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## Editor's Comments

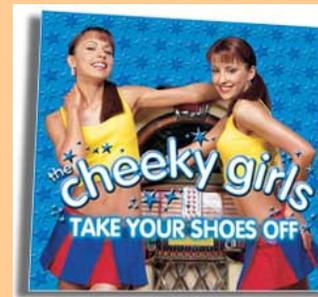
Yes, yet another £30 to give away thanks to the new manager at Budgens, John, who has foresight and a community spirit. See page 19 I must apologise once again to Alan Goffee for mislaying his letter last month, and hope he hasn't taken a fence. I upset my team of collators last month and I apologise to them, as the only available time and place for me to collate the newsletter, fell at the same time as the senior youth club, I think they all went home with headaches. I was chatting to the Cheeky Girls the other day about a couple of forth coming events in Hastings and Rye and they gave me a copy of their new record cover and asked me to remind the



younger readers that, 'Take Your Shoes Off' will be available in the shops from the 5th May.

Late once again this month mainly due to availability of the printer, maybe print day will fall on the right day of the month, this month, who knows.

Anyway copy date, will definately be Monday 19th May not that many take much heed of that, still we keep trying, one day maybe. Next month we should be able to confirm dates for the Summer Club, including advanced dates for Pond Dipping and Beach Combing which was very popular last



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## "It's Your Village" Presentation on 12th. April 2003

Thanks to all those who made an effort to attend, and all who were unable to attend but asked for a questionnaire to fill in at their leisure.

About 100 people came through the door of the village hall and 70 questionnaires were taken of which 37 have been returned. If you still have a questionnaire lurking somewhere in the house do drop it in to Steve Tollet or Jill Stott or leave it at the shop with Dot or Bogdan, we'd like to hear your views.

From the responses received so far, the things that seem to be of concern/interest to the majority of villagers are:

- 1) Looking after village facilities like the car park and toilets Score 9/10
- 2) Traffic calming and better signage to make visitors aware that the industrial area has ended and they are now entering a village Score 8.8/10
- 3) Improving the bus turnaround and re-locating the bus shelter Score 8.3/10
- 4) Creating a village

archive and even a village museum Score 8.3/10

There was an average score of 6.6/10 for the other items on the questionnaire but the highest score of all 9.4/10 went to finding ways of a) clearing up the rubbish dumped around the village and b) finding ways of preventing it from continuing.

There were lots of thoughtful suggestions for other projects and we are particularly grateful to the 11 year old (who would probably prefer to remain anonymous) who took the trouble to fill in a form - his plea was for more sports facilities in the village.

One person took issue with "the anonymous group of people setting this up". They obviously haven't been reading their newsletter since we've all been putting in little articles with our names on the bottom!

For anyone who still isn't sure 'we' are Steve Tollet, Jill Stott, Mike Slavin and Barry Yates. We don't consider ourselves a 'committee' or 'association'

or 'society', just four of the many people who care about this village and happened to get together to see if there was something we could do to make sure it didn't get swallowed up in the proposals that are being made in Rye town for the redevelopment of the Harbour Road. If any one else would like to be involved (and this is the third time I've said this in the newsletter) we'd love to hear from them - the more people who are writing to local government, drawing attention to our concerns, getting stuff in the local paper, etc. the better!

With the tourist season underway the first priority seems to be trying to get some speed restriction for traffic through the village and signage to draw attention to the fact that this is a village not just a highway! The fly tipping and its consequences are obviously an on-going problem but we'll certainly follow it up on your behalf. Don't forget those questionnaires!

## Parish Council Notebook

The last full meeting of the present council was held at the village hall on 14th April. The meeting in May will see the new council along with several new faces and the retirement of several longer standing members, including our own Michael Alford who is stepping down after 46 years, and Peter Cameron Clarke of Winchelsea after around 20 years.

Both however well maintained an association with the parish council by becoming allotment agents, in their respective wards of Rye Harbour and Winchelsea.

The only item of interest to us is that prices are being sought for clearing the land at the rear of the village hall, of brambles and other rubbish and making good.

Finally, your parish council correspondent will be laying down his pen and stepping aside to make room for his successor who will no doubt keep us informed on parochial affairs as they affect us.

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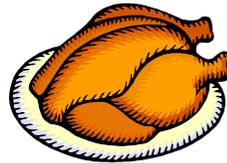
# RYE HARBOUR STORES UPDATE

## The New Opening Times From 1st April



**Mon - Fri 7 am to 6 pm**  
**Saturday's 8 am to 6 pm**  
**Sunday's 8 am to 4 pm**

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



### VILLAGE FETE - 21st June 2003

The Village Hall Management Committee are organising a Village Fete this year which is to be held on 21st June 2003 on the Coronation Field (School Green).  
 Would any organisation wishing to have a pitch or anyone wishing to volunteer to help with this event please contact Steve on 01797 223631 or e-mail Secretary@RyeHarbourVillageHall.co.uk.  
 There will be a small charge for the pitch.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD ODD JOBS SCHEME



### Do You Have A 'Fix-It' Problem?

There are any number of reasons why people are unable to do quite ordinary things for themselves - age and infirmity being but two. If for any reason you should find that you need help to mend a fuse, turn a mattress, change a washer or even a light bulb and there is no one handy to do it then PLEASE contact us. If you have, or know of someone that has

a problem that our 'fix-it' team may be able to solve then please give us a shout. Contact either Allan Goffee at 3 Mary Stanford Green (225560) or Jane Babington, 5 Stoneworks Cottages (224197) and hopefully someone will be with you as soon as is possible. If on the other hand you are handy and are prepared to do the odd job (on a rota basis) then please give either Allan or Jane a ring.



# Animat

Young People's Centre



01797 225006

### NEW PROGRAMME FOR 2003

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



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## FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR

During March the ten of us who are either pilots or boat crew attended a "Medical" in Newhaven. I mention this because one of the tests is for the doctor to raise the trouser



leg of both legs to knee height for inspection. The doctor informed me that he has to ensure that none of us have "Wooden" legs. We attend the first "Desk top" exercise called "First Refine", a draft emergency procedure for an incident at SRM (Solvent Resource Management) Ltd. (formerly CMR). This exercise is to test procedures in the event of a catastrophe at the plant on the harbour road. Some 5,700 m3 of liquid can be stored on site awaiting re-cycling although normally only 2,600m3 are on site at any one time. The exercise is a requirement under the COMAH (control of major accident hazard). Certain danger zones are being identified that might include parts of the river which would have to be closed to shipping during a major incident. All emergency services are involved including the county emergency planning team based at Lewis. Lets hope the final plans are never needed. Summer must be here as the first nudist has been spotted on the east pier! The "Speed" buoys have been positioned off both Camber and Winchelsea beaches. These warn of an 8 Mile Per Hour speed limit between the line of buoys and the beach in order to protect bathers and cause less disturbance to the birds. I'm glad that officers of the Customs and Excise are to be stationed again at Rye-all be it on a part time basis. Mike O'Grady, who has been in the area for over fifteen years has now been

appointed as liaison officer working from a room under the main harbour office. The main Eastern Pier white light went out during the middle of April. This is one of the few lights that operate from a mains supply through a transformer. The problem was quickly rectified with a much brighter light back in operation within 12 hours. A new replacement "Solar" light will cost £1,800 but I shall wait a little while until we really need to "Go Technical". A planned visit by 8 yachts from the Newhaven Yacht Club planned for the Easter break was cancelled at the last minute due to adverse weather. North East winds force 8 were experienced over the weekend somewhat spoiling boating.

.....We departed Port Sudan at midnight on New Years Eve and our whistle signals to the tugs started a raucous cacophony as all ships in the harbour sounded their whistles, a tradition for ships in port at the end of the year. We passed a Saudi Arabian vessel loading thousands of live sheep for transportation to Mecca, the feast of "Hajj" soon to arrive when millions of Muslims pilgrimage to the holy site where a massive feeding program needs to be organised. We all are a little sympathetic when we see live sheep carried in lorries to France but the loading of these sheep was quite unbelievable. Large rope nets, some 40 feet square, were laid on the quayside. The thousands of sheep massing on the quay were driven over the nets and when enough of them was judged to be in position the corners were lifted by the ships derricks skyward

and over the hatch. Legs and heads were poking through the netting as hundreds of sheep were held over the hold when two corners of the nets were relieved dropping these poor creatures into the hold on top of those already loaded. The noise and smell remains with me today. The lights of the port faded out of sight as we proceeded to Port Suez where we anchored awaiting for the next North-bound convoy through the canal (two southbound and one northbound each day – the difference being that lighter drafted tankers can go south but when loaded in the Gulf cannot transit and thus have to go round the Cape of Good Hope). Some seventy ships were gathered when our Russian pilot boarded and, after demanding the usual 8 cartons of Marlborough cigarettes, ordered the anchor hove. We proceeded in turn to form up a convoy. Warships first followed by passenger vessels. Then a mix of general cargo vessels and tankers we entered the canal that appeared very narrow. We had, whilst waiting, loaded two small rowing boats and their crews that would be used in an emergency to row to the bank taking lines and also to moor the boat in the "Cut" when the entire convoy "parked" to allow the southbound convoy through. I remember passing a large military airport with a number of burnt out "Mig" fighter planes at the end of the runway where Egyptian pilots had failed to land properly during training (The "Yom Kipper" war was only a year or so away when the canal was blocked for many years with sunken ships – I was there but that is later in my sea career). The convoy proceeds at night when steering is aided by reflector posts sited on each bank. Each vessel is

## FROM THE HARBOUR MASTERS CHAIR Cont..

required to carry a powerful searchlight with a split beam. These beams can be directed by orders from the bridge when approaching a bend so the helmsman can better identify the corner. My job was to sit on the forecastle head and train the beam as required. It was very cold and the carpenter, who was with me, assisted the night to pass by large measures of whisky. At 2 am my coat was not keeping out the cold very efficiently when it started to snow. Can you imagine that. The Sinai desert to the east and the Libyan dessert to the west and its snowing! Within the space of 48 hours we had gone from desert heat to below zero temperatures. It was a great shock. We anchored at day break in the "Bitter lakes" awaiting the second south convoy to pass through before all 69 ships weighed anchor and rejoined up into convoy stations. I say 69 ships because we found our anchor had fouled (Cock-a-hoop) and we had to leaving the convoy, the canal authorities not permitting us to join the convoy without two anchors. We joined the next day's convoy and finally arrived at Port Said on the Mediterranean sea. We dropped our pilot and the two mooring boats and made our way, in the snow, past Crete, to Piraeus (the port for Athens). I have never seen so many ferries that serve the myriad of Islands at this end of the Mediterranean. Once alongside we discharged a small amount of cargo loaded in Egypt. We had a little spare time to run ashore and, again, we surprised everyone on board by our desire to visit the Acropolis and nearby Museum. It was here that I treated myself to a little indulgence.

Carl Baggwell (Harbour Master)

# Hire The Village Hall

If you would like to book the Village Hall for a party or some other gathering then visit the web site at [www.ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.ryeharbourvillagehall.co.uk). You will be able to view hall availability and other information relating to the Village Hall.

The hall can be hired for £4 per hour for Village residents and £7 per hour for non-Village residents, commercial bookings and organisations; these rates include: heating, lighting, kitchen facilities etc..

If you don't have access to the internet and would like to book the hall, you can phone 01797 223631.

Don't forget, a deposit is needed to guarantee your booking.

## General Information

### Flood Warnings

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### Local Tide Times

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Add 1 hour for British Summer Time

Date		O.D. Time	metres	O.D. Time	metres
1	Th	1123	3.2	2336	3.3
2	F	1153	3.2		
3	Sa	0004	3.3	1219	3.2
4	Su	0026	3.2	1242	3.2
5	M	0047	3.1	1302	3.1
6	Tu	0112	3.1	1330	3.0
7	W	0144	2.8	1408	2.7
8	Th	0227	2.5	1458	2.4
9	F	0329	2.1	1620	2.0
10	Sa	0520	1.9	1753	2.0
11	Su	0640	2.1	1906	2.4
12	M	0745	2.6	2006	2.8
13	Tu	0838	3.0	2057	3.3
14	W	0926	3.3	2145	3.7
15	Th	1012	3.6	2232	3.9
16	F	1057	3.8	2317	4.0
17	Sa	1142	3.8		
18	Su	0004	4.0	1227	3.8
19	M	0048	3.8	1312	3.6
20	Tu	0136	3.4	1400	3.3
21	W	0227	3.1	1451	3.0
22	Th	0323	2.6	1547	2.6
23	F	0424	2.2	1646	2.2
24	Sa	0536	2.0	1756	2.1
25	Su	0708	2.0	1917	2.2
26	M	0813	2.2	2020	2.5
27	Tu	0859	2.5	2109	2.7
28	W	0938	2.7	2151	3.0
29	Th	1014	2.8	2228	3.1
30	F	1048	3.0	2302	3.1
31	Sa	1123	3.1	2334	3.1



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**Mondays to Saturdays only (excluding Public Holidays) 325 / 326**

Route No	325	345	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	325	345
Operator	CO	SES	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	CO	SES
Day Code	⊕	⊕								Sch	Sch
Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1520	1525
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep	...	...	0848	0918	0948	1018	then	18	48	1418	1448
Cadborough Cliff	0830	...	...	...	...	...	at	...	...	1520	1525
Tilling Green	...	...	0853	0923	0953	1023	these	23	53	1423	1453
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr	0835	...	0858	0928	0958	1028	mins	28	58	1428	1458
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ dep	0835	...	0859	0929	0959	1029	past	29	59	1429	1459
Rye Harbour	...	0820	0907	0937	1007	1037	each	37	07	1437	1507
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌ arr	0835	0827	0915	0945	1015	1045	hour	45	15	1445	1515
Tilling Green	...	0832	0923	0953	1023	1053		53	23	1453	1533
Freda Gardham School	0840	0845	...	...	...	...		...	...	1608	1636

**Explanation of Codes:**  
A: Additional journey on Schooldays only at 0830 from Cadborough Cliff to Freda Gardham School  
B: The 1520 journey operates via Cadborough Cliff at 1530  
⊕: Schooldays only

**Mondays to Saturdays only 344 / 345 / 347**

Operator	CO	SES	RN	CO	RN	CO	RN	CO	RN	RC	SES	SES	SES	SES	RC	RC
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Freda Gardham School	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1525	...	...	...	...
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1534	...	...	...	...
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	...	...	0909	0946	1046	1146	1256	1350	1450	1536	1550	1650	1655	1750		
Rye (Harbour)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1542	...	...	B	1758
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	...	0755	0755	0916	0953	1053	1153	1303	1357	1457	...	1557	1657	1703	1808	
Winchelsea Beach	...	0758	0758	0919	0956	1056	1156	1306	1400	1500	...	1600	1700	1706	1811	
Smugglers End	...	0800	0800	0921	0958	1058	1158	1308	1402	1502	...	1602	1702	1708	1813	
Pett Level	...	0803	0805	0925	1002	1102	1202	1312	1406	1506	...	1606	1706	1712	1817	
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0730	0809	0812	0932	1009	1109	1209	1319	1413	1513	...	1613	1713	1719	1824	
Fairlight Glen	0736	0815	0822	0942	1019	1119	1219	1329	1423	1523	...	1623	1723	1729	1834	
Ore (Christ Church)	0738	0817	0825	0945	1022	1122	1222	1332	1426	1526	...	1626	1726	1732	1837	
Old Town (Boating Lake)	0742	0822	C	0951	1028	1128	1228	1338	1432	1532	...	1632	1732	1738	1843	
Hastings (Harold Place)	0746	0824	...	0953	1030	1130	1230	1340	1434	1534	...	1634	1734	1740	1845	
Hastings (Rail Station) ⇌	0748	...	...	0955	1032	1132	1232	1342	1436	1536	...	1636	1736	1742	1847	
Conquest Hospital (Grounds)	...	...	...	1016A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Hastings (Breeds Place)	...	...	0930	1040	1140	1250	1350	1450	...	1550	1550	1640	1749			
Old Town (Old Town Cutter)	...	...	0932	1042	1142	1252	1352	1452	C	1552	1552	1642	1746			
Ore (Christ Church)	0739	0739	0939	1049	1149	1259	1359	1459	1535	1559	1559	1649	1753			
Fairlight Glen	0743	0743	0943	1053	1153	1303	1403	1503	1539	1603	1603	1653	1757			
Fairlight Cove (Hotel)	0753	0753	0953	1103	1203	1313	1413	1513	1549	1613	1613	1703	1807			
Pett Level	0801	0801	1000	1110	1210	1320	1420	1520	1556	1620	1620	1710	1814			
Smugglers End	0803	0803	1004	1114	1214	1324	1424	1524	1600	1624	1624	1714	1818			
Winchelsea Beach	0805	0805	1006	1116	1216	1326	1426	1526	1602	1626	1626	1716	1820			
Winchelsea (Bridge End)	0813	0813	1008	1118	1218	1328	1428	1528	1605	1628	1628	1718	1822			
Rye (Harbour)	0820	0820	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Rye (Rail Station) ⇌	0827	0827	1016	1126	1226	1336	1436	1536	...	1636	1636	1726	1830			
Tilling Green (Mason Road)	0832	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Freda Gardham School	0845	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			

Explanation of Codes: NS: Not Saturdays S: Saturdays Only N+: Not School Days +: School Days Only A: As Local Rider 300 to/from this point



## Rye Harbour Lifeboat



At long last we have had a shout! It had been 21 weeks since the last one.

On the 12 April we had an assembly, (that means the Crew were paged and stood down before launching) for a Person in the water at Camber thought to be in trouble. One week later on the 18<sup>th</sup> we were asked to launch and assist in the search for a missing child at camber, the child had been missing for over one hour and was last seen heading towards the Sea. After a search lasting for half an hour, the child was found safe on shore, by others.

Early on this year Operational personnel at the Station having put in five years service were presented with The Queens Golden Jubilee Medal 1952-2002. A total of 13 were presented to us. The Stations senior Helmsman. Andrew Tollett has been presented with his long service badge; to date Andrew has done 21 years as crew.

It was two hundred years ago in 1803 when the first lifeboat was stationed at Rye Harbour. This was 21 years before the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was founded. With this in mind we at the Lifeboat Station are trying to put on a couple of events to mark the occasion. The first of these was at the Village hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> April when we were treated to a Sound and Light presentation by Geoff Hutchinson about the Mary Stanford disaster. This was a resounding success. Thanks to all who attended.

Our Lifeboat Station Open Day will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We hope to have another visit from Stormy Stan for all of our younger supporters. We are trying to get a collection of artefacts together to produce a time line to map out the course of events over the last 200 years.

This November will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mary Stanford Disaster. The Service will

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be at the church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 15.00hrs as usual. On the 15<sup>th</sup> the actual day of the disaster weather permitting rose petals will be scattered on the sea and a short service will be held aboard Hastings Lifeboat, with

Dungeness Lifeboat and of course our Lifeboat in attendance. More information about this event will be published nearer the date.

Richard Tollett



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

I feel that I must put pen to paper and object to the new fence that has recently been erected around the bird reserve, at great expense no doubt. It is an ill-conceived design disaster of the first magnitude. Anyone with the most basic knowledge of birds would immediately appreciate that the new fence has two major flaws. The first is height. Most birds fly, the majority of which are more than capable of clearing its current height of about five feet. To be effective it needs to be much, much higher. Secondly is the mesh size of the netting. With the exception of larger birds of the walking persuasion, Emus, Penguins etc, most will be able to pass through the netting without let or hindrance. It needs to be much, much smaller. I fail to believe that I am the only person to notice how ineffective this new fence will be in restraining the site's occupants. Yours faithfully,  
Alan Goffee

Dear Editor,

We would just like to say thank you to all those who contributed to the over sixties party, it was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening and Rye players were excellent as usual, it's a pity a few more people don't bother to come and join in the fun, as the young ones really put themselves out for us, thanks again  
Joyce and Jug

Dear Editor

I would just like to say

A big thank you, to all these people for helping me out while I've been in plaster with a broken wrist. My mum Kath for helping with meals etc. Deirdre & Jer for helping with lifts and shopping etc, Molly for the lovely ironing - she's very keen! Diane for the school runs and Pam for taking Georgina swimming.

Also Mick, Poppy and Georgina for listening to me moaning when I couldn't do something simple, like peeling a potato! Thanks again all of you. Who could ask for more?

Sheila Caister

Dear Editor

This morning (Sat 26th April 03) a 'Twitcher' i.e. (Bird Watcher) , being disgorged from a coach at the end of the road, marched into the shop demanding to know, with indignation "Why aren't the public toilets open?"

How silly! We all know that the birds here, don't use the toilets, they muck all over our cars, our windows, and our washing hanging on the line,. Don't they??

D. Harbourduck

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## Local Art Report



Children from Rye Harbour and Winchelsea Beach helped to build a willow shelter on display by the bus turning circle in Rye Harbour. The shelter is one of the exhibits in the Rye Harbour Sculpture walk which will include environmental sculptures by local artists which will be



placed in the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

The exhibition begins on Saturday May 24th and will continue until March 2004 and will include works by Val Fricker, Nina Thorndyke, Brigitte Eville and Gwyne James.



### **Bored? Nothing happening in the village? NEW! Young People's Drama Group**



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## RELATE

### RELATE IN RYE

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

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

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

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

For more information contact Maureen Anstey, 01323 416552.

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## ANOTHER NEW SERVICE FROM RELATE

### Relateen Service in Rye

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

The service will be available at Thomas Peacocke Community College and at Animate. Young people will be able to contact the counsellor and arrange an appointment themselves, alternatively they can ask a trusted adult, ie teacher, youth worker, parent, grandparent, doctor etc to contact the service on their behalf.

The service will be free to the young people thanks to funding from Connexions, who have awarded over £16,000 to set up this service in Rye. The service will be provided by Relate South East Sussex and overseen by a Partnership including the Police, Educational Services, Animate, Health, Social Services, Thomas Peacocke Community College and Connexions. Relate are delighted that these agencies have come together to support this service and recognise the value of Relateen to the wider community as well as the young people.

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

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

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

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

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

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



# FISHING NEWS

## ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



The scallop season looks like coming to an end with the last of the boats switching over to one type of trawling or another at the end of the month. These last boats have still been catching enough to make it more viable than the trawling but with worn out gear needing repairs or replacement and the Sole fishing showing first signs of picking up the skippers and crew's are looking for a welcome change. Two or three trawlers have started night fishing, still quite early but the few Dover soles that have been caught, making it a better tally at the end of each trip. Plaice have not been caught in big amounts but they have made up the bulk of catches with the odd couple of trips being quite good with a mixture of medium and large fish as well as the smaller chats.

Rye Bay is quite a large area and of course boats cannot be in the right place

all the time, so with more vessels joining the trawling, these being the more modern and powerful one's, landings will rise considerably. One trawler has switched over to fishing the rough ground just outside the bay and to the East of Dungeness, this area being the same grounds fished by the scalloper's and now this fishing has quietened down, they have managed a few trips with a mixture of Lemon soles, Whiting and different species of Dog fish.

Another change this month, has been the amount of traffic coming through the Channel. Nearly all the increase being yachts and cruisers, an indication that summer is on the way and a good lookout by all is essential.

Boy Ashore

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The service aims to help older people, their families, friends and carers. Callers can drop in during the opening hours mentioned above or telephone on 01797 225466

## RYE HARBOUR IN BLOOM - 2004

Is there anyone out there who would like to participate in **Rye Harbour in Bloom.**

I know that it is rather early to be thinking of 2004 but I am just interested in numbers of residents who would like to be involved in Rye Harbour in Bloom. If you would like to take part then please let me have your name so that I can get numbers of people interested.

You can contact me on 01797 223631, e-mail me at in-bloom@virtualwizards.co.uk or pop a note through my door "7 Main Road" (the one with the BIG dog!).

I look forward to hearing from you. Steve :-))



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORTING CRIME



I have recently received a number of questions regarding lack of Police action when residents have reported incidents. In general terms, Police are often unable to take positive action because of a lack of evidence.

The fact that something has happened and that a person or persons were seen in the area does not constitute direct evidence. It is however worth reporting because such information does help with the basis for enquiries.

What you hear about being a witness and giving evidence in Court is similar to anything else. You only hear about those who have a bad experience. If you calculate the number of courts and the number of cases there are in England and Wales and then count the number of witnesses who say they wouldn't do it again it is probably actually only a very small percentage.

Obviously it doesn't make good TV to have witnesses having a pleasant experience in Court, so that doesn't help our perception, and you won't need to relocate with a change of identity either!

If you see a crime being committed please report it at the time and remember being a witness will help stop the same thing happening again.

### 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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## Rye Harbour Newsletter



### In Conjunction With

## **BUDGENS** Of Rye

We are giving away a £30 shopping voucher to spend at Budgens, to one lucky participant over the age of 18, if they can identify correctly all of the pictures featured in this month's centre pages.

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

How to Enter:

All entrants must be aged eighteen or over and must be a permanent resident in Rye Harbour. Entry is FREE.

All entrants must have an official entry sheet, available from the Rye Harbour Stores.

Once completed, the entry forms must be put in the Newsletter Post box located at the rear of the Village Shop next to the Nature Reserve Touch Screen, by no later than 5 pm on Friday 16th May.

All winning entries will be placed in a drum and a lucky winner will be drawn.

The winner will be informed by Monday 19th May and details will again be available in the Village Shop.

Presentation of the Vouchers will take place at Budgens Supermarket on Wednesday 21st May at 2.30 pm.

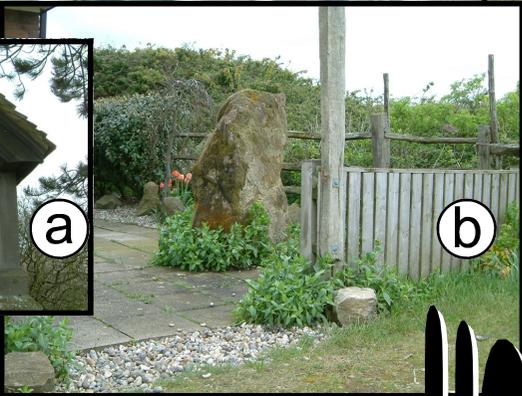
There will be an independent person elected to check all completed entries, and they will make any final decisions, with regards to eligibility and no negotiations will be entered into, upon such matters.

Finally, good luck and have fun, lets hope the weather stays fine.

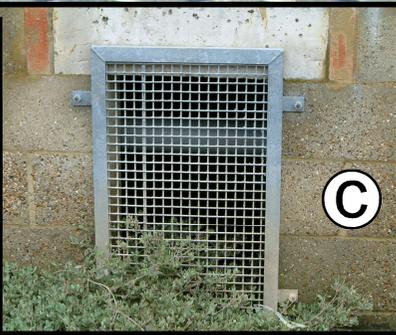
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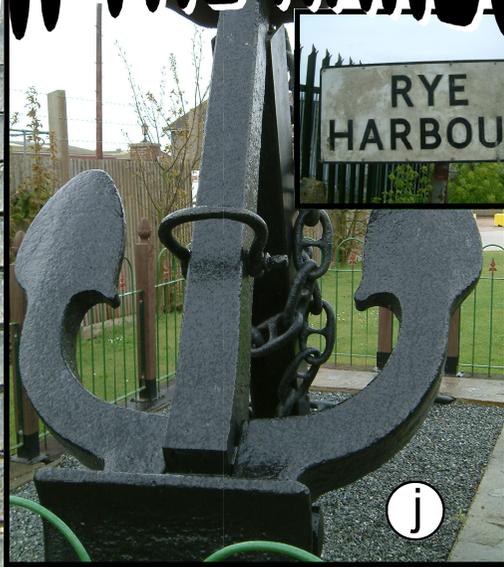


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## Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report



As can be expected at this time of year, most of our summer migrants



have now arrived. All three of our regular tern species are here in good Number snow, cuckoos have been in for some time and even a few swifts have been seen. Many migrants seem to be in lower numbers than is expected for so late in April however, but there is still time for many more to arrive. Of particular note this month was the arrival of a Pacific Golden Plover, present from 2nd to 19th. This was the first to be recorded in Sussex, and only about 60 have been identified in Britain, so it attracted plenty of attention from the twitching world. It was present amongst a flock of up to 445 Golden Plovers which spent much of their time roosting on Flat Beach.

Most of these were moulting in to fine summer plumage, with jet black faces and under parts, far more striking than their winter plumage we're more used to seeing here. To have a flock lingering so late here is an exceptional event, although most have now departed, heading for their breeding grounds in the arctic regions. Also of particular note were an Iceland Gull present around the harbour during the second week in April and four Pomarine Skuas offshore on 21st.

During the coming month we can expect to see many of our more interesting migrants passing through, with May being one of the best months for rarities. The nesting season will be in full swing, so please take care when out on the beach to keep off shingle areas, as this is where the Ringed Plovers and Oystercatchers lay their camouflaged eggs on the pebbles.

Many plants are also adding to the variety and bursting in to flower.

Alexanders is one of the more obvious species, but Gorse, Red Dead-nettle, Ground Ivy and many others are also flowering. A vast range of insects is busy taking advantage of the nectar sources. One of the most fascinating is the nationally scarce Dotted Bee-fly. Although a fly, it's furry golden-brown body gives it a resemblance to a bumble bee, and it's habit of whizzing from flower to flower to sip nectar through its long proboscis makes it look more like a miniature hummingbird. Butterflies now on the wing include Speckled Wood, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Brimstone and Small White, whilst larger animals include Grass Snakes and Common Lizards.

### **Paul Troake RHNR Warden**



## New Faces at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

The team at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve has been increased from two to four with new funding. The grant comes from English Nature, through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, and from the Friends of Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. The two new staff are Miriam Inskip and Sam Smith. Miriam is the Community Officer who is

Volunteers to provide information to visitors. Sam is the Assistant Warden maintaining the habitats and facilities to enable the many rare and endangered shingle plants and animals to survive. He has been busy getting all our fencing ready for the start of the bird nesting season, so that now there are many terns, plovers and oystercatchers nesting safe

However, on a global scale, it is an unusual and precious habitat, especially where it forms stable, vegetated ridges extending some way inland. This is why much of our local shingle habitat has national and European wildlife designation. If you want to know more about Rye Harbour Nature Reserve and its shingle wildlife look at the web site



creating new opportunities for visitors to enjoy and appreciate our shingle landscape and wildlife. She will be making contact with local schools and community groups an helping our team of

from foxes and disturbance. Because of our nearby extensive shingle beaches at Pett Level, Rye Harbour and Dungeness, we probably think of shingle as quite commonplace.

[www.naturereserve.ryeharbour.org](http://www.naturereserve.ryeharbour.org) or visit our information centre or pick up a leaflet from Rye Harbour shop. To arrange a group visit or enquire about voluntary work please contact **Miriam on 01797 227784.**

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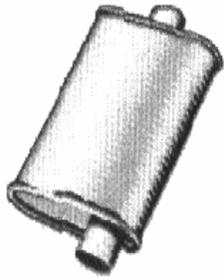
He missed us all and couldn’t wait to be home, which would be July and then we can all sleep easier.

And as Saddam’s Regime came to an end and the war over, our hearts go to the families of servicemen who will not be coming home, who paid the ultimate price. No words can express their loss.

Ann Satchell



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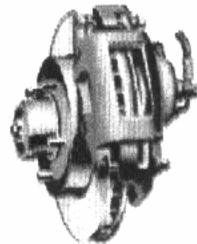


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## Characters Of Rye Harbour

Richard was born in Hastings on 22nd. July 1947 weighing in at 12lbs., 26" long and was the 3rd. of 3 boys. There were other big babies in his fathers` family. In spite of this and playing a lot of sport he was a weedy boy and when he started work at the age of 15 he was 6st. lbs. and 5` 10" tall. At the age of 5 he went to Clive Vale School and later Hastings Priory Road School. Richard loved making things in woodwork and metalwork. The school maths still stands him in good stead in his building work. In the 3rd. and 4th. years he had a brilliant teacher of English called Michael Pratt who captivated Richard with his enthusiasm and passion for his subject. Richard would rather do than teach. At 15 he started a 5 year apprenticeship in his fathers building firm with day release and 2 evenings a week at Hastings College. He was the only self employed apprentice there and had no time to get bored!

Richards` main interest in life has been boats. Dad had a fishing boat on Hastings Beach.

Grandmother on Dad's side was a Stonham and they were all fishermen and she married a Tollett bringing in builders into the family. Dad and his 2 brothers were bricklayers. When Richard was 17 his brothers had an open workboat with engine and sails in Rye Harbour and met Ann for the first time by going into the Conqueror. Ann and Julie were cousins and were always together. He started courting her at the age of 20 - he didn't have time before that being too busy messing around in boats and



exploring the inside of a beer glass. Ann was tall and very striking. She wore 4" stiletto heels, mini skirts and dresses - `look at the legs on that` to quote the young Richard. In 1969 they got married and have 2 sons Andrew and Steve. Andrew works in the firm and Steve worked for his Dad for 1 1/2 days but thought it wouldn't work out due to something about roofs and ladders! (vertigo?) Richard has always worn jeans except he has had to buy a suit to go and visit the Queen..... Richard joined the lifeboat crew in 1968 at the age of 21 serving in the crew for 18 years only leaving to become Hon. Secretary which he has been for 17 years. Two highlights of being a crew member were (1) in 1974 himself, Dave Caister, Humph, Lestocq

and wives Mary, Joan and Ann went to a garden party at Buckingham Palace representing the crew to mark the 150th. anniversary of the RNLI (2) in 2000 Richard was asked to represent the RNLI at an evening reception at Buckingham Palace in recognition of the Emergency Services. He drank lots of g and t's and ate many canapés. It was unbelievable - the huge room - and as a builder to look at the magnificent building and plastering. The Queen is a non-smoker so the smokers went outside to smoke on a balcony. When she realised what they were doing she got a footman to fetch ashtrays and invited them to smoke inside. Richard saw this as an example of her deep sense of courtesy.

Richard has lived in Rye Harbour for 35 years so sees himself as a newcomer! He is a Founder Member of the Social Club and is still on their Committee. He is Chairman of the Coronation Field Committee. He represents the RLNI on HORAC, the Harbour of Rye Action Committee. When first living here he did 15 years on the Village Hall Committee. The Mary Stanford disaster brings home how dangerous the sea can be and is both a terrible and proud memory of the village.

On the day after his 46th. birthday Richard had a heart attack, this really concentrated his mind on wanting to live and as well as medication he eats a healthy diet and exercises by walking Tod. There is an exercise machine and a bicycle waiting in the wings..... watch this space! Richard is a keen video and still photographer and in the last 2 years has gone digital. He does the odd bit of woodturning and has made bowls from a sycamore tree that came down in Coastguard Square for his sons. This last year home improvements is giving him a busman's holiday!

Jill Halpin, April 2003

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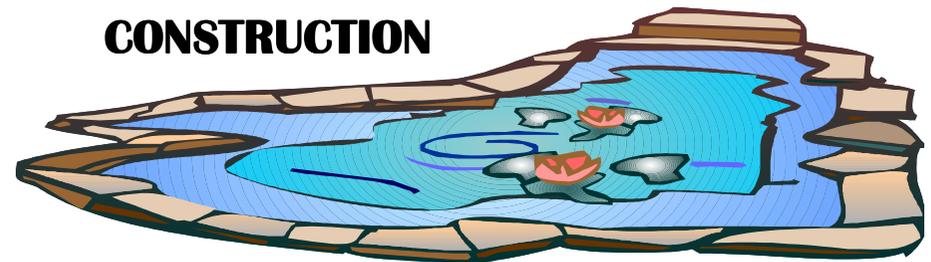
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Out of, Sleepers - Brick - Block - Stone - Concrete

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Out of, Natural Clay - Liner - Concrete  
Filters and Pumps serviced - Upgrades available

Waterfalls :  
Rock - Slate - York Stone

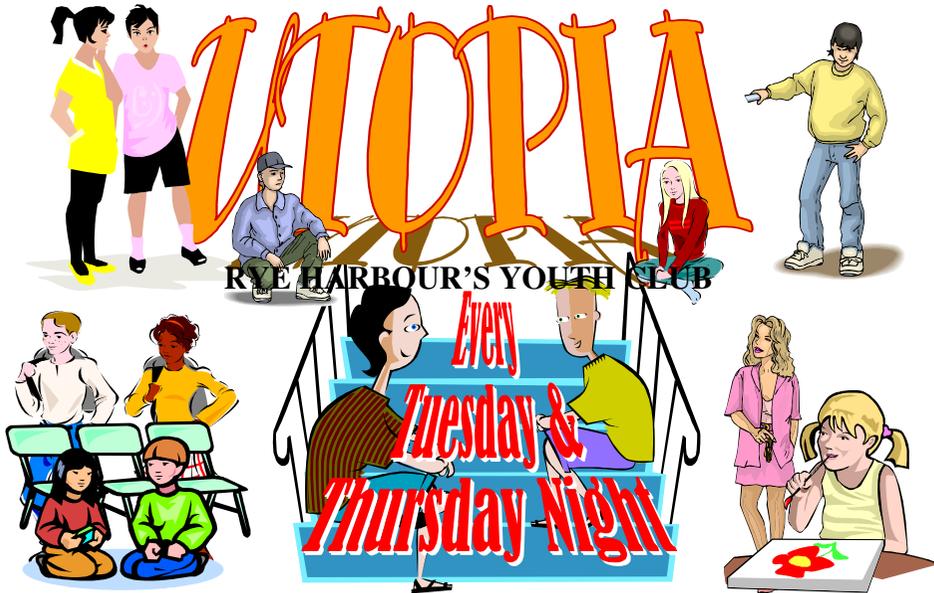
(All aspects of Hard landscaping)  
(All types of wooden fencing )

(Paving and Driveways)

For FREE Estimate or for FREE Advice  
Tel: Anthony On 01797 230477

### RYE HARBOUR YOUTH ACTION GROUP

At The Village Hall On 01797 229164 In Session Times Only



**Children 5 yrs to 10 yrs**  
**Tuesday's - 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm**  
**Children 11 yrs and Upwards**  
**Thursday's - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm**



**For your registration form, you can pick them up from the following outlet:  
 Rye Harbour Stores Or Contact:  
 Marcus On 01797 227773**

**£1 per Child, 50p Siblings, Per Session, Both Age Groups**  
 Volunteers Are Still Required . Please call Marcus on 01797 227773

## VILLAGE HALL DONATIONS



If you would like to make a donation there are a couple of ways that you can do this, they are as follows:

**Tiddler Pots:** We will provide you with a small pot for you to collect your loose change (Tiddlers) in, then when the pot is full just return it to myself and I will give you another pot (if you would like one). You will get a statement showing how much money you have donated to the Village Hall on a periodic basis.

**Standing Order:** This option allows you to make a regular donation to the Village Hall without the hassle of saving the money. The donation will be transferred from your bank account to that of the Village Hall.

**GIFT AID:** If you make a donation(s) to Rye Harbour Village Hall and are a tax payer, it may be possible for the Rye Harbour Village Hall Management Committee to claim Gift Aid on your donation. Currently the rate of gift aid is 28%. What this actually means for the Village Hall is that... for every £1 you donate, the V.H.M.C. may be able to claim an additional 28 pence from the Exchequer at no extra cost to yourselves.

To enable the Rye Harbour Village Hall Management Committee to reclaim this money you will need to complete a Gift Aid declaration, which is available from myself.

**Don't forget... Rye Harbour Village Hall belongs to the Village.** To enable us to ensure that there is always a Village Hall in Rye Harbour we need your continued support.

Steve Tollett

**HARRIS REFRIGERATION**

# **FRIDGE FREEZER REPAIRS**

**NO CALL-OUT CHARGE**

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**Mobile 07721-369937**

## Rye Harbour Church News

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Sunday 11th May Parish Eucharist at 9:15 am

Advance Notice

Sunday 8th June, Whit

Murphy then at 3:00 pm

Patrainl Feast Celebration

at the Church, with

members of other churches

in the area. This is always

a happy event and will

probably be the first time

to use the new chairs.

Thursday 5th June at St.

  
**Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

Mary's Rye 7.30 pm

installation of the

Reverend Hugh Moseley

as the new team rector, by

the Bishop of Lewes.

Thursday 12th June, at Rye

Harbour Church 7.30 pm a

celebration of Christian

faith.

'Life in the Spirit' by the

Reverent John Johnson.

Details later.

The floor in the main area of the Church has been

refurbished by a specialist floor contractor, who will

complete around the choir stalls shortly.

This has been made

possible by a legacy left by

the late Ron Banwell, a

marine artist who lived at

Ship Cottage and painted a

number of riverside scenes

along the Riverside.

### A Memory From Colin James

In the summer of 1998 I was driving a coach party back from Strasbourg in France got to a toll at Saarbrucken, it was one of the largest coal mines in South West France, one of the first towns captured by Hitler during the Second World War. He needed the coal for his war effort. I was pulled to the side of the road by a police officer, taken to his office, he asked me for my tachograph which showed I had been speeding, as I was running late for my ferry in Calais, the officer asked me, whilst filling in a form my mother's maiden name, I said I couldn't remember but my father's name

was Leslie, he got killed at Dunkirk (a lie he was in the RAF) trying to liberate the French. They realised I was taking the micky and so I was breathalised (negative). They fined me £90 for speeding, I had to pay on the spot or I wouldn't have been allowed to continue my journey. When I arrived at Calais a passenger handed me a cap full of money, they had a whip round to pay my fine, it totalled about £120, I thanked everyone and said it was much, but they insisted I kept it.

Colin James



### Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



The sailing club is looking forward to next weekend when a triangular route takes place----Rye-Dieppe-Boulogne-Rye. We have a close relationship with both these French ports and social events will take place after each stage.

On 15th June we have a club open day. This gives a chance for anyone to see if there is something for them in the club. This will involve families too so please keep this date clear.

Ken Halpin

## Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group



Hope you all had a good Easter – not too many chochy fingers I hope!

Just a reminder that we are open every Wednesday, 10 am – 12 noon, and our local

health visitor attends every first Wednesday of every month. There's loads to do for the under fives so join our friendly group - whether your little ones are creative with the play dough and crayons or prefer the more active toys, like the bikes to ride or the slide – they will be busy! There are

also soft toys for the babies. Come and join us! It is the case that many hands make light work as we all put the toys away, and thanks Rosemarie you certainly have a knack of keeping a tidy cupboard!

**Ann Satchell**



### WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET UP TO THESE DAYS ?

**Just look at what they can get up to**  
SAILING - CANOEING - MOTOR BOATS with RYA and BCU QUALIFICATIONS - OFFSHORE YACHTS - MOTOR VESSELS and the SQUARE RIGGER 'ROYALIST'

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Seamanship - Engineering - Clerical Work - Fieldcraft  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

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ROCK CHANNEL, RYE — Telephone 01797 224720

Mondays and Fridays 7 - 9 p.m. Boys and Girls 12 - 18 years  
Junior Section : Mondays only — Boys and Girls 10 - 12 years



## Family Announcements

### Congratulations

What a party we had at the Senior Citizens shin-dig. The food was excellent. Thank you Anne and Steve, not forgetting Margaret and Anna for helping.

Lots of laughs with the Rye Players. Ken Fantom flirting with Helen.

They are such a lovely bunch and I have enjoyed all my activities over the last 25 years with them.

What a pity more people don't join in all the activities which are arranged for them. They don't know what they are missing.

What a lovely tribute Geoff Hutchinson gave to the Mary Stanford Lifeboat Crew on Thursday evening and how well attended it was too.

The village should certainly be proud to be associated with all those men.

A bus load of us from Age Concern went to Sainsbury's last week. We had a lovely day and had our lunch over there.

When you are in the company of a lady who was a 100 years old at Christmas and she is literally the joker of the party, it makes you feel like a teenager.

Even before we read the few lines, put in last months newsletter by Terry and Ann, they must know that they have been in our thoughts these last weeks.

We have been thinking of all the families who have loved ones in the war. But a Rye Harbour soldier is someone special, and we are so pleased for all the family that David is safe.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

### **WILLIAMS BROS. GREENGROCERS AND FRUITERS**

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**44 - 46 CINQUE PORTS STREET, RYE**

**Florist 226941**

**Fax 222219**

## Family Announcements

### GET WELL SOON



Pat Rook has been very poorly, suffering from shingles.

This is a very painful illness and we hope she will soon be better.

We miss seeing Liz having her little walk in the village and we hope that when the weather gets warmer, she will be out and about.

### IN MEMORIAM



We send our sympathy to Margaret Stoodley and her family, on the loss of her mother Violet. She was one of our regulars at Age Concern and she was always cheerful, laughing, even when she didn't feel very well. She loved singing and I have spent many a musical evening with her. We miss her from our little circle.

Reports were written By Nanny Pat

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