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Editor's Comments

Joan would like me to point out, that she does not type the whole newsletter or put it together as a couple of people thought. What Joan actually does is types any articles or letters that are sent to the newsletter box in Rye Harbour Stores, which is not a lot these days as most items are sent by email, however it is a service that saves me an awful lot of work and time for which I am eternally grateful. Also Joan is ploughing through the re-type of newsletters, volume one, issues one to nine as in the early days my incapacity to store such large files, meant I lost them, these newsletters Joan is typing in their entirety, so that I can rebuild them and convert them into PDF files to be seen and read on the website. Issue one and two of volume one have now been rebuilt thanks to Joan and are on the website for all to see.



RYE HARBOUR VILLAGE FETE
Live Bands Wanted, See Page 29

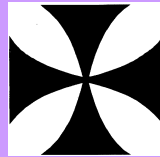
The Website is still going from strength to strength, last month it enjoyed 18,420 hits and as I write this page this month so far with seven days to go, has had 30,010 hits. Still a lot of information to be added and the site is normally updated at least once a day with current information, so feel free to feed me information which you feel would be useful for all to know as it seems to be being used how it was intended to be used. There is now an Articles for Sale page and all it will cost you is a pound donation in the Rye Harbour Stores for the Harbour Ducks Playground Association and your item with photo if possible will be on the site. Next months deadline will be **Monday 15th May** and hopefully we might hear from Rye Harbour Sailing Club, I remember being here before. The local PCSO keeps promising to send me some useful information, so come on Daniel Bevan

Special Features

- ♦ What's On
- ♦ Comments & Letters
- ♦ Church News
- ♦ Family News
- ♦ Tide Timetable
- ♦ Harbour Masters Report
- ♦ Local Bus Times
- ♦ Parent & Toddler
- ♦ Shop Times
- ♦ Nature Reserve
- ♦ Fishing News
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- ♦ Rye Harbour Village Fete 06
- ♦ Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report
- ♦ Parish Council Notebook
- ♦ Bird Calls & Songs
- ♦ Ploughman's Lunch
- ♦ Rye Harbour Monday Club
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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

The Environment Agency is ten years old!

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Painted Pier-head lights.

Increased range to these lights.

Additional navigation marks (Solar), particularly in the outer channel. Improved signage to areas of danger and, of course, higher flood defences around the harbour. There was a prize for the best display and we came third with Tesco's vouchers for 30 pounds!

The lower office has now been completed and can be accessed by wheelchair users with full on facilities.

More river sampling. Large quantities of river mud has been removed yet again for testing and analysis in preparation for dredging at the Strand Quay. (A few more "Samplings" and it will not be necessary to dredge!)

Dredging has now been postponed until early next year. We can be confident that all necessary checking and



licensing has been completed. During the first week of April I was requested to scatter ashes at sea for a Mr Daniel Knight. I must confess that I did not know this person who is said to have lived at Rye Harbour for many years. Any help?

A trip to Southampton and Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Our life jackets and pilot coats are required to be maintained annually at the factories in these locations. With some £3,000 worth of equipment I feel happier delivering these items personally. (They have been lost previously).

Pilots coats are being phased replaced and you will see pilots and boat crews wearing the new look two toned coats (Orange and blue) in the future. These coats cost approximately £450 each so you can understand the phasing over a number of years of 6 coats.

We see the arrival of the "Amadeus" at the Admiralty jetty. No, not the one under the harbour office but it's sister catamaran that will lay behind the moorings awaiting sale.

This vessel has been stripped of all its fishing equipment and will lay by until a buyer is found.

Talking of boats, I was in Exmouth during the month when I spotted a well known Rye boat, the "Lumbering Elephant". This vessel had been sold for further trading and is in use as a chain, buoy and mooring laying vessel within the Exe estuary.

Talking with the owner he is very pleased with the craft and has made significant alterations to meet his needs in the new episode of the vessels life.

The RNLI jetty lights failed during the month which means the lights remain permanently "On". Henk Ruysch, of the Boson's Bite has kindly agreed to repair and keep these important lights functioning correcting.

We still await the arrival of new waste bins that are to be positioned adjacent the sailing club. As soon as they arrive the old defunct ones will be removed. With the gradual warming of the day a few visiting yachts are beginning to arrive.

The Strand Quay remains in turmoil also new grass has been sewn around areas of flood defence improvements. We should see the completion

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

(Continued from page 4)
of the scheme at this location
soon when all visiting yachts

will be directed and made
welcome by the town.

CARL BAGWELL
Captain
Harbour Master

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Local Tide Times

MAY Rye Harbour Approaches				
Add 1 hour for British Summertime				
Date	Time	O.D. Metres	Time	O.D. Metres
1 Mo	0059	3.7	1320	3.4
2 Tu	0138	3.3	1402	3.1
3 We	0222	2.8	1447	2.7
4 Th	0311	2.4	1540	2.4
5 Fr	0411	1.9	1640	2.0
6 Sa	0519	1.6	1749	1.9
7 Su	0643	1.6	1910	2.0
8 Mo	0758	2.0	2014	2.2
9 Tu	0845	2.2	2058	2.6
10 We	0921	2.6	2135	2.8
11 Th	0955	2.8	2207	3.1
12 Fr	1028	3.0	2240	3.2
13 Sa	1101	3.1	2313	3.2
14 Su	1133	3.2	2347	3.3
15 Mo	—	—	1207	3.3
16 Tu	0022	3.3	1244	3.3
17 We	0102	3.2	1326	3.2
18 Th	0147	3.0	1415	3.0
19 Fr	0244	2.6	1518	2.6
20 Sa	0402	2.4	1630	2.5
21 Su	0524	2.2	1745	2.5
22 Mo	0640	2.4	1859	2.6
23 Tu	0747	2.6	2003	3.0
24 We	0843	3.0	2058	3.2
25 Th	0933	3.2	2150	3.4
26 Fr	1019	3.3	2238	3.6
27 Sa	1103	3.4	2323	3.6
28 Su	1145	3.4	—	—
29 Mo	0006	3.4	1227	3.4
30 Tu	0047	3.3	1307	3.3
31 We	0126	3.1	1348	3.1

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Day Code		J&H	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	SH
Freda Gardham School	
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆		0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1525	...	...	...	...	...	1648	...
Tilling Green		0853	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1530	1530	...	...	...	...	1653	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆		0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	...	...	...	...	...	1546	1659 1759
Rye Harbour		0827	...	...	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	...	...	...	...	1532	1554 1707 1807	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆		0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1515	...	...	...	...	...	1540	1601	...
Cadborough Cliff		0830	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1533	...	...
Tilling Green		0835	0837	...	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1608	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆		0840	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	...	...	...	...	...	...	1538	1629 1719	...
Rye Harbour		0800	0820	...	...	0835	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1637	1727
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆		0807	0827	0843	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1645	1735
Freda Gardham School		0845	0847
Thomas Peacocke School		0845

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Service Number:		326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇆		...	0935	1000	1030	1100	1135	1200	1230	1300	1335 1400
High Street (The George)		...	0940	1005	1035	1105	1140	1205	1235	1305	1340 1405
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇆ arr		...	0945	1010	1040	1110	1145	1210	1240	1310	1345 1410
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇆ dep		...	0945	1015	1045	...	1145	1215	1245	...	1345
Cadborough Cliff		...	0951	1021	1051	...	1151	1221	1251	...	1351
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇆ arr		...	0957	1027	1057	...	1157	1227	1257	...	1357
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇆ dep		0915	...	...	...	1115	...	...	...	1315	1415
Rye (Memorial Care Centre)		0918	...	...	...	1118	...	...	...	1318	1418
Playden (Peace and Plenty)		0920	...	...	...	1120	...	...	...	1320	1420
Houghton Green		0922	...	...	...	1122	...	...	...	1322	...
Military Road		0925	1125	1325	...
Kings Avenue		0930	1130	1330	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⇆		0935	1135	1335	...

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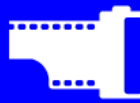
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Day Code		NS	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	SC
Northam (Coppards Lane)		...	0720	0720	0730	0800	...	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1441E	1530	1630C	1730
Northam (Goddens Gill)		...	0721	0721	0731	0801	...	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1442	1531	1631	1731
Beckley (Rose and Crown)		...	0725	0725	0735	0805	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1446	1535	1635	1735
Beckley (Four Oaks)		...	0728	0728	0738	0808	...	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1449	1538	1638	1738
Peasmarsh (Old Post Office)		...	0733	0733	0743	0813	...	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1454	1543	1643	1743
Playden (Peace and Plenty)		...	0738	0738	0748	0818	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1459	1548	1648	1748
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆ arr		...	0745	0745	0755	0825	...	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1506	1555	1655	1755
Rye (Rail Station) ⇆ dep		...	0751	0751	0756	...	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	1559	1659	1759R
Winchelsea (Bridge End)		...	0757	0757	B	...	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	...	1605	1705	1816
Winchelsea (Beach)		...	0800	0800	...	...	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	...	1608	1708	1819
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)		...	0802	0802	...	...	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	...	1610	1710	1821
Pett Level		...	0806	0806	...	...	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	...	1614	1714	1825
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)		0730	0812	0812	...	...	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	...	1620	1720	1832
Fairlight Glen		0736	0818	0818	...	...	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	...	1626	1726	1838
Ore (Christ Church)		0739	0821F	0821	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	...	1629	1729	1841
Hastings (Boating Lake)		0745	0840	0827	...	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	...	1635	1735	1847
Hastings (Harold Place)		0747	0842	0829	...	...	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	...	1637	1737	1849
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇆		0749	0843	0831	0845	...	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	...	1639	1739	1851

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Service Number:	347	347	346	346	346	346	347	347	347	347	347
Days of Operation:	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Pett (Chick Hill)	0815	0822	0949	1149	1414	1545					
Pett (Church)	0818	0825	0952	1152	1417	1548					
Guestling (School)	0825										
Guestling (White Hart)	0830	0830	0957	1157	1422	1553					
Ore (Kings Head)	0834	0834	1001	1201	1426	1557					
Ore (Christ Church)	0836	0836	1003	1203	1428	1559					
Hastings (Baldslow Rd)	...	...	1008	1208	1433	...					
Hastings (Safeway)	...	...	1012	1212	1437	...					
Hastings (Queen's Road)	...	...	1014	1214	1439	...					
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0841	0841	...	...	...	1604					
Hastings (Harold Place)	0845	0845	...	...	...	1608					
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⇆	0847	0847	1016	1214	1441	1610					
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⇆	...	...	1019	1219	...	1610					
Priory Avenue (Linton Road)	...	...	1022	1222	...	1613					
Amherst Road	...	...	1024	1224	...	1615					
Silverhill (Battle Road)	...	...	1028	1228	...	1619					
Upper Church Road	...	...	1032	1232	...	1623					
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1036	1236	...	1627					
Asdown House	...	...	1041	1241	...	1632					
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	...	...	1043	1243	...	1634					
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	1046	1246	...	1637					
Operator	RC*	EMP*	EMP*	EMP*	RC	RC*	RC*	RC*	RC*	RC*	RC*
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Days of Operation:	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ	Ⓟ
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	1050	1316	1710	...
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	1053	1319	1713	...
Asdown House	...	...	1055	1321	...	...	...	...	...	1715	...
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1100	1326	...	...	...	...	...	1718	...
Upper Church Road	...	...	1104	1330	...	...	...	...	...	1722	...
Silverhill (London Road)	...	...	1108	1334	...	...	...	...	...	1726	...
Amherst Road	...	...	1112	1338	...	...	...	...	...	1730	...
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⇆	...	...	1116	1342	...	...	...	...	...	1734	...
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⇆	0745	0919	1119	1345	1510	1510	1735	...	...	...	...
Hastings (Queen's Road)	0747	0921	1121	1347	1512	1512	1737	...	...	...	...
Hastings (Safeway)	...	0923	1123	1349	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hastings (Baldslow Road)	...	0925	1125	1351	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0752	...	...	...	1517	1517	1742	...	...	...	...
Ore (Christ Church)	0758	0932	1132	1358	1523	1523	1748	...	...	...	...
Ore (Kings Head)	0800	0934	1134	1400	1525	1525	1750	...	...	...	...
Guestling (White Hart)	0804	0938	1138	1404	1529	1529	1754	...	...	...	...
Guestling (School)	...	...	...	...	1532	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pett (Church)	0809	0943	1143	1409	1540	1534	1759
Pett (Chick Hill)	0812	0946	1146	1412	1543	1537	1802



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Drugs Awareness - Information for Parents

Drugs are an increasing worry for parents today. Ideally we want to encourage our children to remain drug-free. However, many parents are concerned that their child will be offered illegal drugs or will begin to use them on a regular basis. Sometimes the fear of the unknown leads parents to over-react when a situation regarding drugs arises.

Newspapers and magazines tend to focus on the worst possible case scenarios, with stories of teenagers dying of Ecstasy and 7-year old Heroin addicts.

It is often difficult to ignore these scare stories and parents become increasingly concerned about the safety of their own children. It is important to remember, however, that illegal drug use is only a regular occurrence for a small proportion of young people. Those who do use illegal drugs may only be experimenting.

There are ways that parents can help, you know your child better than anyone and this knowledge should be used as a basis for any help or support you give.

Why Do Young People Use Drugs?

There are many reasons why young people use illegal drugs, some of which are listed below. It is important for parents to recognise that the reasons young people take drugs are similar to those given for adults use of alcohol and tobacco, or indeed, the use of drugs in their younger days!

Illegal drugs may be used by young people because they :

- * Enjoy the short term effects the drugs produce;
- * Think it's FUN!;
- * Have friends who use them;
- * Have nothing else to do;
- * Find that some drugs are cheap and easily available;
- * Are trying to rebel or want to shock their parents or other authority figure;
- * Are curious and want to experiment;
- * Want to experience effects like those obtained from drinking large amounts of alcohol;
- * Want to feel grown-up;
- * Associate the drugs with a particular 'SCENE' or 'CULTURE';
- * Want to take risks;
- * Want to escape from problems;

Talking About Drugs

Below are some strategies and pointers for talking about drugs with young people.

* Find an easy way to approach the subject - ask what they've done at school or use a drugs issue in a TV programme to start a discussion.

* Be honest about your own knowledge - if you don't feel fully prepared to talk to your child about drugs, then get some extra information or find out more together.

* Ask open-ended questions - try not to ask leading questions which give you the answers you want to hear. For example use "How are you feeling?" rather than "Are you angry?" This will help you to find out what your child really thinks.

* Begin discussing drugs early - young people are aware of drugs from an early age, whether

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these be legal, illegal or prescription, so begin talking about the issues then.

* Listen to what is being said - lecturing or preaching to your child is likely to make them switch off. Try to keep an open mind.

* Be open about your own views and opinions but recognise and accept that those of your child may be different - your child will not necessarily agree with everything you say so be prepared to discuss things openly.

* Pick an appropriate time to talk - it is best to pick a time when neither yourself nor your child is under pressure or stressed.

* Pre-empt possible conflict situations - For example, parties are, in themselves, a good thing, however you may need to establish some basic ground rules before the event and ensure that everyone knows what they are. For example, a responsible adult will be present at all times, no alcohol will be allowed, etc.

* Be honest about your own drug use - young people may question your own use of legal/illegal drugs, think about how and when you have used them so that you can answer their questions honestly.

What Do I Do?

If you do discover that your child is using drugs, try to stay calm and think about the issues rationally. It is useful to think about some of the following points before a crisis situation arises :

* First Aid

If you find your child unconscious, would you know what to do? Putting someone in the recovery position, or knowing how to deliver mouth to mouth resuscitation are important skills to learn. For details of courses in your area, contact:

St. John Ambulance Brigade: 01772 252239 / 252822

or the British Red Cross: 01254 425571

* Legal Implications

If you find your child in possession of an illegal substance, what should you do? Always consider the welfare of your child first of all. If you take possession of the drug to stop your child from using it then you can either destroy it or take the drug to the police as soon as possible. If you do decide to take the drug to the police, phone the station first to let them know that you are on your way.

* Getting Support for Them

Who is the best person to support your child? This will depend on the drug(s) being used, how it is affecting their life and why they are using it. You could go and talk to your GP together or contact your local Community Drugs Services to find out about support agencies for young people.

* Getting Support for You

If you know that your child is using drugs, acknowledge that you may need help and support yourself. There are many local and national agencies and helplines which offer support to parents and carers of drug users. These agencies understand the guilt and stigma associated with drug use, and provide parents and carers with an accessible and confidential service.

* Long-term Strategies

It may be necessary to look at long-term strategies to help your child to avoid drug use or misuse. This may involve looking at alternative pastimes, how they might be able to keep away from places and situations where they have taken drugs.

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Child

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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 reserve. 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.

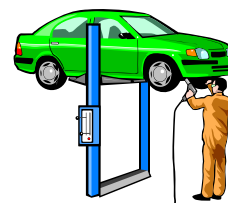
I am really happy to be working on this very exciting project on the Nature Reserve in an unspoilt village surrounded by history. If people from the village would like to do some recording with me please get in touch with Miriam Inskip at the Nature Reserve telephone 01797 227784

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Spring has well and truly sprung on the nature reserve, with the arrival of the majority of our spring migrants from their wintering grounds in the south. The bushes are full of the songs of Whitethroat,



due to disturbance or development. For this reason, at Rye Harbour the colony is

protected by temporary fencing and a dedicated team of volunteers during the breeding season.



Sedge Warbler and Reed Warbler, while on the Beach Reserve the arrival of our breeding tern species has added a certain elegance which mere gulls seem to lack! Of the three species of tern which breed at Rye Harbour, the rarest, both on the reserve and nationally, is the Little Tern (pictured left). This tiny bird weighs about 60 grams (about the same weight as two packets of crisps) and migrates all the way from West Africa, arriving on the south coast in mid to late April. One of the reasons that Little Terns are so rare is that they like to nest on sand and shingle on the coast, exactly the type of spot that humans like to spend their warm summer days on, and many colonies have been lost

planting of more screening willows around the viewpoint. Also at the viewpoint, the new walkway has been extended so that it meets up with the existing track.

Easter was a busy time for the reserve, with many people heading out for some fresh air. However the busiest period must have been at Camber Castle during our Easter Eggstravaganza. 72 children took part, and when we include the adults, we had over 150 people searching for eggs hidden all around the castle! Even though the weather turned miserable, everyone went home with a smile on their face.

Forthcoming events on the Nature Reserve for May: **May 5th – May 7th Wildlife Weekend.** Various activities and events across the area to help you discover the special

During March, the reserve carried out its biannual beach clean, where a team of volunteers helped us remove accumulated rubbish from the Beach Reserve. Almost thirty people, including a few scouts and guides, came along to help out this time, with over 70 bags of rubbish collected. Afterwards all those involved were treated to hot home made soup at Lime Kiln Cottage as a thank you!

Other practical work on the reserve has included the provision of yet more fish refuges at Castle Water and the



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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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wildlife that lives here... If you would like more information or a brochure, call into Lime Kiln Cottage or the village shop.

Sat 27th May. Beginners Bird Watching Guide. Come down to the reserve to learn

how to identify a variety of breeding terns and gulls. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Rye Harbour Car Park at 11-1pm. Donations appreciated.

Little Tern Adventure. Come down to the reserve and follow the trail of the Little

Tern – how many chicks will survive? Starts from Lime Kiln Information Centre between 10am-4pm on Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th and Bank Holiday Monday 29th May.

by Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

Over the May bank holiday weekends, Camber Castle will be open to the public from 2-5pm. Opening from Sat 29th April – Mon 1st May and Sat 27th May – Mon 29th May.

Usual cost, £2 per adult, £1 concessions, free admission to Friends of RHNR and English Heritage members.



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MAY

MON 1st

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

Rye Mayor Making Ceremony & Throwing of Hot Pennies – details 01797 223902

TUE 2nd

St. Michael's Hospice Open Gardens Church Place Farm, Vicarage Lane, Westfield. Open 10.30 – 4pm. Wheelchair access to garden only. Admission £2.50

FRI 5th

Wildlife Week-End – Runs till 7th, a variety of activities and events including guided walks, art exhibitions, bike rides and much more.

The Birds of Castle Water – This event is part of the Rye Bay Wildlife Festival. Information 01797 227784

Classic Music – 'Celebration of Spring'. All Saints Church, Iden. Tickets £10 time 7.30pm

SAT 6th

Discovering Flatropers Wood – Explore this little unknown Trust Nature Reserve, in the far east of the country. May at Flatropers is a good time for woodland birds and flowers. It may be muddy underfoot. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear. Meet 10am at the track at the Southern end of Flatropers Wood off Bixley lane, near Beckley. No toilets available. No dogs. No disabled access. Donation to SWT appreciated.

Wildlife Week-End – Family Fun at Rye Community Centre from 12.00 Noon – 5pm. Free exhibition and children's activities with countryside rangers and local conservation volunteers. Also Sunday 7th

Pottery Painting on Wildlife Theme – Vist Cinque Ports Pottery and paint your own piece of pottery in the studio. Your piece will be ready within 10 days. Time 11am – 2pm. Cost average £5. Booking advisable 01797 222033

Walking Introduction to Rye – A 4KM circular walk, introducing the 'Ancient Towne' of Rye with East Sussex County Council's Andrew Whinall. Time 10am – 12pm, meet at Rye Community Centre. Donations appreciated.

FOR FURTHER EVENTS OF EAST SUSSEX WILDLIFE WEEKEND PLEASE CALL IN AT RYE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE FOR A BOOKLET OR PHONE FOR A COPY

Weald Coast – Short distance (4hrs). A gentle ride for the Rye Wildlife festival around historic Winchelsea and the undulating High Weald countryside passing through the village of Pett and Pett level to Winchelsea Beach. Please bring a packed lunch. Meet outside Winchelsea church opposite the New Inn at

10.30am

Sacred Places Festival – A Celebration of Open Churches in WARR Partnership Area of East Sussex. In Rye, St. Mary the Virgin is holding a Flower Festival, Refreshments and the Church Tower will be open. St. Anthony of Padua will have Flower displays, Vox Cordis choir will perform 4pm. For further details of Festival events visit www.sacredsussex.org.uk or pick up a booklet from Rye Heritage Centre. Festival will be taking place on the 7th May also.

SUN 7th

Friends of Pestalozzi – Estate walk looking for Spring Butterflies and other insects. Time 3pm 01424 870444

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer – Phil Kelsall concert starts 2.30pm. Tickets on the Door £5.50 to include interval refreshments.

MON 8th

Battle Abbey – Archaeology road show. Information 01424 773721

TUE 9th

Rye Museum Association – Slide Show Colin Page, looking at the Countryside around Rye, from the marsh to the woodlands around the village. Time 7.30pm

SAT 13th

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

Smallhythe Place – Bam Theatre open day. Demonstrations, readings on stage etc. Time 11am – 4pm 01580 762334

Playden Festival Week-End – Exhibition of work of local artists and craftsman in Playden Church 11am – 4pm

Playden W.I. Hall – A date with Jazz. Time 8pm, Tickets £10

SUN 14th

Pashley Manor – Spring plant fair 01580 200888

Playden Festival Week-End – Exhibition of work of local artists and craftsman in Playden Church 12.30pm – 4pm

Playden Church Piano Recital – Including works by Mozart, Hayden and Schabert. Tickets £10, time 6pm

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

Mon 15th

St. Michael's Hospice Open Gardens – Little Haven, Station Road, Northiam. Open 10.30 – 4pm. Wheelchairs access. A charming 3.5 acre natural garden. Admission £2.50

SAT 20th

Battle Abbey – Knights Tournament, runs till 21st. Information 01424 773721

St Michael's Hospice – A coffee morning

held at Iden village hall from 11am – 1pm. Cakes, tombola, bring & buy, plants, bric a brace ct. Entry 50p includes tea/coffee & biscuits

SAT 27th

Heathfield Agricultural Show

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

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

SUN 28th

Battle Medieval Fayre – Runs till 29th. Information 01424 773721

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

MON 29th

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

TUE 30th

St Michael's Hospice Open Gardens Westwell House, Main street, Northiam. Open 10.30 – 4pm. Wheelchairs access. A three acre woodland garden. Admission £2.50

The Byre House, main street, Northiam. Open 10.30 – 4pm. A mixed informal garden of ¾ acres. Admission £2.50

Wed 31st

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

JUNE

SAT 3rd

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

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Look out, eastern end of high street. (Viewing point with telescope) The walk ends at Lamb House which is only open on Thursday & Saturdays 2pm -5pm. Cost of walk £4.95

Rye & Romney Marsh Circular – Medium distance (5hrs). Starting at Rye station, we follow the Royal Military Canal to Appledore, then across Walland marsh to Lydd then to Camber and return to Rye. Suitable for fairly experienced 12+ year olds. Meet at Rye Station – Fat Controller at 10.30am

Pevensey Castle – Medieval Knights Trail from 10am – 5pm. The Queen has asked you

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to invite the English Heritage Knights and Squires to a banquet. Can you them. Runs till 4th June.

SUN 4th

Friends of the Pesta:ozzi Estate Walk – Wild Flowers & Orchid Faray. 01424 870444. Time 3pm

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

TUE 6th

St. Michael's Hospice Gardens – The Quarter House, Penning Quarter, Wittersham. Open 10.30 – 4pm. Admission £2.50. This delightful garden is being further developed by its present owners. Also Penning Farm house garden. Wheelchair access

WED 7th

Smallhythe Place – Valuation Day with Bonhams – Bring your treasures to be valued. £2 for first item and £1 after that, max 5 objects. 11am – 4pm 01580 762334

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at the Look out, eastern end of high street. (Viewing point with telescope) The walk ends at Lamb House which is only open on Thursday & Saturdays 2pm -5pm. Cost of walk £4.95

SAT 10th

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve – Family Treasure Hunt – Follow a map with clues to test your brain power around the Nature Reserve. Start at Rye Harbour car park at 11am to collect map and clues. Hand forms in at Lime Kiln information centre the same day. Wheelchair access to parts of the reserve. Booking essential 01797 227784

Smallhythe Place – Celebrating Shakespeare, starring Peter Mould and cast. Combined dining & event package available in conjunction with the Chapel Down Wine bar & Bistro. Dinning from 5.30pm with set menus, seats £10. 01580 762334. Performance 7pm

Pevensey Castle – Medieval Knights Trail from 10am – 5pm. The Queen has asked you to invite the English Heritage Knights and Squires to a banquet. Can you find them.

SUN 11th

Rye Winchelsea & Pett Circular – Short distance (5hrs). A gentle circular ride taking in Rye, Winchelsea, beach and Pett levels. We will cycle through the Rye Bay Nature Reserve and see stunning views of the bay from Icklesham Windmill. Generous stops for picnic and sight-seeing. Pre-booing desirable 01424 752714. Meet at Rye Station 10.30am

TUE 13th

St. Michael's Hospice Open Gardens Woodside House, Main Street, Peasmarsh. Open 10.30am – 4pm. Our first visit to this

traditional Country House garden. Wheelchair access to upper parts of garden only. Disabled parking in grounds of house. Admission £2.50

SUN 4th

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

Thur 15th

Florestan Festival Held at Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Peasmarsh from 8pm. The Florestan Trio. Our eastern European journey begins with a performance of Dvorak's piano trio in B flat.

Price £21 – Box office enquiries 01424 882345

FRI 16th

Smallhythe Place – Combined Dinning & Property tours £25. Start at Smallhythe Place with a full property tour then onto Chapel Down Winery for a tour wine tasting etc. Booking 01580 766111

Florestan Festival – Held @ St. Mary's Church, Rye at 8pm. The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields returns for a third concerto concert, with works by Boccherini and Mendelssohn. Tickets £25

Box office enquiries 01424 882345

SAT 17th

Pashley Manor Gardens – Special Rose Week-end. Details 01580 200888

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

Smallhythe Place – The Death of Nelson, starring Robert Cohen. Gates open 6pm for picnics, performances start 7pm, seats £10. Details 01580 762334

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

Sarah Raven Garden & Cookery School Early Summer open day and Food Fair from 9.30am – 1pm at Perch Hill Farm, Willingford Lane, Nr Brightling. Details 0845 0504849

Florestan Festival – Held @ Church of St. Peter & St. Paul Peasmarsh at 12.30am. Three contrasting works for strings, unusual work for Solo Cello and Dohnanyi's beautiful serenade. Tickets £15 Also at 6-30pm. The Florestan Trio, Helena Rathbone, Louise Williams the Quartet is preceded by two works for piano trio, Tickets £21, then at 9-45pm Piano recital by Susan Tones. A series of miniatures for piano and performs Beethoven's late piano Sonata in A flat. Tickets £15. Box office enquiries 01424 882345

SUN 18th

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

Shrimping & Rock Pooling at Pett Level

Bring along the family to learn how to catch Shrimps and to explore the rock pools at Pett Level. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at 10am the eastern end of the row of houses at Pett Level. Donation appreciated.

St. Michael's Open Gardens – Rye Safari, open 12noon – 5pm. 16 Ashenden Avenue, 39 Udimore Road, 92 Udimore Road, 51 Udimore Road, 26 Cadborough Cliff. Refreshments and stalls at

39 Udimore road. Admission £2.50, disabled Access to Ashenden Avenue and Cadborough Cliff. Restricted access to other gardens.

Father's – Fathers Day Ride – short distance (3hrs). Why not bring your Dad on this short ride for Father's Day. A circular ride from Rye to Winchelsea. We follow off road the banks of the Royal Military Canal pass Camber Castle and up into historic Winchelsea for lunch stop. Then back to Rye following the sustrans cycle path under the old cliff line. Bring a packed lunch or stop off in the local tea room. Pre-booking desirable 01797 226488. Meet Rye Railway station 11am

SUN 18th

Florestan Festival

WED 21st

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

SAT 24th

Rye Harbour Lifeboat Station – Open Day, come along and meet the crew.

SUN 25th

Explore the world of Minibeasts – Come find the creatures that live in their own world, out of sight from everyday visitors. Meet at the Rye Harbour Car 2pm. Donations appreciated

WED 28th

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

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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PARISH COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

The Village Hall not being available due to the renovations, the last of the monthly meetings held in Rye Harbour for this year was held in the church on Monday 10th April.

County Councillors, Keith Glazier and Rother Councillor Nick Rumus each said a few words but had little of interest for Rye Harbour, however an item of interest came up later, with a letter from Rother on the future of the toilets in Rye Harbour, in that Rother would like to transfer their cleaning and well being onto another body, i.e. The Environment Agency or to The Parish Council. Our councillors have the documents and are studying them. It would be totally wrong to close them particularly during the summer months and at weekends. We shall keep you, our readers informed on progress.

Readers may have read in the local press of a movement by some Winchelsea residents to break away from Icklesham Parish and to form their own separate parish, leaving Icklesham, Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour remaining

as now. A group of the breakaways turned up at the meeting and tried to disrupt proceedings in a most unpleasant spat. It is understood that these are fairly recent to the town and not longstanding residents with whom there has always been a good relationship. Matters were so, that Mrs Merricks threatened to have the disrupters removed. Incidentally, the breakaway group have a slot on the internet stating their case and presenting the other wards in a very unfavourable light. Most of their statements are totally incorrect, more on this later, but the meeting was totally spoilt. All of the wards over the years have done very well by Icklesham, certainly we have in Rye Harbour.

The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 1st May at the Community Hall, Winchelsea Beach at 7pm.

The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Icklesham. Come and support Icklesham Parish Council.

Rye & District Age Concern

**Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
At Rye CVS, 25 Cinque Ports Street, Rye
On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10 am to 12 noon**

There is a wide range information available, on subjects such as benefits, residential homes, sheltered accommodation, support services, clubs, transport and many more. Age concern fact sheets are available and copies can be supplied on request.

The service aims to help older people, their families, friends and carers. Callers can drop in during the opening hours mentioned above or telephone on **01797 225466**

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.





LIFEBOAT REPORT



At 11.30 hrs on Boxing Day the Lifeboat was asked to assist with the recovery of a Jack Russell dog that had fallen over the wall into the Harbour. Much to the relief of the owners, the dog was recovered and appeared to be none the worse for it's ordeal and a couple of days later we received a thank you note from 'Bramble' and his Master. As far as I can remember this is the first call that we have had to deal with during a Christmas break, and with a bit of luck it will be the last for some time to come. Almost a month later and we were asked to attend a similar incident but sadly on this occasion the dog did not survive its ordeal. At the end of March as the Crew were preparing to launch on exercise, the Lifeboat was tasked to assist with the recovery of a Human Body, just west of the Harbour entrance. The body was recovered by Rye Bay Coastguard team members and the Lifeboat crew were released to carry on with their exercise.

Our recent Crew recruitment campaign has yielded some fruits. We now have two extra

trainee crew and one new shore helper. Our training program has been stepped up a gear so that we can make good use of the new personnel this coming summer. Two of last years trainee Crew went to the Lifeboat Training Centre at Poole earlier this year for a week of intensive training, all aspects of the work carried out by our Class of Lifeboat are covered, with an emphasis on safety. One of the main things taught is what to do in the event of a capsized. This is done in an indoor wave tank and all of our Crew that have done this have been very impressed.

After almost 24 years service, our Senior Helmsman/Lifeboat Mechanic

Andrew Tollett, has found that the spark of enthusiasm has dwindled a little bit, and he has decided to retire from the Crew and become a shore helper. Andrew joined the Crew on his 17th Birthday in 1982, the Lifeboat at that time was a single engined 'D' class. In June 1986 the Lifeboat was upgraded to a twin engined 'C' class, this Lifeboat was a bit of

a beast and was very hard on the Crew that manned it, but, along with all of it's Crew did some Sterling work and saved many lives. It was while we had this Lifeboat that Andrew became a Helmsman. On the 10th of January 1996 the Station got its first 'Atlantic' class Lifeboat this was an Atlantic 21 from the relief fleet, the 'Aldershot'. This Lifeboat was here for about six months and on 17th July 1996 our present Lifeboat the 'Commander and Mrs. Rodney Wells' came to



Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

station. During Andrew's time in the Crew the Lifeboat has launched 625 times, saved 114 lives, landed 146 people at risk of losing their lives and brought in a further 326 persons who were not at risk of losing their life.



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



April has seen some of the best fishing for some months, after a week and a half of strong southwesterly winds at the end of March, followed by a spell of good weather allowing the boats to get to sea. Good hauls of Plaice were had in the Bay with a mixture of grades and hardly any undersize fish seen, making the picking up, gutting and washing a bit easier. The best catches took place in the first two or three trips, this being quite the norm for Rye Bay as the boats spread out looking for ground that has not been trawled. Many scallopers quickly swapped gear over to

the triple rig trawls eager to join the fishing and with the weather fine enough landings were soon down as expected, but there was still couple of weeks fair fishing with Plaice and Flounders making up the bulk of the catch and few stone of Dover Soles as the bonus. Only one boat kept the scallop dredges on and left alone made a very good landing making a fisherman wonder about a bit of luck or he had been biding his time for when he could do his own thing. This led to a couple of boats swapping back again to scalloping, but as always they had been caught and sold and it was too late, although they did get a few

days pay for their troubles. Netting boats have seen things pick up with a show of Dover Soles and fetching good prices for a nice run of medium to large fish. This has been most welcome, but with the better catches has come harder work with a lot of fine weed in the gear and in places a lot of Starfish. All these changes were made in the space of a few weeks with the weather giving a blow from the West and the Bay coming to life again to start another cycle of Fishing for everyone.

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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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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

Oh dear! Only 4 people in the congregation on Easter morning to celebrate the risen Lord. Surely we have not come to this! A Church needs two main ingredients to survive, let alone flourish. One is obviously people, without whom we may still have a building, but it will be empty. A Church is the gathered people of God who centre their lives on Scripture and Sacrament and who belong to a family which believes and trusts in Jesus Christ as the way in which we understand God. Worship is the most obvious expression of our love for God and it provides a springboard for service in the community. I am told that poorly attended services over many years (which the Service Register attendance numbers bear out) led to a decision to use the Church more flexibly, resulting in the sale of pews. If that was dispiriting, imagine what a For Sale notice outside the Church would do to the village. It happens, often because of complacency and the



consecrated building, allowing all the services that are required. Without income, how can it survive?



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

mistaken belief that the Church will always be there (for weddings, funerals and baptisms).

Which leads to the second ingredient – money. No organisation can exist without it. In 2002 the Harbour Church was taken under the wing of St. Mary's, Rye, which contributes a parish share to the Diocese of over £70,000 per year. That excludes the running costs of the Church and the maintenance of fabric. Some of that £70,000 pays for the Rye Harbour Church ministry. We are grateful to the Ron Banwell bequest which has enabled us to improve the Harbour Church with facilities. But the regular giving of the congregation is the life blood of any Church if it is to survive financially. The Harbour Church is still a

I am told of the time when the Church did flourish with a choir, Sunday School and well-attended services as the spiritual centre of the Harbour. Why should it not happen again? We need to acknowledge our thirst for God, our dependence on Him and our need to worship Him. Will the Harbour Church revive? The answer is in your hands and hearts.

Hugh Moseley (222430)

May Services at Rye Harbour Church

Sunday 14th May 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Saturday 27th May 10-12 noon Saturday Club for 4-11 year olds. All welcome.
Sunday 28th May 10.30 a.m. Family Service

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Family Announcements

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Willow and Chip on the birth of their daughter Lily

Happy 80th Birthday to Joyce Tugwell, we had a lovely time at her party at the Conk with all her friends and family there.

WITH SYMPATHY

So sad to hear of the passing of Molly Southerden (Auntie Molly to me) she died peacefully in St Michaels Hospice, Molly lived most of her life in Rye Harbour and was my mum's (Nanny Pats) best friend and oldest friend, in fact Pat was bridesmaid when Molly married Jack, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her, our thoughts go to Shirley and Keith and all her grandchildren.

The death of Helen Ray (Poops) was a shock to the village, the collection of £679 is to be divided between the M/S Society and the R.N.L.I.

Reports from Julie and Sylvia

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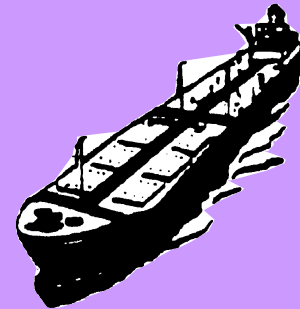
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BIBLE STUDIES

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

There will be no Ploughman's Lunch this month due to improvements being made to the Village Hall



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