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Editor's Comments

Summer holidays will soon be upon us, time to get away if you can from the normal routine. Neve and I are hoping to visit sunny

Devon this summer, so it affects the newsletter as little as possible, although look out for changes in next months publication as things are going to change, if all goes well.

You may notice two photos of a particular plant in the top right hand corner, this is due to the fact that I acquired the above from one of Julie's many jumble sales, the plant has flourished but to this day nobody I know has been able to identify it. There appears at the moment to be no sign of any flowers and on a good day resembles a stinging nettle although it's not. Can anyone give me a name for this plant please? Excellent day once again at the Rye



Rye Harbour Lifeboat Open Day 2005
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Harbour Lifeboat Open Day with John Ryan author of Captain Pugwash doing signed drawings to raise funds.

Next months deadline will be **Friday 15th July** still on the early side, partly due to me trying to escape, so please get your stuff in on time, so we can enjoy our holiday. Hope you all have a good one.

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John Ryan signing drawings



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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

The warmer weather has arrived bringing with it an increase in the number of visitors arriving to moor in the town. Although this milder weather does tend to bring fog and those of you who are early risers will have heard the dull tones of the new fog horn (Those who do not rise early may also have been awakened!)

The small group set up to organise an event to celebrate the 200th year after the Battle of Trafalgar are in full organisational swing. A marching band will add to the day together with the Cinque Port volunteers who will parade and march in full uniform. The day will end with a spectacular display of Rye and Sovereign Harbour yachts dressed overall in full colours and floodlit during the hours of darkness. Sunday 7th August will be a day to remember.

At the time of writing the candidates for the post of Deputy Harbour Master are expected to be interviewed on the 5th July with an appointment soon after. About a quarter of the candidates were from overseas (Nigeria, Bangladesh etc.) and representatives of these candidates will be considered for the post at interview. Now is the time for routine



maintenance and we have been spurred on to paint the harbour craft. The main deck of the "Rother 111" has been painted "Blood" red in keeping with the Nelson theme. All gun decks of battle ships were painted this colour to disguise the blood that flowed from severed limbs etc. Both the harbour craft are regularly maintained by a local contractor (Mike Roud) who keeps us afloat and running for routine harbour duties and pilotage. It's unbelievable that the "Rother 111", built at the Lochin site in Rye, is now 28 years old and still serving the harbour well. I remember the previous harbour master, Colin Marsh, bringing the craft from the builders yards to its moorings on the Admiralty Jetty all those years ago. The pilot cutter "Aries" was built in 1982 at Cowes, I.O.W. and formally used as a crew delivery vessel to oil rigs in the Baltic sea before being purchased by Harry Powell for fishing. The Harbour Authority purchased the craft from Harry in 1988 and had it converted at the Yard of Derrick Phillips for piloting. This craft is used

every month for sampling the river waters at ten locations with the samples being taken to Exeter for analysis, we are always pleased to report that waters forming Rye Harbour are of a very high standard.

Recently, the Lydd Firing ranges to the east of us have been unusually active in exploding things. For over two weeks very loud "Bangs" have been heard that shake the harbour office. The range officers always inform us, but it is always a shock when the explosions occur. On the shipping front a very large vessel arrived on the neap tides delivering 1045 tons of bagged talc to Rycon shipping who's offices are on the Harbour Road. Being neaps tides it was not possible to "turn" the vessel prior to sailing so early in the morning it was taken from the harbour backwards (or stern first to be seaman like) down the outer channel. This can only be achieved when there is no wind. Steering is under-taken by using the bow-thruster to drive the bows either to port or starboard ensuring a straight (or nearly straight) passage to sea. Another event was the arrival of the dredging platform complete with crane and bucket machine. This platform was delivered by tug to the harbour mouth where it laid for one tide

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before being brought up the river to the Fish Market on Monday (20th June) where some 2,000 cubic metres of mud will be removed and deposited near the Rye

Fairway Buoy. A small "Coaster" has been employed to take this material to sea, so expect to see this craft frequently passing our front door. We, at the harbour office. This craft is a converted

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**Carl Bagwell Captain
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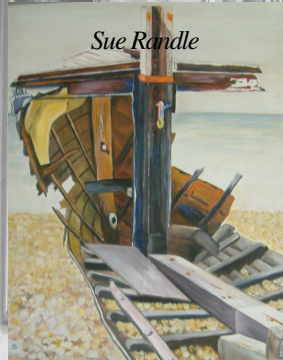
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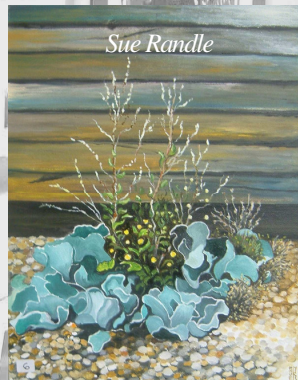
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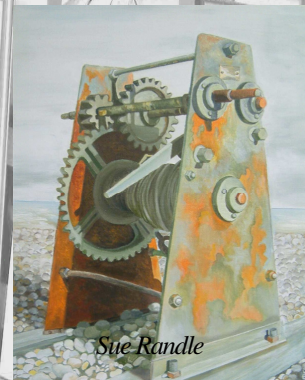
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1 Fr	0646	2.2	1901	2.5
2 Sa	0752	2.4	2011	2.6
3 Su	0850	2.5	2111	2.6
4 Mo	0942	2.6	2205	2.8
5 Tu	1029	2.8	2251	3.0
6 We	1112	3.1	2333	3.0
7 Th	1152	3.2	---	---
8 Fr	0011	3.0	1228	3.2
9 Sa	0045	3.0	1301	3.2
10 Su	0115	2.8	1331	3.1
11 Mo	0144	2.7	1358	3.0
12 Tu	0211	2.6	1427	3.0
13 We	0242	2.6	1502	2.8
14 Th	0320	2.5	1546	2.6
15 Fr	0410	2.2	1641	2.5
16 Sa	0514	2.1	1747	2.4
17 Su	0635	2.1	1903	2.5
18 Mo	0749	2.4	2012	2.7
19 Tu	0852	2.7	2116	3.0
20 We	0952	3.1	2216	3.3
21 Th	1046	3.3	2312	3.4
22 Fr	1138	3.7	---	---
23 Sa	0006	3.6	1226	3.8
24 Su	0053	3.7	1311	3.9
25 Mo	0138	3.6	1354	3.8
26 Tu	0223	3.4	1438	3.7
27 We	0308	3.1	1523	3.4
28 Th	0356	2.8	1611	3.1
29 Fr	0448	2.4	1706	2.6
30 Sa	0550	2.1	1812	2.2
31 Su	0707	2.0	1936	2.1

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Freda Gardham School	1520	1520
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1525	1648	...
Tilling Green	0853	0953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1530	1530	...	...	1653
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	...	...	1546	1659
Rye Harbour	0907	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	...	...	1532	1554	1707
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1515	...	...	1540	1601	...
Cadborough Cliff	0830	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1533	...	...	...
Tilling Green	0835	0837	...	...	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	...	...	...	...	1608	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡	0840	...	...	...	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	...	...	1538	...	1629	1719
Rye Harbour	0800	0820	...	...	...	...	0835	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	...	...	...	1637	1727
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡	0807	0827	0843	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1645	1735
Freda Gardham School	0845	0847
Thomas Peacocke School	0845

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Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⚡	...	0935	1000	1030	1100	1135	1200	1230	1300	1335	1400
High Street (The George)	...	0940	1005	1035	1105	1140	1205	1235	1305	1340	1405
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⚡ arr	...	0945	1010	1040	1110	1145	1210	1240	1310	1345	1410
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⚡ dep	...	0945	1015	1045	...	1145	1215	1245	...	1345	...
Cadborough Cliff	...	0951	1021	1051	...	1151	1221	1251	...	1351	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⚡ arr	...	0957	1027	1057	...	1157	1227	1257	...	1357	...
Rye (Rail Station Approach) ⚡ dep	0915	...	...	...	1115	...	...	...	1315	...	1415
Rye (Memorial Care Centre)	0918	...	...	...	1118	...	...	...	1318	...	1418
Playden (Peace and Plenty)	0920	...	...	...	1120	...	...	...	1320	...	1420
Houghton Green	0922	1122	1322
Military Road	0925	1125	1325
Kings Avenue	0930	1130	1330
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Northiam (Coppards Lane)	...	0720	0720	0730	0800	...	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1441E	1530	1630C	1730	
Northiam (Goddens Gill)	...	0721	0721	0731	0801	...	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1442	1531	1631	1731	
Beckley (Rose and Crown)	...	0725	0725	0735	0805	...	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1446	1535	1635	1735	
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Playden (Peace and Plenty)	...	0738	0738	0748	0818	...	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1449	1548	1648	1748	
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡ arr	...	0745	0745	0755	0825	...	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1506	1555	1655	1755	
Rye (Rail Station) ⚡ dep	...	0751	0751	0756	0859	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	...	1559	1659	1759R
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0757	0757	B	0905	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	...	1605	1705	1816
Winchelsea (Beach)	...	0800	0800	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	...	1608	1708	1819
Winchelsea (Smugglers End)	...	0802	0802	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	...	1610	1710	1821
Pett Level	...	0806	0806	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	...	1614	1714	1825
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0812	0812	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	...	1620	1720	1832
Fairlight Glen	0736	0818	0818	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	...	1626	1726	1838
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0821F	0821	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	...	1629	1729	1841
Hastings (Boating Lake)	0745	0840	0827	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	...	1635	1735	1847
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Pett (Church)	0818	0825	0952	1152	1417	1548
Guestling (School)	0825
Guestling (White Hart)	0830	0830	0957	1157	1422	1553
Ore (Kings Head)	0834	0834	1001	1201	1426	1557
Ore (Christ Church)	0836	0836	1003	1203	1428	1559
Hastings (Baldslow Rd)	...	...	1008	1208	1433	...
Hastings (Safeway)	...	...	1012	1212	1437	...
Hastings (Queen's Road)	...	...	1014	1214	1439	...
Hastings (West Hill, Whitefriars)	0841	0841	...	...	...	1604
Hastings (Harold Place)	0845	0845	...	...	...	1608
Hastings (Rail Station) arr ⚡	0847	0847	1016	1214	1441	1610
Hastings (Rail Station) dep ⚡	...	...	1019	1219	...	1610
Priory Avenue (Linton Road)	...	...	1022	1222	...	1613
Amherst Road	...	...	1024	1224	...	1615
Silverhill (Battle Road)	...	...	1028	1228	...	1619
Upper Church Road	...	...	1032	1232	...	1623
Sainsbury's Superstore	...	...	1036	1236	...	1627
Ashdown House	...	...	1041	1241	...	1632
Little Ridge (Hare Way)	1043	1243	...	1634
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	1046	1246	...	1637

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



RYE POLICE STATION

Rye Club Horizon

Police are trying to trace clubbers who went to Club Horizon in Rye on Saturday night and who may have witnessed an assault.

A short time after midnight (the early hours of Sunday 12th, morning) a young male was attacked by a woman.

In what seems to have been an unprovoked assault, he says she punched him repeatedly in the face, causing injuries to his left eye and his nose.

The woman is described as being in her mid-20s and having blonde, shoulder-length hair.

Shortly after the assault, the male's mobile phone was found to be missing. At this stage it appears the female may have also taken the phone, which is a Sagem MY52.

If you have any information about the offender please contact Hastings police on 0845 60 70 999. Quote crime number SR3/3676/05

Text Bullying

There has been coverage in the media and press recently regarding the current trend of bullying by text and e-mail. Children are receiving threatening and unwanted text messages. SMS and e-mail bullying has become increasingly common as more children have computers and their own mobiles.

Research by children's charity NCH suggested 16% of 11 to 19 year-olds had received threatening text messages.

For further advice on dealing with text bullying visit the following website which covers dealing with unwanted texts, calls, photos, e-mail's and other problems.

www.stoptextbully.com

A Community Fire Watch Message

During the Bank Holiday weekend East Sussex Fire & Rescue were called to several incidents involving out of control BBQ's that had set surrounding foliage alight.

If you are considering having a BBQ please follow the following advice:

- * Set up on level ground
- * Only put 2" of charcoal in the BBQ
- * Never use petrol
- * Make sure coals are cool before removing
- * Never empty into a dustbin
- * Have a means of extinguishing any fire available
- * Never leave a BBQ unattended

For a free Home Fire Safety visit e-mail community.firewatch@esfrs.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont..

Victim Support

Victim Support (Hastings and Rother) copes with the highest crime level in Sussex. They urgently need reliable, caring people to train as volunteer support workers. Work involves talking to victims on the phone and in person and offering both emotional and practical support. Extensive training is given covering a wide range of life-skills and in-depth knowledge of legal procedure and human rights. This is enormously rewarding work.

Contact: Michael, Susan or Valerie at Hastings & Rother Victim Support, 6 Cambridge Road, Hastings TN34 1DJ. Tel: 01424 424393 or e-mail: victimsupport.hastings-rother@virgin.net

New consumer service goes live in East Sussex

From 6th June, consumers in East Sussex will be able to call Consumer Direct South East, a new advice and information line, for clear and practical advice on a range of issues.

From a £20 pair of shoes developing a fault to a garage repair bill that seems too expensive, Consumer Direct aims to provide consumers with the knowledge, tools and confidence to resolve consumer problems themselves. What's more, the advice is free.

Open to the public six days a week, the service is available to anyone who calls the number - 08454 04 05 06. They will then be connected to professionally trained advisors at the Contact Centre in Maidstone who have undergone intensive training to be able to deal with all manner of enquiries. The service is also available online at www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

Working in partnership with local Trading Standards, Citizens Advice and other Consumer Support Network members; the service is funded by the Department of Trade and Industry. So call 08454 04 05 06 for advice on your consumer queries.

SUSSEX POLICE

In an emergency dial 999

For all other calls use 0845 60 70 999. If responding to a NHW by e-mail message please quote the Serial No. and date or the Crime Reference No.

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111 Information about any type of crime can be given anonymously on this number. Trading Standards: 01323 418200

Hastings Borough Council ASBO (Anti Social Behaviour Order)

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Rother Antisocial Behaviour Co-ordinator: 01424 456160

Harbour Watch

Do you want to be kept up to date with Neighbourhood Watch information about crime prevention advice and issues relating to your area.

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WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

JULY

Fri 1st

Sussex Festival of Arts – Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 6pm – 10pm

Hastings Beer Festival – Alexandra Park, Hastings runs till 2nd July.

Sat 2nd

A Thising we go – Come and help us control our thistles, you will see a lot of other wildlife in areas the public don't normally go. Tools will be available and training given on day, but please bring work gloves & sensible footwear with you. Bring pack lunch. Meet Rye Harbour car park 10am.

Sussex Festival of Arts – Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 110am – 4pm

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at The Belvedere, with Telescope, eastern end of the High Street. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

Sun 3rd

Sussex Festival of Arts – Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 110am – 4pm

Trapping Sharks, Tigers &

Elephants – Come and inspect last night's catch in the moth traps. Wheelchair accessible. Meet Lime Kiln cottage at 8am.

Rocks, Fossils & Dinosaurs – We will see a variety of rock structures & fossils during a walk along the beach towards Fairlight. Other features of special interest will include the Pett bone bed & dinosaur footprints. Pre-booking essential 01424 426459. Meet at Smugglers Pub car park, Pett Level at 2pm. Adults £1 Child 50p.

Tue 5th

Open Gardens – Newmans Farm, Udimore Road. Open 10.30 – 4pm. All proceeds to St. Michael's Hospice.

Wed 6th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at The Belvedere, with Telescope, eastern end of the High Street. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

Sat 9th

St. Michael's Church, Playden
Summer Fete

Wed 13th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at The Belvedere, with Telescope, eastern end of the High Street. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

Sat 16th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at The Belvedere, with Telescope, eastern end of the High Street. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

Discovering Flatropers Wood

Explore this little known Trust nature reserve in the far east of the country. July at Flatropers is an especially good time for woodland butterflies. The walking is fairly even with wide and narrow subsurface footpaths and several wooden bridges. It may be muddy underfoot. Please wear suitable clothing & footwear. Meet Track at the southern end of Flatropers wood off Bixley lane near Beckley at 10am.

Smallhythe Place – Pitt the younger and the Martello Towers – Geoff Hutchinson gives an entertaining and informative talk on Pitt the younger, the Royal Military Canal and the Martello Towers. Talk starts at 2pm in The Barn Theatre.

Sun 17th

The Centenary of a Brede Giant Find the celebration at Brede Waterworks on B2089 from 10am – 4pm.

Battles Abbey Classic Car & Motorshow – Craft show also. Starts 11.00am – 5pm. Contact 01424 773721

Wed 20th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at The Belvedere, with telescope, eastern end of the High Street. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

Sun 24th

Echos from the Sky – At the back of Lade pitt are three listening devices built in the 1930's. Meet Dr Scarth & the Romney

Marsh Countryside Project leader at Lade car park on coast. Drive halfway between the Pilot Pub and Romney Sands at 2pm. Distance 3 miles.

Heavy Horse Show & Country Fayre

Dog show and Terrier racing, beer tent, refreshments, craft and trade stand. Free Parking, show opens at 10am. Information 07775583969

Wed 27th

Mapp & Lucia Walk – Meet 2pm at The Belvedere, with telescope, eastern end of the High Street. The walk lasts approx 1hr 30mins and ends at Lamb House. Price £4.95

Sat 30th

Rye Medieval Festival – The Siege of Rye, great Longbow Tournament and Fair. A celebration of life leisure, Archery, Battles & Trade in the middle ages.
www.ryemedieval.org.uk

Rye Society of Artists Exhibitions – Held at Rye Boys Club, Mermaid Street, runs till 2nd September

Orchards & Oasts – A circular ride along the roads and bridleways which cross into Kent. The route will contain some off road sections which take us through the undulating High Weald countryside made up of Orchards & Oast's. Pub stop on route. Pre-booking desirable 01797 226488. Meet Rye station 10.30am.

Camber Castle Detective – A chance for the kids to become detectives in Henry V 111's castle following clues and answering questions. A prize for all completed forms accompanied by an adult. Pre-booking essential 01797 226488. Meet Brede Lock car park at 11am. £2 per child free entry for accompanying adult..

Sun 31st

In the Beginning is the End
A circular walk starting from the end of the Royal Military canal path. This walk takes in the panel valley & The Town of Winchelsea before returning via the Pett level and beach. Bring a packed lunch. Meet car park at the end of the Royal Military Canal path cliff end near Pett at 10am. Please book 01797 226488

WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

AUGUST

Mon 1st

Rye Society of Artists Exhibition Held at Rye Boys Club till Friday 2nd September.

Wed 3rd

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Winchelsea Town – Archaeological walk – Walk with David Martin of Archaeological South East and our Warden David Lewis Winchelsea Town and surrounding areas. Get an in sight Medieval History & discover its rich maritime heritage and something of its natural history (approx 2hrs) meet at Winchelsea Church 2pm

Sat 6th

Hastings Old Town Festival & Carnival – Information 01424 781111

Battle Abbey – Scenes from Bayeux Tapestry

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Step Back in Time – Vintage agricultural tractors at work, heavy Horses, country food & bar, country craft demos. A family day out.

Adults £3, OAP £2, children £1. Free Car park. All proceeds St. Michaels Hospice. Time 10am, Hurst Lane, Sedlescombe.

Caught in a Trap – Another chance to inspect our moth traps. We may get over 50 species. Wheel Chair accessible. Meet Lime Kiln Cottage, Rye Harbour 8am.

Sun 7th

The Royal Military Canal – Part Two – Walk along the Royal Military canal over the week-end. We will take us from Ham street railway station to Rye and then along the River Brede to Winchelsea then catch train back to Ham street. Please bring a packed lunch. Distance 14miles.

Wed 10th

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Sat 13th

St Peters & St. Pauls Church Peasmarsh – Jazz concert, food & bar. 01797 230255

St. Mary's East guldeford – Flower Festival with the theme Mary's story

Sun 14th

St. Mary's East Guldeford – 10.30am Thanksgiving Eucharist. Also 6pm concert with The Queen Consort followed by refreshments. Tickets £7 from 01797 222021/223288/225386

Lookers on the Level – The Town of Rye has watched over the marsh for centuries with the River Rother and Royal Military canal as defences against possible invasion. This circular walk will follow the riverbank before crossing the windswept landscape of the Guldeford level where the lookers needed shelter as they watched over the sheep before returning to Rye via the rolling dunes at Camber. Bring a packed lunch. Pre-booking advisable 01797 226488. Meet Rye train 10am

Wed 17th

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Sat 20th

Hastings Old Town Carnival
Information 01424 781111

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

The Rye Country Fair, Horse & Dog Show – Held at Salts Farm On the A259 coast road from 9am. Details from Ann Hostler 01797 223810

Our Ports of Stranded Pride – A walk looking at three very different memorials and a variety of historic defences. We tour Rye's ancient town centre pass Camber Castle to lunch at the Inkerman Arms, Rye Harbour then along the coast for tea at Winchelsea. We return to Rye by bus. Meet Rye railway station at 10am.

Castle Water, Bug Hunt & Picnic

A family picnic in Camber Castle will

proceed hunt for several species of creepy crawlies, from frogs to leeches and newts in Castle water. Pre-booking advisable 01797 227784. Meet Brede Lock car park at 12pm.

Sun 21st

Raft Race – Scotts Float to Town. Information 01424 751059 Bob Harvey.

Mon 22nd

Smallhythe Place – National Trust Theatre Company – As far as I can Sea. Children's outdoor theatre (in marquee) starts 12.00 & 3pm. Also runs on Tuesday 23rd. Information 01580 762334

Wed 24th

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

Sat 27th

RYE HARBOUR FETE Contact Ian on 01797 223258 If you would like a pitch.

Battle Abbey Proms – Information 01424 773721

Wed 31st

Mapp & Lucia's Walk – Meet at 2pm The Belvedere, with the telescope, Eastern end. The walk ends at Lamb house, the home of E.F. Benson which will be open for visitors.

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

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO ADD, PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE DEADLINE

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

With the hatching of the Common and Little Tern chicks (pictured), the reserve now has its full compliment of young summer visitors. The Little Terns are now surrounded by a temporary electric fence to protect them from predators and unintentional trampling by the public, and the caravan has been set up alongside to allow our volunteers to keep an eye on the terns and provide information to the public. By the time you read this they should have produced their first fledglings, at which point the wardens can begin breathing more easily. One does get so attached to the little dears!

By this time, another one of the reserves important breeding



birds, the Wheatear, which in Sussex only breeds at Rye Harbour, should be well on the



way to producing their second brood of fledglings (pictured) for the year, before they begin their journey back to Africa for the winter!



Practical work on the reserve has included yet more reed planting at the Bittern Excavations on Castle Water. Previous plantings are now established and coming along nicely, and the ever hopeful wardens were

out listening for booming Bitterns (this species equivalent of birdsong) at the start of spring! The goat herd at Castle Water have been putting Houdini to shame, which necessitated the erection of new fencing which seems to have cured the problem, while that old favourite (not) thistle and ragwort clearance has also taken up a good deal of time.

With the schools summer half term bringing many families down to the reserve, it was a good time to hold a family treasure hunt... just a shame it was a wet and windy day!!!

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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Everyone still managed to enjoy themselves, with the kids going home with goodie bags.

The summer term is the time when most schools visit the reserve, but we don't always get the summer weather as some schools have experienced! Some of the local schools that have visited recently are St. Micheal's School, in Playden, St. Thomas' School, in Winchelsea and also Tilling Green Infants School, in Rye. We've also had some from as far a field as Deal, Benenden and Hackney in London.

Please see below for our forthcoming **July** events:

Sat 16th: Shrimping and Exploring Rock Pools at Pett Level. Bring along the family to learn from Cliff Dean about catching shrimps and explore the rock pools at Pett Level. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for paddling/wading in the sea. Meet at the Roadside Pool (with the large turning area) at Pett Level at 1pm, returning about 4pm.

Sat 23rd: Horse Stingers and Devils' Darning Needles.

Come along to learn all about the Dragonflies and Damselflies that live in the

Castle Water ditches. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 11am, returning 1pm (1.5miles).

Sat 30th: Camber Castle Detective. A chance for the kids to become detectives in Henry VIII's Castle. Following clues and answering questions. £2 per child, must be accompanied by an adult. Prize for all completed forms. Pre-booking advisable – 01797 227784. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park at 11am, returning about 1pm (2 miles).

Barry, Miriam, Chris and Sam

RYE OBSERVER - VILLAGE VOICE

RYE HARBOUR NEEDS YOU!!!

To write a small column each week on the events of Rye Harbour that often get missed by a monthly publication.

The job does pay, it won't make you a millionaire but a little is better than nothing.

So if you think you have a little time each week to write a few words, then don't be shy and give it a try, you may surprise yourself. Contact Andy Helmsley at the Rye Observer on 01424 854242 for a warm welcome.

Rye & District Age Concern

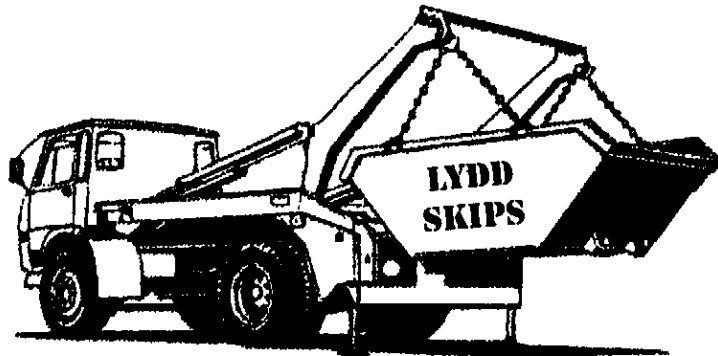
**Age concern is providing an Outreach Information Service in Rye
At Rye CVS, 25 Cinque Ports Street, Rye**

On the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 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.

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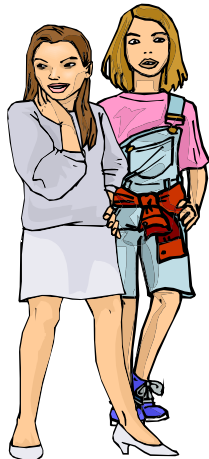
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NEW PROGRAMME FOR 2005

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	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
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
Friday	3.30-5.30pm	After Schools Club
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Saturday	7 - 10.00pm	Young People with Learning
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Parish Council Notebook

The Icklesham Parish Council held their monthly meeting at the Community Hall, Winchelsea Beach on Monday 13th June. The meeting was preceded by the planning committee, there was only one plan submitted for Rye Harbour, this being an extension to a house in Coastguard Square for which the planning committee supported an approval. In addition to our two councillors, two residents from the Point came to speak upon the confusion at the Point with cars particularly at weekends, apparently not knowing where they are going and of the existence of a car park. It was pointed out that the 'Car Park - Toilet' sign can be confusing and is often not visible due to vans and camper vans hiding the sign from the road.

Another item mentioned was the overgrown state of the land between the bus turning circle and either side, mention was also made of cars who will park on the circle in spite of the sign indicating its function as a turning circle. After the very valid points were made upon both matters, the council advised the two who spoke to meet with their friends and to prepare a plan to improve the signage and for the general enhancement of the whole Point frontage, which must be to everyone's visual advantage. Other items of interest to Rye Harbour include, the installation of a seesaw on the Coronation field to replace the former one, which did not meet safety requirements. The new is seesaw is aimed at mainly smaller children. The council will discuss with the Coronation field committee

the repairs to the fence with possible grant aid. The triangular piece of land at the rear of the Village is to be cleared shortly and will be maintained. The Parent and Toddler group wrote to the council recently about the site and for its potential for playgroup activities. Finally, repairs are to be made to the allotment fence, rabbits are being a plague both inside and outside the site and hopefully the fence with new stakes will help to remedy the situation. New pumps will shortly be fitted on site; the pumps were an award under the Esmee Fair Baim Allotment Regeneration initiative, a nation wide initiative to encourage allotments and growing your own fruit and vegetables. Parish Council Correspondent

APPEAL FOR HELP

Rye Harbour Youth Action Group, which organises the two youth clubs within the village, is running low on funds and is in desperate need of donations and or somebody to co-ordinate a funding application. If anyone can help in these matters and you don't have to be local, please contact Vanessa Jordan on 01797 229859, all help will be gratefully appreciated.

Characters Of Rye Harbour



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



started his own Jersey herd. This did not pay so he joined Editha teaching maths, Latin and History to 10 – 12 year olds in her school. In 1961 he joined the GPO and in 1968 he moved to Rye working with S.W.A. on the new electric pumps being installed to control the waters on Romney Marsh. He also worked for Spun Concrete maintaining their electrical

The most significant event for the Rye Harbour Sailing Club has been the sudden death of Peter Courtney-Bennett on 7th March 2002. He was our Rear Commodore and often seen at weekends sitting in the rescue boat in the middle of the river smoking his pipe and waiting for the dinghies preparing to race out in the bay. He was an active member of the Wednesday working party, doing maintenance work on boats and the clubhouse. Peter joined the marines in 1941 before he was 18 years old – like many boys of that time, keen to join in the action and lied about his age. He trained in Portsmouth and joined HMS King George V

and was in the Atlantic convoys and Mediterranean, while in Algiers he learned to sail and enjoy the sun. He was with the Russian convoys within the Artic Circle and the 'D' landing craft delivering personnel and supplies to France. After the war he was demobbed and started his electrical career but missed the outdoor life and took up farming, working with heavy horses and hand milking a large dairy herd. In 1954 he married Editha, he restored old farm buildings and



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Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont.....

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plant and Quest International, taking care of their electronic equipment.

In 1988 he retired to a small farm with a few Southdown ewes when he joined Rye Harbour Sailing Club. He would take anything on "no problem". He once helped a friend tow a milking parlour from East Grinstead to Dereham in Norfolk with a tractor, needing a police escort through Blackwall Tunnel.



to Southampton. **from Editha about Peter.**

They arrived back dead on 1300 March 20th 2002 in spite of being held up in the Atlantic with severe storms.

Jill Halpin
RHSC with
help of notes

Jill Halpin

This article first appeared in Volume 1, Issue 7 - 2002 as a tribute to Peter Courtney-Bennett. Jill's first article for Rye Harbour Newsletter.

This months was printed with the approval and permission of Peter's widow Editha.



In 2001 he sailed with Ron Halpin to France, Channel Island, West Country and Ireland and hoped to sail up to Scotland this year. It was rough English Channel weather but Peter enjoyed every minute of it. He is greatly missed. Club members are busily scrubbing and polishing boats for this seasons sailing. Ken has just returned from bringing back the Jubilee Sailing Trusts tall ship 'Tenacious' from the Canaries via the Azores and Cherbourg



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News Cont...



Welcome to Rye Harbour Sailing Club

About Rye Harbour Sailing Club

The Club has dual parentage, The Rye Bay Yacht Club which was founded in 1925 and The Rye Harbour Sailing Club which was founded in 1934. The two amalgamated to form the present Rye Harbour Sailing Club (RHSC).

The club is situated on the River Rother close to Rye Bay where excellent sailing is enjoyed all year round. We have active dinghy and cruising divisions and year round events both sailing and social.

The club prides itself in the diversity of its members' sailing interests and in the variety of yacht and dinghy classes that are enjoyed. Many members undertake substantial annual passages whilst others are happy to mess around on the river!

We are a RYA Training Centre for certain Royal Yachting Association courses and our more experienced members are always happy to share their knowledge. We have established links with certain overseas clubs that members have visited and regularly undertake cruise/races to Boulogne.

The club welcomes new member applications and details of this are within the membership section.



LIFEBOAT OPEN DAY



Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor,

Memories of an A.T.S. Corporal

This year being the 60th Anniversary of V.E.

Day,

It takes one back to being an "AT",
Having spent five "happy" years in the Army,
One might think that sounds rather barmy,
I joined up in the year of forty one,
Wondering what life had in store for someone
so young,

I soon found out with the Army regime,
Making one realise we had to work as a team,
After initial training I was up and away,
Spending the next five years dealing with Army
pay,

I was based in Reading such a lovely town,
So much going on, one did not get down,
I was lucky to find such wonderful comrades,
Working so hard, also finding time for fun,
Our hours were long, that did not matter,
So many stories to tell, there was so much

chatter,

The Salvation Army and Y.M.C.A. were kindness itself,

They looked after us well, with many a laugh,
I teamed up with a girl from High Wycombe,
We became full friends from day one,
On weekend pass we would travel to her home,
Having lovely meals cooked by her Mum,
Not to mention Saturday evenings spent in the
pub,

Sharing many a drink with the locals, so much fun,

Our demob day was 2nd April 1946,
Saying goodbye to comrades was rather sad,
I will always value my friendship with Vera,

To this day, we still keep in touch,
So out of the war of 1939 to 1945,
It makes one realise how lucky we are,
To live our lives in such peaceful surroundings,
Where would we have been without our
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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



June has seen the fishing and the catches stay much the same as the previous month, with the temperature increasing, the weather more settled, the only species there has been more of, is the Spider crab. Although not enough to cause problems for the trawlers, as yet one or two netters have filled the nets up close to the shore, resulting in ruined gear. Most of these boats are setting gear late at night or early hours and hauling first light, giving the

nets time to fish at the dawning but not time enough for too many crabs. Dover sole has been the main part of the catch with a good run of fish fetching fair prices, a few Bass, Plaice, Smooth hounds and Cuttles making up the rest. Trawlers have been finding the multi rig fishing a bit of a plod, the size of Sole being on the smaller side but enough of them to make a nights pay with a small amount of Plaice and mixed fish. The Plaice fishery

has been a non starter this year, where usually Rye Bay sees a couple of months good fishing in April and May, this hasn't materialised showing that perhaps the seasons in the fishing cycle are changing more than the fishermen realise. This does not mean they will not show, but fish do seem to turn up when not expected and now each year differs so much from the traditional inshore fishing.

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Rye Harbour Church News

The word 'religion' comes from a Latin term meaning 'to bind'. One definition of 'religion', besides the obvious one of 'belief in a higher power', is that of 'devoted fidelity'. In other words God and we can be bound together in a relationship of faithfulness. If we believe that God is the Creator, then we have no option but to accept that what he has made is bound to Him. However He has given us the gift, not just of life, but of free will. We have the freedom to accept or reject Him, to pay heed to Him or ignore Him. That is a precious gift because it guarantees that He is not manipulative. It also allows us freely to acknowledge Him and to recognise our dependency upon Him.

As children grow up in a family, they may reject their parents and their home. Doing so is a sign of finding their feet,



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

demonstrating their growing independence and establishing their own identity. But they cannot deny their origins however much they may feel they were lumbered with inadequate parents! Part of our own maturity is to accept our roots as well as to make a life for ourselves.

Jesus is a son who was utterly faithful to his heavenly Father, although there were times when he seemed to doubt God's wisdom, especially as he hung from the cross and uttered pathetically, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" His faithfulness through that darkness was rewarded.

Now Jesus calls us into a new relationship with God the Father, based on more than our being creatures of the Creator. Now Jesus invites us to be his brothers and sisters

in a relationship of God's new making, through his Son. We are called to be bound together in a life that has conquered death and vanquished sin. We are welcomed as members of Jesus' family, enjoying peace with God. He is truly our Father and we are his children.

Hugh Moseley
(01797 222430)

Rye Harbour Church
Services (all welcome)

Sunday 10th July 9.15 a.m.
Holy Communion

Sunday 24th July 10.30
a.m. Family Service

Flower Festival Saturday
27th to Monday 29th August

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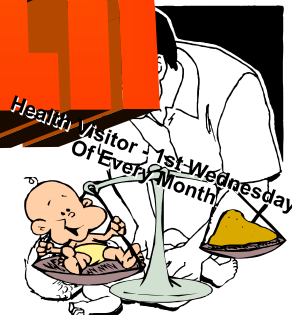
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TODDLER

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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

As I mentioned in last months letter, thanks to our funding we are able to plan another trip. Hopefully this will be in early July. Claire's in the process of sorting things out to visit the Rare Breeds Farm, this is always a great hit with the children, so let's hope the good weather holds. Next Wednesday, the local toddler group are meeting at Icklesham for a fun morning and picnic

lunch. The Fun Van will be there too so I'm sure we'll all have a really good time, I'm sure we'll see some old friends and maybe make some new ones.



Rosemarie
There will be two Extra Session with the Fun Van on Friday 5th & 20th August. Also the Wednesday sessions this month will still be on.

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

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Family Announcements

We send our congratulations to Louise Boshier and hope she had a lovely wedding day on Saturday 18th June even though overshadowed by the sudden and unexpected passing away of Wander her mother on the Sunday our hearts and thoughts go out to the whole family, we also hope that her father who is still in hospital makes good progress soon.

We welcome Maureen Higgs back to the Harbour after her time in Rye.

Liz and Mick are leaving Rye Harbour soon, to live in Rye. We have all been very good friends in Tram Road, they fitted in very well, Jamie will miss Justin but he will only be in Rye.

Victor is in hospital, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Reports From Nanny Pat

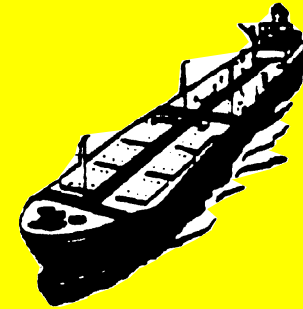
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