; the main work there was complete by February 21st. We should therefore expect the same standards in the building of the embankment. Some damage will be unavoidable, however, given the nature of the earth moving required to build up the embankment but reinstatement works will provide environmental enhancements once the embankment is complete. The number of truck movements will depend on how much material has to come in from outside; since the



embankment construction will involve a lot of earthmoving we should expect all trucks to go through a wheel cleaning station, minimising mud on the roads in the village. The surface of the embankment will be partially protected where required to avoid future damage from scour; it will also be seeded to build up a flora in keeping with that already in existence in the Nature Reserve. The works programme has been designed to minimise any

effects on the breeding pattern of the birds – essentially the major part of the programme will be complete by February 2006 with uncompleted work held over until the 2006-7 autumn and winter season. Minor finishing work that has to be delayed for other reasons, e.g. seeding certain areas or planting any necessary trees or shrubs, will clearly be better carried out later in the Spring of 2006. The flood bund work in front of the village is a different project and working to a different time-scale. The work will be carried out some time in 2006 (the programme has yet to be confirmed); the visual and environmental impact on the village and visitors will be impossible to avoid for a short time. It will involve also considerable restitution works; the consulting engineers have been very co-operative in this phase of the project; drawings of the intended works are on

display in William the Conqueror. Be prepared therefore for a considerable change and some disruption over the next couple of years – the gains from improved flood defence for the village will, however, outweigh the short term effects of the civil engineering work.

Mike Slavin

## How Rye Harbour Public Transport Evolved

I was recently asked, how did people get to and from Rye Harbour before the days of bus services and private car ownership? Well first and foremost for most it would have been on foot, usually along the old railway track and onto the public road at Brede Sluice. This is still a pleasant walk away from the road and it's horrendous traffic and noise.

For those unable to walk far, Mr Thomas Saunders ran a carrier's service with a donkey cart between Rye and Rye Harbour and where, in addition to the usual parcel and goods service a passenger or two could be carried for 2d (2 pence in old money). This was a common practice with virtually all carriers into Rye and indeed every other town and, all in all a very useful service for the time. Around 1895 The Rye and Camber Steam Tramway commenced a daily service to the golf Links Station and later beyond and it became the practise to take the ferry operated by members of the Cutting

family across the river and onto the tram. The station, some of the rails and the ferry steps still exist. It was also possible to purchase through tickets both for the tram and the ferry. A parcel service was also operated with deliveries by the ferryman or members of his family.



In 1923 Messrs Wright and Parkhurst of Tower Street, Rye, commenced a daily bus service, both to Rye Harbour and Camber. Rural bus services were starting up all over the country at around this time, many by ex-servicemen recently discharged from the services along with ex-army vehicles, then

being sold off.

The service to Rye Harbour was initially with a lorry with a canvas sheet over and wooden planks for seats, this was until four Guy buses in a blue livery were delivered and commenced service.

These were distinctive in having painted on the rear by local artist Frederick

James Hackman local scenes, such as Camber Castle and the Landgate. The service ran several times daily with five extra on Saturdays, the fares being 6d single and 10d return, whilst on Saturdays the fares were 6d return and 4d single.

In 1931 the service was

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## How Rye Harbour Public Transport Evolved Cont...

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sold to the East Kent Road Car Company who had become established in Rye and who in their dark red livery served Rye Harbour for many years, I still have a few tickets from this era.

Today a half hourly service is maintained under the Local Rider scheme of East Sussex County Council and without their support there would be no bus service. The operators being Coastal Coaches who have a very good bunch of drivers looking after us.

Senior Citizens or physically or mentally handicapped can obtain a free bus pass which entitles bearers to half fares all over Sussex and journeys into Kent, starting in Sussex such as the 711 route to Dover. Another good buy is a transfer ticket from Rye Harbour via Winchelsea Beach service 344 or service 300 via Broad Oak to the Conquest, this is a very good buy particularly with a half fare card.



Also available are weekly tickets, or explorer tickets for those going further afield, to Bournemouth if you want and you start off early enough. Finally we are fortunate to have such a frequent bus service, but this only depends on the support given.

There are some villages not

so very far away with only two or three buses per week.

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**M. Alford**



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## Parish Council Notebook

The Icklesham Parish Council held their monthly meeting at the Rye Harbour Village Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. Several from Rye Harbour attended in addition to our local councillors. The meeting opened with district councillor Nick Ramus giving a brief account of Rother affairs, mostly of a general nature. Councillor Ramus went on to inform us that the proposal for charges on the car park have been postponed for a year. Councillor Ramus along with the Parish Council feel that the idea would be unworkable. The two Rye Harbour councillors feel that the

answer would be for a joint partnership with Rye Harbour Nature Reserve would probably be the best solution. There is likely to be a draft letter to be shortly available for all who are concerned to make their views known to Rother. Many will recall that a few years ago we had a village survey into amenities in Rye Harbour and this lead eventually to the coming into being of Oyster Creek, Lucas Shadwell Way and the Pound Field along with the play equipment on the Coronation Field. A speaker from Action in Rural Sussex gave an address on community surveys and what can be achieved. This can bring

people together for the good of the whole community both young, old and in between. We will keep you informed. A lady from Icklesham wrote about a few dog owners who whilst picking up their dogs excrement, throw the bags into the hedges, in spite of dog bins. I fear that this goes on along the road to the shore but I hope not by Rye Harbour dog owners.

**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of**  
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## Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



**W**e have been following with much interest the building of the Folkboat Lapis in a barn in a field in

forward 4 weeks to enable Robert to be in the UK as their first baby was due in 4 weeks time in New Zealand. All was finished on Lapis, except for some of the cabinet work inside.

draughtsmanship and then on to furniture and interior design which led on to being design manager in Heals in the design studios with a manufacturing capacity. .



Sevenoaks by a remarkable family comprising James, Kate, Jane and Robert over a period of 15 years although Jane in Yorkshire and Robert in New Zealand are long-distance contributors becoming hands on whenever possible! We all looked forward with excitement to the launch on April 12th. which had to be brought

Some of the background of this family will help to illustrate how this mighty work came about. James started as an apprentice cabinet maker at Heals, the famous store in Tottenham Court Road. He studied design and furniture manufacturing at night school, so this meant he had hand skills and design skills. James moved on to

He then ran his own design consultancy and became involved in setting up a furniture factory called Zeno designs which made purpose built upmarket furniture. As a mature student he did an MA in design education at the Royal College of Art and started lecturing in furniture design at the

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London Guildhall/University.

Kate started her career as a teacher of 5-9 year olds and taught in Cambridge, Reading, London and Philadelphia and then moved back to London to teach in an area near to Brixton. She met James at a Quaker meeting. James is a Quaker by Convincement and Kate comes from a very long established Quaker family so she was and just is as she beautifully puts it.



Jane was born in 1968 and Robert in 1970 in Seven-

oaks. Jane is a very accomplished potter and we all sampled her work with the goblets she made to commemorate the launching of Lapis and we each took home our very own goblet. She has worked in Scandinavia and Japan and now has a pottery studio in a Steiner School in York.

Robert is a scientific  
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geneticist now working and living in New Zealand having previously worked in the USA.

James lists the qualities needed for their enterprise are resources, space, skill, tenacity and above all pleasure in creating. They decided to build the boat in 1990. Robert had been doing dinghy sailing at school and enthused about it and James and Kate were infected by his enthusiasm. They decided on a Folk Boat design as it was created for ordinary people to make from supplied plans and for ordinary people to sail. They also appreciated the shape and form - form and function and purpose is very

apparent in the shape.

They found the Iron House by the river in Rock Channel and fitted it out as carefully as the boat and really do not need a TV as they have a close up view of the river and all that goes on there and boats and people that pass! They started sailing by joining the Rye Harbour Sailing Club and did Gordon Mooreys' excellent Day skipper shore based RYA course at the club who they found really

inspiring. They went sailing with Liz and Ken Steele. They flew up to Stornoway, Outer Isles of Lewes to join Ken and Jill Halpin on their boat Spin-drift and also sailed with us to Fecamps in northern France where we visited the Benedictine Abbey.

There was a lot of work involved in sourcing materials. They were helped by the Folk Boat association who provided plans and through whom they met someone who had moulds for the keel. They had to loft up drawing plans 1/10 to full size drawn out on plywood and



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make templates. They found a supply of solid oak in Yorkshire. They obtained the cast iron keel in Cornwall. They started with the spine of the boat and then fitted sections through and then put battens round the moulds which then have the steamed (at 100 degrees centigrade in their handbuilt oven) ribs bent around and against the battens to get their shape. The battens are taken off as you bend the planks of the larch, which must be clean, clear of knots, to create the carvel build of the hull of the boat. The planks they obtained from Woodbridge, Suffolk. The ribs are steamed green oak with the inner plank - shelf - sprung inside. The Folk Boat originated

in Scandinavia from a competition in the 1940's where 4 people's designs were chosen and the final design was by committee. Kate and James brought their mast which is Scandinavian spruce from Denmark. The fitting out is individual and owes everything to James' cabinet making design experience. Congratulations and well

done the Schaffers.

The Sailing Club had a great night in the form of the Fitting Out Supper. The food had been prepared by a number of members ably organised by Joan, Jill Henshaw and Janet and we had 67 present and we all managed to squeeze in and there was a real buzz to the evening. We had some visitors from Annapolis, USA and Jill Halpin wore her cowboy hat to make them feel welcome. This resulted in a very warm invitation to go sailing with them in the Chesapeake even though the badge on the hat supported Kerry and the Democrats and they are staunch Republicans. A lot of work is continuing on boats getting ready to sail. We raced our first race of the season on 10th. April, it was good to be out at sea again.

**Jill Halpin**







## FISHING NEWS

### ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



As April comes to an end, all but one boat have swapped over to trawling from the scallop fishery with this season being well down in quantity caught and price per dozen or price per Kg. The markets seem to have been well supplied from boats all around the coast, with a lot more French vessels joining in the fishing making quite an impact on the demand. Boats are now using a mixture of fishing trawls

from the triple rig, single trawl with longer sweeps, rough ground trawl called the rock hopper and one boat is using two beam trawls, fishing in the bay for Dover Sole. Results have been nothing special so far for the most but a couple of boats had good catches of Plaice one week and the Dover Sole catch has gone up slightly as the month has progressed. Other species have not showed at all yet apart from a run of Bass when the neap tide was at

its lowest, this was short lived but very welcome, making up for the lack of any Whiting, Lemon Sole, Cod and Dog Fish. The netters are finding a fair return at the moment and are making the most of the reasonable weather, with good catches of Dover Sole and Plaice, leaving nets overnight and fishing the gear during the day, they are being hampered to much by weed or crabs.

Boy Ashore

## 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

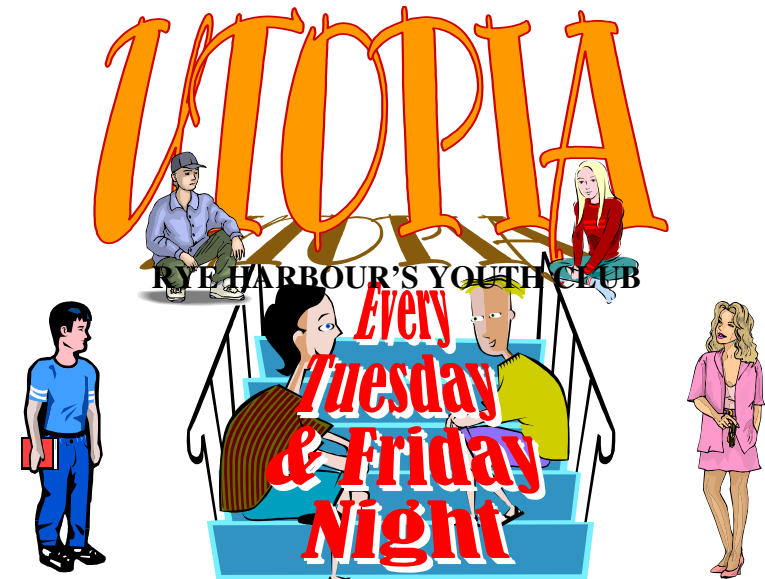
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## RYE HARBOUR YOUTH ACTION GROUP At The Village Hall



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# Rye Harbour Church News

The General Election is upon us and you may be heartily sick of party politics by now. You may still be undecided as to who will gain your vote. What is important is that each of us does cast a vote. Surely not even the most disillusioned of us would be happy with a government that has come to power endorsed by a minority of eligible voters in this country. We need strong, just and enlightened governance and we have no grounds for future complaint if we have not bothered to register our opinion. St. Paul encouraged his readers to pray for "all those in high office". They need our prayers in order to give direction and encouragement to our



*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*  
people over the next 5 years.

60 years have passed since the end of war in Europe. A service of thanksgiving at St. Mary's on 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3 p.m. will combine VE and VJ days with the object of thanking God for our deliverance in 1945 and remembering the sacrifice of so many in the fight for freedom and peace. A parade of standards and uniformed organisations will start from Eagle Road (British Legion Club) at 2.30 p.m.

led by the Ashford Sea Cadet Band. Older members may join the procession in East Street before moving to the salute at the Town Hall. The RBL Club will be open to members from 12 noon and refreshments for everyone will be available there after the Service.

A Songs of Praise will be held at the Harbour Church on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6 p.m. on our Church's festival day of Whitsun/Pentecost, in addition to the usual monthly services –

8<sup>th</sup> May 9.15 a.m.  
Holy Communion

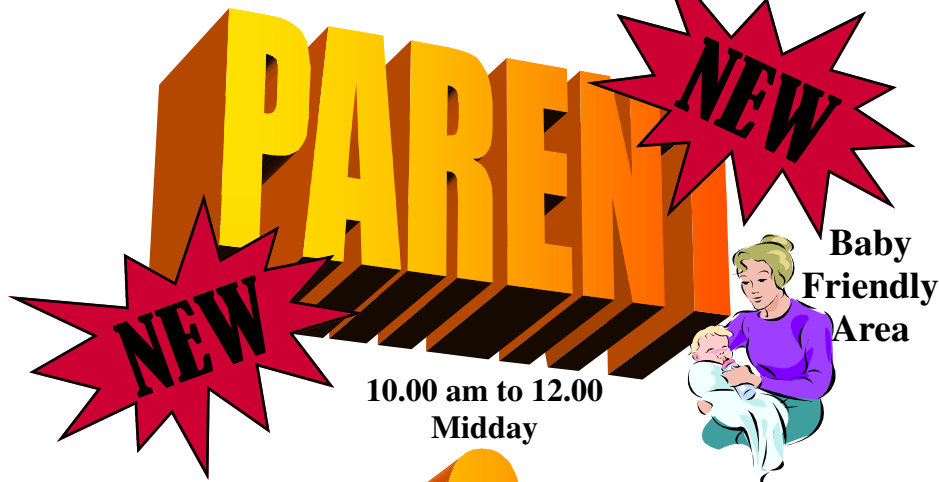
22<sup>nd</sup> May 10.30 p.m.  
Family Service

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## AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL



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## Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Hi, well it's May again and two bank holidays to look forward to, with all the older children back at school, now is the time to take advantage of the Local Network Funding in respect of an outing for the group. This coming Wednesday we are off to Imagine in Ashford. The funding allows us to hire two community mini-buses to get us there, plus entrance and lunches for the children. I'm sure it will prove to be a really lovely day for everyone. Two weeks ago we had a really good session, cooking biscuits, maybe next week it will be time for the airflow activity centre again! Lots of fun and games, so come and join us if you haven't already, £1 per session per family Wednesdays 10am to 12.00 midday. All help to set out, pack up or make tea is gratefully received, we do have to do it all ourselves, so every little helps! See you there,



Rosemarie

## **WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?**

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## Family Announcements

### Congratulations



Congratulations to Carl and Lemmy on the birth of their daughter Alesha.

Congratulations to Vicky on the birth of her son Charlie.

Congratulations to Louise and Julian, on the birth of Alice, another granddaughter for Ann and Terry Satchell, even though Terry does not look old enough to be a granddad (or so he tells me).

Congratulations to Jill and Ken Halpin on their first Great-Granddaughter Karis Joy, born on 28<sup>th</sup> March weighing 5lb 3ozs.

Colin and Di are back from their wanderings on the continent, they had a lovely time and Lucy behaved perfectly.

### In Memorandum

Our thoughts are with Jean Caister, Dawn, Mark and Grandchildren, after the sad loss of George, he will be missed by all who knew him.

### Hospital

My Mum (Nanny Pat) would like to thank everyone who has sent her cards since her operation; she would also like to thank all her friends and family who have visited her since she has been in hospital.

Jack Caister has also been in hospital; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Jonathan Bowsha is in hospital too; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Sylvia Alford is home after her time in hospital, it's nice to see her out and about again.

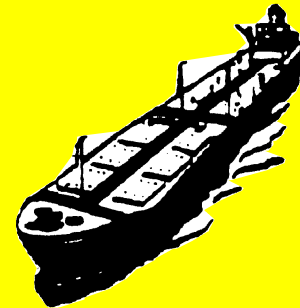
Betty Piggott has been in hospital, we hope she is soon feeling better.

Dolly Evans also was taken to hospital in a hurry, she is looking better now.

Fred Southerden is home after being in East Grinstead hospital for a couple of weeks, he has been very ill but is making good progress now.

### The Ploughman's Lunches

The next Ploughman's Lunch will be Monday 16th May



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