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Editor's Comments

February already, it doesn't seem possible, although January was rather a manic month with so much going on but nothing much happening. I think we have all felt for the victims of the Asian Tsunami Disaster and all tried to do our bit, although it never seems to be enough. Nanny Pats page is not quite the same without her, due to her not being too well herself and I'm sure we all wish her a very speedy

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recovery.

You can see we have got "Simply Italian" back again this year for Valentines Day as it was such a hit last year, with a Word search to keep you thinking for a little while, well it certainly did me, hopefully I haven't made any typing errors this time, anyway Good Luck and I wish

the winners a lovely evening, except for me coming to take a picture.

Next month's deadline will be:- **Monday 14th February** which I hasten to add, seems on the whole to be working out quite well, newsletters have been a lot earlier lately.

We also this month, welcome back the Parish Council Notebook which we have missed for a good few months now. See Page 38

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Still little sun appearing so many navigation lights remain out or extinguish before morning. Nearly all these lights are in the middle channel so do not affect boats transiting the river from the sea to the harbour office. Plenty of lights though at the western arm where much work is proceeding with the terminal groyne restructuring. The contractors ceased for three weeks over the Christmas period but retained a watchman who kept the lights burning. Similarly, the contractors at the fish market also stopped work for the period. Over the Christmas period we, and the Rye police, were kept busy with incidents. Cabin cruiser "Oxygen", moored at the old Lochin site near the fish market was reported set adrift and grounded on the mud bank across the river. Both the Rye police and myself attended at mid night the weekend before Christmas but all was well. Then on Christmas day (0730hours!!) a report that another vessel was floating, unmanned, up the channel, under the bridges



heading for Scots Float Sluice. Again we attended and found the "Llamedos", (spell it backwards!!) usually berthed in the Strand, adrift. We recovered it and returned her to its mooring later on Christmas day. Obviously the craft had been let go the previous evening. Report anybody you see interfering with boats anywhere on the river. Shipping continued as usual over the holiday with one vessel, Torrent, endeavouring to sail on Boxing day. However, the weather was inclement and she didn't sail until the following day when the wind had shifted into the north although still strong gusting at 25 knots. A Notice to Mariners was issued before Christmas concerning the repairs to the eastern arm. All those "Ghobi Mats" that have slipped are to be removed and replaced with wire baskets in-filled with rock. Similarly the "bulging" bit at the landward toe of the

pier is also to be repaired with rock filled gabions. John, the Deputy, was away for Christmas and, on his return, I disappeared for a week to the west country to spend new year in Torquay. Changing over to the new year takes time as all diaries have to be re-written and new schedules posted. I haven't yet written 2004 so I must be improving. The office and dwellings suffered over the holiday by a collapsed cesspit We have had to arrange pumps to discharge our waste from one tank into another until more permanent repairs can be completed. With the new year comes another London Boat show, the second at Excel in the old London "Royal" docks. Attending, I was reminiscing over the time I joined my first ship at these docks that were filled with dozens of ships loading and discharging cargoes from all over the world. It was such a busy place. Now the area between the docks is an airport with hotels and the huge exhibition hall where the boat show is held. The Environment Agency has a

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Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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stand and invites attendees to be encouraged to use the inland waters and, of course, the Harbour of Rye.

Further ships have been received including the Wilhelmina Steffens loaded with Talcum Powder from China. Dog walkers who regularly park in the office car park found drums of chemicals, after Christmas, on the beach at Camber. These were reported to the Coastguard who called the Fire Brigade who called the Environment Agency who

called the local Authority..... They were eventually removed. That old vessel secured to the Admiralty Jetty "Lady Sara" has been sold out of Rye to trade further on the east coast. She had been a regular feature on these moorings as she rarely moved. A new vessel, presently being built, will take its place soon. During the recent storms, some timbers had come adrift from the western arm works, Van Oord, the contractors, quickly appeared and removed some very large pieces of

"shuttering" from the eastern training wall. We believe all timbers have been removed from the river. Finally, I attended the enquiry into the objections of the local plan, particularly the construction of a marina and housing together with lock at the Rock Channel site. The real enquiry will begin if and when plans are actually submitted for approval which I believe is a long way off, perhaps after I am replaced!!.

Happy new year to you all.

Carl Bagwell

RYE OBSERVER - VILLAGE VOICE

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

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TSUNAMI - JUMBLE SALE

Julie and myself would like to express our thanks to all the helpers and everyone who came along to support us. Special thanks to all the local businesses who donated items, it will I'm sure be most appreciated, thank you all. We raised a grand total of £155.00 which will be sent directly to the Red Cross Charity.

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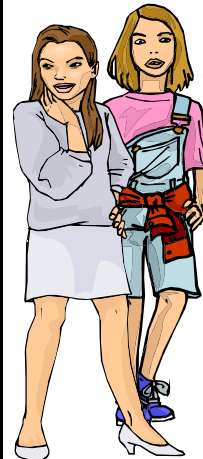
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For further information and tickets (entry is by ticket only) please contact Emily Chironda on 01424 456008 or e-mail her at: emily.chironda@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Udimore, Rye

At approximately 15:30 on Monday 17 January a male called at a property selling frozen foods. He gave the occupant a flyer which he felt did not look genuine and had no telephone number on. The male had a van which he stated the food was in and is described as white, 40-45 years old, 5'6"-5'8", stocky build, fair curly hair. He is described as being 'pushy' and said that he came round every 3 months which the occupant did not believe.

Did this man call on you? Probably a bit fishy, just like some of his semi thawed products! Quote serial no. 982 of 17/01/05

Volunteers - come and join us!

Volunteers will soon be working side-by-side with police officers and staff at police stations in Hastings & Rother.

In a drive to maximise officers on the front line, Hastings & Rother Police have embarked on a recruitment campaign to attract members of the public to help behind the scenes.

People are being sought now to join the new scheme which will go live in March. The scheme was piloted in Eastbourne and the surrounding areas in 2002 and they now have 70 volunteers.

Hastings & Rother Division covers the Hastings, Bexhill, Rye and Battle areas. Any members of the public aged between 17 and 80 who are able to spare a few hours per week are asked to contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator Marianne Hovenden on 0845 60 70 999, extension 60360, for more information and an application form.

Every volunteer will undergo a screening procedure before acceptance and, whilst the roles are voluntary, travelling expenses will be paid and training provided.

Do you know where your purse is?

There have been several incidents of thefts of purses from bags in shops and other public places recently.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

Remember to keep your purse or wallet somewhere where you can feel it, such as an inside jacket or trouser pocket. Pockets you can zip or button are best. Check every now and then to make sure you still have your wallet or purse on you, but don't make this too obvious as pickpockets can spot you doing this.

Do not leave your bag unattended or open in a public place, such as in a pub, coffee bar or shop. If you're trying on shoes in a shop for example, don't walk even a short distance away from your bag, keep it with you.

Help your children learn how to cut crime!

The first ever week of action to protect schoolchildren from robbery was launched today in Manchester by Home Office Minister Hazel Blears, Crimestoppers and Olympic medal winning boxer Amir Khan.

'SAFE' week starts today, Monday 10 January. 'SAFE' assemblies and lessons have been designed by crime-fighting experts at the Home Office, teachers and police, and will be held in schools up and down the country to give young people essential safety advice and help cut crime. At the same time, a renewed wave of TV and radio ads will be aired as part of the Home Office 'Let's Keep Crime Down' Campaign which launched in November last year. For further information visit http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/n_storyaspitem_id=1204

Fishmarket Road, Rye

At approximately 04:00 on Saturday 08 January a vehicle was flagged down by two white males described as aged approximately 18/19 years, both wearing blue jeans and a dark bomber jackets with some sort of emblem on the left hand side, slim build, approximately 5'6"/5'7" with short dark hair and Scottish accents. They stopped the vehicle which was a silver Citroen Saxo at the 'Skinners' Roundabout (the vehicle was traveling towards Rye on the A259) and one male blocked the vehicle from exiting the roundabout whilst the other opened the car door and grabbed the female occupant demanding that she get out of the car. The female pleaded with them not to and they let her go, leaving her very shaken and upset.

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

Castle Water has been a hive of activity in the time after Christmas and New Year. Up to nine Smew, a rather striking little duck which breeds in the far north of Europe, have been present and thrilling everyone with their antics. Most of the birds have been 'redheads', that is either females or young males which have a grey body and a red head, while a smaller number are adult males

(pictured), which generally spend the winter further north than the females and are hence less common on the south coast. Adult male



Smew are superb birds, largely white with hints of grey and black in a very



pleasing combination.



Also present on Castle water was a young Goosander, both this species and Smew being what are known as

(not actually teeth!) which help them catch and hold slippery fish, their main diet. Other birds of interest at Castle Water were a small flock of Scaup, a large, pale sea-going

version of Tufted Duck, probably four Bittern, which have been showing very well right in front of the Castle Water Hide (pictured), and the odd Goldeneye, a small duck which is another exclusive winter visitor to the reserve.

The initial stages of path improvements on the track to the Parkes Hide has been completed, while work has also started on the provision of information displays in the hide itself, with the construction of a bird identification chart. In addition, one of our

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

(Continued from page 16) volunteers has kindly agreed to undertake the construction of an extra viewing slot at the southern end of the hide.

Work has also begun to make the Castle Water Hide accessible to wheelchairs. Holes in the path were filled and a wheelchair ramp was constructed on a volunteer work party to replace the existing steps, while a start was made on alterations within the hide to make it more wheelchair friendly.

Forthcoming events in February:
Sun 6th – A Winter Ramble Around Pett Level. A look at the wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at Pannel Valley Nature Reserve. Please bring your own lunch and

binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Roadside Pool at Pett Level at 10am, returning 2pm (4 miles).

Sat 19th – Fun Bird Feeding Activities. A fun family event..... come and learn about all the different bird feeding habits, and try making some bird feeders and tasty meals to take home for your garden birds. Meet at Rye Harbour Village Hall at 10am until 12.30pm.

Materials provided. Cost £2 per child, accompanying adults free.
Sat 19th – Winter Lecture: "Animal Architecture: The Mysterious World of a

Spider and an Ant" by Dave Maylam. A joint meeting with the Rye Natural History Society, at the Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill at 2.30pm.



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No items in glass bottles please, food and medical items should be well in date

There will hopefully be several drop off points eventually; such as some major supermarkets in other areas, like Hastings, some local schools are already getting involved; but if more would like to join in, they would be welcome and I can send them all the information they may need.

All donations will be collected within a few weeks, by "Smile International", based in Kent and then flown on to Sri Lanka. However if the response is there that period could be extended with not to many problems.

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There are no drinks included in this prize, just the meal.

Applications forms can be obtained from Rye Harbour Stores, Simply Italian

You should find the 20 company names below that currently advertise with Rye Harbour Newsletter. When completed, your application form must be placed in Newsletter Post Box situated in Rye Harbour Stores.

Closing date for entry forms will be at shop closing on Friday 11th February 2005

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Film Regeneration - Held at The Place, Camber Sands. Price includes Two course dinner. £19.75. Dine from 7 pm before the film starts at 8.30 pm Booking essential 01797 225057

SAT 5th

Antiques & Collectables Fair - Rye Community Centre 9.30 - 4.30 pm
Rye Winter Festival - Rye's War, held at Methodist church, lower hall Rye at 3 pm. Cost £5 Illustrated talk by Jo Kirkham
Rye Winter Festival - Katzenjammer, four hands on one piano - a music comedy duo. Methodist Church, Rye at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8

SUN 6TH

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer - Held at Thomas Peacocke Community College from 2.30 pm. Ian Griffin will be playing. Tickets £4.50. Phone 01424444058

A Winter Ramble Around Pett Level -

A look at the wintering birds of the levels and visit a hide at Pennel Valley Nature Reserve. Please bring your own lunch and binoculars if you have them. Meet at The roadside pool at Pett Level - TQ 903146 at 10 am. Return about 2 pm. Donations appreciated.

Winter Wildlife - Guided estate walk, Winter Wildlife. Meet Pestalozzi International village at reception for 2 pm. Charge £1. NO bus service on Sundays.

TUE 8th

Pancake Race - Details to follow

SAT 12th

Antiques & Collectables Fair - Rye Community Centre 9.30 - 4.30 pm

SUN 13th

Antiques & Collectables Fair - Rye Community Centre 9.30 - 4.30 pm

FRI 18th

Rye Bay Scallop Festival - For further details please contact Tom Cosgrove (Ypres) 01797 223248 or Yolanda 01797 229600. Runs till 27th

SAT 19th

The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - Animal Architecture - The Mysterious world of a spider and ant. Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill at 2.30 pm. Speaker Dave Maylem.

Fun Bird Feeding Activities - A fun family events, come and learn about all The different bird feeding habits and try making some bird feeders and tasty meal to take home for your garden birds. Meet Rye Harbour village hall at 10 am until 12.30 pm. Materials provided. Cost £2 per child accompanying adults FREE. Wheelchair accessible
Lunchtime Jazz - Held at The Place, Camber Sands, Maureen Connett sings Classic jazz standards. Price includes two course lunch. Time 12 pm - 3 pm
 Booking essential 01797 225057

MARCH

SAT 5th

Antiques & Collectables Fair
 Held at Rye Community Centre from 9.30 am - 4.30

SUN 6th

Camber Castle Wildlife And History - A chance to see, inside Camber Castle and observe the wildlife of Castle Water Nature Reserve. Meet Brede Lock car park TQ919198 at 10 am return about 1 pm. Donations appreciated.
Antiques & Collectables Fair Held at Rye Community Centre from 9.30 am - 4.30

SUN 13th

Friends of Rye Wurlitzer Held at Thomas Peacocke, Community College, Rye. Concerts start at 2.30 pm. Tickets £4.50. Chris Powell.
Hastings Half Marathon - Information 01424 781111

SAT 19th

The Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. Coastal Monitoring - The changing face of the South East beaches by Chris Longmire. Admission is free
 Winchelsea Beach Community Hall at 7.30 pm

Annual Beach Clean - Please come along to help with the removal of winter rubbish. We should all so see Wheatear and Sandwich Tern. Meet Rye Harbour car park at 10 am with work gloves if you have

them. Soup will be served at 1 pm. Please try and come Sunday 20th too.

WED 23rd

Canal & Castle - Following the banks of the Royal Military canal to Camber Castle. Quick look round the castle before heading up into the ancient town of Winchelsea for a tea stop, then back along under the ancient cliff line to Rye. Meet 11 am Rye train station. Donations appreciated.

FRI 25th

Smallhththe House Easter Family Fun
 Bring the family and enjoy the delightful garden and Orchard in Springtime. There will be a fun trail and quiz for Children to enjoy.
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Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Annual Marble Match Easter bonnet parade at Battle Abbey Green. Information 01424 773721

SAT 26th

Easter Egg Stravaganza in Camber Castle - A fun family event hunting for Easter eggs in Henry V111's Castle. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost £1 per child accompanying adults Free. Pre-booking advisable 01797 227784. Meet at Brede Lock car park 1 pm - 3 pm.
Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

SUN 27th

Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

MON 28th

Antiques & Collectables Held at Rye Community Centre at 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Please note:-

Rye Farmer's Market held every Wednesday at Strand Quay
 From 10 am - 1 pm.

General Market held every Thursday & Bank Holiday
 Mondays at Station Approach from 9 - 3.30 pm approx

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

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MAIN EVENTS RYE & DISTRICT 2005

<u>RYE GOES CRAZY</u>	29 TH January
<u>RYE WINTER FESTIVAL</u>	3 rd - 6 th February
<u>RYE PANCAKE RACE</u>	8 th February
<u>SCALLOP FESTIVAL</u>	18 th - 27 th February
<u>RYE MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY AND THROWING OF HOT PENNIES</u>	9 th May
<u>RYE IN BLOOM PLANT FAIR</u>	15 th May
<u>THE SEIGE OF RYE</u>	30 th - 31 st July
<u>RYE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS</u>	1 st - 30 th August
<u>RYE FESTIVAL</u>	3 rd - 18 th September
<u>TASTE OF RYE FESTIVAL</u>	23 rd - 2 nd October
<u>RYE BONFIRE NIGHT</u>	12 th November
<u>CLASSIS CARS</u>	Late November
<u>TUESDAY PAINTERS CLUB OF RYE</u>	To be advised
<u>RYE ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIRS</u>	Regular weekend dates every month.

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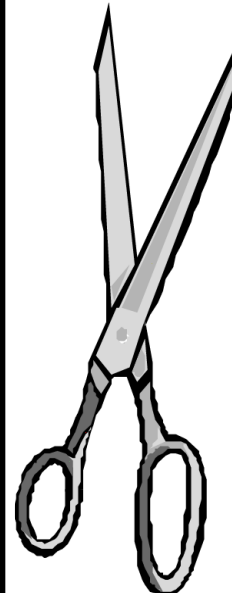
Rye Harbour Coronation Field Committee

I have just taken over the job as secretary of the rye harbour playing field which is opposite rye wharf. I have taken over from Richard Tollett who kindly did the job for a number of years. We are looking for a chair person for the committee so if any residents are willing to be a chair person, the rest of the committee would be very grateful. As a committee we are responsible for razing money for the field. we are a charity and rely on donations from companies or people to keep the field maintained and improved. I sent out a number of letters to some local companies asking for donations before Christmas and have received only one donation which was from H W

CONSULTING ENGINEERS which is based at rye wharf. so I would like to thank them, as all donations are gratefully recieved.

If their is any local companies that any one knows of, that would be willing to donate we would be grateful for any mony as we need to replace the perimeter fence and put gates on the field if possible. If any one needs to contact me about anything in this article, I live at 2 the old school house which is behind the field.

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Sandra Masters was born in the Buchanan Hospital, Hastings in February 1959. Sandra's father came from Hastings and her mother came from London and was evacuated to Rye Harbour when she was a baby. She lived here until she met and married Sandra's dad and they went to live on the Tilling Green estate. Sandra was the first born and has a younger brother Paul. They grew up on the estate and went to Tilling Green School. There

were lots of other children and they played on the field. Sandra loved football much to her mothers surprise and was always coming back after playing with the boys covered in mud. There were secret forays along the prohibited river bank Sandra then went to Thomas Peacock School and enjoyed history and science particularly and working in the Science Lab with Mr. Smith who

demonstrated centrifugal force by swinging a bucket of water round and round and if fast enough the water would not come out. Children of the village - try this experiment outside



to being a Head Chef in the Army Camp at Lydd. This meant cooking for 240 people and she was very busy as most often they were short staffed due to difficulties in recruiting people who are prepared to travel across Romney Marsh. Sandra met Garth when she was working at the Union and he came in as a customer. She thought he was stalking her, following her home to Tilling Green, but then

please, well away from the house! Sandra's mum remembers him doing it with them when she was at school being taught by Mr. Smith. He made science fun. Sandra then went to Hastings College for two years doing and he came in her City and Guilds in Catering 7061 and 2. She then worked in various hotels around Rye working as a commis chef and gradually working her way up

realized he was living nearby with his parents and was just innocently walking to his home. Sandra moved to Rye Harbour with Garth 21 years ago having heard of their Stonework Cottage was for sale from Pat Hughes who is a friend. Life has been very busy mostly working and Garth works as Storeman for Long Products just down the road. Sandra worked as

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Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont.....

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Catering Assistant at the Royal East Sussex Hospital becoming a Supervisor after a few years and then went up to the Conquest when that shut which was hectic as there were never enough staff and she only left when private contractors took over. She is now Head Cook at Peasmarsh Place where the residents have the best! For Sandra's 30th. birthday her mum gave her a present of a parachute jump at Headcorn and did

it in tandem with a freefall of over one minute from 10,000 feet. She loved it so much and wanted to do more and more but it is prohibitively expensive. So perhaps Sandra's 50th. birthday in 4 years time??!! Mum and Garth were much more nervous than Sandra and Richard Tollet ran the event. Sandra really loves Jamie Oliver and his approach to cooking and the way he apparently throws things

together and making things appear simple. Sandra particularly likes spicy dishes and curries. Sandra and Garth have a beautiful cat called Gizmo, Gizzie for short who has a very good life with lots of sleeping - he is 15 years old after all. Sandra is a great character full of life and interest. Thank you very much for being the character of Rye Harbour this month.

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



If anyone has any news it really isn't me as Eric has at last had his new hip, on the 30th December, and I am rather tied up being

nurse, physio, chief cook and bottle washer. But it all seems to be working and although I felt he would fall to pieces coming home only 8 days after a major operation my fears were unfounded.

So it is with new heart and renewed enthusiasm that we enter 2005 and look forward to enjoying life and the Sailing Club again. Our boat is for sale which is very sad but all things are better to end than before the Lifeboat is called out for an emergency which leads me neatly into the really wonderful evening we spent last Thursday watching and listening to our Martyn Phillips – coxswain of Hastings

Lifeboat - . I hope that doesn't sound too much that Martyn put us off no he didn't almost the opposite in fact.

The film he showed was



shot and edited by a local enthusiast and Martyn did the talk over. They also interviewed several of the crew and the training and dedication was really remarkable. He had his Navigator with him who owns a warehouse in his real life but talking to him made you realise the thrill they get in setting out in their all weather boat. There was a short clip, at the end, of a launch last year in a south westerly gale 9 gusting 10 when a sailing boat had set off

from Eastbourne and the Sovereign Harbour Marina Office had warned him that conditions were not going to be good. They asked Hasting to keep a look out and when they called the yacht up they got no reply so after one or two attempts they decided to launch and see what was wrong. They found him sailing

along with the radio off – I was so appalled at the seas they encountered and the sight of them having to launch through surf at low tide that I can't remember the outcome but it took a lot of skill to handle the lifeboat in those conditions. One of the exercises they filmed was of the helmsman and navigator bringing the boat into Rye Harbour with the windows covered. Knowing what the Harbour entrance is

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Rye Harbour Sailing Club News Cont...

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like and with two eyes working I realise that this is not something to be undertaken by people who do not know exactly what they are doing, radar is marvelous but it does take a lot of faith in electronics to be able to feel comfortable in these conditions. The other information I have is that the Club is

continuing to run various courses on radio procedure, first aid and information regarding these and other courses can be found on our website or by phoning Richard Hopper on 01797 222291 or there is a list in the Club house on the notice board.

We now have a new Committee, new Commodore, new

Secretary and 2005 looks like being a good year. We have planned a Rally in Holland in June and we hope that lots of members will be able to meet in Veere Club House for a meal followed by a cruise to the islands in the Veersemeer. Part of Holland many of us know well and have very fond memories of.

“Lighten The Day” sent in by Jill Halpin

DON'T MESS WITH OLD LADIES

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer: Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer: You what?

Older Woman: His

body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly

backs away to his car and calls for back up.

Within minutes 5

police cars circle the car. A senior officer

slowly approaches the car, clasping his half

drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of

your vehicle please! The woman

steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that

you have stolen this car and murdered the

owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car,

please. The woman opens the trunk, revealing

nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the

registration papers.

The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls

out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my

officers told me you didn't have a license,

that you stole this car, and that you murdered

and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was

speeding, too.

Don't Mess With Old Ladies



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The weather has once again been in charge of the fishing this month, doing its bit for conservation and trying the patience of the fishermen. A few trips here and there for trawlers, scalloper's and netters alike has made it a frustrating start to the year but thinking back, it seems to be the same every January and February. Prices for any fish has been good only because of the lack of supplies, this has helped a little but the scallop prices has remained fairly low with bigger boats able to fish on in bad weather around the coast and while there is no glut

there remains a good supply for most markets. Trawlers in the bay have found a mixed bag, which always seems to give the best results and catches have varied from Dover Sole, Lemon Sole, Plaice, Dabs, Huss, Whiting and Cod. Again the biggest part of the bag has been Whiting but the price has recovered from the fall before Christmas and a good run of fish has helped with any trips the boats have managed. Just outside the bay, back of the six-mile limit, two large pair trawlers have been seen working. They are believed to be mid

water trawling, towing one big net between them targeting pelagic species such as Herring, Mackerel and Horse Mackerel. The netters have found the going just as hard with the water and tide conditions rarely combining with fair weather to give them a chance. But effort did pay off for one of the boats with a steam out in the channel and taking a gamble on leaving some nets overnight found him with a good catch of lovely large Cods, all in peak condition.

Boy Ashore



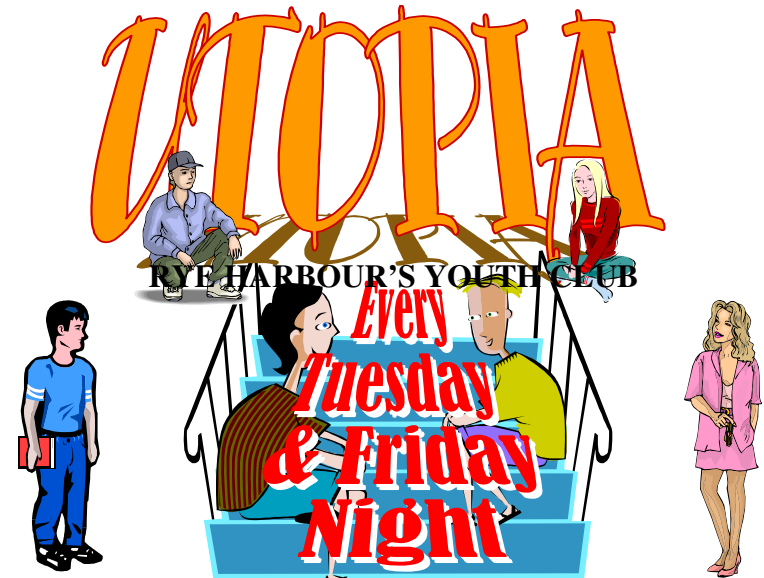
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Rye Harbour Church News

“**Y**ou shall
love the
Lord

your God with all
your heart and soul
and might. Keep
these words that I am
commanding you
today in your heart. Recite
them to your children and
talk about them when you
are at home.....”

So the Jews passed down
through the generations the
essentials of their faith.
They told their children
about what the Lord God
had done for them in their
national history, of
freedom from slavery, of
the gift of a new land, of
peace and prosperity. Not
only did the children
absorb the stories but they
enacted them in worship.
Children took part (and do
today) in the Passover cer-
emonies, reliving the ex-
traordinary events of long
ago. Why? Because those
events made them the peo-
ple they are today and that
sense of thankfulness
should not be forgotten.
What do we teach our chil-
dren of their faith today?
The answer is – precious
little. Church schools have
Christian worship in their
assemblies and teaching.
State schools provide what
they can, but religious
instruction is primarily a



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

parental responsibility.
Churches are situated in
every locality in the
country but unless there is
an example and encourage-
ment by parents, Churches
are powerless to foster and
deepen religious
understanding in a child.
It has been said that there
seems to be a connection
between the decline in
religious observance and
the increase in drug-taking,
binge drinking and
lawlessness among the
young. Is it true? What
religion does provide is
both an inner map so that
our lives are more
structured and an anchor so
that we are more
emotionally secure.
Religion helps us to
apprehend the God who is
above us (greater than us)
and the God who is within
us (in the depths of our
being). It helps us to
formulate prayers and to
know to whom we should
pray. It associates us with

an alternative society
to the one the world
offers, where certain
values are cherished
and where accepting
love is practised.

Religion furnishes us
with words and imag-

es that feed our senses. It
introduces us to the
wisdom of the past and
helps us to apply it to our
own situations. It helps us
to make sense of life, with
all the disappointments and
struggles that inevitably
test our journey from birth
to death. Religion inspires
us to spend our energies
less selfishly and to see
where we can be of
service. At the end, it
accompanies us to the
grave, trumpeting that
“death has lost its sting”
and makes us hopeful of
resurrection.

Lent House Groups - all
welcome. Subject – “St. Mat-
thew 5”.

Wednesdays (starting 16th
February) 7.30 p.m. at The
Loft, Tram Road (home of
Mike and Jill Stott)

Services in February

Sunday 13th 9.15
a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 27th 10.30
a.m. Family Service

Also

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February 7 p.m.
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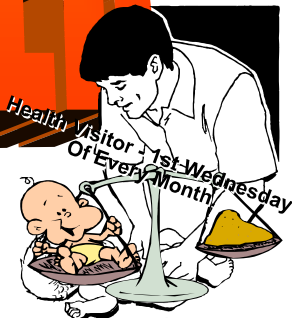
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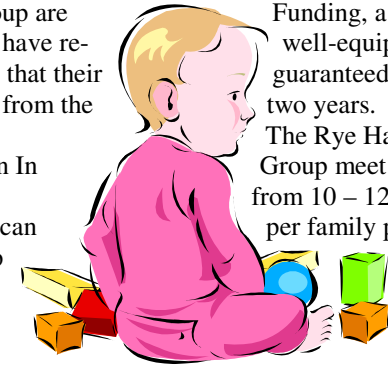
THANKS TO LOCAL NETWORK FUNDING

Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group are delighted to have received news that their application for funding from the Local Network Fund (administered by Action In Rural Sussex) has been approved and that they can now maintain the group to a high standard. The group can now continue to provide a local service bringing together local parents and children. Rosemarie of the group, said "this funding will make all the difference, as even during quite times we can maintain

the group so that it's always here when parents and carers want to come along".

Now thanks to the Local Network Funding, a well-run and well-equipped group will be guaranteed for at least the next two years.

The Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 12 in the Village Hall - £1 per family per session – for further



information of the club please contact Claire on 01797 223894.

For information about the Local Network Fund and how they can help with your project, telephone a member of the Local Network Fund team on 01273 405452

Rosemarie

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GET WELL SOON



Our best wishes are extended to Pat Gawn (Nanny Pat) who lately has been travelling both to and from the Conquest hospital. We all hope she feels much better soon.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to George Caister, recently in and out of hospital and also Jack Caister, who following a fall, is now out and about again.

Finally we hear that our friend Arthur Berry, following illness will be spending a while at the Care Centre to recuperate.

Parish Council Notebook

Our readers have probably read recently of the resignation of most members of The Icklesham Parish Council along with their Clerk.

Our two councillors, Steve Tollett and Steve Rogers were among those who resigned and decided not to rejoin and we thank them for what they did for Rye Harbour during what has been a most difficult period.

Two former councillors for the Rye Harbour ward, Vivien Ennis and Michael Alford were invited to apply and agreed to do so, both had health problems, hopefully these are now in the past for both of them.

Hopefully the council will now be able to sail in calmer waters. There are several new members who have offered their services.

Icklesham always was a good council, who served each of their wards well and we shall look forward to happier times in the future.

Tsunami: Sussex takes SE lead

Horsham has been established as the regional centre for the South East for police investigations into UK citizens still missing or unidentified in the Asian earthquake disaster.

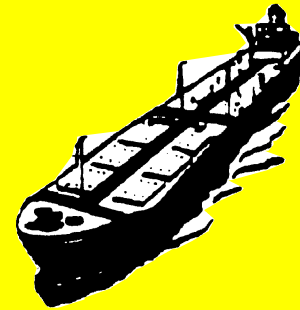
The investigations element of Operation Bracknell, the police response to the disaster, is being led by DCI Jane Tilzey from the Sussex Police Major Incident Suite on the top floor of Horsham police station.

View the following for more information

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The Ploughman's Lunches

The next Ploughman's Lunch will be Monday 14th February



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