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31st May 2002 Rye Harbour Newsletter Compiled By & For The Residents

Editor's Comments

The last month has been quite an active month, with a few different providers trying to start Free course's down in Rye Harbour, its not that were a thick lot but there is a national campaign running at present throughout the country, and yes we should take advantage of it. We seem to be over run with IT courses and not enough variety, however I am in touch with the providers and will endeavour to get a wider range down to Rye Harbour or at least Rye, they haven't got them either.

The Newsletter went on sale last month in our local shop and the caravan site and exceeded all expectations, for residents they of course still remain free and always will do.

The shop has kindly agreed to house a POST BOX in the back, next to the Nature Reserve touch screen for the use of everyone to put letters, comments and suggestions in, and to help those with mobility problems. The Youth Action Group & Summer Club are both moving forward and are both looking for volunteers. Please see advert on page 6 for details.

The Jubilee celebrations are in full swing for weekend with lots going on don't forget your children's Free mugs and crowns, page 2 has full details.

We have a couple of new articles this month which will hopefully become regular monthly items and my request last month, to have copy in early, seemed to fall on deaf ears, everything was late apart from the Harbour Master's report. The copy date for June will be **Sunday 23rd June** with a publication date of Sunday 30th, maybe the post box will help.

Thanks to everyone who did get their report in eventually, thanks to Karen who had to type all the reports in this month, it can be an absolute nightmare if handwriting is not clear, I know. And if anyone else asks me to write their report, I will invoice them at the end of month. I think I've said enough again, so all that leaves me to say have an absolutely wonderful Golden Jubilee and bank holiday weekend.

Special **Features Local Events &** Meetings General Comments & Letters Youth Page

- Golden Jubilee
- Family News
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Tide Timetable
- · Local Bus Times
- Youth Focus
- Parent & Toddler
- Shop Update

Church News

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Golden Jubilee

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations will be held on 1st June 2002 on the Coronation Field (also know as "The School Green"). The celebrations are going to take the form of a "FUN DAY" for all residents of Rve Harbour.

The mugs have finally arrived and will be Jubilee. available on the day for collection, along with the Crown (coins). If you have paid a deposit for a mug and would like to pay the outstanding balance before the 1st

June 2002 then come and see me. No mugs or crowns will be distributed before the day, and all outstanding monies must be paid in full.

Don't forget that this is a Community event to celebrate the Queens Golden

We hope to see you there on the day.

Steve Tollett

For and on behalf of

Rye Harbour Village Hall Management



GOLDEN JUBILEE **CELEBRATIONS 1ST JUNE 2002** At 13:00 on the Coronation Field (School Green)

Fancy Dress	Catch the Rat	Guess the Qty
Cake Stall	Tombola	of sweets
Tea & Coffee	Winnie the	Bouncy
Beer Tent	Pooh	Castle
Book Stall	Ice Cream	Village Photo
Lucky Dip	Duck Race	Face Painting
Penalty Shoot	Coconut Shy	B-B-Q
-out	Balloon Race	



COMMEMORTIVE VILLAGE PHOTO

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A Village photo will be taken at the Jubilee celebrations on Saturday at 3 pm, we hope you all will ioin us for this memorable occasion. Copies of the photograph will be available to purchase at a later date. Village Hall Management Committee. Mugs and Crowns will be given out on

the day. You can

also purchase either

or both on the day.

Parish Council Notebook

The meeting held on May 13 was also what is known as the annual general meeting in which the Chairman for the year is elected and the various committees are re-appointed. There are several changes this year with the

resignation of the former chairman Keith Simpson who has left the district.

Peter Turner an Icklesham ward member also resigned, leaving two vacancies.

Councillor Derek Ransom the deputy chair is now chairman and Mrs Coriane Merricks the deputy, whilst Mike Melvin Winchelsea Beach and James Horsman of Icklesham have filled the two vacancies.

Karen Whitaker - Pam Carroll and Julie Cleary are involved in facilities for our children and young people and spoke about smaller children's facilities with funding from Rye Partners. This has opened the matter and will be taken forward to the June meeting. The Rother Sports and Play Officer being contacted meantime.

County and Rother Councillor Keith Glazier recently attended a meeting concerning the A259 - Rye Harbour road junction. This is another small step forward deciding on traffic lights at the junction, which has been costed, and a footpath, cycle track being costed. Since the half hourly bus was introduced there has been an upturn in use of over 25% in passenger numbers encouraging retention of a half hourly service. However due to poor use part of the route to the Care Centre Houghton Green and Kings Avenue has been cut to two or three per day.

We can however change for a Northiam or Tenterden bus for the care centre. Whilst the new service will cover Rve Harbour and Tilling Green with much better timings. Weekly tickets are available on all local services; the weekly ticket on the Rye Town service 325 is £4.50 for unlimited travel.

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RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE

Good news the shop is continuing to thrive and residents and visitors are now using the store to purchase a weeks supply instead of just things they've forgotten. The variety of products is greater and beginning to mould to the village requirements, also staffing is settling down with Sarah back with her cherry smile allowing Dot and Bogdan more time to sort the every machine and also the

day problems of running a facility for Electric keys, shop.

They have also joined a scheme which puts our shop on the same par as the Finally, they are producing supermarkets, with special offers such as buy one get one Free, all advertised on leaflets which you should receive once a month with vour newsletter.

Bogdan tells me with regret, that they have been turned down for a Lottery

but they are not giving up and will continue to fight for these facilities. the finest sandwiches and baguettes in the area freshly made and filled which they will also deliver, all at reasonable prices, just call Dot or Bogdan on 01797 226444

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Marcus



NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOB SCHEME



Do You Have A Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has

a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Coffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible. If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either Allan or Jane a ring.

Watch This Space

HOPEFULLY FROM FRIDAY 7TH JUNE WE WILL HAVE A VILLAGE VOICE FEATURED IN THE RYE OBSERVER.

YES. IT WILL BE YOUR EDITOR UNTIL I FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER FROM ME, BUT IT WILL BE USEFUL BECAUSE, OFTEN THERE ARE ITEMS, THAT DO MISS THE NEWSLETTER FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, SO MAKE SURE YOU READ IT & KEEP UPDATED.

Harbour Master's Comments

Changes within the harbour have taken place over the last month The Rye Partnership have now purchased Duncan Grants properties from the receivers and taken a 99 year lease for a parcel of land at the point (Rock Channel/Rother confluence) with the Environment Agency. John Morgan[^] the harbour manager has now been re-titled "Waterways Manager". Both John (Deputy) and myself continue in the same old way as "Harbour Masters". On the shipping front. The financial year started well with 12 ships arriving at the wharf during April from Dean Quarry in Cornwall. A few French yachts have ventured from their home port of lion Fleur to spend a few days in Rye. (I have now been introduced to the "Euro")

Saturday morning, 4 May I arrived in the office to find a burnt out car outside the sailing club My thanks to "Rye Recovery" for removing it within an hour. Any ideas who dumped it?

The "Rother 111" (harbour launch) has been delivered back from the boatyard with a new Perkins/Sabre 290hp. This will provide us with more "pushing/pulling" power for the larger ships now visiting together with providing an extra 4 knots of speed (15 knots)

As part of the Agencies plan of improvements new public notice boards have been ordered. One is to be placed adjacent the slipway and will be available for use by any local group or organisation.

I'm hoping to place a number of additional waste bins around the slipway area that will improve facilities for our many visitors. As part of the community, albeit estranged by the river, 1 am often ask "What is a Harbour Master" and how do you become one9 In reply the following is how I and most other harbour masters commence their maritime careers. I completed formal schooling in Torquay leaving in 1963 to attend sea training school at Plymouth for one year. What a culture shock! From being along haired 60'sBeatles fan to wearing naval uniform and very short hair. ("Do you miss your mother lad"? said to bosun, "I'm now your mother for next 12 months"). It was in Plymouth Sound that I learnt to sail big, heavy naval sailing craft AND row 12 man "Cutters" (no girls at this time) together with learning basis navigation and seamanship skill. Leaving Plymouth in August I joined my first ship as an apprentice at East India Docks London, (Now Canary Wharf) owned by the British and Commonwealth shipping company. At the age of 16 my posh naval "Blue Uniform" was exchanged for one resembling a boiler *suit and for the next four years I became a "cheap" member of the crew slaving on ships ranging from general cargo carriers, bulk carriers[^] freezer and fruit ships trading to most parts of the world. I visited Naples (and nearly died), Nearly froze to death in the Arctic Circle, badly mauled by a dog in Capetown and spent some time in a life boat after abandoning a ship on fire in the South Atlantic.

All this was "Character Building" for life to come (More next issue)

CARL BAGWELL

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY



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CAN YOU SPARE **JUST 2 HOURS A WEEK OR MORE** FOR THE CHILDREN?

THEN WE NEED YOU TO CONTACT:

VANESSA ON 01797 229859 OR LEAVE YOUR DETAILS IN THE SHOP WHERE WE CAN CONTACT YOU

RYE HARBOUR ENTREPRENEURS

The Bakery - The Farm, Tram Road

Recently I was introduced to Mr and Mrs actually done any baking, until she Smith but not just any old Smith, Karine moved to Rye Harbour, so all that she

and Michael with their two lovely children, Marina and Tigran 6 and 10 respectively. Who have settled into their new school Freda Gardener verv nicely. Michael was born in Wadhurst and is an architect whilst Karine was born in Armenia and

is by profession a scientist. Karine and Michael met in France and were married, they had planned to live in Armenia where Karine had an extremely well paid job, but Michael could not adjust to the climate, so they decided to move to England and a quaint little village known as Rye Harbour. and Karine is doing some translation

work or working as an interpreter, as she speaks 5 languages fluently and so does Tigran.

Now although Karine's countries history is steeped in Christianity and the baking of cakes and pastries she has never

bakes now, is what she has picked up from her mother whilst living in Armenia. However you'd never have thought it, if vou've ever tasted any of Karine's baking, well we thought Mr K. made exceedingly good cakes, well wait tell

you try these, and you can, Rye Harbour Stores is her only outlet at present but if Karine continues to bake cakes as she is. I'm sure before long word will leak out of Rye Harbour and she will be inundated with orders. Karine at present bakes eight varieties of cakes of which only three are available for sale although Karine is open Michael continues to work as an architect to orders of the following list, she is also happy to supply fund raising occasions, I believe there is some going to the jubilee. The Village wishes you well with your enterprise and hope you enjoy living here.

Marcus Whitaker

Name of Product

Description

Nuts & Honey - Butter Puff Pastry Bahklaya Nuts & Sugar - Butter & Sour Cream Pastry Cigars Cream Butter, Condensed Milk - Butter Puff Pastry Napoleon Butter, Condensed Milk & Raspberry Jam - Sponge Pastry Roulette Egg, Butter & Sour Cream - Sponge with Lemon Based Cream Lemon Cake Honey, Eggs, Butter Dough - Cream with Condensed Milk Honey Cake Zebra Cake Chocolate & Vanilla Sponge Mixed Layers - Chocolate Icing Butter, Eggs, Yogert Dough - Sugar, Butter & Flour Gateau Sour Cream, Butter, Egg Dough - Meringue with Sugar & Nuts Millionaire

Hire The Village Hall

If you would like to book the Village Hall for a party or some other gathering then visit the web site at: www.ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk You will be able to view hall availability and other information relating to the Village Hall.

The hall can be hired for £3.50 per hour for Village residents and £5 per hour for non-Village residents, commercial bookings and organisations.

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to book the hall, you can phone 01 797 223631.

Don't forget, a deposit is needed to guarantee your booking.

General Information

FUN BUS

The Fun Bus will be in Rye Harbour on the following dates:

Tues 18th, June - 10.00 am -12.00 pm



Local Tide Times

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Local Police

Your Local Police Station No. **0845 607 0999**



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Flood Warnings

Floodline **0845 988 1188**

Citizens Advice

Mondays - 10.00am - 12.00pm Tuesdays - 10.00am - 12.00pm Wednesdays - 2.00pm - 4.00pm No Appointment Necessary

Rye Partnership Office (Rye) Or you may telephone, Weekdays between 2.00pm - 4.00pm on 01424 430400

Mobile Library

We learn with regret the mobile library Will not call at Rye Harbour at least for the time being, due to so few in number availing themselves of the service.



Local Bus Times

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Tilling Green	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1533		1607		
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Rye (Rail Station) ≠ dep.	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414				1629		
Rye (Hospital)	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416				1631		
Playden (Peace & Plenty)	0917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417				1632		
Houghton Green	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419				1634		
Military Road	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421				1637		
Kings Avenue	0924	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424				1639		
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Rye (Rail Station) ≠ dep.	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429			1544	1644		
Rye Harbour	0936	1036	1136	1236	1336	1436			1551	1651		
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Explanation of Codes:

- A: Additional journey on Schooldays only at 0830 from Cadborough Cliff to Freda Gardham School
- B: The 1520 journey operates via Cadborough Cliff at 1530
- ⊕: Schooldays only

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Rve (Rail Station) ≠

Freda Gardham School

Tilling Green (Mason Road)

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Fairlight Glen	0736	0815	0822	0942	1119	1329	1523	1523		1623	1723	1729	1834
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Explanation of Codes: NS: Not Saturdays S: Saturdays Only N+: Not School Days +: School Days Only A: As Local Rider 300 to/from this point B: Runs via Thomas Peacock School on schooldays C: Continues to/starts at Guestling School H: Not a Local Rider Service

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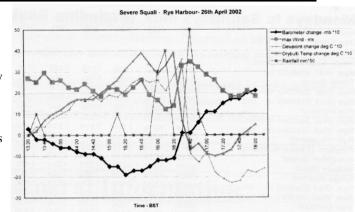
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Rye Harbour Weather - A Severe Squall

Everyone has probably noticed the rash of scaffolding that appeared recently around the office building at SRM along Harbour Road. Part of the reason was the roof damage suffered during the severe weather on 26th April. Why does this happen? Liv-

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ing in Rye Harbour you get used to the amazing variety of weather - both beautiful and extreme, particularly the wind. Roof damage is not usually caused by the wind itself, more the difference in pressure between the inside and the outside caused by extreme whirls and vortices of the wind blowing round the building. An extreme example is of course the damage caused by hurricanes and tornadoes in the USA - surely this does not happen here? Well.... it did.

In recent years Rye Harbour has been upgraded with much better weather measurement equipment and we were able to see graphically the effects during that afternoon on the 26 from the recorded data. See the attached graph between 1300 and 1800. The barometric pressure was dropping steadily, at the same time the air temperature was rising, as was the dew point, an indication of how much water vapour was carried in the air - all conditions showing the approach of a cold front with the associated heavy rain showers. Very heavy rain & hail started falling just before 1600 and the wind speed rose rapidly from 12 to 35 knots. A heavy shower cloud was drifting from the North West over SRM and Rye Harbour carrying so much water that it was very unstable. The water literally fell out of the cloud, pushing air out of the way like a piston going down a cylinder and producing the high wind speeds on the ground. This is a microburst, the dangerous downdraft that can make an airliner crash if caught in one. Vortices also occur in the cloud itself which, if they descend to the ground, become tornadoes. There was no evidence so far to hand to confirm their presence in this event.

As soon as the cloud passed, the wind calmed down, the pressure rose and the air temperature dropped 3 degrees, at the same time becoming much drier. Paul Troake, the Assistant Warden of the nature Reserve, was at the old Lifeboat House during the passage of the cloud and confirmed the spectacular nature of the cloud. The roof probably failed because the pressure difference was more than the fasteners attaching the flat roof sheet to the rafters below could withstand.

Mike Slavin

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Youth Page

RDE HARBOUR ACHSICTTER

FOOTBALL

It has been brought to

my attention that the five-a-side goal posts resident on the Coronation field, have been vandalised. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the pieces broken off, could they please return them to me, so I can organise the repair. If you do happen to see this equipment being vandalised in the future, could you please inform an adult from the village immediately, to avoid this happening again.

Thank You

Marcus

RYE HARBOUR **SUMMER CLUB**

Regardless of zero response from the residents of Rve Harbour, apart from the usual few, who I thank, we are pressing ahead with funding, which will hopefully be in place shortly. However if my last comment has made you feel just the tiniest bit guilty. then there is still an opportunity for you to redeem yourselves. All we need is a group of volunteers who can spare at least 2 hours a week, more if possible but 2 is enough. This will also be for the Youth Club as well so you only need apply once. You will of course have to be police checked but this is no big deal. If you can spare 2 hours, please see main ad. on Page 6, Thank you, Marcus



I have been asked by several lads if they could go swimming again, if we can get enough of you together, I can arrange a date, please let me know if would like to go. CALL Marcus on 01797 227773

Animate

Landgate, Rye 01797 225006

After-Schools Club

11-14 Year Olds **Monday - Friday** 3.30pm - 5.30pm **Free Admission**

Playstation 1 & 11. Internet Access. Tuck. Pool. Table Tennis. PC Games. Music. Board Games. & More.

Monday - Fun With Food Tuesday - Video & Popcorn Wednesday - Crafts Thursday - Animate Football Team

Friday - Open Evening **COME AND VISIT US SOON**



FISHING NEWS



ROUND THE BAY FOR MORE

Months are flying by and the May weather has seen some very unsettled spells again, Most of the Scallopers have changed over to trawling now, leaving just one or two fishing some nice large shells, but not many in number. Dover soles are the main target fish now with plaice making up most of the rest of the catch and when weather permits the night time fishing being the best with some good hauls made when the tide runs hard and muddies the water up. Daylight hauls when the water is clear hardly ever produce many soles in the bay, but on the regular 12 hour trip, there is usually a few to start with or one to finish off, made in daylight making the dark hours very important for the fishing.

The trawls now used are still the same basic shape and pattern as they have been for years; the biggest change is in the size. Instead of one big trawl being towed, two or three quite small nets are pulled along, with a very short distance

between trawl and otter board and not the longer chains and wire sweeps which was usually the set up. This has led to some good catches of Dover sole and has decreased dramatically the smaller undersize flatfish you sometimes catch, caused by the sweeping action of the chain and wire sweeps that have been used in the past. Many slight variations of this rig are being tried with personal choice and different ideas with all class of boats able to use it as smaller boats use much smaller trawls with the results still fair.

The netters are now having trouble with the spider crabs making hard work of the fishing and a lot of damage to the gear with the crabs spread out all over the bay but bigger amounts closer to the shore for now. Every haul with the trawls shows some crabs not as bad as last year yet, but the signs are there is going to be a lot of them on the grounds.

BOY ASHORE



RYE HARBOUR ALLOTMENTS



There are many things over allotments, I am always which we should be thank- interested to hear of ful for here in Rye Harbour anyone who would be with the location and various amenities lacking in so to grow their own; Fruit, many places.

One amenity or facility we home produced eggs and have not yet touched upon is our allotment or field garden site where we have a number of excellent gardeners and smallholders on their own piece of who are probably self sufficient in many ways. As the letting agent for the parish council for the

interested in renting a plot Flowers and vegetables or poultry - what ever their age or experience, perhaps a possible agricultural student to yet get started ground. Either in Rye Harbour or Winchelsea. Interested? come and see me! Saturday - Sunday

22nd 23rd June Smallholders Show; Ardinly Showground 10-5. Bus details from Haward's Heath 0870 - 608 - 2608 An interesting day out. 'Rooster' pelleted chicken fertilizer per 14kg bag £9 50 will split for smaller amounts - whole sale prices lan and Angle, The Saltings, Tram Rd.

Michael Alford:

Allotment Agent; Tram Rd



Rye Harbour Lifeboat Report

This month has been very quiet as far as Lifeboating goes, no shouts at all. The training continues on Sunday mornings and Monday nights and we are introduced at the start of still looking for more crew, May and involves every so, if you are interested come round and have a look. We have had two

new members pass the medical and they will be our first crew to start on the new training program from scratch. This was Lifeboat Station in the Country and every crew member, even the die

hards, will have to prove that they know what they are doing. I like to think that we at Rye Harbour have a crew with a very professional attitude and can't see any problems heading our way. That's about it for now. Richard Tollett.



GETTING CRAFTY



Arty Crafty, which we have every fortnight in the village hall has closed down until September, we all enjoyed the meetings very much and would like to

thank everyone who participated and or helped maintain the class.

Please read below

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WATCH THIS SPACE

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not much to report this still going well, we are looking for ideas on who to for them to ask their go in the summer for a day when they are driving in out? We have also got funding

Hello again to all residents from Rother homes for our with the light evenings the "Jubilee Garden" so work month. Bonus ball game is will start on this soon. Can I also ask all residents and spend it IE, where shall we visitors to **SLOW DOWN** the area, there are a lot of

children play out later.

Thanks for all your support,

Steve Clare (chair)

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RYE HARBOUR YOUTH ACTION GROUP

Urgently require qualified staff to run & assist with a new Youth Club to be opened in Rye Harbour, initially part-time with potential to build to full-time. We are currently looking for the following:

> **Co-ordinator** with appropriate Level 3 **Deputy** with appropriate Level 2 **Helper** with Level 2 or working towards the qualification.

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Please ring Julie Cleary on 01797 225006 for an application form. Closing date is 31st July 2002

CAN ADULT LEARNING BE FUN?

Rye Adult Education Service are keen to provide courses in the community that will be convenient and, hopefully, fun. Rye Harbour is one of the areas that the Service is particularly interested in helping in this way.

If you have ever wanted to learn a new skill or gain greater knowledge about something but are put off by the classroom situation, this could be good news for you. One suggestion is the organisation of short courses on aspects of Computer use - these could range from the very basic to more specialist subjects such as Web Design or the use of difference software (Excel, Desktop Publishing for example).

Thomas Peacocke Community College Youth Service have a 'Learning Bus' which is fully kitted out with computers and which they are willing to use for adult learners. It could be used at weekends when working people are usually available and could be parked somewhere in the village.

Another suggestion might appeal to the sports-minded who could take advantage of training in Pilates or other alternative exercise programmes. This could be particularly useful pre-Football season, for instance, and might be organised in the village.

If you have any thoughts about the above, or indeed any further suggestions for

adult education (particularly short courses that could be held in Rye Harbour) would you please complete the tear-off strip and send it to Adult Education Project, Myskyns, New Cut, Westfield, TN35 4RL. Alternatively you can e-mail marcuswhittaker@ic24.net who will pass on your comments.
I would/would not be interested in joining a short course on computers
I would/would not be interested in joining a course on sports-related subjects
I would/would not be interested in joining any adult education course.
Any suggestions for new subjects for learning



Parent & Toddler *Farmworld*

Toddlers are, as toddlers do! Having lots of fun. When they're not painting, or digging, or drawing, or climbing, or doing puzzles, or riding trikes, or dressing

down, or having a story, or playing with new friends. Then it is great if we all have a change and visit somewhere new! Fun at Farm World Beckley was the theme for this session, and although the weather was chilly, it did stay dry for us. It was a lovely day out, with lots to

up or building, or knocking see and do. We had a very bumpy Tractor ride, looked for treasure in a Maze, fed the lambs and goats (well the goats helped







themselves!) the little piglets were funny, by stroke of luck a Hen was hatching out her eggs. After a welcome

hot drink in the café. those who came on the community bus headed home, only 2 made it home still awake! Karen Whitaker





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



A couple of days ago several of the Neighbourhood Watch E-Mail Co-ordinators visited the Sussex Police Call Handling Centre in Lewes and were impressed with what they were shown. Several points were made which would help to improve the service that the Police provide to the public and are summarised below.

EMERGENCIES

If you have any need to contact the Police urgently you should dial 999

OTHER CONTACT

You should contact the Police call handling centre by dialling 0845 60 70 999 or e-mailing chc@sussex.police.uk

One of the most impressive things demonstrated was the map location system, whereby if your postcode is keyed into the screen a detailed map of your location appears within seconds which can zoom in down to individual house level in many cases.

It is very important that you give your post code to the Police in all communications. Crimes reported are given an incident ref. number for that particular day and it is important to ask for one or quote a previous one as this ties any further information back to a crime. These numbers are usually quoted to us in incident reports issued by the Police through the Neighbourhood watch email links.

PHONE CALLS

There have been a lot of problems and criticisms in the past over the length of response time, but the Co-ordinators' Group were assured that they are now fully manned and up to strength and that this should no longer be an issue.

Certainly when the Group were there the number of calls waiting and the average waiting time in seconds were highly visible to everyone working in the room, being displayed on electronic indicators on the walls and there was no problem at all with response times.

When calling re a new crime please ask for an incident ref number E-Mails

Incoming e-mails are checked every few hours which is the maximum time. The number of e-mails is growing.

If you send an e-mail you should always:- Quote your postcode, Also advise your phone number. Ask for an incident ref number to be advised to you Please pass this information on to your friends, neighbours and other e-mail contacts that you have in Sussex it all helps improve efficiency in the fight against local crime.

In particular, we would like to increase the circulation of Neighbourhood Watch information; everyone who has an e-mail in the village should receive the information automatically. Please mention the scheme to all your colleagues and in the village (e.g. forwarding this message to them) and get them to send me a message, asking to be signed up

Dave Hall



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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News

Try Sail Day: Lots of people turned up including 17 pupils from Buckswood School who were from Africa, Japan, China and Germany, we were proud to be so multi cultural for the day. Gales were blowing so no sailing, but people enjoyed trips up the river in the rescue boats. The Cruise race to Eastbourne was dominated by the lovely Helena Anna who shot off not to be seen again until Steve'Jan in Bon Ami caught up with her on engine Denis n' Blithe Spirit drifted for an hour and decided it would be too late for a meal in Eastbourne and came back into Rye on the 10pm tide.

The Kit Kat Cafe cruiser to Camber sands was a great success with 2 tappers, 3 Wanderers and a Catamaran accompanied by the 2 rescue boats. All pull up on the beach except for Don Cooke who had his chips taken to him; there were 17 people all told. All races were cancelled this weekend but the Pig roast - 10 hours roasting - was a great success with a crowded sailing club. Congratulations to Commodore Derek Phillips and Jean's son appointed full time Cox of Hastings Lifeboat. Well-done Martin.

Jill Halpin

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YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU...

Have you got loose change lying around? Would you like to support your Village Hall?

If you answered YES to one of the above questions, the Village Hall has got a few ways that you can make donations.

"Tiddler Pot" Scheme: We will provide you with a small pot or pots that you can collect your loose change in. Once the pot(s) is/are full return it/them to me and 1 will give you a replacement.

If you would like to save 5 pence pieces for the Village Hall, then it is possible to collect between £2.30 and £2.50 in a pot (with a little juggling).

Bags of loose change: If you have got loads of loose change and would like to give it to the Village Hall. Just put it in to a bag and let me have it.

Standing Order Scheme: If you would like to make a regular donation to the Village Hall but don't want all the hassle of collecting your loose change or don't have loose change then this scheme is for you. You can opt to pay any amount, when you like. If you want to donate £1 every' week then all you need to do is put that on the form, send it to your bank and they will do the rest.

GIFT AID: In the March 2000 budget the Chancellor announced that all donations from individuals to charity would be eligible for tax relief, providing of course, that the individual(s) are Income or Capital Gains Tax payers.

This will enable the Village Hall to claim a further 28p for every pound that you have donated, at no extra cost to you

What this means potentially is that for every £1 that you donate you are actually donating £1.28p. At least once a year you will be issued a statement showing the amount of money that you have donated to the Village Hall during that period.

If you are interested in making a donation, then please contact me using one of the following methods:

Telephone: 223631, e-mail: <u>Secretary@RyeHarbourVillageHall.co.uk</u> or post a letter through the Village Hall letterbox or mine.

Steve Tollett Secretary Rye Harbour Village Halt Management Committee

Characters Of Rye Harbour

Fred Southerden Born in Rye Harbour at 1 River View in 1918.8 sisters and 3 brothers. Fred was the eighth. Life was hard. Dad had a fishing smack called "Wat" there were 3 left in the village. Mr Head Crusty Crampton had one and lived next door. They could only go to sea in a gale, off Brighton and would go into Hastings and Charlie would take fish to Adams to sell. At Dover / Folkstone they would sell fish to markets. Trawl - beam dragging for Plaice, Whiting, Soles Lemon and Dover, Brill. Skate and would bring home Skate to dry on the clothes line to keep for later, they had a smoking shed for Herrings, which took 72 hours to do. Fred left school at 14 mother said you must work on Monday - London Central meat shop in the High Street, riding his bike to get orders and delivering, earning 10s a week and given a 6d rise which he told them to stuff it. Went to work for Jack Saunders on his chicken farm up Tram Road and then for Mr Moon, repairing boats with his brother Jeff, brother in law Atec Coleman and Dad who did the rigging. Bill Johnson who came down on holiday said Fred could go to Vickers Armstrong at Wilmington making shells for

the military. Government then

decided to call up all men in

their 20's for 6 months



Conscription, sent him to Oswestry in Shropshire, living in tents. When the 2nd World War broke out he went to India and was at the 4 Indian division, he also went to N. Africa and went into the artillery, there, going through Gunner Mechanic courses, from Africa to Italy through Cassino to the Gothic line in the mountains and broke through, but no ranks to follow them up as any troops were 30 miles behind having run out of petrol. Sent to Greece to Piraeus Harbour in Athens, went to Velos to Salonika - chasing Germans and Italians out of

the country. Took 6 months to get home by boat to Italy train to Milan and then by Simpton Express through Switzerland. Germany. France - Aldershot discharged, given a suit. coat, flat cap or trilby. Job at Spun Concrete and spent 30 years as vard foreman.. Met Phil 3 years after the War - Phyl was living in Batter's house, they married and lived there. In 1928 Charlie, eldest brother went down in the Lifeboat - The Mary Stanford. Dad didn't want to fish after that. Got £150 for the fishing boat. Fred is called "Young Hookey ", Great, great, great Grandfather was a Smuggler over at C'amber, got into a tight with customs excise people, they shut his hand off and he wore a hook. and got

the name. so Fred is the last Hookey.

In the dessert - a driver for the Monkey 22 truck maintenance for laying telephone wire between guns in the observation post, pulled up for speeding in Italy going up a mountain, passeda red cap - doing 15mph - might cause a dust cloud revealing position to the enemy, went into Greese, turned into Infantry- Street Fighting.

Jill Halpin

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We've had lots of group trips out this month, although they've often had to dodge the showers when they reached their destination. We took a group to the boot sale at Jempsons on the Bank Holiday Monday to support the Age Concern stall who were well equipped for Ladies' Darts League rounded off their rain. Two days later when the Toddler Group had their postponed visit to the Children's Farm at Beckley, the driver, Ralph, was prepared for lots of muddy boots coming back on the bus but the 'boot borrowing' scheme there helped avoid this.

In the middle of the month the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve used the Dial-a-Ride bus to run 'Not the President's Walk' for those members who were not able to do the actual President's Walk. A great success enabling members

who have missed being able to walk along to the Ternery Pool to enjoy it again.

We took a group from Pointes Dance School to a competition in London where they had an excellent day while the season with a wonderful dinner at the Rainbow Trout to which they very kindly invited me. The Dial-a-Ride has been very busy this month while in Rye tourists who can't manage the hill up to the High Street have found the 326 service very useful. Although nothing to do with us, the changes to the 325 service are catching out people going up to the Memorial Care Centre - use the 300 or (in the morning) the new 324 service.

Pat Hughes

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Rye Harbour Church News

The Holy Spirit Rye Harbour monthly Euchurist Mary's Rye into one 9th June at 9-15a.rn.with the rev'd Bill Baker, who with Rachel his wife are well known at the lunch club.

Ninety-nine years after Rye Harbour and Camber became a parish in its own right with its own vicar, from the 1 April the parish of Rye Harbour

amalgamated with St parish. 'The Parish of Rye with Rye Harbour' the church at Rye Harbour is now known as a. Chapel of Ease' just as it was from 1849-until 1903. So we are back, where we first started at the Holy Spirit Both St Mary's Rye and the the Revd Martin Shepherd. congregation at Rye Harbour look forward to a Rye 01797 222430.

new era in the life of the church. It is proposed that in addition to normal church worship and events, there is scope as a centre for the Arts. Drama and Music, both to help St Mary's and the Holy Spirit. If you would like to organise an event, contact The Rectory, Gun garden

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Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has a problem that our 'fix-it* team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible.

If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either

Allan or Jane a ring.

Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



Our group continues to flourish and we all extend a warm welcome to our youngest member, Liam, who has recently joined us. Our baby friendly area is safe and cosy, with lots of bright and soft toys to suck and dribble with! Though little Liam managed somehow to sleep through most of the session (well it

is tiring being a baby, all that socialising wears you out!).

NEW TO OUR GROUP

We are now providing a monthly check in with our local health visitor, she will be offering weighing, height etc checks, also you will be able to order formula milk and have a chat about your baby/ childs development. If it is a help to parents, especially in winter months, which if you do not have your own transport, can be quite an ordeal getting into Rye. This service will be

available every 1st Wednesday of every month, starting from Wednesday 3rd June 10.30am-12.30pm. Please feel free to pop along and see us, and let know if this would be of interest to you, or you can give me a call on 01797227773.

Karen Whitaker





Family Announcements Congratulations

Rye Harbour ladies Darts Team have won the league for the second year running. Congratulations to them all and many thanks to Bemie in the 'Conk' who supplies all the refreshments at each home match and never charges. The food is delicious; ask any of the visiting teams, they know how lucky we are. We had the Knock - out at Icklesham village hall a couple of weeks ago, and Rye Harbour were beaten in the final by Icklesham, Rachel winning the game with a magnificent three dart finish.

Chris Robus held a party in his garden last weekend for Martin Wright who has gone into the Marines. Martin is a very nice young man and his family are certainly entitled to be proud of him. We keep asking about him and the last we heard; he is settling in very well, although it is a very hard life.

In the April News letter, Marcus wrote about the very successful Jumble sale on the 27 . I can't let the report go by without thanking Tug for making the wonderful Tombola machine. Thank you Tug. Manned by Val, it made a very useful amount of money for the children.

We have now had our dinner at the 'Rainbow Trout', about 50 of us and what a good evening we had. Lovely food and plenty of it.

Olive Taylor is out and about again; it was nice to see her at the Monday Club.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

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Family Announcements BIRTHDAYS

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Birthday Love
Mummy Daddy
Becca and Lee

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I went up a couple of weeks ago to see
"Harvey" our newest arrival in Tram
Road. He is a dear little boy and we send
Congratulations to Angie and lan.

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Hay ley and Ben's daughter has arrived.

I saw them yesterday and said "come on Hay ley. Hurry up!" and so she did!

Sympathy



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With the passing of Bill Head, we have lost a piece of Rye Harbour. Every year he was proud to read out the names of the Lifeboat men lost in the 'Mary Stanford' disaster, among them his father and two brothers. Some years ago, about 25 I should think, the BBC I came down and spoke to some of the people who remembered that day, and Bills mother was on the tape, she said 'I said to my husband, don't go Bert, it's a terrible night' and he said; 'I've got to' and they went out of the

door, and I never saw my husband or my boys again'
And then in the war, Bill was in the British expeditionary force and he was captured by the Germans and became a prisoner of war. It was over a year before his mother knew if he was safe, poor

He came to the Senior Citizens party in March, and we've got some nice pictures of him.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

Don't forget to keep sending me details of your Birthday's

Photos are returned