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Editor's Comments

Sorry, it's late again, mainly due the content of this month's plus the fact it is a short month.

Many thanks to everyone who rallied round at the last minute last month, to get it to you on time, it was most appreciated.

As you will see we have a great prize to give away this month, thanks to Woolworth with hopefully a fun Competition for the youngsters which will lead them into next months Easter Egg Hunt which will be on a similar basis but with the difference that all correct entrants will receive an egg.

cheeky girls



Above is Monica & Gabriela more commonly known as the Cheeky Girls who will be helping to raise funds for us on the 22nd March. I believe they are flying back from Hamburg that morning, they certainly have a very tight schedule. Next month's copy date will be Friday 21st March which will have full details of the Easter Egg Hunt, that I had hoped to do last year, but I couldn't get it together for some reason.

**WIN
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Courtesy Of Rye Auction Galleries

Saturday 22nd March**3.30 pm - 4.30 pm****Autographed Items In Persons****From The Cheeky Girls****Plus Other Exciting Items****Children's autographs will be FREE****Details of Lots will be available from the****17th March by e.mail or in the****Village Shop**

**Both Events in Aid Of
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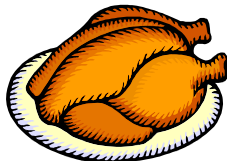
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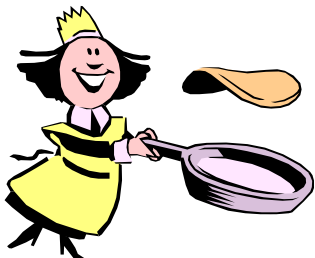


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PANCAKE RACE



There will be a fundraising Pancake Race in aid of Rye St John Ambulance on Tuesday 04 March 2003 at 16.15 from Lion Street to West Street in Rye. Please meet at the George Hotel at 16.00. For further information please call Jenny/John at the George on 01797 - 222114. Good Luck!



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.

Harbour Master's Comments

FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

This miserable weather continues to affect port operations. Why does it blow so hard on the spring tides when the larger ships arrive at Rye? There's little to do but catch up on legislation and keep the numerous files and "Code of Practices" up to date. The Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee meet at Broom-hill Lodge. This meeting is open to the public where advice is sought from user group representatives. The highlight seems to be my report on operations. I also attend the Liaison meeting between the fishermen and the military firing range at Lydd. During the year there had been 480 challenges to vessels navigating towards the range with six "Incursions" that resulted in 1.35 hours "Downtime" I think, at this time, we all realise the importance of firearms training for "Our Boys" (and girls) and any down time could have serious consequences. Taking of serious consequences the Port Security Bill comes into force in July next year when I will have to assess the risk of damage to the port and its infrastructure as a result of an act of terrorism. There appears to be three degrees of response ranging in fully armed troops on permanent duty in the port to an awareness of terrorist acts. Also, later this year, under the Railway and Transport Safety Bill powers will be given to Harbour Masters to detain seafarers who are suspected of being under the influence of Alcohol. The limits will be the same as those for road users. All craft are affected included leisure, fishing boats and commercial shipping. In all honesty, this has never been a problem at Rye. The fireman's

strike resulted in the cancellation of an emergency exercise to be held by SMR at the Flackley Ash hotel. This exercise is to test the responses of emergency service's (Including the RNLI) if a major incidence occurs at the plant. Some 47k tons of material are processed at the site in the year with a capacity to store 7k tons on site at any one time. The exercise is now planned for April.

.....During the fourth week of our anchorage in the lagoon off Mombasa and following our "successful" behaviour on board one of her majesty's warships the chief office thought we could be trusted to have our own reception on board. The timber decked boat deck was scrubbed white with flags and coloured lights hung. Catering was arranged by the ships crew and we cadets were to don our "Mess Kits" so long hidden, unused in sea trunks. I had no black shoes these having been long used for working wear. However, I came up with the brilliant idea to paint them "Funnel Black" gloss. This was done and proudly put on the main deck to dry. My fellow cadets found my wet shoes and covered them in sawdust so they represented nut covered ice creams. We cadets, formally dressed and, slightly embarrassed lined the gangway to welcome these pretty things. Much to our horror they were escorted by a large voluptuous "madam" whose sole role was to ensure no sheynanikings. We devised a plan that involved ensuring the ships captain engaged the "madam's" attention all evening. The plan worked and it was not long before we showed the girls around our accommodation. I fell in love for the second time. I spent all off duty times ashore catching the last "K"

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

boat back to ship at 2300hours. We went to the cinema (later burnt down with great loss of life) and for long walks around the lagoon listening to the loud and frightening noises of the jungle. My heart was broken when we finally left Mombasa. (I was to learn many years later in Capetown later that she was a frequent visitor to, especially naval, ships and ended up marrying the chaplain to the "Ark Royal") Kilindini Road is the main high street for Mombasa with its famous Ivory Tusks forming an arch over the various bars including the Star, Anchor where other ladies can be found! Another trip was arranged to Malindi Beach where the squeaky, fine white sands border the Indian Ocean. I found a nearly dead fish that resembled a "Hedge Hog" holding it high above for a photograph (I still have the picture) only

later to learn that it was identified as a stone fish, the most deadly of the sea! A few days were also taken on a Safari in the "Savoe" game reserve long before it became a popular tourist trap for the Americans.

On the sixth week the Monsoons abated and we were able to berth alongside in order to load, amongst other Cargoes, Coffee, Tea, Sisal and "Castor Seed" (the source of the poison "Risin") We also berthed on the same day as my birthday. I am now 17 years of age and because the mail is so infrequent not one card was received from home. Following a further two weeks loading we eventually sailed for our next port of Aden where "Mad Mitch." of the British Army was in conflict in "Crater" city with the local. Yet more shooting.

Carl Baggwel (Harbour Master)



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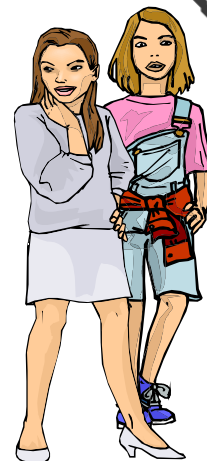


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Monday	3.30-5.30pm	After-Schools Club (free) 11-14 years
Monday	7.00-9.00pm	Youth Club 11-14 years (50p)
Tuesday	10-12.00pm	Parent and Child Group (£1.25)
Tuesday	1.00-2.00pm	Smoking Cessation Group (free)
Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Tuesday	7.00-8.00pm	Women's Kick Boxing Class (£3)
Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Wednesday	7.0-11.00pm	Over 16's youth club (free)
Thursday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
Thursday	7.00-9.30pm	Youth Club 14+ - 50p
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear editor

Rye Harbour Traffic improvement measures

Following the apparent success to reduce traffic congestion by the introduction of a charging system in Central London the Ruling Counsel of the Rye Harbour Republic have decided to adopt a similar system here in the harbour.

With the great increase in vehicles during the peak holiday season it is felt the scheme would provide revenue to the Republic for much needed improvement schemes and at the same time reduce the volume of traffic visiting the harbour.

Plans are still at an early stage as we follow the progress of the scheme in London and obviously without the same degree of initial funding necessary to install the system it will be necessary to make some significant changes to the system from that adopted in the Capital. In order to provide an indication of our progress of the development of the charging scheme it was felt appropriate to provide a brief indication of our plans to date and these are summarised below ;

Obviously the difficulties of monitoring traffic in London are significantly different from those at Rye Harbour and we feel the complex computer controlled camera monitoring system applied in London is somewhat excessive and costly for our needs when we only have the one way in and one way out of the village. We therefore propose a monitoring station just outside the village on the harbour road, all residents of the harbour will be expected to take turns to monitor the traffic on a continuous 24 hour basis. Taking the current number of adults on the electoral roll we do not consider that residents will have to spend more than one and a half hours a week on monitoring duties.

A monitoring exchange facility will be available allowing residents to swap duties thereby enabling them to take annual holiday, avoid missing Corrie street etc.

On passing the monitoring station and entering the village drivers will have up to 2 hours to purchase a daily visitors ticket from the village stores at a price yet to be decided.

Unlike the fixed daily fee imposed by Ken Livingston the Council have decided to introduce a flexible daily charge as well as providing exemptions to certain categories and vehicle types. This strategy is still under review but it is likely that residents vehicles displaying a fish box on the back seat will be fully exempt as will cars showing evidence of children for example fluffy toys on back seat or empty crisp bags. Visitors vehicles displaying any evidence of hiking or bird watching equipment, rucksacks, tripods and the like will pay an additional surcharge. Skateboards will be exempt in keeping with the Rye Republic official transport policy.

As with the London scheme penalty charges will be imposed on vehicles not displaying a payment or exemption ticket, with limited start up funds and without direct access to the DVLC we do not propose to adopt the system of sending fines by post. It is proposed therefore establish a junior task force recruited from the village youth to carry out vehicle checks , on discovering vehicles not displaying the appropriate documentation the task force will be empowered to jack up the vehicle and remove the front wheels for secure storage at the monitoring HQ where owners will need to pay the fine before receiving their wheels back The finance committee is still addressing the question of the daily fee and surveys will be taking place over the next few weeks to gain evidence of car numbers and those likely to claim exemptions, so you may notice inspectors looking in the back windows of your vehicle for evidence of exemption, please do not try to fool the inspectors by displaying unauthorised exemption evidence ie Crisp bags if you do not have children, as this will completely foul up the whole finance strategy.

It is proposed that surplus funds from the harbour congestion scheme will be channelled back to improve the village public transport infrastructure as this is still under review by the finance

and transport committee further proposals will be made available in coming news letter. Anyone with any suggestions, sensible ones only please, should be addressed to the editor.
Alan Read

Dear editor

Future Projects in the Village

You may have seen recently in the Rye Observer that the Nature Reserve has been successful in making an applications for funds to help develop the facilities of the Nature Reserve. Also that there was a meeting in the Village Hall before Christmas to discuss some of the future projects affecting the Harbour Road and the Village. These two happenings have some interesting implications for the village; the first is that potentially there are funds available from various sources to develop village facilities; the second is the importance of the village itself being deeply involved in identifying and developing these projects. Indeed, we already have a fine example of the successful project in the re-opening of the Village Shop. It is vital however that any projects put forward for funding have the full support of the village and it is therefore proposed that we draw up a "wish list".

In order to compile the "wish list" there will be a presentation in the Vilahe Hal at which everyone attending will be able to fill in a questionnaire or make his/her views known.

To start the ball rolling, the following suggestions have already been made:-

- 1) Traffic calming – making Harbour Road a safer place for our children and older residents;
- 2) Improving the entrance to the village with better signage – Rye Harbour is unique – a working village in a special location – we need to alert visitors and also make it easier for heavy trucks to turn around BEFORE they get into the village;
- 3) Improving the bus turn-around;
- 4) Building up the links between the Village and the Nature Reserve. Barry Yates has suggested a special day each year for village people only; visiting the special points of interest on the reserve in the morning with a presentation at the village hall in the afternoon with the wardens sharing their expertise with the village and the village sharing important local history and current concerns with the wardens. It needs to be a two-way process.
- 5) Twitchers Teas – how about a group of us providing teas in the Village Hall during summer weekends? It seems a shame to let all those nice visitors pass through the village without contributing something! All profits could be put back into village funds for the benefit of young and old
- 6) Up-date and expand the village history published about ten years ago. Everyone who attended loved the slide show last year – the memories that went with the pictures need to be recorded
- 7) Take over the running of village facilities such as the toilets – Rother need to have a clean and maintenance contract with someone – so why not someone local?

It is hoped to have the presentation and questionnaire ready by the end of March. If you have any projects in mind that you would like to add to the list call Steve Tollett on 223631 or Gill Stott on 224614

We would like to hear from the youngsters as well as the oldsters

Mike Slavin

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.

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General Information

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Cont.

Dear editor

Thank you to everyone who came to the Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale. The sale was well supported by a number of people attending it and also a lot of donations from people in the village. The total was £144.02 but a last donation brought the total to £150.02 to send off to Tanzania and Uganda, helping Blue Peter install water to villages dying from a need for clean water.

Nirosha

Dear editor

I would like to thank the people of Rye Harbour who supported Nirosha's "Bring and Buy Sale" in any way at all.

Those who donated time, money or gifts for the raffles and goods to sell, were more than generous. Thank you all for your great generosity.

Molly Saunders (Nirosha's mum)

Parish Council Notebook

The monthly full Council meeting was held at the Village Hall here in Rye Harbour on February 10th. Our County and District Councillor attended and spoke of a rise of possibly 20% in the County Council's Community charge with a possible hike in Rother's charge due to a large cutback of government grant

in aid in favour of North of England. This will possibly be cutbacks being implemented just to stand still – not a cheerful prospect. Locally Councillor Glazier in response to queries to road humps at Oyster Creek and Mary Stanford Green for traffic calming. At present this has a low priority but try again later.

Most of the Parish Councils agenda this month was with Winchelsea with reproofing of the lookout and renovating the bus shelter opposite the Bridge Inn. The only item for Rye Harbour was preparing the application form from the allotments regeneration fund for an improved water supply. All in all the meeting was fairly short this month.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL RESIDENTS WHO PARK IN THE MARTELLO CAR PARK OVERNIGHT

Rother Plan to install a lockable gate and height barrier in the next few weeks to deter lorries and "joy-riders". All local residents who regularly park there overnight can have their own key but Rother need to know how many keys to issue in the first instance. Please give your name and address to Jill Stott (01797 224614) at The Loft, Tram Road, or contact Nicola Smith at Rother District Council, if you need a key. They are also offering a "small payment" to anyone who would be willing to lock up the car park and the public lavatories each evening - anyone interested please contact Jill as above or talk directly to Nicola Smith at Rother District Council.

ANOTHER NEW SERVICE FROM RELATE

Relateen Service in Rye

Thanks to funding from Connexions, Relate South East Sussex are excited that they are going to be able to offer the Relateen Service in Rye.

The service will be available at Thomas Peacocke Community College and at Animate. Young people will be able to contact the counsellor and arrange an appointment themselves, alternatively they can ask a trusted adult, ie teacher, youth worker, parent, grandparent, doctor etc to contact the service on their behalf. The service will be free to the young people thanks to funding from Connexions, who have awarded over £16,000 to set up this service in Rye. The service will be provided by Relate South East Sussex and overseen by a Partnership including the Police, Educational Services, Animate, Health, Social Services, Thomas Peacocke Community College and Connexions. Relate are delighted that these agencies have come together to support this service and recognise the value of Relateen to the wider community as well as the young people.

Relateen is a dedicated counselling service for young people aged between 11-18 who are experiencing parental break up. It offers a specially trained counsellor with whom young people can talk openly about their fears, concerns and feelings regarding their parent's relationship breakdown, separation or divorce.

This helps young people to realise that they are not to blame for what is happening and that both their parents still love them. Perhaps most importantly it helps them to understand that their anxieties, anger and emotional reaction to the situation are quite normal.

The sessions with the counsellor are confidential and no information is shared elsewhere, although we naturally work to child protection guidelines. This means the young people can talk openly without fear of criticism and to let their pent up feelings out in a constructive way. They can express anger, frustration, fear, and pain, in a way they may be unable to do at home. Often in the turmoil of a relationship breakdown the children may feel no one is listening to them or what they want. Because they do not want to hurt their parents even more they may not say anything.

Benefits to the community can include reduction in or avoidance of anti-social behaviour, truancy and criminal activities. A decrease in underage drinking or experimenting with drugs, a lower rate of teenage and underage pregnancies and in levels of mental health problems in this age group. This can promote an improvement in behaviour patterns, resumption of academic achievement and increased personal confidence. This all reduces the likelihood of exclusion, less aggressive behaviour and less classroom disruption.

The long-term benefits to society are young people who grow up with a greater understanding of why relationships break down, what the options are and how to build stronger relationships. They also grow up with a greater insight into their own reactions to change, how emotions affect their behaviour and the lifeskills to deal more effectively with problems in the future.

For more information please contact Maureen Anstey, Manager at Relate South East Sussex, 22 Church Street, Eastbourne, BN21 1HS. Telephone 01323 410001.



RELATE

RELATE IN RYE

Following the article in the September Newsletter, Relate are delighted that the relationship counselling service in Rye is now up and running. The service, which is at the CVS Offices at 25 Cinque Port Street Rye on Wednesdays,

between 4.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., started on 26 September and is already being well used.

Funded by the Rye Regeneration Partnership, the service will help couples and individuals deal with their relationship problems in a constructive and positive way. Talking with a Relate Counsellor can help people identify the cause of their problem and then decide what they want to do about it. Relate's is there to help the individual or couple resolve their difficulties in the right way for them. This means that the solutions will be different for everyone, because people are different. For some couples this, sadly, may be separation. Then Relate can try to help to make the separation less painful by enabling the couple to understand the changes that are taking place and how their future relationship will be different. This is important when there are children, because it allows both parents to continue being involved in their children's future.

Anyone who feels that an appointment with the Relate Counsellor in Rye would help them can arrange an appointment by telephoning the Central Admin Office on 01323 410001. The Appointment Secretary will take your name, address and telephone number and then make an appointment for you. Because the service is being subsidised by the Rye Regeneration Partnership, clients will only be asked to pay what they can afford, up to a maximum of £5.00 per session.

For more information contact Maureen Anstey, 01323 416552.

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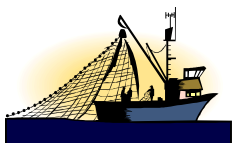
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FISHING NEWS



Round Rye Bay For More

February has seen the peak of the fishing on the most local scallop beds with the catches now dropping away although still giving fair returns. Boats are starting to wander away on some trips, and have haul or new ground, or visit some of the old beds where scallops have been caught before. There are still a number of vessels from other ports fishing alongside the Rye fleet with boats from Shoreham travelling up for longer trips and boats from Whitstable and Leigh using Rye and Folkstone as a base.

The weather has again been very mixed with a very fine spell giving calm conditions on the neap tides, this in turn helping all modes of fishing.

With slack tides the water cleared away this giving both gill netters and trawlers a

chance and catches picked up although it was short lived when stronger easterlys arrived setting up more ebb tide making the water very muddy and cloudy again. The scallopers fished right through the better weather and less tide meant they can cover ground at a constant speed and are able to hold course close to the wrecks and banks, these being the last places to be fished and perhaps holding slightly better catches. March is nearly here and this might give another change to the fishing, hopefully plaice will start to show in the day with a good breeze from the west sometimes doing the trick but same as always, we will have to wait and see.

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SCAMS, SCAMS & MORE SCAMS

Many members continue to report receiving E-mails offering huge sums of money from disaffected citizens in various African areas to assist them in moving funds. Sadly our E-mail addresses find their way in to the public domain very easily and are then sold in lists to anyone willing to pay so this is how we are found! I would advise that such messages should best be ignored.

I am grateful to the member who has reported the following. Whilst this is the first I have heard of this type of call, it only goes to show that someone out there is planning a new or updated 'get rich quick' scheme to con the unwary out of their hard earned cash.

I received a phone call from a male person, who offered me a 'phone directory of UNLISTED phone numbers'. Just think! When I asked him if this was a free offer, he wanted me to pay postage of £3.95. No way can anyone make this a plausible story. Even though the postage amounts are not high amounts, it still could be quite lucrative if he tricked people into paying this and leaving no trace and ..of course ... no directory. I have not gone into the payment details with this man, because my instincts told me this was an obvious fraud. Please warn people that this might happen to them.

I believe that this is probably a variation on trying to get people to part with their banking or credit card details to 'pay' for the postage, then those details will be used to make other telephone or 'www' purchases before the con is realised! Please do not part with any personal details by phone or the www unless you are completely happy about who you are dealing with and the security of such information! Be suspicious! Stay safe!

Several incidents have been reported where so called 'Duster Sellers' calling door to door with their holdalls of dusters, tea towels, ironing board covers etc. have claimed to be selling for the benefit of charitable groups. This is no more than a ploy to encourage us to buy from them!

Sussex Police advise against doing business with any such unsolicited callers.

I am advised that some of the persons who tout door to door offering to tarmac drives are back in the area. They often approach the elderly and talk them into having their driveways re-laid. They have even been known to talk people into having their kitchen floors asphalted. They can be intimidating and if they talk you into having your driveway done it may well not come up to a standard you would want and there will be no-one to go back to if you are unhappy with it! To sell you the idea that you will get the job done cheaply the usual story is that they have some tarmac left over from another job so you only have to pay for the labour! If you really do need your drive done it is best to seek a reputable company from yellow pages or similar.

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Rye Harbour Newsletter



In Conjunction With **Woolworth Of Rye**

We are giving away a £30 voucher to spend at Woolworth to one lucky youngster between the ages of 5 to 16, inclusive, if they can identify correctly all of the pictures featured in this month's centre pages.

All the photo's featured on the centre pages, have been shot very recently and are all within the Village, Harbour locality & feature key points of our Village.

How to Enter:

All entrants must be between the age of five to sixteen and must be a permanent resident in Rye Harbour. Entry is FREE.

All entrants must have an official entry sheet, available from their respective Youth Club's, i.e. 5 to 10 can pick their sheets up on a Tuesday evening only between 4 pm & 6 pm and 11 to 16 year olds, Thursday nights only, between 7 pm & 9 pm.

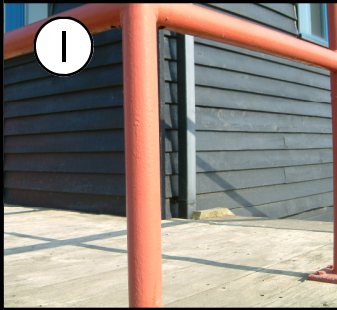
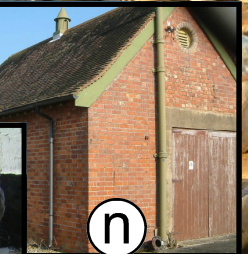
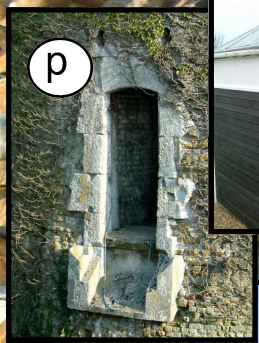
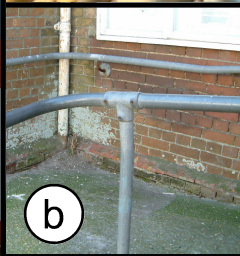
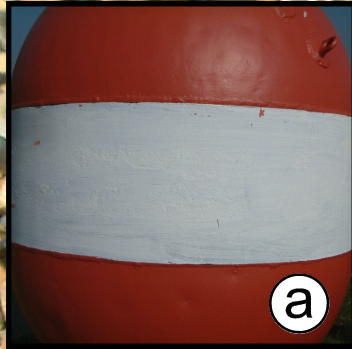
Once completed they must be put in the Newsletter Post box located at the rear of the Village Shop next to the Nature Reserve Touch Screen, by no later than 5 pm on Thursday 13th March.

All winning entries will be placed in a drum and a lucky winner will be drawn at 2.00 pm on Saturday in the Village Hall during the Jumble Sale.

There has been an independent person elected to check all completed entries, and they will make any final decisions, with regards to eligibility and no negotiations will be entered into, upon such matters.

Finally, good luck and have fun, I'm sure, the more senior members of the Village will give you lots of help, if you ask them nicely.

Please note you need not take the centre pages out of your newsletter as copies will be supplied with your entry sheet.



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CHANGING ROOMS



'Changing Rooms' is a basic DIY course, concentrating mainly on painting and decorating. It is a part of the 'Achieving and Building Communities (ABC) Project managed by Rother Homes with funding from the European Social Fund.

It consists of 10 sessions of around six hours each working in a local property. The courses are aimed at lone parents, carers or other long-term unemployed who are considering returning to work, or taking up some form of training in the future. The courses are limited to 10 places each.

The participants will work in groups under the careful supervision of an experienced tutor. Once they have completed the course, they will be able to put into practice what they have learnt in their own homes with a small project grant.

The first course is planned for Tues. 4th/Weds. 5th March and Subsequent Tues/Weds. until Weds. 2nd April. The property will be in Ore, Hastings.

The second course is planned for Hollington, St Leonards in May/June. Travelling expenses and childcare costs can be provided.

Further details can be obtained by returning a reply paid card (copies available in Rother Homes office in Rye, at Jobcentres and various information centres) or by contacting me on 01424 776673.

Rod Smith
ABC Project Co-ordinator



Learning to drive?

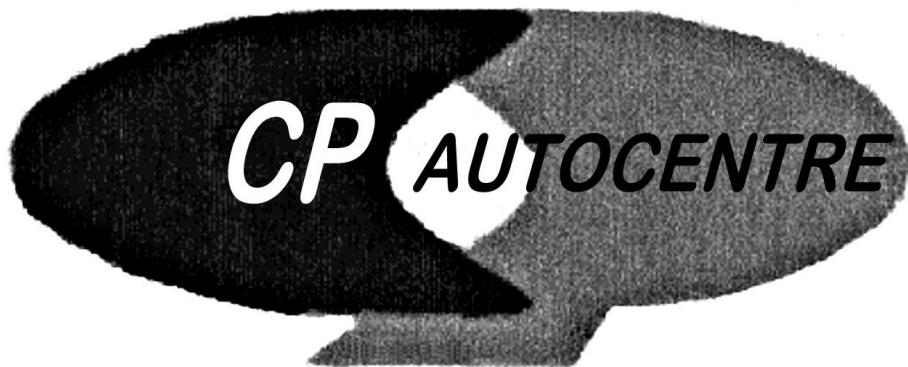
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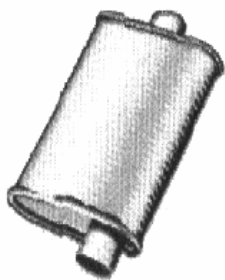
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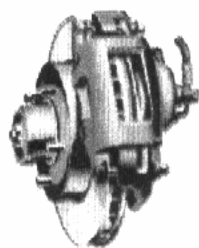


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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

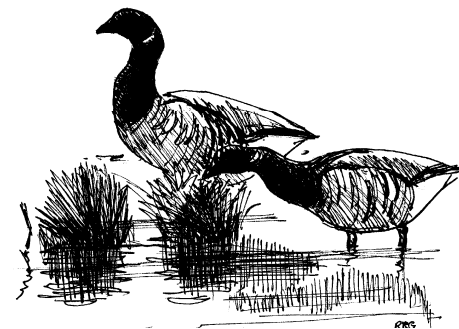


Despite the recent clear, cold conditions there have been many signs in the natural world that spring is not far away. Many

birds are in song and setting up territories ready for the busy nesting season, from Dunnocks and Song Thrushes around the village, to Sky Larks and Redshanks on the nature reserve. The Brent Geese have started moving early, with

hundreds seen heading east offshore during the easterly winds this week. Numbers of Gadwall, Teal and other duck are starting to drop off at Castle Water. During the next month we can expect to see our first summer migrants appear - Sandwich Terns and Chiffchaffs are among the first, normally arriving by the middle of March. However, there are still plenty of reminders, besides the weather, that winter is still with us. The Bitterns still remain at Castle Water, taking advantage of the plentiful supply of undisturbed reedbeds and fish - about ten are thought to be spending the winter at Castle Water, a truly exceptional total for anywhere in Britain. Most are likely to remain until mid March when they'll be returning to their breeding grounds on the continent. Regular visitors to Castle Water will have noticed some reprofiling work that's been undertaken in the past couple of weeks. This is aimed at

improving the habitat around the margins of the gravel pit to benefit the Bittern and many other



Brent Geese by Bob Greenhalf

species. More of you will have noticed some changes on the beach reserve - the replacement of the electric fence is well underway and we hope it will be a far more effective deterrent to foxes and other predators that have a dramatic

effect on some of our rarer nesting birds. And finally, do come along to the following events if you can make it....
Sat 8 March Guided Walk around Camber Castle and Castle Water. Meet at Brede Sluice (TQ919198) at 10am. Return about 1pm. 2 miles.
Sat 15 March Fair Isle and its Birds. An illustrated talk by wildlife photographer Tim Loseby. Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, 7.30pm.
There is no charge for these events, but donations to the nature reserve are welcomed.
Sat 29 & Sun 30 March The Annual Beach Clean - please come and help us clear the rubbish off the beach. Meet at Rye Harbour Car Park at 10am. You'll be rewarded with soup at 1pm!

Paul Troake
Warden
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Jill Stott is a newcomer to Rye Harbour and has been here 6 years and before that in Rye for 5 years making daytrips to Rye Harbour. They found their house by accident when actually house hunting for one of their sons.

She was born in Kingston on the outskirts of London. Her dad was a publican with a big heart and no business skills whatsoever. They moved around a lot so that by the time Jill was 11 years old she had been to 7 different schools and the only education she had got her head around was painting and drawing. She had an inspirational art teacher, when Jill was 14 or 15, who helped her put together a portfolio to get her into art school to study fashion. She was encouraged in her college course by an elderly great aunt who had been a milliner and between the world wars had taken a boat train to France to go to Paris to copy the hats. She was also encouraged by her grandmother who had been a chorus girl who liked to dress well.

Still living at home as she was just 15 Jill attended Hammersmith



Eventually their lives went in separate directions and Jill started training as a teacher and it was at this point that she met up again with Mike Stott whom she had known some years before and he was just back from living abroad on his own with 2 children. After a while it became natural to amalgamate the two families. At this time Jill started training as a counselor with the Marriage Guidance organization. She continued working as a counselor for almost 20 years.

In 1983 Mike, tired and frustrated with working for other people set up

his own architectural practice with himself and a competent secretary. His first commission was to redesign an old pub to create a Harvester Steakhouse and because Jill had just finished doing some pantomime scenery for the local amateur dramatic group he asked her to give a hand and the working duo was created. Counseling then had to take a back seat for a while as they traveled around the UK, Africa and

College opposite the BBC. Jill then met a young man who worked in films and at that time for Walt Disney. She abandoned her studies and married him on her 18th. birthday. They had 2 sons and when they were grown up enough, she traveled with her husband to exotic locations while living in Heston nr. Heathrow equidistant from the film studios. On the surface it was a glamorous life but in reality quite a lonely one.

Scandinavia. They were designing and refurbishing hotels and occasional housing projects. In 1993 business slowed down with the recession and Jill grabbed the opportunity to return to full-time counseling landing a job in a doctors surgery where she worked for the next 5 years. She and Mike moved full-time to what had been a weekend cottage in Rye and subsequently to Rye Harbour and the business followed suit and is now located in the Woolstore in the Winchelsea Road. Through one of those funny twists of fate 2 of their sons have also

established themselves in Rye Harbour and filled their lives with grandchildren. One of the grandchildren Liam became ill and Jill gave up working, she thought temporarily, to be with the families and discovered what a wonderful community she had moved into. After Liam's death Jill decided to take a year off work and that year seems to have extended and she never went back. Instead she has gone forward into a new phase in her love of painting and drawing. Rye Harbour has become an inspiration for light hearted pictures of fishermen and voluptuous mermaids who may or may not be based

on village characters! This year Jill has emerged from her studio to greater involvement with the development of village life. Jill really wants to see the village benefiting from European funding that is available for the development of such a unique area and people. Jill is very much aware of all the dedicated hard work that has been and is going on in the village but feels it needs to be more publicly recognized and fully implemented. Although Jill does no longer practice as a professional counselor she likes to feel her door is open to anyone who might need a time to talk quietly and in confidence.



The weather is becoming warmer and the days are lengthening. Birds are nesting and the yachts are being prepared for the spring launch. The hulls are being cleaned of mud and old anti-fouling paint. The beginning of April will mark the start of sailing in 2003. Last Saturday the Commodore's dinner was held in the Hope and Anchor Hotel in Rye. The food was beautifully presented and enjoyed.

Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



We were very disappointed to hear of Ellie Mac Arthur's dismasting in the Southern Ocean. What stresses and strains the boat has been under sailing at such speed. Our Rye Harbour yachts do well to sail at 7 knots so a speed of 20 to 30 knots takes quite a jump in our imaginations. On a more local note we have been following the progress of the salvaging of the car transporter in the English Channel. For many months yet this will be a hazard to shipping.



Local Art Report



There are some exciting new developments at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. As part of the new Shingle Project, there is work going on with local schools and community groups, to encourage interest in the reserve's potential as a place to enjoy healthy, environmental and artistic activities. As well as offering organised study sessions, the reserve will host other extra events throughout the year. There are plans to hold a series of art workshops to make sculptures from found materials which will reflect on the sights, sounds and textures of this unique environment. The sculptures will be displayed throughout the year as part of an environmental sculpture walk through the landscape and, during the period of the project, local artists and participating schools will also be exhibiting their work, reflecting their impressions of Rye Harbour.

If you are interested in taking part, you might like to start by helping to gather

materials for the sculptures. You will also be doing the reserve a favour by turning up for the annual beach clean-up on Saturday March 29th or Sunday 30th, as not only will the shoreline benefit, but a lot of what is cleared will be recycled into something interesting and beautiful. The Meeting point is at Rye Harbour car park at 10am, please bring work gloves if you have them, if not, disposable ones can be supplied. There will be a health and safety talk at the start and, at the end, come back to Lime Kiln Cottage about 1pm for soup!

(This project is funded by the Friends of the Nature Reserve and English Nature through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund)

For further information about the art workshops please telephone 01797227800 and for the beach clean-up phone 01797 223862 or 07715812503

Susan McGrath

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

Just look at what they can get up to

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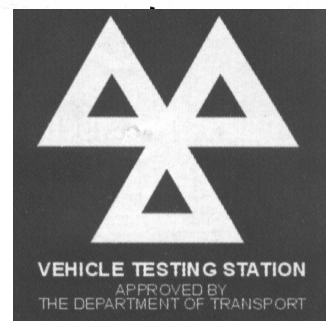
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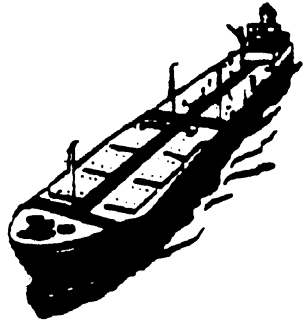
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RYE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Well, for those who enjoyed going out on the Sunday Leisure & Pleasure service to Battle last summer, I've finally got some destinations sorted for a few outings before it gets going again later on this year. So far we've got Hythe, Headcorn, Bewl Water (when it gets (a lot) warmer!) and (a suggestion just in) Hailsham. Hythe has got a very pleasant main street with several pubs and cafés and quite a few shops open plus if you feel energetic you can walk along to the beach end where there is a traditional fish and chip restaurant as well as the Hythe Fish Bar

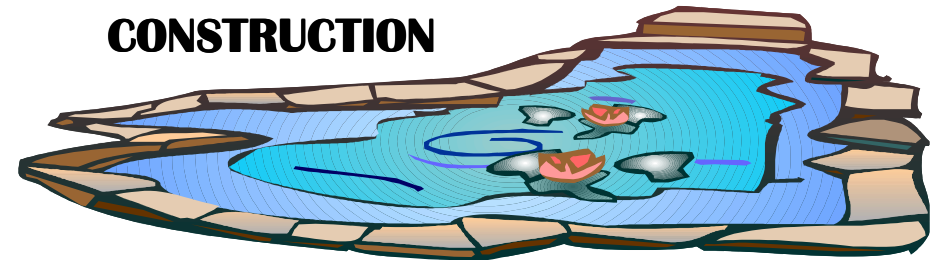
(that's a bit up market).

Headcorn has a very pleasant pub and a couple of cafés plus a Sainsbury! We are trying to arrange the trip there to coincide with one of the antique and collectors fairs which they have some Sundays at the village hall.

Bewl Water does need a nice day as the wind can whip across quite strongly and I've still to check out Hailsham. I will put a notice in the shop with dates and prices asap.

Pat Hughes

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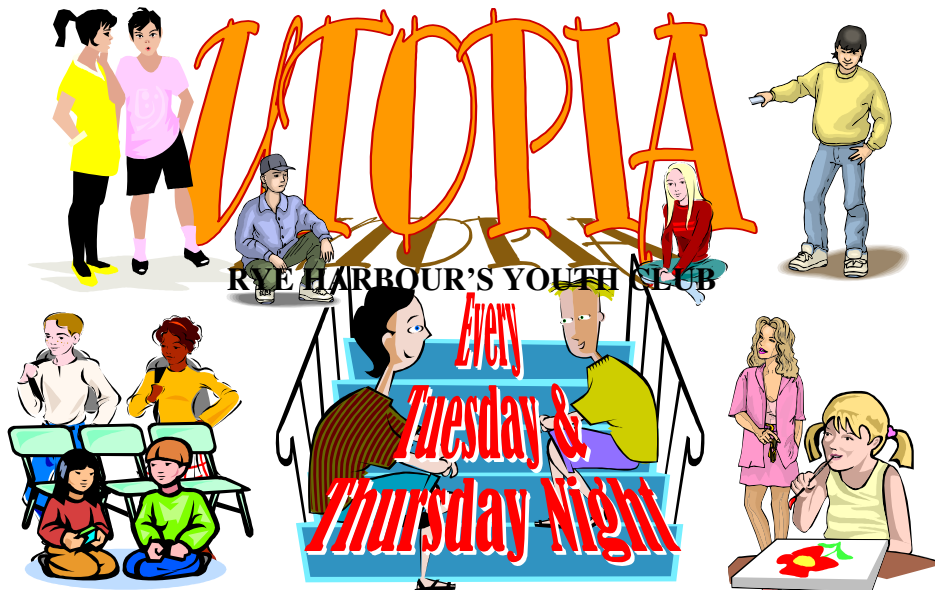
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Rye Harbour Church News

9th March the monthly Eucharist at 9.15am with the Reverend Bill Baker.

Friday 9th March Women's World Day of Prayer. This year will be at the Rye Methodist Church at 10.30. This year's subject prepared by Christian Women of Lebanon is "Holy Spirit Fill Us". The speaker is Mrs Joy Collins.

The Lebanese Christians


Veni, Sancte Spiritus

are very very ancient group who have survived over years going back to the time of St Paul and the Apostles.

Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent begins on the 5th March and running on for 6 weeks – culminating on Good Friday with the Crucifixion

of Jesus Christ when all seems lost and evil had triumphed over good in the world as it often has appeared ever since.

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



Well I never thought I would ever be writing this report, but it's my own fault I kept forgetting to ask Ann every time I saw her last month. Never mind it's your turn next month, just in case I forget to ask you. Still mainly well supported, although still lacks a few from the Harbour which would be nice to see you (Fathers included) if you are available, it's quite enlightening watching your child interacting with the other children and

watching them use parts of you, which is all they know, whilst interacting, I find it simply amazing, what they pick up. Anyway Wednesday 5th March is Health Visitor Day, so come and join in between 10 am and 12 pm, get baby weighed and measured, milk or just advice plus a hot drink & a biscuit as well, hope to see you all Wednesday.

Marcus



PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH



There was another of Sylvia Alford's ploughman lunches this week, there were a few people who were ill, but we still had our friends from Rye and we had a good natter altogether. Sylvia works hard for these lunches because she knows what a good money raiser they are.

Nanny Pat

The monthly ploughman's lunch will be held at the Village Hall on Monday 10th March at midday. Whatever age we welcome you? Profits go towards something specific in the hall rather than just in the funds – a recent purchase being the outside lighting.



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Family Announcements

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jody and Mark on their engagement, We are all helping Jody with her wedding plans, I am sure she takes no notice of some of the things which we say but she is a good sport and gives us a good many laughs at our Darts matches. Mark can be sure of getting fairy cakes in his married life even if they are aren't iced.

Many friends and relations of Andrew Tollett gathered together in the Social Club to see him presented with his medal for 20 years service in the RNLI. A great moment indeed. Coastguards came from other stations to pay their respects and people came from near and far. Andrew faced up the occasion very well and we are all very proud of him.

I hope the villagers still appreciate and use our local shop. We realised how lucky we are when in January some of us went to the ice show in Brighton with the Icklesham Darts Team and they were telling us that one of their shops closed down eighteen months ago and very soon their other shop which includes a Post Office is closing also as the Post Master is retiring. They think we are very lucky and so do we. We are so pleased to have you with us. Dot and Bogden

GET WELL SOON

Betty and terry are making good progress back to good health, Terry after his many operations and Betty after her serious illness. We often see them now walking in the village.

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BIRTHDAYS



GOOD LUCK

Good luck and much happiness to Betty and Dave in their lovely new home and that goes for Liz, Nick and Justin who have moved into Martello House from London. Welcome to Rye Harbour we hope they will enjoy village life with all of us.

IN MEMORIAM



Some of us went to Rye Parish Church to say a sad farewell to Joyce Sellman. She was a member of our WI and also our Darts Team. Always cheerful and happy. She really was a very nice young lady, she will be greatly missed not only by her family but by her many friends and as the Vicar said, we will always remember her as a great giggler.

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