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Editor's Comments

Soon be time for those summer holidays and I will do my best to get the website updated with places to go during the holiday period, only I have been experiencing some horrendous problems with computers over the last month, I think and hope I'm over the worst, but who knows, most of the problems I was encountering was a corrupt copy of Firewall, which is supposed to protect your computer. This month you will see a lot of publicity for 'Martyn Channon's Country Store' and the only reason I am justifying this is to give Martyn just a little bit more. Martyn Channon and his family are really



nice people, who supply a commodity with value and friendship and throughout the life of Rye Harbour Newsletter, has always supported us even when times haven't been so good, Martyn has also supported the Youth Club and the

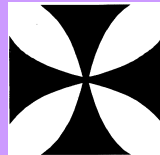
Summer Clubs and any other fund raising event in the Harbour, so I felt it was time to return the favour. See pages 24-25. Next months deadline will be **Monday 17th July**, I know there is a lot going on in August, so please get your information in, as early as possible, as I will be limited for space, and allocation will have to be on a first come, first served basis, to be fair. However, what I can't fit in the newsletter, I will make sure goes on the website. Thank you.

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

New trees! have been planted to the west bank, outer channel. These are navigational aids and are used extensively on the Dutch canals.

Unbeknown to me the tops for the starboard hand withies are tied "Onion" fashion to indicate which side they are to be passed. No wonder Dutch yachts were going aground at Bridge point near the Strand Approach.

A new beacon has been established as mentioned previously. We are inviting tenders for this starboard hand beacon and light (7a) from members of the public to have this mark named after a nominated person or thing.

Contact Carl for further details. A visitor to the office during the month was Dr Binny Buckley, retired Area Manager. She and her husband had come to Rye to join the "Deep Sea"!! cruise liner "Balmoral".

Much more grain is being exported from Rye wharf to Rotterdam and, mysteriously, to Ireland.

It is unusual for us to pilot empty ships into the harbour and then take them out loaded. Its usually the other way round with vessels arriving full of granite chippings and other roadstones.

The east pier "welcome" board light went out some weeks



ago. Two new bulbs have replaced the old ones and the entrance is now better marked by this greater intensity light. The Balmoral arrived on the evening of Wednesday but because the harbour dries, the ships generator were switched off (No cooling water). Being concerned that the fridge's would warm up we lent them a harbour generator. You might have heard it thumping away all night as soon as the river emptied out.

Some 350 Rye and other persons joined the vessel next day for the trip around to the London river. It was a hot day and many were sun burnt. It is hoped that a repeat of the trip will take place next year. I can certainly recommend the voyage.

More filming at the harbour mouth. The first group were filming for a Sunday paper an article of "Silver Stream" the well known American caravan of a few years ago. These stream lined beasts were silver in colour and distinctive by their air conditioning units to the top. The second film crew were photographing the new

Peugeot 206 for the launch over the last few weeks. These people like to film at the harbour mouth away from the crowds that move further away from the car park and burgers vans than 100 yards.

The harbour has an oil spill plan which is to be activated in the event of a major oil spill. This plan has to be exercised and consequently we intend to "Boom" an areas of the harbour later in the year. A lot of planning is involved with a Notice to mariners issued giving and warning of the event.

The Fish Market moorings are almost complete. A Grand opening is planned for the middle of July. The whole site has been covered by CCTV and images are exported to the harbour office where they can be down loaded from archive that stores some three weeks of material. The moorings are innovative with electric hoists for fish boxes and a unique mooring system that prevents the crossing and possible fouling of mooring lines. It is still hoped the Ben Bradshaw will attend and "Cut" the ribbon!

The harbour launch "Rother III" has suffered from minor damage. The port mooring post came into contact with the Balmoral causing it to snap. The fuel tank also was

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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knocked and caused the inlet pipe to fracture. Taken to

Mike Rouds yard for repairs we expect the boat back within a week.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

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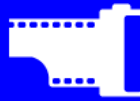
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Theft from Rye Harbour Car broken into and handbag taken Between midday and 1.45 on 22/06/06 846 of 22/06/06

Message from a NHW Member ? Beware of England Flags

I was travelling on the M23 the other day when an England flag landed on my windscreen when I was overtaken by a car doing considerably more than my 65mph. I have since seen several lying various gutters which would indicate that drivers should make sure that flags are secure before every journey.

Trading Standards Message ? Cold Calling Scam

Please be aware that some companies are cold calling consumers and making out that they are the SKY Protection Plan Company. These companies may not be who they say they are. The companies usually claim to be able to reduce your yearly/monthly charge. These companies are often nothing to do with SKY.

If you are unsure if the company is genuine please ask the caller for your agreement number, if they are linked with SKY they will be able to tell you this.

These companies may also try and ask you for your bank & direct debit details, do NOT give them any details at all, the real SKY company would already have these.

If you have any doubts, please call : - Sky Repair Plan Customer Services 08702 40 41 42, and go through the call options.

Message from a Neighbourhood Watch Member

We received a call concerning door to door sellers who were dropped off from a white van at the end of Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe. In their selling they harassed an elderly confused couple, a neighbour intervened and the police were called.

The description of the two men on the day was as follows: one was dressed all in black while the other was well built and wore white shorts.

Has anyone else received a call from these two? If so please let us know on Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 or call Crime Stoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Please be aware of door to door sellers, do not let them into your house. For more information go to

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime-victims/how-you-can-prevent-crime/>

Trading Standards ? Message ? Money Scams

There are two variations on the Nigerian money scam doing the rounds at the moment. One claims to be from a British soldier in Iraq and the other from Scottish Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport, Patricia Ferguson. Should you or anyone you know receive one of these emails you, of course, know what you should do!! Useful links <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/> or www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Message - From a member

Take time to check that door to door and street charity collectors are the genuine article. If you are in any doubt ask to see their authorisation ticket which a legitimate collector will be more than willing to show you. Alternatively you can contact the Charity Commission on 0845 300 0218 (Calls are charged at local rate). You can also find a list of registered charities on the Charity Commission website at www.charity-commission.gov.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

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· If you are approached by letter then do what you would with any other junk mail and throw it in the bin.

· If you receive an e-mail then under no circumstances should you reply. Do not think that by telling them that you have no interest in their scheme or that you have notified the police will have any effect.

To read more or download the Sussex Police Fraud Alert Bulletin click on

http://www.sussex.police.uk/community_safety/fraud.asp

Message from a NHW Member ? 2.15pm, Tuesday 20th June 2006

We have just had two Irishmen turn up in a smart large van, registration number 03 LK 1107, who were cold calling trying to sell generators and drills. They drove into the yard and tooted to see if anyone was around. Fortunately we were! They were quite smartly dressed but definitely had Irish accents

General Advice - Bogus Water Board Officials

Wealden District has suffered a number of distraction burglaries, where people have gained entry to elderly residents homes by posing as water board officials. Some general crime prevention advice follows:

1. Are you expecting a visit from a utility company? If not, it is essential that you telephone the utility company and check the caller's validity. If the caller becomes insistent, or refuses to show his identity card, it is highly likely that he is a bogus official. A genuine official will never mind someone checking his validity.
2. Always use a door chain. These can be obtained cheaply at most DIY stores.
3. Keep a note of your account numbers behind your front door. A genuine official should have your account details and will be able to give the number.
4. Ask for their identity card, and check with the company. A genuine representative will never mind waiting whilst you telephone the company.
5. If you have concerns about a representative, call the Police. We would rather come out to find a genuine representative than visit the scene of a crime later.
6. **Finally, IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!**

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If you would like to received the NHW information at a different e-mail address, then include this in the message body.

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In an emergency dial 999

For all other calls use 0845 60 70 999. If responding to a NHW by e-mail message please quote the Serial No. and date or the Crime Reference No.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 Information about any type of crime can be given anonymously on this number. Trading Standards: 01323 418200

Hastings Borough Council ASBO (Anti Social Behaviour Order)

Helpline: 0800 783 6084

Rother Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator: 01424 456160



LIFEBOAT REPORT



Since my last report we have had four shouts On the 9th June at 16.03 Dover Coastguard requested the Lifeboat to launch to a reported inflatable drifting to sea off Camber. The Lifeboat launched at 16.12 and was on scene at 16.17 The reported casualty was found to be a speedboat and the service was declared a false alarm. The lifeboat returned to station at 16.35 and was ready for service at 16.55.

On the 11th June At 11.04 Dover Coastguard reported receiving a MAYDAY from a vessel south of Rye Harbour, Taking water and engine fire. The Lifeboat launched at 11.10 and were with the casualty at 11.25. When they investigated it was found that the water ingress had stopped and the smoke was coming from a severely overheated engine. The Casualty was taken in tow and delivered to it's mooring in Rye Town.

Again on the 11th June At 15.40 the Harbour Master at Rye asked if the Lifeboat would go to sea and take over a tow from one speedboat towing another, The second had run out of fuel. The first

was unsure that he would be able to get into Rye Harbour if he continued with the tow. I agreed to assist but as we were going through the launch procedure a call came in from Coastguard asking the Lifeboat to assist with the search for a missing child at Camber. This search took priority over the tow job and the Lifeboat launched to look for the missing child. An extensive search was carried out inshore at Camber, at 17.30 it was reported that all of the missing children had been found safe on shore by others and the Lifeboat was released to Return to Station. In the mean time the out of fuel speedboat was loaned two gallons of petrol and returned into Rye Harbour on his own. By this time it was almost low water and meant a low water recovery. The Lifeboat was back at station at 18.25 and was Washed, refueled and ready for service at 19.20.

On the 18th June At 16.03 Dover Coastguard requested the Lifeboat to launch to a reported inflatable drifting to sea off Camber. The Lifeboat launched at 16.12 and was on scene at 16.17 The reported casualty was found to be a speedboat and the service was

declared a false alarm. The lifeboat returned to station at 16.35 and was ready for service at 16.55.

On the 24th June, a beautifully sunny day we had our Open Day I estimate that we had around 400 to 500 visitors throughout the day. Many thanks to the troops from Rye Harbour and District branch, who sold Souvenirs, bric a brac and a Childrens entertainment area raising in excess of £400. The Ladies from the Rye Harbour Station branch. Margaret, Kath and Di, did refreshments in the Crew Room Raising raising over £250 towards the flowers at the Lifeboat Service in November. 'Stormy Stan' came along to brighten the event up, and proved to be popular with the Adults as well as the Children.

That's about it for now but remember you can always visit our web site www.ryeharbourlifeboat.co.uk for up to date info.

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

The Monday Club

Due to falling numbers the The Monday Club can no longer continue their fortnightly meetings in the Village Hall. Instead meetings and scrabble are being held in members houses for the time being.

For details of meetings or future events please contact any member or Sylvia Alford on 01797-222650.

Rye & District Age Concern

**Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
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On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10 am to 12 noon

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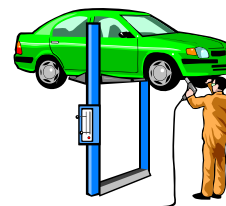
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Of the many bird species which travel to Rye Harbour to breed during the summer, one of the most attractive and notable is the Wheatear (left). In the past, this species was a widespread breeder in Sussex, particularly on the downs. However, with the disappearance of traditional sheep management, numbers plummeted, and now Rye Harbour is the only place in the county where they breed regularly. Males are very striking birds, with attractive grey and black markings, while the females are, as usual, somewhat duller and browner, and both sexes have a conspicuous white rump. The song of the Wheatear, in contrast to the bird itself, is rather unimpressive, a brief scratchy warble often delivered from the top of a fence post. Wheatears like to nest in holes, quite often rabbit burrows, though spaces under buildings or groyne will do, as will specially constructed nest tubes. Often the first sign of a Wheatear nest is a group of scruffy, fluffy frog-mouthed chicks huddling outside the



entrance waiting for mum or dad to bring them food. Once the breeding season is over, Rye Harbour's Wheatear journey to Africa south of the



Sahara for the winter, a long and dangerous journey. The record however is held by birds breeding in Alaska which winter in the same area and may make a round trip of almost 20,000 miles!

After the wet and miserable end of May, the start of June saw some fine, hot summer weather. This in turn made the beach a popular place for visitors, with some families taking the extra time to explore

and take part in the Family Treasure Hunt, before rushing home to watch the world cup!!

Many events for the forthcoming summer months can be found on our website www.wildRye.info, but for those without internet access, see below:

Sun 2nd July

Trapping Sharks, Tigers and Elephants!

Come and inspect last night's catch in the Rye Harbour moth traps at Lime Kiln Cottage at 8am. Wheelchair accessible. Donations appreciated.

Sat 8th July

Seashore

Exploration – Bring

the family to discover the hidden treasures that are washed ashore on our beach. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 1pm, returning 2.30pm (1 mile). Donations appreciated.

Sun 16th July **Spiders and Their Webs.** Join the warden, Chris, on a hunt for a variety of different spiders, and learn how they create their webs.

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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Meet at Lime Kiln Cottage at 10am-12noon. Donations appreciated

Sun 23rd July **Camber Castle**

Detective. A chance for the kids to become detectives in Henry VIII's Castle. Following clues and answering questions. £2 per child, must be accompanied by an adult. Prize for all completed forms. *Pre-booking essential* (01797 227784). Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 11am, returning about 1pm (2 miles).

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Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Look Out, eastern end of High Street (viewing point with the telescope). The walks ends at Lamb House which is only open Thursday & Saturday 2pm – 5pm. Cost £4.95

Cirque De Normandy – Westfield School from 3pm – 6pm. Pick up booking form, Craft Magic 01424 754953

Coffee Morning – Northiam village hall from 10am – 12noon. Proceeds to St. Michael's Hospice. Home made cakes, bric-a-brac, gifts ect.

SUN 2nd

Mirror – Mirror – A chance to walk up the steep grassy escarpment to the mirrors on the roughs at Hythe. One of the mirrors has fallen down and the other is surrounded by fencing but the views are wonderful. This will be our fourth guided walk to these mirrors. Meet Dr R. Scarth at 2pm Hythe light railway station. Please park in the adjacent Military road, Hythe. Donations appreciated.

Trapping Sharks, Tigers & Elephants – Come and in spect last nights catch in the Rye Harbour moth traps. Wheelchair accessible. Induction loops, toilets with Radar Key at start. Meet 8am Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour. Donations appreciated.

Pestalozzi Estate Butterflies guided estate walk, followed by tea and cakes. Meet at 2pm, cost £2 per person. Information 01424 870444

WED 5th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Look Out, eastern end of High Street (viewing point with the telescope). The walks ends at Lamb House which is only open Thursday & Saturday 2pm – 5pm. Cost £4.95

Marsh Internal Drainage Exhibition – Held for 2 days at showground located at Snargate, near Brenzett, Romney Marsh, Kent. For further information contact show secretary 01303 872142. Time 9.30am – 4.30pm

FRI 7th

Sussex Festival of Art – Held at Thomas Peacocke, Community College, The Grove from 6pm – 10pm

SAT 8th

Seashore Exploration – Bring the family to discover the hidden treasures that are washed a shore on our beaches. Please wear suitable clothing and foot wear for paddling/wadding in the sea. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 1pm, returning 2.30pm. Donations appreciated.

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Coffee Morning – Northiam village hall from 10am – 12noon. Proceeds to St. Michael's Hospice. Home made cakes, bric-a-brac, gifts ect.

SUN 2nd

Mirror – Mirror – A chance to walk up the steep grassy escarpment to the mirrors on the roughs at Hythe. One of the mirrors has fallen down and the other is surrounded by fencing but the views are wonderful. This will be our fourth guided walk to these mirrors. Meet Dr R. Scarth at 2pm Hythe light railway station. Please park in the adjacent Military road, Hythe. Donations appreciated.

Trapping Sharks, Tigers & Elephants – Come and in spect last nights catch in the Rye Harbour moth traps. Wheelchair accessible. Induction loops, toilets with Radar Key at start. Meet 8am Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour. Donations appreciated.

Pestalozzi Estate Butterflies guided estate walk,

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SAT 8th

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WALK

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Rye Harbour Fete

Saturday 26th August

Featuring

Battle of the Bands



**Bands/musicians wanted to play in
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(cash prize) or just for fun.
Stalls wanted e.g. fairground, arts &
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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE & NEWS

Please Make Sure, You Have Your Say!!!

Every household in Rye Harbour and indeed the whole of the Parish of Icklesham will have had a questionnaire from Rother District Council concerning the future of the Parish. Should Winchelsea become a separate Parish? Should Rye Harbour become a separate Parish? or be joined onto another?.

This has come to pass by action of a pressure group 'The Winchelsea Action Group' who whilst vociferous are totally unrepresentative of the ordinary everyday members of that community. During the past three years Icklesham Parish Council has not been a happy Council as it always has been due to the disruption of one member and his associates.

The question of a break up has never ever been considered, indeed there has always been some very fine and loyal councillors, both from Winchelsea and the other wards, who care for the other wards as well as their own. The action group in their presentation describe Rye Harbour as 'an area of deprivation, is scarred by decline of fishing and local heavy industries, is very remote and suffers from serious youth problems.'

The other wards are similarly painted. Do please support Icklesham Parish and indeed all of us who live here - return the questionnaire and for the good of us all, Support Icklesham Parish Council, they have been good to us!

Icklesham Parish Council support at Rye Harbour both past and present

- Swings and see saw at the the Coronation Field Charity area 1967. note, the swings and see saw were replaced circa 2001 by a gift by Rye Partners with support of the Coronation Field Trustees and Icklesham Parish Council - who provided the see saw 2004.
- Attends to grass cutting.
- Contribution towards grave yard upkeep.
- Contribution towards Lychgate War Memorial upkeep.
- Pound Field recreation ground involved in negotiations and eventual taking over Trusteeship. Attends to maintenance - will be associated with others in improvements. A start has been made with the Youth Group.
- Allotment site provision of allotments maintains site. New hand-pumps, recently awarded, heavy duty strimmer.
- Bus shelter. Owned and maintained.
- Flagstaff. Acts as Trustee. Local committee.
- Village Hall. Financial support from time to time.
- Harbour Ducks. Rear of hall. Financial assistance will be forthcoming in due course.
- Shop. Rye Partners purchased property. Parish Council sent representatives to meetings and gave backing.
- Supports Harbour of Rye and navigation.
- Supports Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

By our Parish Correspondent

RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL

Do you know about your village hall.?

Please read on.

Our village hall is managed by a committee made up of us, the people who live here. The hall can be hired for your birthday party, christening or wedding party, a private family party, or any celebration you can think of, where you need somewhere larger than your home.

You can hold meetings there or any get-together for any organisation. Dance classes, keep fit, self-defence etc.

All the running of the hall, electrics fabric, painting etc., repairs have to be taken care of, and the organising of the hiring,

The hall is also landlord of the village hall cottage and also of the social club upstairs, and the men's' club downstairs. All this is taken care of by the management committee.

The village fete is also organised by the committee with others co-opted on to make a fete committee.

The business can be challenging at times, rewarding at others and sometimes mundane. BUT without the committee the hall would not exist for all the above activities. It would not be there for you!

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS BEING HELD IN THE HALL ON TUESDAY JULY 11TH.

Please come and give encouragement to those who work to keep it going come and show your interest and your willingness to support and help. Come and give your observations and suggestions.

THANK YOU

Molly Saunders member of Village Hall Management Committee



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



June has seen the weather much more settled and a rise in air temperature and a slight rise in the sea temperature to a more normal situation for this time of year. The Dover sole catches that most of the Rye fleet rely on through the summer have not as yet increased all that much with small amounts of Sole being found all over the bay and a couple of better catches by boats willing to push their luck right on the edge of the rougher ground. The rest of the trawlers landings being made up of whiting, plaice, flounders and a few lemon sole with the odd bass or

turbot a rare bonus.

For a two-week period this month the price of Dover sole went as high or higher than anybody can remember, the large sole fetching record amounts per kilo and every grade or size giving a very good return. This was reported to be the same on all the markets along the south coast as in the European ports where shortage of sole was thought to have caused the rise. Prices have come down now but are still quite good making a big difference on the returns for a trip, which are still fairly poor for most of the boats.

Spider crabs have started to

show more at the edge of the bay, a sign that they are making their way into the shallower water for the summer, not enough to cause problems to trawlers or netters at the moment but letting the fishermen know they are not far away.

Netting boats are finding things fairly quite at the moment as well with mixed results as always, in the bay catches have been small with plaice and sole the main catch and boats have been leaving gear overnight or trying quick shooting as in setting nets in the early hours and then hauling them at first light.

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WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

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MARTYN CHANNON'S COUNTRY STORE

Martyn Channons Country Store in Rye Market

suffered a catastrophic fire at the end of May, destroying most of the stock and severely damaging the building.

Martyn and his loyal staff are still trading from the site in the market but have also moved to a temporary warehouse at Rock Channel (Rye), with the help of the Bourne family (Bourne Removals).

The support from local people has been incredible and Martyn and his staff would like to thank everyone for their help and good wishes, which made an enormous difference.

Within a couple of weeks the store will be back to almost normal trading, with nearly all of the usual products back in stock, animal feeds, fencing, gates, pet food, iron mongery and work clothes, to mention but a few.

The stores telephone number will



remain the same 01797 224232.

The man behind it's 27 years success is 61 year old Martyn Channon, a former pig farmer in Northiam. He took the plunge by buying an old Commer van to begin calling on local farms with a range of brushes, shovels and animal health products, together with fencing materials.

It was to prove such a success that

a move to fixed premises became inevitable and within time most of his family had joined him to continue moving the business forward.

Martyn said, "we trade in a small area, just within a 15 mile radius, we are family run, and it is personal contact we thrive on." Indeed, many people see the store as a meeting place where there is always coffee and a friendly welcome, even if they are not buying something. Unusually for a business of its size, Martyn Channon's Country Store has three AMTRA qualified staff. This means they have studied for and passed the required examinations of the Animal Medicines Training Regulatory Authority. Martyn says, "we are almost the agricultural equivalent of a pharmacy, so skills and knowledge are vital."



Snippets taken from 'South East Farmer' Jan 99

Martyn Channon's Country Store



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Rye Harbour Church News

“They that go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters: these men have seen the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep”. So wrote a Psalmist 3,000 years ago to describe the plight of those who find themselves at the mercy of nature for “they are carried up to the heaven and down again to the deep: their soul melts away because of the trouble”. (Psalm 107:23-24, 26) The result is that “they cry to the Lord in their trouble”, and find themselves delivered and make harbour safely. With buoyant boats and navigational aids, seafaring is a much safer occupation or leisure pursuit than it once was. The Hebrews



living in a land-locked country and making do with a lake or water way! The sea spoke to the ancients of God's greatness and mysteriousness, his awesome power, his infinite nature.



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

had a fear of the ocean, its unplumbed depths being thought to contain monsters and its unpredictable nature rousing trepidation. Yet the sea is a means of travel and of carrying freight, a place of adventure, its waves wonderful for swimming or aquatic sports, its immensity a cause for wonder. The sea provides a living for fishermen while our safety is increased through the vigilance of coastguards and lifeboat crews. Fancy

On Sunday 9th July, we will hold a Sea Sunday service at Strand Quay at 3 p.m. which will be conducted by Revd. Peter Clark, Vicar of Playden and Iden and Rye Harbour RNLI Chaplain. We shall give thanks for that part of God's wonderful creation and pray for all who use it. Please do come along.

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

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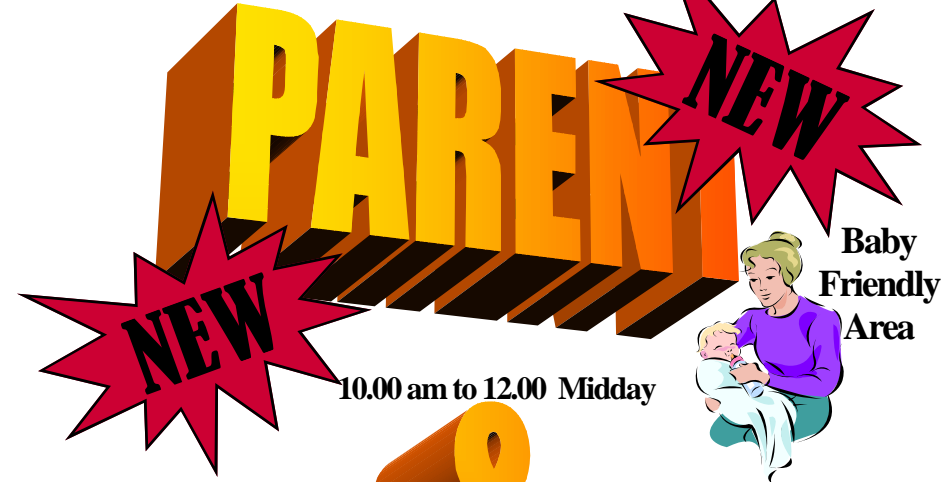
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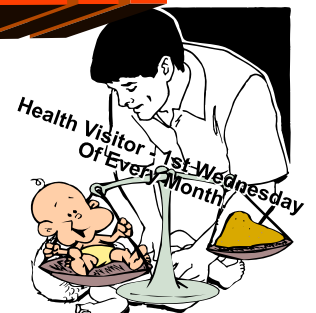


10.00 am to 12.00 Midday



Lots of fun things to do!

Toys



For further details contact: Claire on 01797 223894

Family Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS

Nature Reserve Celebrations

Congratulations to Miriam and Chris Bowley on their wedding on May 20th

And

Congratulations to Jo and Chris Bentley on their wedding on June 30th

BIRTHDAYS

Please let Julie or Sylvia your messages

So they can fill this space

Reports from Julie and Sylvia

SEE THE NEW NATURE RESERVE SITE

<http://www.wildrye.info>

BIBLE STUDIES

Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, there is a bible study and house group at my house in Tram Road. We have good free discussions and are forming good friendships. All and any are welcome. Molly Saunders.

The Ploughman's Lunches

Due to the road traffic problems in Rye, it is felt advisable to cancel the Village Hall Ploughman's Lunches for May and June as a considerable number of our patrons either live in Rye or beyond.

We Thank all our supporters for their unfailing help and loyalty and know that we have between us contributed to the well being of the Village Hall and purchase of equipment. However, brighter days lie ahead for the lunches will resume on Monday 11th September at noon. We shall keep you informed.



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