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Rve Harbour Newsletter Compiled By & For The Residents

### **Editor's Comments**



It's a New Year for the

Newsletter, so it's out with

some of the old and a few

new bits, hopefully for the

will improve Drastically,

with at last a new

printer, which is on

its way, once we get

past the paperwork.

Plus we have been

fold and staple the

Newsletter. WOW!

of trouble. Maybe?

month, the use of a new

machine, which will collate,

Again quite a busy month

The Birthday Exhibition

but I suppose it keeps me out

went very well and there is a

offered for next

better. During this next year



31st October

full report on pages 15,16 and 17. By the way my picture above

bears no relevance to Halloween but have a good one Thursday 31st. the quality of the Newsletter | The Newsletter is a little bit

smaller than it has been

the last couple of months, due to, I think, just the fact there is not so much going on at the moment, however

I'm sure that won't last for long, in the mean time I will make the most of it. Copy date for next month, not that anyone takes any notice of it, will be Friday 18th October 2002. Please get your copy in, on time!

#### **Special**

#### **Features**

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#### **FUND RAISING EVENTS**



### **JUMBLE SALE**



## Jumble Sale

in the Village Hall

on 5<sup>th</sup> October at MIDDAY

for the Children's Christmas Party.

If you have any jumble or could help with a stall, please contact Julie 229804 Or Pam 227090, your help would be very much appreciated.

#### ISSUE 1 REC HARBOUR ACHSICTTER

#### **Parish Council Notebook**

Owing to a Parish Council meeting not being held until the 24<sup>th</sup> September we are unable to report on the proceedings – we will however bring you up to date with our next issue.

Item
Editor

This issue however provided an opportunity to give details of items provided for our behalf here in Rye Harbour.

Children's Play Equipment on the Coronation Field plus mowing of the grass, the bus shelter, the allotment and field garden site. The Pound Field and land at the rear of the Village Hall plus also one or two adjacent pieces.

The Parish Council have also in the past assisted financially towards the Village Hall and the Churchyard and will possibly do so again if called upon.

#### SOME LATE NEWS

Our Parish Council Correspondent attended the meeting at Winchelsea Beach on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

A query was raised from the floor that an overall plan for the Pound Field and the land behind the Village Hall whether consideration be given for a smaller sized skatepipe – around four feet in height and about ten yards in length.

This would be somewhere near the allotments and would require soundproofing, details of which were provided including a possible surrounding bond.

Council promised to consider both this and a possible hard court for all age use.

However, the Chairman emphasized that nothing at present is 'fait aclompi' or 'cut and dried'.

Submissions and ideas will be invited as the plan progresses for possible inclusion.

Councilor Steve Tollett whilst supporting use of both pieces of land is not particularly in favour of skatepipes.

The other parish Councilor will for the present wait and see what comes up, meantime nothing is decided one way or another.

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### **RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE**

Don't forget the New Opening Times
From Monday 2nd September
Mon - Sat 7 am to 6 pm
Sunday's 8 am to 5 pm

#### **Don't Forget To Order Your Chickens**



ISSUE 1



## NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS 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 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 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.

Experience in working with children aged between 5 - 16 is essential & any management experience an advantage.

Please ring Karen or Marcus on **01797 227773** for an application form. Closing date is 31st September 2002

## **Harbour Master's Comments**

We were saddened to hear that the "Rye Harbour Marine" has had visitors again. This time they took a "Doughnut" (round rubber ring towed behind a speedboat). If anybody has any information please contact the police or myself. We all must try and crack down on this evil of thief and vandalism that causes so much pain and misery to its victims. Don't turn a blind eye and say "Its nothing to do with me-I'm not getting involved".

The visitors mooring have been supplied with new jetty lights that are much brighter making the catwalk safer to use. I intend to renew the jetty lights adjacent the RNLI station early next year. This should also provide safer landing of persons and stores from vessels using the slipway during the hours of darkness.

The "Merchant Navy" day was celebrated on September 3<sup>rd</sup> with a large 5 yard red ensign flown from the harbour office. The day is in recognition of the 24,000 British seafarers who lost their lives during the last war, many from Rye.

You may see the harbour launch, "Rother III with a number of girls aboard. Each month water samples are taken from 10 locations within the river for sampling purposes. It comes as no surprise that the water is found to be class "A". that very good. This permits migratory fish such as sea trout to travel through it without hindrance or damage. The "Excelsior" arrived at midday on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> berthing at the Strand Quay on high water. Many locals visited the craft marvelling at the smallness of the accommodation for those who fished the vessel for real 60 years ago. She left into the teeth of a sw'ly storm on the following Monday bound for Brighton. The harbour approaches, its mouth and the outer channel has now been bathermetrically surveyed, the first time for many years. I am awaiting the charts that will also be available on CD's. This survey is part of the Port Marine Safety Code required under legislation and will add to the safety of the larger vessels now hauling cargo into Rye Wharf. The speed buoys, some 40, have now been recovered for the winter. They are placed

along the camber and Winchelsea beaches to warn off speed boats and jetski's.

......Following close to the rocky coast of South Africa so as to avoid the strong southerly Agulas current, we were followed by a number of very large albatross's. These birds can remain at sea for many days if not weeks feeding off the galley waste thrown over the stern each day at sunset (no longer permissible). We berthed in Port Elizabeth where we discharged large CKD's (Cars Knocked Down). These having been loaded in London from barges arriving from Dagenham. These wooden crates contained all the parts needed to build Ford cars and were assembled in a factory outside of P.E. The South Africans prided themselves in declaring that they made their own cars but in reality they were British made! It was whilst discharging these large cases that a "Bull" wire (used for dragging out from the "Wings") parted causing a case to fall into the lower hold killing one of the Zulu dockers. We were all shocked at this death but amazed at the attitude of the white foremen to have the mess quickly cleaned up and resume discharge so as not to delay the vessel. Whilst ashore I met a family who took me under their wing taking me home for a meal. I learnt that all the white families kept huge arsenals of weapons ready for instance use under beds, in the living rooms etc. All males had to attend annual military service fearful of uprisings from the north and the ANC (African National Congress) recognised as a terrorist organisation. By now the ship was nearly emptied of cargo and we cadets had to "hatch up" not only the weather deck openings but the many tween decks. This involved dragging huge heavy square timber constructed "Dominoes" into position on steel beams that spanned the openings. The upper hatch opening had to be covered with three tarpaulins and then battened down to prevent ingress of water. We were very fit. We sailed from Port Elizabeth bound for East London, some 12 hours steaming away. Our Zulu deck crew and the Cape Coloured stewards now began to get excited as we neared Durban where they were to be "Paid Off" after spending two years on board. The traditional hatred amongst these two groups was to reveal itself in a dramatic stabbing at anchor off Durban.

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# Local Bus Times

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#### **Explanation of Codes:**

Freda Gardham School

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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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

#### 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 01797 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 1st, 15th and 29th October 10.00 am -12.00 pm

#### **Local Tide Times**

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RYE POLICE STATION

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RDE HARBOUR ACHSTETTER





### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



#### Dear Editor

In reply to Mr Bridger letter regarding the pound field and children throwing stones into gardens and exploring boundary bank. When the bank was being built it was asked to be put, 30-40 feet away from the gardens to help stop noise and children going into these gardens. As soon as the bank was finished houses at tram road have taken the space in between the bank and there gardens for there self.

So how can Mr Bridger say in keeping people the right side of the bank when the other side of the bank belongs to the pound field and not the gardens of Tram road. the council say they intend to rent the space over the bank to the houses of tram road, so if they do rent this space does this mean I can claim a part of the pound field for my self? And pay the council rent, I think not. But this is what some houses of tram road have done. If the space between the bank and the gardens was not taken by now it would be under growth and the children would not be able to go near these precious gardens.

Regarding the verbal abuse I know for a fact as I have heard it my self that it comes from some owners of these houses as well not just the children. These owners tell the children to get away from their gardens when it is not their gardens but the space that was left between the bank and the gardens which was for noise reduction not for these people to claim they own.

Graham Bryan 8 Lucas Shadwell way known to many as baggy plus father of 4 of these pains

#### Dear Editor

Was the summer club a success? Well, judging from the enthusiasm of my children, very definitely yes! They came back (usually struggling to carry a plethora of projects completed during the sessions) full of stories about the various things they had done. From what I was told it was apparent that a choice of activities were provided every day, catering for a wide range of interests. The sessions were excellent value for money and affordable even for those, like myself, on low incomes.

The beach combing and pond dipping excursions were both enjoyable and informative (I certainly learned a thing or two about our local environment). Thank you Barry and Paul.

I would certainly welcome the possibility of the club continuing for other school holidays as the bad weather will be with us again (what a cheerful thought!) and the children will be unable (or unwilling!) to play together outside. The club will provide a venue for them all to socialize whilst having constructive activities to occupy them.

I would like to say a huge "thank you" to all the staff, volunteers, financial supporters, co-ordinators and everybody who contributed to this very successful and much-appreciated club.

Denise McCombie (Jordan and Beth's mum) 19 Oyster Creek

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#### RDE HARBOUR ACHSICTTER



## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



Dear Editor

Thank you for our summer club, it was great fun. I hope we can have some more things to do in the school holidays. I loved the pond dipping best. Thank you to everyone that helped us.

From Poppy Caister age 7 Tram Road, Rye Harbour

#### Dear Editor

I am writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the summer club.

I went to most the sessions and enjoyed making pizzas and biscuits, wooden swords, plaster animals and masks. I liked playing the table tennis the best.

I especially liked the pond dipping and beach combing.

I hope we do it again next year or the summer holidays will be boring.

Thank you very much all the helpers.

From Thomas Payne aged 7

#### Dear Editor

I wish to pay recognition to Karen and Marcus Whitaker. Having moved into the village not so long ago, they have both got stuck into enhancing village life.

They both work very hard at organizing various activities and are very persistent

despite what can seem an impossible situation.

Then there is the magazine, another story.

## OYSTER CREEK & LUCAS SHADWELL WAY - RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Just a few things to say this month, We are looking forward to being involved with the parish council and other members of the village to plan for what will be built on the green in Lucas Shadwell and the area behind the village hall, we look forward to all working together, so we can ALL enjoy these areas.

It has also been brought to my attention that someone has been dumping rubbish (ie a bed, old steps) on the green in Lucas Shadwell, I have been told who it is so I

am asking them to stop now or I will have no alternative but to tell the authorities. I have also been told that there are two house's from tram road that have extended their gardens up to the bank on the green without permission, the purpose of the bank and the land behind it was to keep kids away from the gardens and therefore the noise down. Could anyone from the council please tell us what if anything is to be done about this.

**Stephen Clare** 

OYSTER CREEK & LUCAS SHADWELL WAY RESIDENTS ASSOC SUPPORT THE FIRE BRIGADE UNION FOR FAIR PAY FOR ALL IT'S WORKERS. www.fbu.org.uk

# FISHING NEWS



#### ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE

up in large numbers in the bay making more work, whether trawling or netting. Usually the crabs would be thinning out now but this year they seem to be making a late show and showing us how unpredictable nature really is. The trawlers have been towing only for a short time and still catching quite big bags of crabs but a lot of times where the worst of the crabs are there has been better fishing. The spider crabs are very sturdy things and it just means throwing them back again before you start towing again and with short hauls, a trip could mean as many as seven or eight tows. Now we seem to have a run of easterly fishing where they get gear for cods and and north easterly winds which could codling on the rougher ground, that is if cool things down a bit, so perhaps that they are allowed to land any but that's will shift them out to sea. Fishing out on another story. the rougher ground just out of the bay has

been steady with a mixed bag and many September has seen the spider crab gather different species and although there are not the crabs there are troubles just the same. There are many more wrecks and most of these are known locally and be kept clear of but smaller bits of wreckage are always showing up and there are reports of another large ships anchor and chain being caught and had to be towed in causing a lot of damage to the fishing

Some of the trawlers will start to think about changing the fishing gear to one trawl and longer sweeps hoping for the mixed fishing in the autumn of codling and whiting. The netters will also be getting different nets ready for the winter

**BOY ASHORE** 



#### **GETTING CRAFTY**



Here we are again. Getting with a bouquet of flowers Crafty met again on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at say thank you for bringing 1pm in the village hall. We made book marks and various flower arrangements. Gretta Willett was invited along to join us and got a surprise when we presented her

and a box of chocolates to all these new opportunities to the village. She has been a valuable asset to all of us and I think I speak for everyone when I say she will continue to be. If you haven't already

joined us, come along and give it a try. Every fortnight on a Thursday at 1pm in the village hall. We will be meeting next on the 10<sup>th</sup> October. See you there

Julie Cleary

#### RYE & DISTRICTAGE CONCERN

**Baptist Church** Hall, Rye



Reg. Charity No 1039986

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

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 factsheets 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

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD** WATCH



Overnight Monday 16/9 to Tuesday 17/9, offenders caused damage to a vehicle parked in Rye Harbour Road. This appears to be malicious as opposed to attempt theft, and may have occurred about 10-30pm Monday, when a car alarm was heard and some youths were seen running from the area.

Serial 212 of 17/9 refers.

The company Countrywide are in the area again. They call on households saying that there is a problem with damp and gain access to the premises.

Our advice is not to let cold or suspicious callers into your home. If you believe there is a problem with damp, use a reputable company and get two quotes before proceeding with work.

Over the weekend, in the early hours, seven crates of milk were stolen from outside a store at Rye Harbour. If anyone has info regarding the theft, or where it might have been sold on, contact us quoting serial 706 - 16/9/02.

Overnight Thursday 19/9 to Friday 20/9 offenders broke into our church using a bench to reach and break a window, then a fire extinguisher to batter doors. A lot of damage was caused. The church is particularly vulnerable because of its location.

so was this bored teenagers or something else? Do you know anything that night help enquiries?

Serial 806 of 20/9 refers. Grandfather Clocks at risk

About 2-40am in the early morning of Friday 20/9, residents at an address in Kitchenham

Road, Ashburnham were disturbed by burglars who had kicked a door in to enter and steal a Grandfather clock.

A small van is believed to have made off towards Battle.

Serial 137 of 20/9 refers.

I BELIEVE THAT PROPERTIES WITH GRANDFATHER CLOCKS ARE CURRENTLY BEING TARGETTED

BY THIS TEAM THAT APPEAR TO WORK ACROSS THE SUSSEX / KENT BORDER. THE **OUESTION** 

IS HOW DO THEY KNOW WHERE TO STRIKE?

IT COULD BE AS SIMPLE AS LOOKING THROUGH WINDOWS OF PROSPECTIVE PROPERTIES

SOMETHING MORE SOPHISTICATED. WHICHEVER, IF YOU HAVE A GRANDFATHER CLOCK

SIMILAR CLOCKS THEN YOU COULD BE A TARGET FOR THESE THIEVES.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS!

FAKE NOTES OF THE REALM!

A number of fake £20 and £50 notes have come to light at shops in recent weeks.

Although these are probably more likely to appear in town, please make your local shopkeepers aware if you can.

Fake £5 and £10 notes are more common but these larger denomination notes appear to be surfacing now.

If you can help with either of these please contact the police on 0845 6070 999



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## **Rye Harbour** Lifeboat Report



This month things have been just a little bit guieter off Camber with five with 4 calls. The first call came on the 26/08/02, two inflatables blowing to sea off Camber. When the Lifeboat arrived the occupants had been helped a broken down speedboat ashore by others. The 31/08/02 saw two Lifeboat calls, the first to a Harbour.

Speedboat broken down persons on board. The Lifeboat escorted the casualty into Rye Harbour. towed to harbour The second one was only 30 minutes later, again, to with three men on board. This one was towed into

On the 21/09/02, the Lifeboat launched to a Yacht with a fouled propeller, the casualty was That's about it for now: don't forget we are still looking for new Crew and Fundraisers.

Richard Tollett



### SELF DEFENCE FOR WOMEN

#### **SATURDAYS 12PM-2PM**



Are there are least ten ladies who would like to learn to protect themselves if attacked on the street. In order to form a class at Pett Village Hall at least 10 ladies are required. Each

session is £3.00 – we may start with two taster sessions. Children can also be included as long as they are sensible and will apply themselves – they must be accompanied by mum who must also be prepared to assist them.

All applicants need to be prepared to attend regularly and be committed to the whole course.

If so telephone Molly Saunders 01797 222206

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## RELATE

Relate are pleased that they will be offering a service in Rye. thanks to funding from the Rye Regeneration Partnership.

Lots of things cause problems in a relationship, such as financial hardship, stress at work, difficult in-laws, or personal issues, such as an affair, constant arguments, problems with the children, lifestages such as children leaving home, retirement the list

can be very long. What is the same, is the pain, anxiety and distress that are caused for the two people involved and for the children.

Talking to a counselor can help the couple find solutions to their problems and understand how they can improve things. Often the most important lesson is learning to communicate with each other again.

Planned to start in September the service will be at the CVS offices at 25 Cinque Port Street, Rye each Wednesday between 4.30-7.30pm.

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The service in Rye is being subsidized by the Rye Regeneration Partnership and clients will be asked to pay what they can afford up the a maximum of £5 per session, which will last one hour. Appointments will be arranged through our Central Admin Office in Eastbourne, where more information is also available. The number is 01323 410001.

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## Rye Harbour Newsletter 1st Birthday Exhibition

Rye Harbour Newsletter Birthday exhibition.

Exhibition was a great success. Although there had been moments when I'd felt like cancelling the whole lot, as although the idea was born about thought let the side down, as the six months prior and I had made initial bookings on all the major elements required for such a task, Laybourne The Rye Town I couldn't actually get my head around the project until the week enjoyed it and I believe made before, mainly due having the stuffing knocked out of me from the Summer Club, August Newsletter and the Village Voice.

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I did advertise for help in the Observer about a month before, when I first knew I was in trouble are working in, did attend and and one person did come forward made some very useful and offer their services, but alas once I mentioned how they could So I need to thank first of all Kahelp and they agreed to help, I never heard from them again. You tend to lose a little faith in human nature, when that happens.

However I decided to continue against all odds with enormous moral support from Karen who without, I may have committed professional suicide on a couple of occasions and on Saturday 21st we had a marvellous

A lot of Rye Harbour residents were sadly missed, although the worst offenders were Rye Partnership themselves, who I exhibition was mainly involving them, apart from Yolanda Manager who thoroughly some useful contacts of her own and Tony Moore also attended. However it was made up for by the fact that lots of people from lots of other places did take an interest and also some very important people in areas that we contacts for further projects. ren for all of her support, Ray from the exhibition company who hired me the display boards that transformed the Village Hall, all the contributors who made the exhibition and helpers, plus all those who did support us throughout the day. Can I also thank everyone that signed the card and for all those wonderful comments, Thank You All!

**Marcus Whitaker (Editor)** 



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## **Dave Hall**





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## RYE HARBOUR ALLOTMENTS



#### Allotments and Field Gardens

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We hope that our plot holders have done well and preparing for the next season. To help wet our appetites seed catalogues will be available shortly for a bulk order in November together with pelleted chicken fertilizer – all at around

half garden centre prices.

Please ask if you would like a catalogue or fertilizer as we are affiliated to the National Allotments Association. We are able to obtain seeds and other items at advantageous prices. We could if we could raise around £400 between us one way or another have a grant towards a community cultivator of a commercial size.

Finally if you are interested in growing your own and part self sufficiency or a community cultivator please contact

Mr M Alford Tram Road.



# Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



September is perhaps the best month for rare or scarce migrants to stop off at Rve Harbour. The highlight from the bird world in the last month was an American Golden Ployer on the Beach Reserve on 15th. This rare visitor to this side of the Atlantic has never before been seen in East Sussex, but unfortunately did not linger long enough for more than one lucky observer to see it. An Osprey on 4th was a more expected visitor and two Marsh Harriers have also been seen, plus Peregrine and Merlin in the last few days. A Wryneck was present at Winchelsea Beach from about 9th to 13th and a Puffin was seen briefly offshore in the same week. A Purple Sandpiper at the river mouth from 15th was yet another scarce visitor here. Many common summer visitors have also been departing, with many species of waders and warblers stopping off on their way south and thousands of House Martins and Swallows moving east in the past week. Incoming winter visitors are also becoming more evident, such as Rock Pipits around the river mouth and small

flocks of Wigeon overhead. A Grey Seal just offshore on 3rd provided the mammal highlight. Many insects remain active on warmer days - Migrant Hawkers and Common Darters are the commonest dragonflies now, whilst butterflies still on the wing include Common Blue, Small Heath and Small Copper.

#### Forthcoming events...

Sat 19 Oct - Mysteries of the Wild Service Tree - an illustrated talk by Dr Patrick Roper, 7.30 pm, Winchelsea Beach Community Hall Sun 20 Oct - Castle Water Wildlife and History - a guided walk around Castle Water and Camber Castle. We'll hopefully see the elusive Bearded Tit among other things. Meet at Country Pine warehouse at 9 am, return around noon. Donations welcomed. Sat 26 Oct - Willow Bash - another chance to help us manage the reedbed habitat at Castle Water. Meet at Country Pine warehouse at 10am, return by 3pm. Bring lunch, waterproof footwear and work gloves if you have them.

Paul Troake

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## **Characters Of Rye Harbour**

Penny Precious lives in Tram Road and is working full-time as the Hastings **Borough Council Arts** Development Officer. She is passionately involved in close to the sea with

projects bringing together a whole range of people and activities which everyone and anvone can take part in, Such as the Coastal Currants Festival, which is on at the moment. In this they can realize potentials that so often get knocked out of children in schooling so that they think of themselves

as failures or no good at anything.

This resulted this summer in a very successful festival programme of free with more respect on the art, play and sport activities.

Penny was born in Wellington, New Zealand to parents of British descent with her father

being part Maori and Penny is proud of her own Maori heritage. Rye Harbour appeals to her as it Penny feels our is so much like N.Z. being



marshland farming and experienced a much more diverse and rich culture whole for different ethnic groups whereas historically the Maoris were regarded as the lowest of the low by the white British immigrants. She finds the

difficult with the carefully drawn lines and being careful of what you say. paternalism and protectionism plays an

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important role in this. Penny is the oldest of 9 children and was in charge. Her father was at a party wearing a grass skirt when someone threw a match at him and he was terribly burned dying a week later. She was 7 vears old at the time. Her mother being left on her own with 9

children went to pieces and sheep. On coming here she Penny carried on trying to responsible. She became introspective and started analyzing herself and others in order to make sense of things and to protect herself. She has fantastic exquisite memories of walking on social hierarchies in Britain the beach barefooted by herself for hours and

## **Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont.**

beachcombing, picking up shells and stones. She was farmed out to different families and farms and enjoyed getting her feet dirty. Some of the families were strict, puritanical. religious and brutal. Her father had been true to the male Maori tradition and had been brutal in hitting her and her mixed feelings for him made her feel responsible for his death.

For Penny, education was a selling potboilers, prints of way of coping with herself and the world. She put herself through a 5 year part-time BA in Fine Arts at St. Martins when her daughter was young financing herself, stacking shelves in supermarkets and selling sweets and garden furniture door to door, then went on to do an Balliol College Oxford. MA. Penny got into printmaking and had a stall stupid and dyslexic at -a pitch-in Bayswater Road school as she found it

sunrises and sunsets. She then started teaching in Ruskin College which is run by the Trades Unions to enable working people to access Further Education. I know a bricklayer who went there and he went on to get a 1st. Class P.P.E. degree at Penny was regarded as



## **Rye Harbour Sailing Club News**



The race to Dieppe went well with 10 boats and 30 people. Dieppe Sailing Club put on a reception with music and food. Some people on Sunday

morning, seeing the forecast for Monday decided to leg it home that day (somehow



I think that phrase can't apply to boats?). It turned out to be a wise decision as on Monday Helena Ann with Hugh and crew conditions. lost a stay for the mast and Sotileza with

Ken and Liz Steele had a sail ripped, so



you can guess at the weather and

Jill Halpin



#### **RYE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Well, the Sunday Leisure & Pleasure service has finished now for this summer BUT because so many locals (rather than tourists) have enjoyed going out on a Sunday we are planning a series of trips (some may be for the day, others just for an afternoon) through the winter months. If you would be interested or if you have any suggestions for a trip do let me know, get to Hastings for 7.15am. either leave a message on 227722 or

speak to Nanny Pat.

The AZ Travel Club is now operating, this brings people who need to get to work in Rye or Rye Harbour by 8am in from Hastings and the villages en route. However it may be able to help people who have to get to Hastings for an early start as the bus leaves here at 6.45am to

Pat Hughes

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## **Rye Harbour Church News**

The event Coastal Currents has been a great success both in the Church and and we congratulate our a friend or relative. work. Looking forward to have to report that future events:-

a venue where possible for smashed in the Church music, drama or art.

13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 with to break into the vestry the the Church by Baptism the Reverand Bill Baker. Daffodils – are you interested in donating either a few bulbs or cash have taken finger prints. for the Church to purchase What is so sad, is that the Cerys Elizabeth Nuala for planting in the church- culprits if they live in Rye Carroll



elsewhere in Rye Harbour yard possibly in memory of Carrols baby baptized sometime on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> entered and a sum from the years to recover that of The Parish Eucharist with Coastal Currants stolen. door being smashed with Jenny-Rebecca-

Harbour have betrayed all of us from a baby in arms such as Pam and Lee recently right through to talented artists upon their Finally, with sadness we the aged who hope for their last farewell in the Church. But sadly most of the The Church offers itself as September a window was culprits have let themselves down. This can take being a thief or a vandal. harvest hymns - Sunday An attempt was also made Finally, we welcome into either a fire extinguisher or Sebastian and Kristian organ pipe. The Police Jackson on August 11<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday 1st September

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On the 27th November 1993 at a PCC ever wished to take over the churchyard Marie Blattman asked if whether an vard might be conducted both by herself, dropped their seeds, is entirely by an experienced botanist, and Mrs Brenda volunteers – of their own free will! recorder, there being rather more of interest than at first harbour.

The recording was conducted with the get a professional firm in, based on assistance of Rye Harbour Nature together with Mrs Burt and Mrs Blattman per season. helped to identify species, at times a high- Finally who were the PCC (the faceless gether some 140 species were identified.

Nature Reserve struck up a friendly spirit Mr R Hartley, Treasurer – and day.

It must be emphasized most strongly that at no time has the nature reserve officials

(Parochial Church Council) meeting Mrs or given orders on what or what not to do. They have, and will advise if asked, and update of the wild flowers in the church- the mowing where the plants have Burt, the county council's official plant One can ask but not order any volunteers what and what not to do - whatever the activity – this is the same anywhere. To figures elsewhere, to maintain to a high Reserve who collated the information and standard the cost would be around £800

ly skilled process involving others. Alto- ones involved) during 1992 – 1993? The records show them to be – the Rev Paddy Buxton, Rector and Chairman, - Sylvia It was thus that Rye Harbour church and Alford and Mrs E Bull, Churchwardens – of co-operation which continues to this Mr J Burgess, Mrs Blattman, Mrs Young and Mrs J Caister.

**Rve Harbour Church Committee** 

### **Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group**



A busy time for us at Parent & Toddler, a warm welcome to new parents and children. who are ... Amber and Lilv. Charlotte and Jessica.

Louise and Matthew, Juliet and Sonny, Laura and Clem. Rosemarie returns to us again with Lillie, Kyle and Ruby. Hope you all have lots of fun with us. This month we've had a couple of celebrations, firstly a surprise Bon-Voyage party for Fiona, Paul, Jaslyn and Liam, which we found very hard to keep secret, it was lovely, balloons everywhere, party food, lots of laughter and some very emotional moments too. The following week was Isabelle's first birthday her nanny made a lovely birthday cake to celebrate, which was delicious. We all sang Happy Birthday

while Isabelle and Mum Claire blew out her candle.

Don't forget, next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is our health visitor session, so if you haven't paid us a visit yet, why not come along, have your baby\toddler weighed and have a chat while little one plays, refreshments are also available. Parent and Toddler Group at the Village Hall 10am to 12 noon £1 per family.

Karen Whitaker



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# Family Announcements Congratulations

#### **DIDGERIDOO**

We had a lovely house-warming at Lottie and Ben's home last week. Lots of food and very nice music, guitars, bongo drums and even a Didgeridoo. We thought Rolf Harris was there, and sitting around the bonfire was magic.

Thanks to Karen, Marcus, Julie, Vanessa and everyone else who helped. A wonderful display was presented in the Village Hall on Saturday. What a pity there was such a poor attendance from the village. Quite a few came from "Frenchman's Beach" to celebrate the first birthday of the Rye Harbour Newsletter.

Many thanks to Dot and Bogden for the amount of food they supplied. The kitchen walls were bursting at the seams.

Some people have said that they didn't know the exhibition was on. Marcus and Karen go around the village putting leaflets through letter boxes, nailing notices on telephone poles and putting a page in the newsletter and a large paragraph in the Observer— what else can they do?

Pam and Julie are holding a Jumble Sale on October 5<sup>th</sup> at NOON in the Village Hall for the Childrens Christmas Party.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

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# Family Announcements BIRTHDAYS







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#### **Luncheon Club**

October 14th at the Village Hall Usual Time

#### **Monday Club**

October 7th & 21st at the Village Hall Usual Time

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