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Happy new year to you all, hope you all had a good

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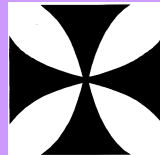
Christmas. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond my control, I was hoping to publish photos of the children's Christmas party and also the parent and toddlers Christmas party, I was unable to this month but I will endeavour to do so in next months issue. I will also try to publish them on the website, there has been a little delay with the photo albums but they are now getting underway.

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empty pages but they will be filled very soon, with lots more to come, please use it as an information directory with all the extras. Next months deadline will be **Monday 16th January** and if you have difficulties with my new email address please use the comments section on the website, I'm not sure what the problem is at this moment as some people don't have a problem with it but I am working on it.



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FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

Some news fresh in, Doctor Binny Buckley, whom many of you will know, is retiring in December after some 35 years on service with the Agency and Maff previously. Dr Buckley, Area Manager for Kent, was in charge of the harbour for some ten years from 1991 and, at one time kept her boat "Bloomer", a 32ft Contessa, at the Strand Quay. She is being replaced by Harvey Bradshaw who comes from being area Manager of Hampshire. We wish Binny well for the future and give a warm welcome to her successor.

Dredging! Finally approval has been given to dredge the Strand Quay area using the low pressure water injection method that will agitate silts into suspension and travel to the sea in the out going tide. We expect at top to move some 5.000 cubic metres of mud over a four day period. At the same time flood defence works are taking place around the Strand Quay raising the walls a further 2 feet giving better protection for the low lying areas around the town. During works, boats on the old Laundry side will have to re-locate to the town side. Flood defence works begin just before Christmas with the dredging to take place about March, before the onset of the boating season. A little



disruption; but the ends should justify the means. If the dredging is successful then a longer term strategy will be introduced. This should see an end to the very high, unsightly mud banks visible at every low water.

The Agency also is the navigation authority for the fresh water part of the Medway River. I was asked to take a trip to the Thames to survey a patrol boat for the navigation team on the Medway. It seems the Thames navigation has some six craft for disposal and we want one for the Medway. One has now been delivered and will see service next summer. More shipping arriving at the port with imports of both slag from Dunkirk and aggregate from Raynes Quarry dominating. three cargoes of grain have also been exported to Rotterdam. We are seeing more of the very large Russian vessels recognised by the high accommodation for the 12 or more crews.

Kirk, the deputy harbour master, is busy completing his training to act as a pilot for the port. All new pilots are required to complete 12 acts

under supervision of another pilot before being interviewed. Kirk should be a fully licensed pilot in the next few weeks.

Good reports from the boats who have berthed at the first phase of the fish Market development. Unfortunately, one of the fish box lifting motors was stolen during the week.. A replacement plus spares have been ordered. We are sure that the thief will be caught and punished. Armistice day was attended by harbour staff who represented the fallen of the Merchant Navy during conflicts that still exist today.

Surveys to the steel sheet piling work forming the western training wall have been completed. This survey is part of a £50k project to investigate the condition of this training wall identifying costs and options for renewal or repair. The piles were driven in the early 30's, so have had a good life.

Rother III has had a new propeller fitted. The existing one is some 25 years old and had many chips knocked off it. The new three bladed prop has been especially moulded to the configuration of the Lochin Hull. So far we have experienced an additional two knots of speed (14.5).

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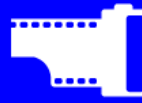
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THEFT

Wednesday 23rd November to Thursday 24th November Rye Harbour Rd, Rye Harbour. Prior to 08:05 somebody broke through the fence of a business premises in order to gain access to a boat yard next door where they stole approximately 1000 gallons of fuel from a diesel tank. Quote serials 178 & 221 of 24/11/05

Rother District Appeals

Two premises located on Rye Harbour Road were broken into and large quantities of diesel fuel taken. It is believed this occurred on the evening of Wednesday 23rd November and the early hours of Thursday 24th November 2005. As one aggrieved states only a small amount was spilled, Police believe a large vehicle would have been required to carry such a volume. Please can anyone with information regarding suspicious persons and vehicles in Rye Harbour during the dates given, contact PC Alan Simes at Rye police station on 0845 60 70 999, quoting serial 178 of 24/11/2005.

APPEAL

Police are seeking information after a 14-year-old boy was assaulted in Rye at approximately 11.30pm on Saturday, 26 November. The youth was walking home after spending the evening at a friend's house when he saw a group of men leaving The Standard public house. He decided to avoid them and went along an alleyway to Mermaid Street. At the junction of The Mint and Mermaid Street he saw about eight men walking towards him, believed to be the same group. The youth has told police that for no reason they ran towards him and he was kicked once in the left knee which caused him to fall to

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Cont...

the ground. He was then punched in the ribs. He suffered bruising to his knee and was obviously shocked and upset as a result of the incident. The group are described as all being white, about 20 to 30 years old, wearing smart shirts, jeans and black shoes. If anyone was in the area on Saturday night and can assist police in identifying the group please contact PC Simes at Rye Police Station and quote serial 1779 of 26/11/2005.

Prize Draw Scam

A householder received a letter headed "THE PRIZE BANK CONSORTIUM"

It was the usual list of prizes, list of winners and 090 number to ring. It stated that as it is a British company organising it, there was a maximum charge of £1.50 a minute to phone them, but with 7 minutes that is still pricey. They even ask you to send two first class stamps when you claim. Needless to say there is no indication of how the recipient has been selected as a winner for a competition they did not enter.

They do say that you can instead of phoning you can write to them for your claim number, however, they suggest that you do not reuse their envelope in case the letter goes astray, despite the fact that the return address on the envelope is the same as the claim address. They do not even guarantee as some do that the value of the prize will be greater than the cost of claiming it.

This has been reported to the Trading Standards advice line and to a local officer. The Advice line had not come across this particular organisation and when they checked the address given it came up with a different name.

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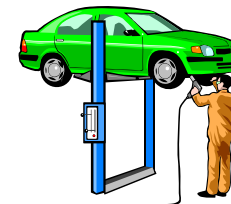
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

As we approach the end of the year, the reserve is playing host to increasing numbers of winter waders, drawn to the south coast of England by the milder weather and abundant feeding opportunities. Some of these, such as Dunlin, Lapwing and Curlew, will have come largely from either Western Europe, or from Scandinavia, while others will have come from much further a field. For instance, many of the Redshank found around British coasts during the winter are probably from Iceland. However, perhaps the longest journeys are undertaken by species such as Sanderling and Turnstone (pictured left). While both of these are very familiar to anyone who visits Rye Harbour, few realise the journey that these little birds have undertaken to get here! The majority of our Sanderling, for instance, migrate to Britain from Siberia, while Turnstones undertake an even longer journey, travelling all the way from Greenland and even Northern Canada! These birds will spend the winter on our shores before making the long return journey in spring to breed.

Practical work on the reserve has included that old favourite



every month, meet at 10am in car park (Call Miriam 227784 for more detail, or ask Ken – the one on the right of the group).

willow clearance on the islands at Castle Water and more landscaping work at Ternery Pool, including our team of volunteers on our regular Tuesday workparties weeding

A number of people have enquired about access to the viewpoint behind Bournes recently – it has been closed because of the pollution there.



the nesting islands (pictured below). We used an excavator to lower the northern bank of Ternery Pool to provide a more attractive margin for birds (and a more interesting view for birdwatchers in the Crittall Hide). And also removed the causeway between the northern bank of and the largest island, which will hopefully prevent predators gaining access to nesting birds during the breeding season.

Our workparties are held on the first and third Tuesdays of

You may be happy to know that by the time you read this a new walkway and platform will have been constructed and access reinstated, giving wide open views across the reedbeds towards Camber Castle.

Over the last few months local schools have started to come down to record natural sounds found on the reserve. Winchelsea School based themselves in the Rye Harbour church, which turned out to be a great place for recording music, whilst the group from

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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Playden School braved the cold temperatures to see what sounds were close to the river. Throughout the coming year Saffron Summerfield will be creating a soundscape for each season, with the help from local children, schools and other community groups. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact Miriam on 01797 227784.

Forthcoming events in January include:

Sat 21st – Winter Lecture on ‘The Fascination of Wild Orchids’. An illustrated talk

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Sun 22nd – **Beach Reserve Circular Walk.** A closer look at our waders, wildfowl and

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This years wreath laying ceremony was bathed in beautiful autumn sunshine as 17 present day Lifeboat Crew laid flowers on the Memorial. I would like to thank all of our Lifeboat Ladies who served the tea, coffee and biscuits in the Village Hall after the service. Since my last report we have had a shout to a wind surfer in trouble just outside of the Harbour. The wind was blowing force 8 from the South West, causing a big sea on the bar. When the lifeboat arrived on scene the wind surfer said that he was now OK and walked off without one word of thanks. Four crew and a deputy launching authority, spent 1 1/2 hrs looking for a dog in the river in early November without finding a thing. On the 4th December the lifeboat towed a fishing boat into harbour after it had suffered



gear box failure. The casualty was put on the slip at the harbour.

On the 10th December the lifeboat launched to take over the tow of a broken down angling boat that was being towed by Hastings all weather lifeboat. The casualty was towed to Rye town and put on its mooring.

On the 24th November the crew attended an evening at the Social Club when Tony Edwards was presented with a statuette of a Lifeboat Man, for long service. Tony did 11 years in the crew and to date has done 12 years as a Deputy Launching Authority.

These days our crew are trained to a very high standard. Six of our crew got their Royal Yachting Association Day Skipper Tickets and two of our Helmsmen attained their Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Advanced Power Boat Tickets.

If you or someone that you know would like to become a Crew member, please come along to the Station any Sunday morning between 10.30 and 12.00.

As we sit down for our Christmas Dinner, some of us will be mindful of the fact that seven RNLI lifeboats will be called out on Christmas Day. Fingers crossed it won't be us, but we will be on call just in case.

Finally I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas from Rye Harbour Lifeboat Station.

Richard Tollett



Rye Harbour Newsletter Christmas Competition



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Revd Joy Davenport & Sarah Reader receiving two tickets each from Ian Smith for 'Aladdin'.

Last Month's Winners & Answers



Jean Brown getting the Winning Hamper at Budgens

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MAIN EVENTS RYE & DISTRICT 2006

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| <u>RYE WINTER FESTIVAL</u> | 27 th – 5 th February |
| <u>SCALLOP FESTIVAL</u> | 17 th – 26 th February |
| <u>RYE MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY AND THROWING OF HOT PENNIES</u> | |
| <u>RYE GARDEN SAFARI</u> | |
| <u>THE RYE FLOWER & VEGETABLES SHOW</u> | – 2 nd September |
| <u>THE SEIGE OF RYE</u> | 29 th - 30 th July |
| <u>RYE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS</u> | To be advised |
| <u>RYE RAFT RACE, SCOTTS FLOAT TO TOWN</u> | 27 th August |
| <u>RYE FESTIVAL</u> | 2 nd - 17 th September |
| <u>TASTE OF RYE FESTIVAL</u> | 22 nd – 1 st October |
| <u>RYE BONFIRE NIGHT</u> | 11 th November |
| <u>CLASSIS CARS</u> | 26 th November |
| <u>TUESDAY PAINTERS CLUB OF RYE</u> | – To be advised |
| <u>RYE ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES FAIRS</u> | Regular weekends |
| | Dates every month |
| <u>WILDLIFE WEEK-END</u> | 5 th – 7 th May |
| <u>LATE NIGHT SHOPPING AND ILLUMINATION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> | |

For further details on any of the above events please contact
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• **WHATS ON - IN YOUR LOCAL AREA** •

JANUARY

MON 2nd
Northiam in Winter - A New Year walk enjoying the winter landscape around Northiam. Part of the "Festival of winter walks". Meet Northiam public car park 1pm near church.

SAT 7th
Christmas Tree Recycling – Please donate your tree to help this unique recycling project. Whole trees only NO CUTTINGS or Holly. Meet 10am at central car park, Old Lydd road, Camber or Tan House Furniture, Peasmarsh (near Jempsons).

SUN 8th
Friends of Pestalozzi Estate Walk
A refresher walk around the estate at 2pm

SUN 22nd
Beach Reserve Circular Walk – A closer look at our Waders, Wildlife and other wintering birds. Meet Rye Harbour car park 11am.

THUR 26th
The Fairlight Pantomime Group – Presents Jack & the Beanstalk at Fairlight Village hall at 7.30pm and Sunday matinee 2.30pm. Admission by programme Only. Tickets Fairlight post office. Runs till 28th January

FRI 27th
Rye Winter Festival – runs till 5th February. Information www.ryefestival.co.uk
The RT Hon Michael Howard – Politics & Literature.
"Dose Literature inspire politicians". Thomas Peacocke Community College at 4pm. Tickets £10.00 (event code L1)

Box Office – Martello Book shop, 26 High Street, Rye, TN31 7JJ. Telephone 01797 224442. Book by post or in person between 10am – 12 noon, 21st – 27th January.

The Alexander Piano Quartet – David Alexander – Piano Peter Graham – Violin Miriam Eisele – Viola Ann Mowat – Cello Music programme – Mozart piano quartet in Eb Walton Piano Quartet in D minor Brahms Piano Quartet in G Minor The Methodist Church, Church Square, Rye. Tickets £10.00 (events code C1)

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SAT 28th
Piano & Cello Recital – David Alexander Piano – Ann Mowat – Cello Beethoven seven variations on 'bei mannem welche liebe fuhlen' from The Magic Flute. Cesar Frank Sonata in A major (1886) – Marinu Variations on a theme of Rossini. The Methodist church, Church Square, Rye. 3pm. Tickets £7.50 (event code C2)

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Rye Camera Club – Charlie Waite Landscape Photographer
A rare opportunity to hear Charlie talk about his photography and see some landscape images for which he is well known and admired. Thomas Peacocke Community College 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50 (event Code W1)
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SAT 29th
Strictly Argentinian Tango
Taster Workshop (5pm – 6.30pm)
To teach the basic of Argentinian Tango. Run by Jonathan Davies and Sarah Cardwell. Tickets £6.50 (event code AM1)
A Milonga (a social Argentinian dance)
From 7.30pm with music by Los Mareados. Tickets £10.00 (event code AM2) or combined ticket £15.00 (event code AM3). Los Mareados are probably the UK'S foremost Tango Dance Band. Join in the fun and dance to live music. Non – dancers welcome to watch. Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduct Hill, Rye.

FEBRUARY

FRI 3rd
The Prince Consort – Vocal Ensemble: part of the Rye Winter Festival
Ailsdair Hogarth – Piano
Jennifer Johnston – Mezzo Soprano
Andrew Staples – Tenor
Jacques Imbrailo – Baritone
The programme will include Beethoven – An die ferne Geliebte, Schumann- Frauliebe und Leben and songs by Britten, Schurbert and Strauss.
The Prince Consort, founded by Ailsdair Hogarth, is fast emerging as a fresh, exciting and versatile ensemble. Their performances are characterised by wide ranging programmes and polished presentation which showcase different combinations of voice and piano from solos to small groups.
The TN31 7JJ Methodist Church, Church Square, Rye – Time 7.30pm
Tickets £10.00 (event code C3)
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SAT 4th
Friends of Pestalozzi Estate Walk – Winter Wildlife. Information 01424 870444

SUN 5th
A Winter ramble around Pett Level

A look at the wintering birds of the levels and a visit to the hide at the Pannel Valley nature reserve. Please bring your own lunch and binoculars if you have them. Meet 10am roadside pool at Pett Level.

Rye Winter Festival – Jane Shilling 'The Fox in the Cupboard'
local resident, Time columnist, and mother of one, uses hunting as a metaphor for self-discovery; but The fox in the Cupboard is also a journey into the hidden landscapes of the present and the past.
Rye Methodist Church, 3pm. Tickets £8 (event code L2)
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SUN 12th
Friends of Rye Wurliitzer – Iain Flitcroft.
Concert starts 2.30pm. Tickets on door £5.50 to include interval refreshments. Held at Thomas Peacocke, Community College.

TUE 14th
Rye Museum Association – Talk Smuggling in Kent & East Sussex. Peter Ewar talks on the history of smuggling in Kent and the Rye part of East Sussex.

FRI 17th
Scallop Festival – Runs till 26th. Information Yolanda Laybourne 01797 229600

SAT 18th
Fun Bird Activities – Why not come and join in the fun of learning about nesting birds and try your hand at making things to take home to your garden birds. Call in to Lime Kiln Cottage between 10am – 2pm for these craft activities. Booking advisable 01797 227784.

FRI 24th
Rye Singers – Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe. Information 01424 814574. Runs till 25th

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Characters Of Rye Harbour

Jess was born in Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, 5 weeks premature weighing 5lbs. 2ozs. on the 7th. of December 1992. She moved to Rye Harbour when she was 3 years old. She went to St. Michael's Primary School in Playden, Dad taking her every morning. She enjoyed school very much. Jess describes herself as not the

as it has some structure and rhythm. She would love to study music at degree level at the Brighton Institute of

Modern Music. She is also passionately interested in English Literature and Geology, so the possibility of a combined degree in creative studies is also attractive.

Medicine is yet another interest if she could envisage overcoming a fear of needles.

Jess is being educated at home at present and this is called Home Schooling and she feels this enables her to develop more freely her own personality and to be freer from peer pressure and the general impact of society.

Jess feels that the present government has reduced a proud and efficient country to a snivelling wreck kissing Americas shoes. We don't rule ourselves any more everything is to please America and George Bush. On Iraq she feels

greatest social butterfly and as a bit of a nerd.

Jess loves music playing the piano, guitar and drums. Rock music is her real love as long

that something had to be done but maybe war was not the best way. She would have preferred a more considered

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Characters Of Rye Harbour Cont...

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and peaceful solution. Towards religion Jess takes an agnostic and questioning stance.

Charity is a big important thing in the life of Jess and she feels shocked that there are so many people living deprived lives in the 21st. century. We have the ways and means to really change this. Jess realises that she cannot do this on her own but feels that only as part of a larger group she can make a difference. She thinks that politics, global warming and financial greed are working against humanity in general.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Jess sorted and planned an evening on the 19th. of November 2005 in order to raise money and awareness of Children in Need. There was an open mike session with lots

of people coming and singing and playing music. Thanks are due to Dad for use of the Conqueror for the evening and to the music makers Paul, Carl, Ben Wright, Ben Robins, Paul on the didgeridoo and John from Hull.

Many thanks too Charles for making the cake which was auctioned. Raffle Prizes were donated by the pub, J and F fruiterers, Harbour Wine and Minerals, Bogden of Rye Harbour Stores, Olivers, Budgens, staff of Conqueror and everyone else who supported and donated. The sum made was £340 - 92p. doubling Jess's previous Red Nose Day total.

She regards children as the most vulnerable members of society who are also our future. Jess enjoys being part of a caring and cohesive

community.

I see Jess as a lively, compassionate and thoughtful young woman with plenty of ideas and go and focus who has the tremendous benefit of a caring and thoughtful family who are prepared to be adventurous in her upbringing and education. I am proud that she represents our future.

I would be glad to hear from anymore of the young people in the village who would be prepared to be interviewed as a Character of Rye Harbour.

It would be an opportunity to say what you think and feel about life and your life in particular.

Jill Halpin

FEEL FREE TO PARTICIPATE

<http://www.ryeharbournewsletter.org>

The Monday Club

The Monday Club in Rye Harbour meets every two weeks, always on a Monday at the village hall from 2pm until 4pm. Activities in the hall are Scrabble, Whist, Chatting and of course tea. The Monday Club is loosely in association with the popular monthly Lunch Club and their meetings are arranged to take place either side

of this event.

We would welcome new members as numbers are rather low at present and so if you are interested, pop into the hall and meet us. The dates of the Monday Club and the Lunch Club are always displayed on the notice board outside of the village hall.



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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.


Don't Forget To Visit
RYE HARBOUR'S
Web Site At
<http://www.ryeharbour.org>



FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



December has seen a rush to swap over to scalloping for most of the trawlers after a promising start by the first couple of boats to try this fishery. The more local beds off Dungeness are where the boats are concentrated and catches although not big have been steady with some scallops to be found all over. The scallop season has become very important for many boats, this can be seen by the different ports, boats have come from to take part, Whitstable, Folkestone and Dungeness to

the east, Rye, Hastings, Newhaven and Shoreham to the west. The few trawlers left working in the bay have found a good mix of fish with the first decent catches of Whiting, a run of large Plaice and a box or two of Bass on the better days, with the Cod's and Codling becoming more scarce. Netting boats are in the main, setting their gear for Cod's on the rougher ground just off Dungeness, this being done on a daily basis leaving the nets in the water for a few hours instead of overnight.

Fish caught this way are nearly always in top condition through not being in the gear too long and the landings have been average as opposed to big but there hasn't been any really blank days. Work is gathering pace now at the fish market, with the sheet piling on the next phase, starting to stretch towards the road bridge and all are hoping that the completion in the first half of next year happens.

Boy Ashore

WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

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Rye Harbour Church News

For those who want a last chance to sing Christmas carols, a Churches Together Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 1st January at 6 p.m. will provide it. A retiring collection will be sent to the Asian Earthquake Appeal.

The Annual Meeting of Churches Together will be held on Wednesday 18th January at 6 p.m. (meal) for 7 p.m. (Speaker and meeting) in the Baptist Church. The following Sunday, 22nd, the next ecumenical service will also be held at the Baptist Church (6 p.m.)

At Rye Harbour, we are pleased to announce that the Church will be readily available for hire for appropriate events, as the new toilet and kitchen are working satisfactorily. Booking forms and conditions of use are

available from Michael and Sylvia Alford Tel: 222650 We are blessed to have close and friendly



relationships among the denominations in Rye and District but that may not be reflected world-wide!

If I were to have a New Year wish, it

would be for a sign of greater support for our lovely Church at Rye Harbour. The faithful few maintain the building and its worship for the many. I have yet to fathom why this is. Our society needs God's grace as much as it ever did. "Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not."

January Services

Sunday 8th January
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd January
10.30 a.m. Family Service

"A very blessed New Year to you all."

Hugh Moseley (222430)

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

at the same hourly rate as set by the Village Hall. Our aim is to provide a second venue in the village for meeting rather than to set up in competition.

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 19th to 25th January with services (10 a.m.) at the following venues:

Thursday
St. Mary's
Friday
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Monday
Methodist Church
Tuesday
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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

The parent and toddler group had their Christmas party this week and it was enjoyed by the many children who came along. It was nice to see them all, both young ones and older children having fun and joining in together. Charlie the Clown came along to entertain the children (and adults) with songs, magic, puppets and games. Thanks to everyone who brought a plate of food or drinks for the children's fantastic Christmas feast. The children also had a visit from Santa and were

made up with their lovely presents! All of this was possible thanks to the funding we received from Action In Rural Sussex.

The parent and toddler group will re-open for the new year on Wednesday 4th January at the usual time of 10am until 12 noon. We welcome new faces and look forward to seeing all our regular children and parents, perhaps with some fresh ideas for activities and days out. For more information on the group and what we get up to please ring me on 223894. Hope to see you in the new year,

Claire



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Family Announcements

Hospital

Nanny Pat is still in hospital, as she was at Christmas but hopes to be home very soon into the New Year, we wish her well for her return.

THANKS

Ted Douglas

My family and I wish to thank all those kind friends and neighbours who sent messages of sympathy at the loss of my dear Father. We should also like to thank those of you who were able to attend the funeral, thereby making it a celebration of his life and such a memorable occasion.

The time that my Father spent at Rye Harbour was the happiest period of his life and that was owing to the warmth of your community. Had it not been for your support, after he suffered a stroke and the loss of my Mother, he would undoubtedly have either moved nearer his family, or into a retirement home, instead of enjoying the last five years of his life where he wanted to be.

Thank you for being such an important part of his life.

Betty

BIBLE STUDIES

Every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm, there is a bible study and house group at my house in Tram Road. We have good free discussions and are forming good friendships. All and any are welcome. Molly Saunders.

The Ploughman's Lunches

The next Village Hall Ploughman's Lunch will be on Monday 16th January at 12 noon.

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