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Rye Harbour Newsletter
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Editor's Comments

Very sad news,
about Pat Gawn,
she was a
national treasure
and I'm sure she will be



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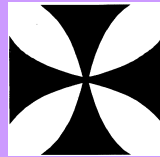
supportive of anything good. But on the

missed by all. Above is a picture I took of Pat when Neve was gaining confidence on her new bike, Pat was on hers and Neve challenged Pat to a race down the road, I can't remember who won but it didn't matter Pat was always up for a challenge from young or old, if there was anything going on in the village, you could guarantee Pat would be there, somewhere, she even helped a couple of times with the youth clubs, always very

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other hand if she felt something was not right, you would hear about that too. Pat served her time on the village hall committee and got involved with the village fete's and all other village hall events. Pat also was a staunch family member to the whole village reporting each month who was ill or who had had the best party. Pat will be sorely missed by all. Next months deadline will be **Wednesday 15th February** as it is only a short month.



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Back to work after a long three week break over the Christmas and New year period. I travelled to Austria with some of the worst snow conditions experienced in the last 50 years. A coach journey returning to our hotel in Jensburg from Innesbrooke that should have taken just over an hour took 5 hours! Kirk, the Deputy and Rob who helps on occasions, held the office over the Christmas with the office being available at all times. December brought a round of annual meetings including the Cinque Ports Training Area Liaison meeting. One outcome was the installation of new notice boards around the harbour including a new one at the Point. Lets hope they don't get vandalised to soon. There appears to be a better relationship between the range control officers and local fishermen with some praise being "heaped" upon a Rye Fishing craft. This is good news as both the fishing industry and the military have jobs to do. One that provides a living for owners and crew, the other helping to keep troops alive when on active service. (Total time lost to firing ranges for the six months to November 2005 = 51 minutes) With these dark hours a number of the sun lights have failed. Three have been



replaced with new fully charged units. Although each light has a battery capacity of some 500 hours they still fail when we experience long periods without sunshine. Pleased to say all lights are fully functioning. The Rye fairway Buoy also failed but this was as a result of being damaged by an unknown vessel. I am always grateful to those of you who look out to sea at night and report when the main Buoy light is extinguished. Sad to relate, that the Whale that found itself in the Thames Estuary failed to make it back to sea and died. It is of some comfort that the team who tried to save the whale had its final training session at Rye. Regular readers will remember that a team from the voluntary organisation trained for a whole day on Camber sands using real size "Rubber" whales. On the shipping front we expect to see a new trade from Norway. Ships carrying a type of Pumice, mined in this country, hopefully, will arrive commencing from the beginning of February. More later on this one as details

emerge.

The pilot vessel is destined for a new radar. The existing one has been on board for a good many years and has finally given up the ghost. The replacement will not cost as much as the first one and will be much more modern with flat screen and the ability to use electronic charts. What would Jack Doust (Harbour Master 1930-1965) say about that. Further expenditure involves a new, upgraded generator for the harbour office. On occasions when the Village powers goes off so does our at the harbour offices and houses. We presently have a diesel system that is difficult to start. The new generator will have an electric start, so will be easier and quicker to put on line. This is important to us in order that communications and telephones etc remain active during a power cut. Work continues at pace, at both the Fish market and the Strand Quay. We are all hoping that all construction will be complete in time for the summer season. Meanwhile adverts for the port are appearing in all major yachting and tourist journals.

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This is a warning from one of our members who had a call from their credit card company. Someone had tried to withdraw £250 from an ATM in West London late one night using their Visa card number. Worryingly, the PIN was also correctly entered. However, as the transaction was outside of their normal spending pattern, the transaction was not authorized. A second attempt was made to withdraw money, this time for £500, which was also rejected.

The credit card company asked them to confirm that they still had their cards, which they did. The cards have now been cancelled.

They have no idea how their card & PIN details were compromised, other than guessing someone was looking over our shoulder or it was captured on in an store CCTV. Either way, they are going to make strenuous efforts from here on out to ensure that the chances of their PIN being seen & recorded are minimized and would like to urge you to do the same.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

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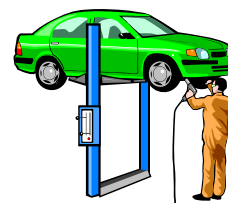
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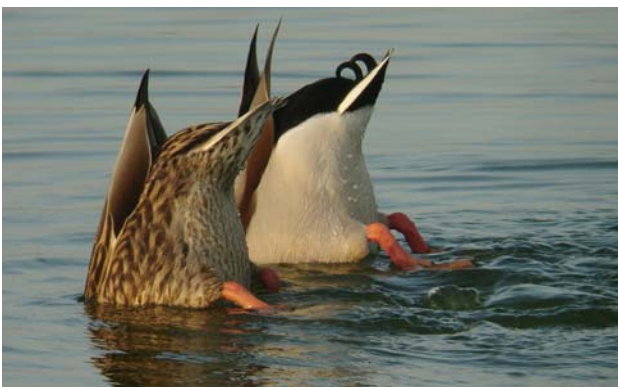
Now that Christmas and New Year are past, it won't be long before the thoughts of many birds turn towards finding a mate in preparation for the breeding season. Indeed, some Mallard, which are particularly early starters in this respect, will have found a mate as long ago as October (pictured), and by the time you read this species such as Grey Partridge and Ringed Plover will be taking advantage of fine days to display on the Beach Reserve.

But it won't just be the birds which are showing signs of the impending spring. Flowers such as Gorse (pictured), Common Whitlowgrass (a tiny white-flowered species found in Camber Castle), Ragwort, Groundsel and Daisy may all be in flower during February, and butterflies such as Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell



and Peacock may be encouraged out of hibernation during warm weather, while moths such as Herald and

willow clearance on some of the new islands at Castle Water and yet more landscaping of the northern shore and raising of islands at Ternery Pool. The latter was very successful as a large flock of Lapwing flew in to roost on the island before the volunteers



Angle Shades may also be on the wing on milder nights.

Management on the reserve by our regular Tuesday workparties has included

had even left! Other work has included levelling of the path leading to the viewpoint from Harbour Road and at Castle Water, and re-surfacing some of the routes on the Beach Reserve. By the time you read this, the wardens hope to have added an extra section of decking to the new walkway to connect it to the path.

During February, why not venture outside and join us on some of the following walks or activities:

Sun 5th - A Winter Ramble Around Pett Level. A look at

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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the wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. Please bring your own lunch and binoculars if you have them. Meet at the *roadside pool at Pett Level - TQ903146* at 10am. Return about 2pm. 4 miles. Donations appreciated.

Sat 18th - **Fun Bird**

Activities. Why not come and join in the fun of learning about nesting birds, and try your hand at making things to take home to your garden birds. Meet at *Line Kiln Cottage* between 10am and 2pm for these craft activities. Donations appreciated.

Sat 25th + Sun 26th - **Bittern**

Watch. Watch at dusk from the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve viewpoint for the Bitterns coming in to roost. Meet at the *Rye Harbour Car Park* at 3.45pm-5.30pm. Donations appreciated.

by Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

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You will find spread throughout the newsletter on some of the adverts thirteen hearts, all you need to do is write the name of that advertiser down in the correct order they appear throughout the newsletter on the official competition form, don't forget to enter your details and post it in the Post Box situated in Rye Harbour Stores or you can enter on line on www.ryeharbournewsletter.org and follow the instructions. Closing date for entry forms at the shop and on line will be Friday 10th February 2006 at 1.00 pm

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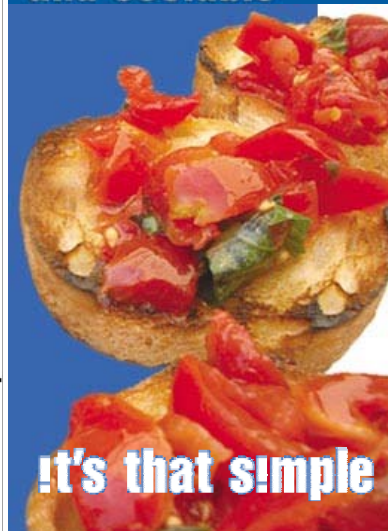
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 The programme will include Beethoven – An die ferne Geliebte, Schumann- Frauliebe und Leben and songs by Britten, Schurbert and Strauss.

The Prince Consort, founded by Alisdair Hogarth, is fast emerging as a fresh, exciting and versatile ensemble. Their performances are characterised by wide ranging programmes and polished presentation which showcase different combinations of voice and piano from solos to small groups.

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SAT 4th

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Antiques & Collectables Fair
 Rye Community centre, Conduit Hill, 9.30 – 4.30pm

SUN 5th

A Winter ramble around Pett Level – A look at the wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at the Pannel Valley nature reserve. Please bring your own lunch and binoculars if you have them. Meet 10am roadside pool at Pett Level.

Rye Winter Festival – Jane Shilling 'The Fox in the Cupboard' local resident, Time columnist, and mother of one, uses hunting as a metaphor for self-discovery; but The fox in the Cupboard is also a journey into the hidden landscapes of the present and the past.
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SUN 12th

TUE 14th

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Fun Bird Activities – Why not come and join in the fun of learning about nesting birds and try your hand at making things to take home to your garden birds. Call in to Lime Kiln Cottage between 10am – 2pm for these craft activities. Booking advisable 01797 227784.
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 Rye Community centre, Conduit Hill, 9.30 – 4.30pm

Rye Singers – Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe. Information 01424 814574. Runs till 25th

MARCH

Antiques & Collectable Fair
 Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, 9.30 – 4.30pm

Camber Castle Wildlife – A Chance to see inside Camber Castle and to observe the wildlife of Castle Water Nature Reserve. Meet 1pm Brede Lock car park. Donations appreciated.
Friends of the Pestalozzi Estate Walk – Signs of Spring 2pm. Information 01424 870444

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer
 Kevin Grunill. Concert starts 2.30pm. Tickets on the door £5.50 to include interval refreshments.
Antiques & Collectable Fair
 Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, 9.30 – 4.30pm

TUE 14th

Rye Museum Association – A talk on the Huguenots in Rye by Jo Kirham in the c16th and late c17th and how they were absorbed into the community. Time 7.30pm. Information 01797 226728

SAT 18th

Antiques & Collectable Fair
 Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, 9.30 – 4.30pm

SUN 19th

Pestalozzi – Sunday Event
 Festival of food from 2pm – 5pm. Information 01424 870444
Antiques & Collectable Fair
 Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, 9.30 – 4.30pm

SAT 25th

Annual Baech Clean – Please come along to help with the removal of winter's rubbish. We should also see Wheatear & Sandwich Tern. Soup will be served at 1pm. Please bring work gloves if you have them. Disabled toilets near start point. Meet 10am Rye Harbour Car park.

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

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

A TRIBUTE TO PAT GAWN

WHO SADLY PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 06.

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

I Pat Gawn first met Pat when I came to the village to live 20 years ago. She was riding around on her bicycle and taking a real interest in everyone and everything in the village and writing a report each month for Marie Blattman to publish in the Newsletter and hear she is now with her 80th. birthday and still doing all of it. She has been a most Conscientious caretaker of the Sailing Club until a few months ago and only just replaced by Margaret. For a few months the work was done by the Wednesday Men's Working Group and they know how much hard work it is. She has for many years cared for Harbour Lights. We all know how deeply she cares for her family and what a great loss came with the death of Aaron her grandson. There is her enthusiastic singing and



Cottages in the same room that Betty Brooks was born on December 16th. 1923. Father was a Caister and Grandfather was a Downey. She had a wonderful childhood as everything you needed was in Rye Harbour; swimming in the river, making fires and frying eggs and bacon on the beach with the Guide Leader. The Sunday School outing was a 2p. ride on the ferry over the river to Camber, taking jam sandwiches which became jam

acting for the Rye Singers and Players and being the life and soul of any party and how much she enjoys having Fred and Arthur on Christmas day. Now we see her walking her dog and throwing herself into working for Help the Aged and drawing in newcomers such as Anna and Ron. Pat was born in Paynes'

and sand sandwiches and playing in the dunes. Pat went to the Rye Harbour School which consisted of 40-50 children in 2 classes. At 11 she went to the Senior School in Rye in the New Road and Pat loved everything about school and stayed until 16 although she could have

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left at 15. The school teacher kept a cricket stump in class and you had to bend over if you were naughty, but pat did not have to! She enjoyed the cookery classes and made things like cheese straws and buns. Pat started piano lessons in the Officers House when she was 5 years old. Her mum and dad ran a concert party down here called the Gay Birds, they sang and danced and did sketches and Pat's piano teacher - Phyllis Wallace was the pianist. She married a Harbour boy. Pats' first job was at Winters Dairies bottling milk. When the war came Pat left home to go to Slough to train to be an Aircraft Fitter. Slough was a horrible place but Pat loved the work and camaraderie. After she Passed Out she had to learn to read graphs and went to Reading Aerodrome to work on Spitfires. Amy Johnson and her husband were the test pilots. Pat was so skinny and small she could squeeze into small spaces and used to fit compasses into the planes. She had the opportunity to fly but did not fancy it. She also did splicing on

parachutes Jim Downey her grandfather had taught her to splice. She found it all very interesting. One day a Lancaster aero plane came into the airport doing an emergency landing after being shot down over the Channel and one of the crew walking through the hangar was to Pats' amazement Norman Caister whose parents kept the Conqueror. Pat met Roy through a friend on Winchelsea Beach who asked pat to be Roy's pen friend while he was in the Navy on warships on the Russian and Malta Convoys. He was a Gun Layer but never wanted to talk about it was 'hell on earth'. A year later he came to Rye Harbour to meet Pat's parents and they got married. Roy's father was a Customs Officer at Shoreham. Pat's father was a longshoreman laying nets, shrimping and lugworm digging. Roy's boat was torpedoed and came into Rosyth for repairs and Pat went to join him in Edinburgh. Roy then changed boats and they went to Hull for further repairs to the new boat for 1 and half years. Pat then came back to Rye Harbour and waited for Roy to be de-mobbed and

they lived in a beautiful little cottage behind the Conqueror and then moved to Tram Road. Roy worked in Philips' Yard in Rock Channel and then had his own shed round the Point and built clinker fishing boats all in wood GRP was only just beginning to come in then. They had baby Julie and Pat worked in the fields for Cyril and Grahams' father with potatoes, mangold wurzles. Julie sometimes gets Pat holiday brochures to try and get Pat away for a holiday but Pat just loves it here in Rye Harbour and does not want to go anywhere else. She gets a great deal of pleasure from working in the kitchen and handing round teas for Age Concern and enjoys being useful. Well Pat I can hardly do you justice but have always appreciated your enthusiasm and love of life and cheery words and welcome you have given newcomers such as myself. Thank you.

Jill Halpin

Characters Of Rye Harbour

Keeping to the theme of the young people of Rye Harbour this month, we have Jodie Forrester- Bryant who lives with her mother Bev in the Oyster Creek Estate. She was born on the 25th. of May 1993 in the Buchanan Hospital. Her earliest memories are of going to school at St. Thomas Peacock in Winchelsea, which was good fun and she enjoyed particularly making clay models of cats and dogs. Jodie really loves her animals.

Mrs. Bellamy was her class teacher who was kind and fun and played the guitar and they all sang kumbaya and nursery rhymes.

Jodie enjoyed playing with the dolls and the dolls' house and playing in the sandbox.

In year 5 Jodie started playing the violin but as it became more serious she did not like it so much and Lauren

Haffenden who also played the violin gave up and Jodie was left alone in the group and felt alone and so she gave up as well.

Mum took her to school

Everyday and Jodie particularly enjoyed the Fun Days when each year in turn would come into school dressed up as Victorians for example.

Dad is a Fisherman and really

enjoys his job but Jodie doesn't like the smell of fish and cannot eat it because of the smell. He is also a very keen

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golfer and now lives in Rye. Jodie started at StThomas's just over a year ago and found it scary at first but now in her second year she feels more at home and happier. Sometimes subjects like RE/History/Geography are boring but likes Woodwork and Science, which is taught by Miss Macartney.

Jodies form teacher who Jodie likes very much as she is fun and Jodie feels that she knows her, she likes animals too!! Jodie likes walking Lottie her dog round Rye Harbour and bike riding up to Winchelsea. She loves horse riding at Wyckham Manor and likes horses better than any other animal apart from Lottie. She likes computers and

Information Technology and plays computer games. Jodie likes Neopets and sometimes they get Neopox and get very sick and need to get extra special care. Jodie has two unicorns as they are the nearest you can get to horses. They are both girls and she calls them Darlarka and Sparkyg145. They need food, toys, drinks, clothes and accessories and a home and sometimes have to go into a hotel for a week. They tell her if they are unhappy and if Jodie is not looking after them properly.

If Jodie was to go on holiday Mums' mate would take care of them.

Jodie and Bev her mother are busy saving up for a dream holiday in Egypt as they both have a passionate interest in the Egyptian culture and life. Jodie is very happy that her mother is self employed and that they can see so much more of each other.

Jodie is a delightful and lively young person who is a pleasure to meet.

Thank you Jodie for volunteering to be this months 'Character'

Jill Halpin



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



The **New Year got off to a flying start with the Rum Race. Eric Zon and friends produced a variety of boats in which to race. Young people and mature sailors took part in a handicapped race at

sea. Safety boats were manned by experienced mariners. Complicated calculations produced a happy result for two young people in Topper dinghies and a special prize for the beautiful sailing dinghy from Henley.

We hope the rum warmed the cockles of their hearts. It was especially pleasing to see such a large turnout of the public and members. Good food and drink completed a memorable day in the clubhouse.

Ken Halpin

Jo Jingles Music classes for babies and toddlers

I am starting Jo Jingles Music classes for babies and toddlers at Rye Sports Centre on Wednesday mornings from January 25th. The classes are age specific as follows:

9.30 am -10.15 am 6 months to walking

10.30am – 11.15am walking to 2 years

11.30am – 12.15pm 2-4 years

The basic aim of a Jo Jingles class is to give toddlers a fun introduction to music through the use of songs, nursery rhymes, percussion instruments, movement and dance, sound games and stories. The weekly music sessions last 45 minutes. Parents or guardians of young children are encouraged to join in with their children at the classes, with the emphasis being very much on fun and informality! Contact Alison on 01580 754064 for further details.

The Monday Club

The Monday Club in Rye Harbour meets every two weeks, always on a Monday at the village hall from 2pm until 4pm. Activities in the hall are Scrabble, Whist, Chatting and of course tea. The Monday Club is loosely in association with the popular monthly Lunch Club and their meetings are arranged to take place either side

of this event.

We would welcome new members as numbers are rather low at present and so if you are interested, pop into the hall and meet us. The dates of the Monday Club and the Lunch Club are always displayed on the notice board outside of the village hall.



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APPEAL FOR HELP

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

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

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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The Scallop season is in full swing this month, with a few more boats from Kent and Essex joining the many vessels taking part in the fishery. Different areas of ground are now being fished as boats start to spread out into the channel to find fresh Scallop beds or to try place's where boats have done well other years. Prices have picked up a little from the start of the season with catches staying steady although there have not been

the bumper trips, as yet, that some other years have seen. Only two Rye boats are left trawling in the bay at the moment, these fishing with single trawl and otter board to catch a mixture of Plaice, Whittings and Cod. The Plaice are now in poor condition after shooting their roes but each day seems to see a slight improvement as they feed on the abundant food found in Rye bay and even these fish are finding a reasonable market.

Netting boats are finding the fishing slack at the moment with the Sole's moving out of the bay into deeper water and the Cod catches have dropped off from what they were. Conditions some days have seemed to be right with plenty of food such as Sprats and Herrings to be seen on the fish finders but still no good catches of Cod or the Smooth Hounds that were so plentiful.

Boy Ashore

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

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BIRD CALLS & SONGS

Rye Harbour artist in Residence Saffron Summerfield together with Kent based sound artist Robert Jarvis are planning a new sound installation for this year's Wildlife Weekend in the Rye Bay area. Festival. The subject will be birdsong and our relationship to it. If you have any stories, favourite bird calls/songs, or perhaps can suggest a good location or two for recording a particularly musical dawn chorus, please could you contact Saffron directly at: 01424 734193 or email her at saffron@motherearthmusic.co.uk

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Rye Harbour Church News

All of us have experiences in daily life that others would recognise and identify with. We see crimson skies at sunset or snow-laden trees and we feel a sense of wonder. We receive kindness and we feel warm gratitude and well-being. We hear of an act of cruelty and we feel outrage and concern. We are aware of our own failings and we feel dismay and inner turmoil. We hit a rough patch in life (work, marriage, friendship, illness) and we need re-assurance. We are hurt by some emotional upheaval and we need a comforting embrace and words of love.

All these experiences need to be expressed, although words often cannot do justice to our deepest feelings. How do we express wonder or thankfulness or confusion? What is surprising is the discovery that the God who created the universe and is its heart-beat, is also aware of our innermost emotions, the thoughts of our hearts, the shadow side of our personalities, the heights



search for peace; in our fellowship, our desire for human company which is also seeking what we want; in our lovelessness, we ask to be renewed at the fountain of Love.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

and the depths of our feelings. That discovery comes as a great release, for we need no longer pretend either to ourselves or to Him. He knows our human nature from the inside (in Christ): He comes to us as an unseen presence (in Holy Spirit); yet He always is with us as Eternal Love, seeking the best for us, sharing our grief, offering gentle guidance, wiping clean the slate of our follies, mopping our fevered brows. He is just there, with us. We may spend a life time ignoring Him, to our own detriment; or we may acknowledge Him and find Him sufficient for all our needs.

The worship of the Church gives shape and content to all these feelings. In our hymns we express praise, in our prayers, our need for help; in confession, our

In other words, our point of reference need never be just ourselves. We can share our journey and all that it contains with God, our loving heavenly Father. After all, where is it that we are travelling to? Who is to be at the end of all our striving and searching?

Hugh Moseley (222430)

February Services at Rye Harbour Church

Sunday 12th February
9.15 a.m. Holy

Communion
Sunday 26th February
10.30 a.m. Family Service

At St. Mary's

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

The group and continues to be well attended and it is lovely to see a few new faces. I have finally got around to putting together the photos and clippings that I have collected from our various activities throughout the year and will keep them in the hall for everyone to see. It would be good if everyone could write in their comments or memories of the activities alongside the pictures to make a lasting scrap book. We are hoping to organise some more days out this year so let me know if you have any ideas.

We are working with the local council to transform the piece of land behind the village hall into a safe play area for the under fives, both for use by the parent and toddler group and by the all of the young children of the village. The council propose to put in four pieces of play equipment, all with safety flooring, a bench and a litter bin. They also

propose to fence the area, turf it and maintain it and to put in a safety gate. The equipment would all be heavy duty, designed so that several children can play at once. This of course requires a fair amount of funding, some of which the council have in place already and some which we will hopefully be able to raise ourselves. Any ideas for fundraising or donations would of course be gratefully received! It has been proposed that we use the money raised a couple of years ago for a skate park (which was not built because of siteing objections) towards this project, perhaps anyone with any thoughts on this could let us know via the newsletter. It is hoped that the equipment will be installed within the coming year so hopefully I will have more news for you next month.

For more information on the group ring me on 223894, hope to see you in the hall Wednesdays 10 -12.

Claire

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Family Announcements

In Memoriam

Sad to hear the loss of Aunt Pat (Nana) Gawn. Missed by the Southerdens in Sydney - Keith & Annie, Emily & Nick. Now at rest.

I'm sure like myself, we will all miss Pat very much, her cheery welcome, her watchful eye, her always being there for someone else, her many cups of tea and her comments in the newsletter.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all Pat's family who will miss her most but at the same time rejoice her life and the times they had with her.

Marcus



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BIBLE STUDIES

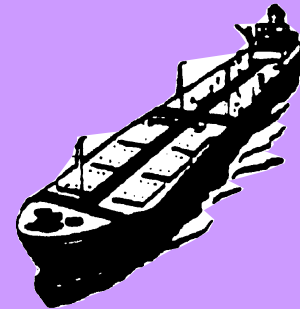
Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, there is a bible study and house group at my house in Tram Road. We have good free discussions and are forming good friendships. All and any are welcome. Molly Saunders.

The Ploughman's Lunches

The next Village Hall Ploughman's Lunch will be on Monday 13th February at 12 noon. The Lunch is open to all ages. Come and enjoy for £2.50 a meal fit for royalty. In the event of adverse weather, it will be cancelled and if you want to be sure you can contact Sylvia on 01797 222650.



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