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You may

have noticed last month we had the second edition of January instead of February, this error occurred during the many processes and transportations on the way to the printer, which I was totally unaware of myself until they were all delivered, you will notice the website version is correct that is because it uses yet another process, hopefully I can get it right this month but just in case I don't this is March Issue. This month is the last month, I hope I will have to drag my next door neighbour at the ripe young age of 84, kicking and screaming from her home to help with the collating of the

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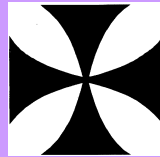
newsletter as I should take possession of a collating machine which will also staple and fold them, (out of the dark ages at last), no seriously I must thank Brenda for offering her services, I'm sure I can find something else, like baking cakes and biscuits as she has also done for the last two village functions. I must also thank Joan Rothery for also offering her typing services to rebuild the first nine newsletters finally, which I mislaid, oops! The deadline for next month will be: **Wednesday 15th March** And don't forget 'Mother's Day' 26th March.

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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

With the winter winds continuously blowing

from the north east little activity on the rivers that make up the harbour.

Maintenance work continues with safety features added to work-ways. "Kick-Boards 2 have been added to the cat walk near the lifeboat station and on the admiralty jetty, these are to prevent dropped items falling on the heads of those below, railings and a "nice" gate has been added to platforms outside the harbour office as additional protection against falling in. Other safety features to be built include a gateway to the east pier with yet more warning signs put in place.

The Environment Agency is conducting a review into how it operates its boats in England and Wales. With many hundreds of boats ranging from 70 sea survey craft to little river punts. Kirk, the DHM, has joined a small group to come up with a code of practice. He brings many years of experience to this task with over twenty years at sea in the Merchant Navy.

Yet again we receive enquiries into putting huts on the Strand Quay in order to sell shell fish, ice cream and the like. The estates department have resisted letting out precious



green grass, which is really quite scarce in Rye. I do take pleasure in seeing families and young children enjoying the Strand quay areas for picnics and just generally lazing about in the summer. Work continues on the east bank where repairs are nearing completion to the collapsed training wall. Some 300 meters of old Ghobi mats have been removed and replaced with rock filled gabion baskets. Orange buoys mark the area where work is in progress and all craft slow down when passing. Contractors "Nuttall Hynes" expect to complete these repairs within the next few weeks. This will give the eastern training wall a further 50 years of life, at least. February sees a visit from the harbour master of Whitstable. His harbour have been given responsibilities to organise piloting into the port, a responsibility previously undertaken by the Medway Pilots.

Mike Wier was interested in the way we conduct our Pilotage, including committee structures and provision of boats. Always willing to oblige!

A new hull arrived at the slipway covered in a canvas sheet. This new moulded bare hull is destined for the Mike Roud yard in the Rock Channel for "fitting out", an activity for which Mike is particularly good at. The pilot cutter "Aries" arrives back on its mooring complete with new radar. This unit does have a chart plotter on board showing the vessels position at any point in the harbour or at sea.. There is a traditional radar function that I am more familiar with but these continuing developments must be improvements that I have to live with.

More news on the cargo arriving from Norway, Foam Glass. This product is recycled glass, in particular, florescent lighting tubes. It is very light with 535 tons occupying a space of 3000 cubic metres. (it floats). One ton equals nearly six cubic metres. A large grain lorry leaving the wharf has on board only 4 tons. We expect more of this material from Norway, the first of its kind imported into the U.K. The vessel "Union Arrow" in from Dunkirk with Power station "Slag" is alongside the wharf under going repairs. She is expected to remain with us for some days.

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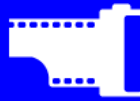
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Going away

A lot of us go away, visiting relatives for a few days. It is worth remembering that anytime is a busy time for burglars.

Take a few sensible precautions.

Lighting; At any time, with the long dark evenings, if a house does not have any lights on for a couple of days, it soon becomes apparent that the owners are away. Put some lights on timers, set to go on and off at various times during the evening, in different rooms, this will give an impression of someone in the house.

Have some outside lighting on sensors, so that they come on when anyone approaches the house, it is a good idea to have this sort of lighting at the back of the house as well, burglars do not like to be lit up while they are trying to break in.

Deliveries; MILK, cancel your milk, so that there is not a collection of full milk bottles on the front door step as a sign that you are not there. When cancelling the milk DO NOT leave a note out for the milkman, the note could be read by anyone, instead telephone the dairy or make a point of speaking to the milkman. An alternative to cancelling the milk is to reduce the amount delivered down to one bottle, ask a neighbour to reduce their delivery by one bottle and take the one that is delivered to you. That way the milkman still visits the house as normal, helping to create the impression the owners are at home.

NEWSPAPERS, use a similar approach as with the milk deliveries, if you are cancelling your paper delivery DO NOT stand at the newsagents and say something like I want to cancel my paper delivery from the 23rd to the 30th, I shall be away. It is quite possible that the newsagent will not be the only one listening to you saying that. Instead, write a note detailing your requirements and give it or post to the newsagent. If a neighbour has a key to your house (see next item) instead of cancelling the papers, you could let them be delivered as normal, again making it look as though you are at home. Your neighbour can then take your paper and have some extra reading material while you are away, assuming he normally reads a different paper of course.

Leave a key with a neighbour; You could leave a key to your house with a neighbour, ask them to collect any mail that is delivered and put it out of sight. Make sure that the mail is not left somewhere that is visible from a window, a stack of unopened mail on a table is a sure sign that no-one is home. Ask the neighbour to open and close curtains each day to make it look as though you are there. Also ask them to adjust the position of internal doors that are visible from windows, if someone is checking to see if anyone is at home, if they see doors in fully open one day and partly open or closed the next, hopefully they will get the idea that there is

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

someone at home. Also, ask the neighbour to turn lights on in odd corners of the house, not just the main living areas.

The Garden; Do you have easily removed garden ornaments and garden furniture in your garden? If you do it will probably be easy for you to put them inside a building while you are away, out of temptations way. Also, check that all the children's bicycles and toys are inside before you go.

A few other useful tips:

- Put a couple of radios, in different rooms, on timers set to come on at different times of the day.
- Let your neighbours know you will be away, if they see movement at your house they will know there is a problem, and can call the Police.
- If you have had expensive items as presents, put them away where they cannot be seen through a window.
- Make sure your sheds and garage are secure, and that expensive tools are not visible through windows.
- If you have a local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, let them know you will be away.
- If you are going to be away for a couple of weeks, ask a neighbour to put some of their rubbish in your dustbin, again an empty dustbin indicates no one at home.
- If you have cars left parked on the drive, leave the keys with a neighbour, ask them to change the position of the cars on the drive so that it looks like they have been used.
- Make sure expensive items such as stereos and computers are not easily visible from ground floor windows.
- If your burglar alarm is due for a routine service soon after you return home, it might be worth bringing that forward, and have it done before you go away, so that you know everything is working correctly.

REMEMBER Most of these things apply whatever time of year you go away.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Following an absence of two months, mainly due to illness, that he was able to attend the meeting at the Village Hall on the 13th February. The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be in **Rye Harbour** on **Monday 13th March**, details as always will be displayed on the Village Hall noticeboard.

The Council learnt with regret of the resignation of Vivien Ennis for personal reasons. Vivien has contributed considerably towards the well being of Rye Harbour and of the parish in general and will be missed. A new member for Rye Harbour will be required for this the final year of the present council and details will be displayed on the notice-board.

Anyone interested can always speak to the other member Michael Alford, who can give a 'job description' of what's involved.

Other news. The Mother and Toddler Group recently made an approach to the Council, regarding a joint venture to establish a pre-school playground behind the Village Hall on the triangular piece of ground, and a meeting was held with the Clerk, Tony Cox, The Rye Harbour members and Chair and Rachel of the Playgroup. This will be a joint venture, but considerable sums of money will have to be raised by September. Both Claire and Rachel gave a very good presentation and for a start the Council has earmarked £3,500 for fencing and ground preparation.

BUSES - County Card holders News

Good news for County Card holders. As from 1st April 2006, County Card holders will be entitled to free local bus travel. I presume this will cover the area covered by the present half-fare cards. That is East and

West Sussex and the Brighton area, plus journeys into Kent, starting in East Sussex and into Kent, such as the 711 Route to Dover. Or to Tenderton and Maidstone. Those who do not have a County Card and would like one can apply at the Rother

Homes Office in Cinque Ports Street. You will need a passport photo and proof of age, such as a passport or birth certificate, and that is all there is to it. Happy Journeys!

Ploughman's Lunch - 13th February

The monthly Ploughman's Lunch was held in the Village Hall on 13th February - the first for this year. Some 24 guests had the usual repast and a happy time was enjoyed by everyone.

Our absent friends were remembered - and drunk to in ten. A sombre moment to toast Ted Douglas, Nanny Pat and a friend from Winchelsea Beach, Doreen, who usually called the raffle. And -Thanks to Everyone!

Saffron Summerfield

I am writing with details of my newly appointed residency at the nature reserve. I shall be resident for a year recording sound and running several sound recording workshops for local schools and members of the public who visit the reserve over the next twelve months. The 'found sounds' from the reserve will be mixed with new music from myself and eventually be played through four sound posts sited on the reserver. Each sound post will represent a season.



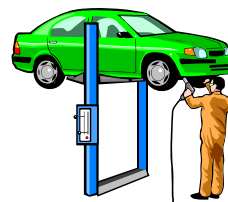
I will be keeping a weblog at my website www.saffronsummerfield.co.uk each month. The residency is managed by TEMPO ARTS and funded by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND/ SOUTH EAST, ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL, EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL and RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE.

I am really happy to be working on this very exciting project on the Nature Reserve in an unspoilt village surrounded by history. If people from the village would like to do some recording with me please get in touch with Miriam Inskip at the Nature Reserve telephone 01797 227784

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

February saw up to 3 Common Seals regular at the river mouth, and even venturing up the river. There was also a rare Black-throated Diver there on 12th. More common was the beginning of the “singing” of Skylarks and Ringed Plovers. March is an exciting time for the staff and visitors on the nature reserve, as it is the month which marks the beginning of spring. The first of our special summer birds start to arrive after spending the winter in warmer climes. Species such as Wheatear (pictured) and Sandwich Terns will have turned up by mid-month, while, while others such as Common Tern, Yellow Wagtail and Sedge Warbler may have arrived by the months end, and the reserve will be ringing with songs and calls not heard since the end of last summer! The other side of the coin is that many species which have become familiar over the winter months will be making their way back to their own breeding grounds further north. By the end of the month our Bitterns will all have departed to Scandinavia, the Smew which graced our pits will be on their way to northern Russia, and our flocks of Wigeon may travel as far as Iceland!



providing some excellent views of Bittern and Little Egret. Since the last newsletter we have added seating so that visitors can rest their weary legs when they get there!

Recent volunteer workparties have seen us pollarding willows at the Castle Water hide to provide more effective screening there, and clearing

During March, why not venture outside and join us on some of the following events:



overhanging vegetation from the footpath. The cut material was bundled together and then submerged, to create “fish refuges” in front of the hide at Castle Water. We expect this to attract fish eating birds, such as Smew and Little and Great Crested Grebes, giving birdwatchers and photographers really close views! The new platform at the viewpoint is proving very popular, and has been

Sun 5th - Camber Castle Wildlife and History. A chance to see inside Camber Castle and to observe the wildlife of Castle Water Nature Reserve. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 1pm, returning about 3.30pm. Donations appreciated.
Sat 18th - Winter Lecture – ‘The Wonders of Bird Migration’. An illustrated talk by John Buckingham. 7.30pm at Winchelsea Beach

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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Community Hall.

Sat 25th - Annual Beach Clean.

Please come along to help with the removal of the winter's

rubbish. We should also see Wheatear and Sandwich Tern.

Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am, with work gloves if you have them. Warming soup will

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The Rye Harbour Ducks Playground Association has

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The land is owned by Icklesham Parish Council, who have agreed to part fund the project, which will cost about £15,000. The aim is to start building of



a permanent facility for all of the young children of the village and it is hoped that the whole village will support this project. For more information on the

project or to offer assistance please phone Claire on 223894.

Our first event, a coffee morning, was well attended and raised £96.25. Also thanks to everyone who has been putting money into the donation pot in the shop, raising £44 in the first month!

Our next event will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 4th March from 12 noon until 2 pm in the Village Hall. There will be a Tombola, Cake stall,



the playground on 1st September of this year. Over the next few months we will be holding a series of fund-raising events around the village. This will be

small Raffle and refreshments. Jumble can be left with Pam on 227090 or brought to the hall the night

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The Rye Harbour Ducks Playground Association Cont....



being put to any use, be used towards the new playground project. As the money was raised by the village we would like to ask the village of their opinion on this. Please could you let us know, in writing via the newsletter, what you think of this proposal. If there are no objections by the publication of the April Issue, I will take it there are none. Many thanks,

before. Cakes and prizes for the tombola or raffle can be brought to the hall on the day or left with Claire (223894) or Pam. Please come along and support us.

Skate Park money

A couple of years ago a sum of approximately £1,700 was raised towards building a skate park in the village. This project was later abandoned after many objections as to the siting of the proposed skate park. It has been suggested that the money raised for the skate park, which is currently not

Claire.





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Military Whist Drive – Held by Northiam Football Club at Northiam Village hall. Entrance £8 per table of 4. Time 7.30pm, proceeds to St. Michael's Hospice.

SUN 5th

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.

SUN 26th

Smallhythe Place – Spring bulbs day. Free entry to the garden, to view our magnificent spring bulb display. Plants purchase. Open 11am – 4pm 01580 762334

APRIL

SAT 1st

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

Kent Game Fair – Kent County Showground, Maidstone. Tickets 08700115007

SUN 2nd

Friends of the Pestalozzi Estate – A walk to see early Spring flowers. 3pm. Information 01424 870444

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

FRI 7th

Pevensey Castle – Easter trail runs till 11th April. Information 01323 762604

SAT 8th

Pashley Manor Gardens

Trail – Information 01580 200888

SAT 9th

Friend's of Rye Wurlitzer – Andrew Nix in concert. Starts 2.30pm, tickets on the door £5.50 to include interval refreshments.

TUE 11th

Rye Museum Association – Heraldry in East Sussex – A talk by Brian Purdey – surveys the arms borne by the distinguished county families and making some observations on those families and their interesting quarterings at 7.30pm. Information 01797 226728

THURS 13th

Yesterdays World Battle – Children's Easter hunt. Runs till 23rd April. Information 01424 775378 – www.yesterdaysworld.co.uk

FRI 14th

Battle Annual Marble Match. Information 01424 773721

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

Smallhythe Place – Easter Egg Trail. Follow the clues around our beautiful garden to claim your Easter prize. Runs till 17th from 11am – 4pm. £1.50 per child. 01580 762334

SAT 15th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

Easter Eggstravaganza in Camber Castle – A fun family event, hunting for Easter Eggs (with a difference) in Henry VII's castle. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking

essential 01797 227784. Meet 1pm Brede Lock car park. Charge £1 per child accompanying adult free.

Yesterday's World Battle – Children's Easter hunt runs till 23rd. 01424 894313

SUN 16th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

Pestalozzi – Drumming, Music & Dance. Information 01424 870444

MON 17th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm.

SAT 22nd

Battle Abbey – St George's Day Dragon trail, runs till 23rd. Information 01424 773721

TUE 25th

Pashley Manor Gardens – Tulip Festival, runs till 4th May. 01580200888

SAT 29th

Whimbrel Watch – For 11 yrs – The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve have been getting up before the lark to see the Whimbrel. Find out and enjoy the dawn chorus of gulls, terns, waders, wheatears and sky larks. Pre-booking Advisable 01797 227784. Meet 4.30am Rye Harbour car park.

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

Smallhythe Place – Costumes in the barn. A special display in the barn theatre. Time 11am – 4pm price £2. Runs till 1st May

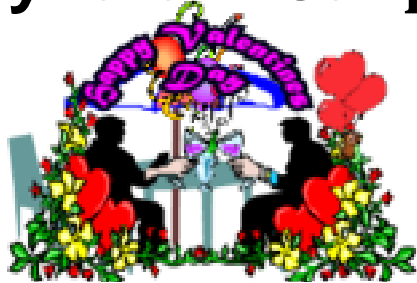
SUN 30th

Antiques & Collectables Fair – Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill. 9.30am – 4.30pm

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

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LETTERS



YOU couldn't fail to miss the compound-style fencing around the council's shrubs' planting by the toilets. This is only temporary so that the shrubs and plants there have a chance to become established before they're dug up by dogs eager to make their own contribution to the toilet garden. There are more plants to come in the spring.

Nanny Pat loved the old hawthorn tree, speaking about it often, and was booked in for the tree's "cutting the ribbon ceremony" before she became so ill. In her loving memory, a small wooden driftwood plaque will be affixed to the new hawthorn tree stake. Julie is happy with this idea. More news later.

Joan Porter



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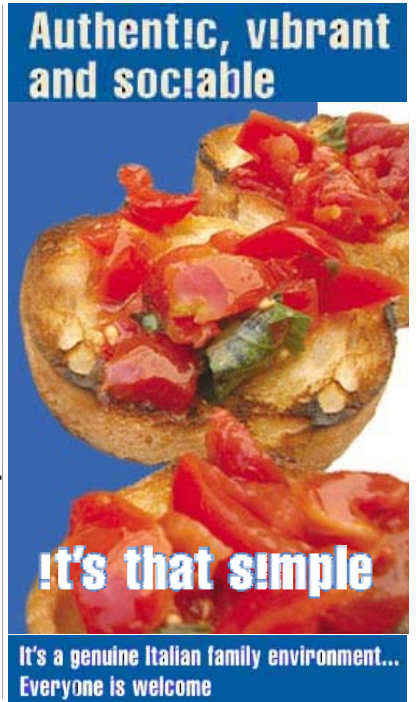
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Sept 2005



Characters Of Rye Harbour

This will be a bit of a swan song as it is in part an appeal for someone to take over the writing of the characters of Rye Harbour as I am intending to spend much more time on painting and photography.

To really work seriously as an artist does require full and wholehearted commitment and this I am going to do.

It has been a privilege to be part of this village now for over twenty years being one of the earliest incomers, the earliest being Ted Douglas and his wife and Barry and Ann Yates. Maxine Baldry and Connie and Ponty and Mary Lestoque and Humph being from earlier more established parts of the village. Marie and Gerry Blattman also belonging to this category the Blattmans having been in the Watch House from the late twenties. The main attraction of the village for me is the sense of community and a really working community with people working locally on the land, in the factories, shops and hotels, in the fishing industry, on boats, in the RLNI and the health professions and service industries.

People have questioned Ken asking why he does not live in

a "very respectable middle- class village". He says never, how very dull!! He enjoys the range and breadth of different people and is so Impressed with the care and respect that is shown to the older and more vulnerable people - this surely the litmus



test of a truly civilised society. I have been here long enough to see a lot of change down Harbour Road from the thriving Spun concrete being bought out by Canary Wharf with so much loss of livelihoods and a whole way of life with people committed to producing the very best product, to being thrown on the scrap heap and then seeing the degradation of the sites, left derelict for so many years. It is a joy to see so much new life and jobs gradually rising from the ashes.

The Wharf also went down and is now flourishing. The Newsletter started by Marcus and still continuing has been an important fulcrum for

change, development and action. Well done Marcus for keeping faith with the village and all his hard work and helping to get the Youth Group off the ground. Michael and Sylvia Alford have done so much for the church and the Lunch group as

has Molly Saunders. Pat Hughes is another unsung hero with dial-a ride and Community transport and the Sunday rides out into the countryside and mystery tour element such as the strawberry and cream tea for those who find it more difficult to get out and

about is so very welcome. Pat Gawn is yet another big loss to the village but so much of her concern and care lives on as does her open heart and mind and generosity of spirit in the character of the village. For me the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve is a very important part of village life enabling us to be at the cutting edge of nature conservation and development and it is said that if you have an environment in which natural life can flourish that is equally important for human beings to flourish and live healthy lives.

Jill Halpin

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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 6months 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.

**Don't Forget To Visit
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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



Very unsettled weather has been the story for February so far, with strong winds from all around the compass, each bringing different sea conditions and altering the ebb and flow of tide in the bay. A good northerly blow in the North sea seems to set up ebb tide nearly all day long with no flood and only on a brief slack tide, this in turn makes the water muddy and doesn't help the fishing with single trawl that the couple of boats are now pursuing. Clear water or muddy, the scallop boats have continued to find fair catches when the weather allows the tide, making it hard work to stay on the beds and cover the ground at the right towing speed.

The middle of the month saw a gale of wind from the South

West. After several days of wind, the first trip back to sea saw an improved catch of plaice, with a good mixture of large, medium and small fish in much better condition after spawning than the weeks before. Although they are not fished for or caught in bulk in the bay, there has been large shoals of sprats seen on fish finders swimming mid water with any whittings or codling caught in the trawl, showing signs that they have been feeding on them. At Dungeness small amounts are landed for local markets these being caught in drift nets, the same method that has been used for hundreds of years around the coast, but now only on a small scale. The Thames Estuary boats from Whitstable, Lee on Sea and Harwich fish for sprats by the pair trawl method, the shallow water

making it ideal, and at certain times of year are able to land large enough quantities for lorries or sometimes bigger ships to take the fish to other markets. This might be a fishery that could come to Rye Bay as well as the herring which was lost in the seventies and eighties, when a total ban was in force and markets starved of fish, ceased. Netting boats have been struggling with the weather as well, with no Dover sole to be caught inshore and low plaice catches in the set nets, they are certainly looking for a change in fortune. Sole fishing out in the channel has been better, with a couple of boats trying this, but the bad weather has made this very hit and miss, so all concerned are hoping for a change that only time will bring.

BOY ASHORE

AT RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE HALL



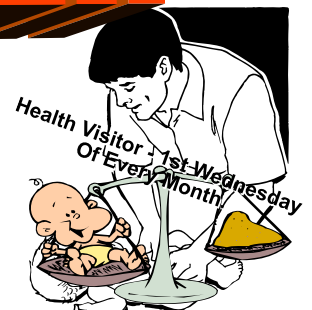
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BIRD CALLS & SONGS

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

These next 6 weeks, the season of Lent (Springtime) are centred on the heart of our Christian Faith when the Church recalls and relives the events in Jesus' life of his ministry, arrest, trial and crucifixion. The importance of the Church's worship is that it brings to life the events of long ago to make them relevant for us today. But it is only as we take part in such worship that we understand the reason for Jesus' temptations in the wilderness, the nature of his teaching and healing ministry, the betrayal of friendship in his arrest, the injustice of his trial and the cruelty of his death. We might want our religion to be all sunshine but that would not do justice to either the depths of God's love for us or the mystery of suffering that afflicts the majority of humankind. If we think of Jesus as a window into the life of God, then his life suffering and death tell us something of vital importance. Much suffering is unfair and inexplicable but we believe God is with us in all our



abundantly".

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

pain and anxiety. How can we possibly be sure of that? Only, Christians believe, through Jesus Christ. If He is God's Son, then his life with us, as one of us, tells us as much as we need to know of God. In all life's perplexity, we have God's grace to sustain us, his Spirit to guide and teach us, his presence to comfort us, his saving love to redeem us from all that threatens to damage or destroy us.

That is why our exploration of the detail of Jesus' life, brought alive by study, prayer and worship, is so important. He sheds light upon the darkness of our world and the confusion within ourselves. Ash Wednesday, 1st March, begins this particular exploration. Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and may have it

March Services at Rye Harbour Church

1st March Ash Wednesday
7.30 p.m. Eucharist and
Ashes ST MARY'S

Sunday 12th March
9.15 a.m Holy Communion

Saturday 25th March
10-12 noon Saturday Club
for 4-11 year olds

Sunday 26th March
Mothering Sunday 10.30
a.m. Family Service

Lent House Group
"Where is God?"
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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Hi everyone, well we've had quite a quiet month with several families off due to illness, etc. Hopefully March will bring the warmer Spring weather with it. We are looking forward to having some more days out as soon as can be arranged, so if you would like to try anywhere in particular please let me know. We are always looking to welcome new members to our group, especially as we have a large group due to go off to school in September. If you are worried about coming in and not knowing anyone then perhaps you could come with

a friend or partner, and don't worry you will soon get to know everyone, we really are a friendly group.

We have lots of great toys and activities for children to try, we have healthy snacks every week in our popular snack time. For the grown ups there is tea, coffee and hot chocolate on cold winter days and the health visitor on the first Wednesday of the month if you need any advice. We meet every Wednesday, term time and holidays, from 10 am until 12 noon in the Village Hall. Come along and see for yourselves!



Claire

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Family Announcements

Tribute To Pat

I should like to pay tribute to Pat Gawn, who looked after "Harbour Lights" for me, for thirty years, as other members of her family had done before her.

Pat did a wonderful job and was always cheerful and helpful. Summer visitors to the cottage often remarked on this, and I think she enjoyed welcoming holidaymakers from all over the country, and from abroad, to the harbour and to the area. Some people kept in touch with her for long afterwards.

We always looked forward to her knock on the door during our visits, we knew it meant a good chat over a cup of tea, as Pat kept us up-to-date with village events, or told us about village history.

How we shall all miss her, our thoughts and sympathy are with Julie and her family in their great loss.

Penny Webster (Owner Of Harbour Lights)

We hope to hear shortly the amount collected at the funerals of the late Ted Douglas and of Pat Gawn, Nanny Pat. The Money in memory of Ted will be sent to St Michaels Hospice, whilst that collected for Pat is to be divided between the Care Centre and the Rye Age Concern - all three very worthy causes and worthy of our two departed friends.

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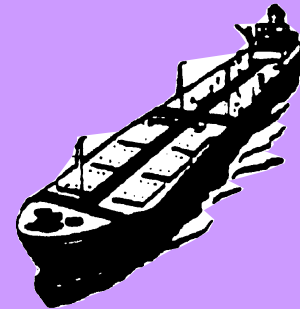
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BIBLE STUDIES

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 March 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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