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It's been a whole new learning curve this last couple of months, I have always stayed well clear of web site design deliberately, as I had no wish to get involved but you will notice in the last two weeks I have now ventured there and you will have to bear with me, but I'm getting there slowly. You can view last months newsletter in full colour and this months will be there in a couple of days, You will notice that the newsletter can also be read as a booklet rather than as before, it appeared as a printers page, the rest of the site is also taking shape but will hopefully be built up with your inclusions.

I would like to thank my next door neighbour Brenda, for her hard work last month in the collation of the newsletter, a few of you know how tedious that can be, but a job that must be done.

Next months deadline will be **Tuesday 15th November** and those of you who are still using the old e-mail address, would you please start using the new one ryeharbournews@ic24.net as the old one will very soon be obsolete by the first week in November, alternatively visit www.ryeharbournewsletter.org and press the contact me button, it will open up my e-mail straightaway, hope you enjoy.

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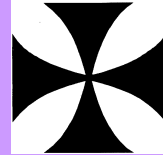
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Phase "1" of the Fish Market mooring scheme is now complete and handed over to the Environment Agency.

A number of boats have moved across to the moorings and first reports on the new facilities are favourable. Boat owners and crews now have toilets and net sheds adjacent their moorings. More importantly, the area is DRY and free from flooding. Phase "2" has commenced involving the re-locating of other fishing vessels around the harbour. Some 6 vessels are secured to the Admiralty Quay. The harbour launch has been moved to the "Passing Bay" under the office window. Every available berth is now occupied so there is no room at this end for any visiting yachts! Phase "2" berths should be completed by April 2006 when boats will move back to the fish market together with other fishing craft who will have the opportunity to moor on an extension to the Monkbreton Bridge.

A vessel launching from the slipway over the summer period has been involved in the illegal importation of Chinese immigrants. Some 6 were reported as being landed east of the harbour one Sunday. When the boat returned to the harbour arrests were made to



the skipper/owner and others involved.. More details as the story develops. The wharf has received a request to import Ammonium Nitrate in one ton bags. This has had to be declined as the Health & Safety implications are too great. This chemical is a favoured fertiliser but can also be used as an explosive. The wharf being close to the village and permissions from the H & S Executive would probably be, not forth coming. Back to office business and the promotion of the port. I attended a recent one day conference sponsored by SEEDA (South Eastern Development Agency) when east Sussex ports were identified for potential development. I noticed that Rye was not mentioned in the brochure. It always amazes me how Rye is left out when matters of importance are discussed.. I arrived at the conference armed with a good handful of harbour and town brochures which were circulated amongst attendees. Plans for Brighton, Shoreham, Newhaven were discussed and exciting they are too. The

main feature for each port is a "Tower". It seems every project must have one (The Spinnaker at Portsmouth for instance) Rye is now back on the map as far as developing agencies are concerned.

Another conference, again at Brighton, was the British Ports Association annual meeting of which Rye Port is a member . This conference deals with National and European issues as they affect ports. Privatisation being the main one for us whereby services in ports must be offered for tender. These include Wharfing and pilotage. So any budding pilots out there who aspire to be a Rye Pilot might, in the future, put a bid in to run the service.

An incident in the Rock Channel had a disturbing outcome. A very large vessel came adrift on the bow. The vessel swung under the influence of the tide and came to rest against another vessel causing damage. It appears that a passing motorist was desirous of a length of rope, stopped his vehicle and helped himself to some (The bow line holding the vessel to the bank). Please report any other strange happenings you see either on the river or on their banks.

The Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee meet three times a year at the Broomhill Lodge.

Harbour Master's Comments Cont.

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Unfortunately the owner has closed this hotel and using the premises as his personal residence. HoRAC therefore has had to re-locate. Future meetings are now to be held at the Flackley Ash Hotel,

Peasmarsh. These meetings are open to the public and any interested person is entitled to attend and listen to debate on the management of the harbour and future developments together with any other related matters. Future reports may

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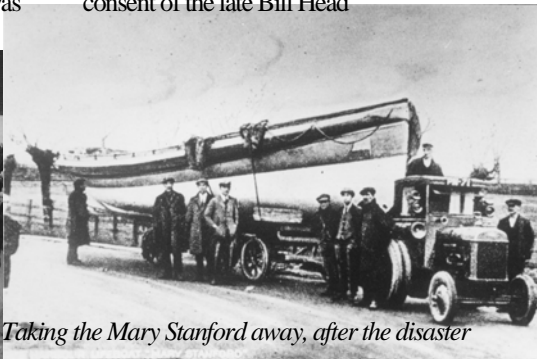
In 1928 the worst disaster for many years occurred on the 15th November when the whole crew of the Mary Stanford Lifeboat were drowned., the whole male fishing population of the village. The Lifeboat was launched in a southwest gale with heavy rain squalls and heavy seas, to the vessel "Alice" of Riga. News was received that the crew of the "Alice" had been rescued by another vessel and the recall signal was fired three times, but apparently the crew of the Lifeboat had not seen it and the whole crew perished. After the disaster Rye Harbour Station was

closed. The seventeen men who lost their lives were Herbert Head, Coxswain and two sons James and John; J. Stonham, 2nd Coxswain; H. Cutting, Bowman and his two brothers Robert and Albert; Charles, Robert and Alexander Pope, three brothers; William and Leslie Clark, brothers; Maurice and Arthur Downey, cousins; H. Smith, W. Igglesden and C. Southerden.

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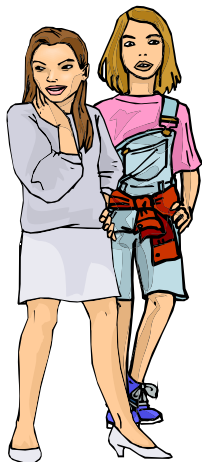
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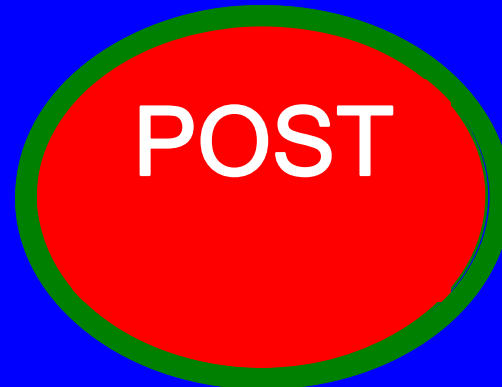
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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report

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important nursery grounds are in the UK waters, and hence conservation measures can be initiated to save the skates and rays. A

breeding at Rye Harbour, are much less abundant, and indeed Corn Bunting is becoming quite an uncommon species nationally. During the

good number have been found over the last year (see picture), but there are more out there to find. So the next time you visit the beach, hunt for mermaids' purses and hand them into Lime Kiln Information Centre where we can identify them, and send off the results.

the autumn and winter however, flocks of these two species gather from the surrounding area, and become much more apparent. Currently, the Goldfinch flock numbers in excess of 120 birds, while Corn Bunting are up around the 40 mark and will rise well into treble figures before the spring (last year over 350 were present, an all time record for the area!).

Practical work on the reserve has included lowering the level of the shore in front of the Crittall hide and using the shingle to raise one of the islands in Ternery Pool. This was achieved using a team of our dedicated volunteers, 20 buckets, a boat and a very long piece of rope, and much enjoyment and satisfaction was derived by all! In addition, a new seat has also been constructed at the Old Lifeboat House, and by the time you read this another will have followed near to Lime Kiln Cottage.

Forthcoming events in November:

Castle Water Wildlife and History. A circular walk to see good numbers of wintering wildfowl at Castle Water and a

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of turned earth that have resulted from digging of the borrow pits (whacking great holes to you and me), as this unearths large numbers of worms and insects on which these birds feed. Others such as the Goldfinch, Linnet and Corn Bunting (pictured left) are attracted to the masses of seed which is present. Linnets are fairly common on the reserve the whole year, but the other two species, while both

During the last couple of months, we have been encouraging visitors to hunt along the beach for the egg-cases of skates and rays, commonly known as Mermaids' Purses. Skates and rays have been declining over the years, so the Shark Trust are recording where egg-cases are washed up, which then helps to highlight where

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve Report Cont..

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 chance to explore and learn the history of Camber Castle. Meet at Brede Lock Car Park (TQ919198) at 11am, return

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Sat 19th
Winter Lecture – 'Wetland Wildlife in the Brede Valley

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At the Lifeboat Station we have slipped into October with a bit of a respite now that the 'Silly Season' has passed for this year. The only people on Camber now are the die hard kite and wind surfers, who seem to be very good at their sport as we have few calls to them throughout the year. We kicked off this year on 5th Feb, with the obligatory dog in the river, that was recovered and re-united with the owner. Valentines Day, 14th Feb. We were asked by the Harbour Master to attend at the Wharf where a crew man from a coaster had fallen between the quay and the ship. When we arrived the fire brigade were on scene and declined the offer of our specialist equipment and knowledge and they extricated the man from the mud with a rope sling and a lot of man power. On 17th April we were called at 23.10 to a yacht aground at the Harbour entrance. The lifeboat towed him off and anchored him close to the fairway buoy until there was enough water for him to get in. On the 11th May we had a call to a small angling boat that was taking water. The lifeboat was on scene within five

minutes of launching, two men were taken on board and after bailing the casualty they stayed with it until there was enough water to tow it into Harbour. Two weeks later on the 21st we were called to a cabin cruiser in the Harbour at the Fish Market with engine failure. The casualty was towed back to the slipway. On the 27th we were called to Camber for a MEDIVAC that involved a young lady that had stood on the very hot sand where a bar-b-q had been used. She had suffered a badly burned foot and lower leg. After starting to cool the burn she was ferried to the slipway and handed over to a paramedic for treatment and forwarding to hospital. On the 14th June a small survey vessel ran out of fuel 8.5 miles south east of the Harbour. The lifeboat launched and towed them back into Rye. 18th of June. The silly season started today with our first inflatable of the year. When the lifeboat arrived on scene no sign of the inflatable could be found and we were diverted to search for two missing children. They were found safe on shore by others, as the lifeboat was returning to station another inflatable was found and returned to shore.

On the 21st June the lifeboat was called to evacuate a woman from a yacht suffering with severe sea sickness. She was landed at the slipway. On 26th June coastguard requested the lifeboat to launch to an inflatable blowing to sea with one child on board. The child was re-united with his parents and the lifeboat returned to station... On 27th June the lifeboat was requested to launch after a pile of clothing was found on the beach at Dungeness. The person was located before the lifeboat could launch. On the 9th July we were requested to launch to an inflatable waving a paddle in the air off of Camber, on arrival it was established that they did not need help. The lifeboat then assisted a kite surfer ashore who was having trouble with his sail, before returning to station. On the 10th July we launched a total of six times, assisting 12 inflatables and one swimmer. On the 11th July the lifeboat was requested to assist an inflatable blowing to sea off of Camber. When the lifeboat arrived on scene a second inflatable needed assisting, it had gone to help the first. On the way back to shore the

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lifeboat picked up a swimmer that had also gone to help the first inflatable. After landing them all on shore the lifeboat returned to station. On the following day. The 12th July we were asked to launch to an inflatable with two persons on board. They were reported as waving for help. When the lifeboat arrived on scene the two youths said that they were waving to friends on the shore. On the 16th July coastguard requested us to launch to an inflatable off of Dogs Hill Winchelsea Beach. As they arrived on scene the casualty was reported to be safe on shore. On the 17th July coastguard requested lifeboat assistance to search for a missing 5 yr old at Camber. The child was later found to be safe on shore. Later on that evening we were asked to launch to a capsized dinghy off of Broom Hill. When the lifeboat arrived on scene the crew found three drunken young men. They were very abusive but they were eventually ushered ashore, to be met by one very irate mother. On the evening of the 18th July, while walking his dog Alan Haffenden noticed a cabin cruiser ashore in the surf at Camber. He reported this to me and the lifeboat was launched. The casualty was towed off and assisted into

Harbour.

On the 24th July the trimaran 'AMFITRITE' sent out a MAYDAY she was 5 miles south of Rye Harbour and had suffered major structural damage. The wind was from the south west, blowing force 8. The sea condition was fairly lumpy. When the lifeboat arrived on scene the helmsman reported to coastguard that the port spinnaker had broken off and the vessel was in danger of capsizing. Dungeness ALB had been launched and would be on scene shortly. Eventually the casualty was towed into Dover without further incident. On the 12th Aug the lifeboat was asked to launch to a child swimmer in trouble off Camber beach. When the lifeboat arrived on scene it was reported that the child had been found safe on shore. Later on that day we were asked to launch to reported red flares at Galloways (East of Camber). When the lifeboat arrived on scene two jet skis were found one broken down and one with a rope in his drive. The rope was cleared and the second one made his own way back to Rye Harbour and the first one was towed back by the lifeboat. On 21st Aug the lifeboat launched and towed a broken down speed boat with 4 persons on board back to the slipway. On the 29th Aug we had a

search for a missing child at Camber. The child was found safe on shore by others. On the 3rd Sept coastguard requested that we launch to assist a broken down speed boat outside of the Harbour. The casualty was towed into Harbour.

As you can see from the above, we have had a busy year once again. I've only fired the maroons once this year, when we were short of crew. Maroons are only used as a last resort now as our paging system is very efficient, and the maroons are quite costly and at times could prove to be a bit of a hazard to anyone nearby. If you are reading this and think that you might like to get involved, then come along to the station because we are still looking for new crew.

This year the Mary Stanford Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 20th November.

If you have any old photos of the Mary Stanford, please could we make a copy to keep in the Lifeboat Station photo album?

Richard Tollett
Lifeboat Operations Manager

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SAT 5th

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SUN 6th

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Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye from 9.30am – 4.30pm

WED 9th

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SAT 12th

RYE BONFIRE – Procession 7.30pm approx touring around town, ending upon the Town Salts for Bonfire & Fireworks.

SAT 19th

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SUN 20th

WINTER BIRDS AT THE BEACH

RESERVE – A chance to get to grips with a good variety of winter visitors. Meet at Rye Harbour car park at 10am. Donations appreciated.

RAIN FOREST DAY FOR FAMILIES

Learn about the issues pertaining to the world's tropical rain forests. Meet 2pm Pestalozzi International village Trust. Charge £3

SUN 27th

CLASSIC CARS – The annual Classic Car parade starts approx 2.30pm – 3.30pm from the Station through the town ending back at the station for you to view them in all there glory. Information 01797 222395

DECEMBER

FRI 2nd

TENTERDEN LATE NIGHT

SHOPPING – Information 01580 763572

SAT 3rd

ANTIQU & COLLECTABLES

FAIR – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye from 9.30am – 4.30pm

RYE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Information 01797 226696

BEACH CLEAN – A pre-christmas clean up of the rubbish washed up along the beach by Autumn storm's, plus the chance to see many wintering birds. Your efforts will be rewarded With soup at Lime Kiln afterwards. Please bring work gloves if you have any. Meet 10am Rye Harbour car park.

SUN 4th

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FRI 9th

RYE GROUP W.I. CAROL SERVICE
Playden Church 7.30pm

SAT 17th

HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, runs till 18th. Information 01342 850594.

ANTIQU & COLLECTABLES

FAIR – Held at Rye Community Centre, Conduit Hill, Rye from 9.30am – 4.30pm

SUN 18th

EAST GUILDFORD CHURCH Carol Concert starting 2.30pm.

Information 01424 814574

TREE DRESSING DAY – Make your own Xmas tree decorations from natural materials.

Pestalozzi Internation Village. Charge £3

WED 21st

FIRST AID FOR WILDLIFE Learn how to administer basic first aid to stabilise a wildlife Casualty before it is taken to a vet.

Suitable for 12-16 years old. Pre-booking essential 0870 906 1423, Mallydams Wood, Education centre at 10am.

THUR 22nd

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS – Make festival gifts with an animal theme during this art & craft based day.

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Rye Bonfire Timetable, Sat Nov 12th

The Procession Route ...

A Maroon signals the start of the procession at about 7:30pm

The route is as follows - Ferry Road to the Crown Inn, turn left into Cinque Ports Street, Tower Street, through Landgate Arch, Hilders Cliff in to High Street, The Mint, turn right into Wish Ward, Cinque Ports Street, Tower Street, left down Landgate, right into Bedford Place and on to the Bonfire site.

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR BERRY WHO SADLY PASSED AWAY 21st OCTOBER 05.

THIS ARTICLE WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BY JILL AND PUBLISHED IN ISSUE 11 VOL 1

Characters Of Rye Harbour

Arthur Berry was born in Tottenham in 1915. His father was killed in the 1st World War when Arthur was less than 18 months old. He was fostered by a family who had a small holding and Arthur worked with them fruit picking and looking after the ducks and many other jobs. He stayed with them until he was 9 years old when he went to live with his fathers mother who he was very fond of, but she dropped dead when he was 16 years old. He didn't see his mother who had re-married. Arthur



went to the Technical College and left, going to work for the Gas company as a fitter studying on a day release and 2 evenings a week. Arthur played cricket and football and was a keen gymnast. He was a member of the church Lads Brigade. In 1939 at Easter before the outbreak of war he married Kathleen. For the first 2 years of the war he was in a reserved occupation but worked on the ambulances at night in the Blitz of London. He says he took it all in his stride after having gone through his earlier life he was well prepared for anything. Arthur was called up on his 3rd wedding anniversary and went to Matlock in Derbyshire to the transport section of the Royal Army Service Corps leaving Kathleen doing war work as a telephone operator in Tottenham. Arthur was transferred to a new unit, a bulk petrol transport company



and they were the only ones doing it. In November he went via the Atlantic avoiding the German submarines to North Africa traveling in a large troop ship. They first landed in Algiers and went as far as Tunis and from there to Italy. He stayed in Italy until after Cassino. Arthur was then posted to another unit dead lined with transport and traveled across the Adriatic and traveled through Vichy France on a motor bike in company with a couple of hundred other wagons finishing up in Belgium and Germany and was de-mobbed in Torquay. The younger ones in the village are going to have to go back to their history books to really follow that journey and I feel inspired to do so as well! If it hadn't been for people like Arthur we would perhaps be in the federation of Germany purged of all non Aryans and those with any handicaps, not many of us would be left. Arthur returned to the Gas Company and did a course in gas engineering leaving there in 1951. He came to Rye and managed the Queens Hotel in Landgate and then the Inkerman Arms and he and Kathleen were there for 11 years. They moved to Paines

Cottages and worked at the Dungeness power station for 14 years as an operator retiring in 1980. He was Chairman of the village hall management committee and works for Age Concern at the Baptist church. He goes to further Education art classes and gets a lot of pleasure from his painting. Just in case he's not busy enough he is writing his life story on his computer. Arthur enjoys living in Rye Harbour and has lots of friends.



Jill Halpin

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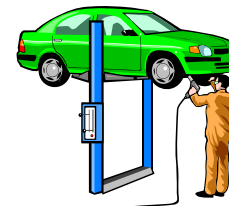
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The exercise is to take place on **Sunday 4th December 2005** during the morning. Exercises like this are absolutely vital to test whether all the relevant services are ready and able to work together effectively in an emergency.

The exercise will be centred on the premises of SRM Ltd., Rye Harbour Road and part of the Rother District Council car park in Rye Harbour. There will be additional fire, police and ambulance vehicles moving through Rye Harbour village. They will all travel at normal speeds and without blue lights or horns operating. There may also be some emergency services staff walking in the area. There will be no simulated fires, explosions or any similar such effects.

The important message is that people should not be alarmed. This is NOT the real thing.

It will take place in the daytime and should not cause more than minimal and short-term disruption to the village and on Rye Harbour Road. Your patience and co-operation in this important activity will be very greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Cripps
Emergency Planning Division
East Sussex County Council

Tel: 01273 481889
emergency.planning@eastsussex.gov.uk

Parish Council Notebook

Icklesham Parish Council meeting, Monday 10th October at the new hall Winchelsea. Both of our Rye Harbour members were present.

The meeting opened with an address by a representative from Rural Sussex about obtaining grant aid for village halls, Icklesham require a substantial sum for essential renovation and only the Parish Council can open the door for other sources of funding. This applies anywhere where there is a community hall and a substantial grant is normally required from a Parish Council, not just a token payment.

Rye Harbour items:
Our member's spoke of the

abandoned car in the car park, yet again, Rother to be chased up by Councillor Nick Ramus. The applicants for allotments will be contacted once the Council knows who is retiring from their allotments and whether to extend the site. This will be attended to before the start of the season.

This is a 'shopping list', which is being put forward for next years precept meeting:

Present grass-cutting arrangements for Coronation and Pound field to continue, but add triangular piece of land, rear of village hall.

Consider mowing side of bund once or twice yearly with side mower and tractor.

Inspect chain link fencing between Pound field and

Allotments with a view to replacing the fence. Replace wooden bollards adjoining Lucas Shadwell Way. Purchase a collapsible one to prevent unauthorised entry, purchase a litterbin to adjoin.

Concrete beams, one to be cut into lengths for seating or plant troughs, but only if no safety issues are recognised, the rest to be covered in soil.

A metal litterbin for the bus shelter. Andy Lucks grazing area, reset posts of metal gate, repair allotment fence as arranged, fit pumps.

3 five-foot concrete pipes at rear of hall, make a feature of these if no safety issues recognised, or remove, remove metal rubbish.

ALLOTMENTS

Icklesham Parish Council have a number of allotments to let at their Cricket Field site in Winchelsea plus one plot at Icklesham. These could well suit someone looking for a larger area to work at.

For details see the Village Hall notice board, or

phone the Clerk Tony Cox on 01424 200889. I will contact those who have their name down for plots in Rye Harbour in due course, certainly before the start of the season.

Michael Alford
Allotment Agent



Children's Christmas Party



This years Children's Christmas Party at the village hall will be held on Sunday 11th December, to which all resident children of the village are invited and welcome, we hope to see you there for fun and games, food, entertainment and presents with Father Christmas.



Rye Harbour Sailing Club News



We have had a busy season of racing with just some of the boats coming out for the winter. We started this winter's programme with a most entertaining and interesting talk given by Ted Rayner from Fairlight who has written a book Coastal Command Pilot 1939 - 1949 which included him singing and testing our general



bit apprehensive at their advent, but they settled down to Service life remarkably quickly and played their part in front line squadrons so gallantly that we were soon filled with admiration and respect.



knowledge. His book is dedicated to Johnnie Lane and Harry Ramsey and their crews lost without trace flying from Greenland in an attempt to provide air escort to an Atlantic convoy, 1st March, 1943. The forward is written by Air Chief Marshall Sir Derek Hodgkinson KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC, (Retd).

Ted Rayner captures well the spirit of the thousands of young men who joined the Royal Air Force as Volunteer Reservists at the outbreak of the 1939 - 1945 war. I must admit that as a regular I was a

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against, and many were shot down. Nevertheless, morale was high and the Squadrons gave a good account of themselves and caused the enemy considerable damage. Operating from Iceland and Greenland was no joke either, due to the atrocious weather conditions the crews had to contend with on most of their patrols. It says a lot for their training and their guts that they managed so well. The story of all this, and much else, is well told in this

certainly, in No. 220 Squadron, where Rayner and I were together, they pulled more than their weight and became an invaluable part of the Unit. Operating the Hudson, a converted airliners, at long range under the noses of the Luftwaffe fighter bases in Denmark and Norway was often quite a daunting experience. The aircraft was no match for the ME109 and ME110 which it came up



book with perception and humour. I recommend it, not only to those who took part in these or similar operations, but to all who might be interested in the part the Royal Air Force played in a largely unsung and forgotten aspect of the 1939-45 war.

Jill Halpin



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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.

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FISHING NEWS

ROUND RYE BAY FOR MORE



October has seen the weather break from its very settled spell, with strong blows from the southwest breaking up the weeks fishing and boats getting to sea when they can. Trawlers have been seeing better catches this month, with a higher Plaice percentage although the Dover Sole catch has remained about the same; but there has been an increase in other species, such as Gumard, Bass, Smooth Hound and Cod. The amount of Cod has been small whether by trawl or gill nets and perhaps when the neap tides fall in with fine weather, this might give the netter's a chance out on the rougher ground.

End of October and through November, has always been Herring time, where most of the catching was done by drift net, at night in the bay and sometimes a dawn shoot and an evening shoot out at Dungeness where conditions differ with the tide coming round the point. No market really exists for any amount of these fish, they were lost when there was a ban on catching Herring in the late seventies early eighties and the markets never recovered when the fishing resumed. A few boxes are caught now to supply the local shops and smokers who turn the Herring into Bloaters and mostly the older generation are the only ones who know how a good

Bloater should taste like. The larger deeper draft boats are now moored alongside the new quay with other boats using the Admiralty jetty and a couple of the old stages at the fish market, until the next phase is finished. All boats are taking fuel and unloading catches at the quay now, known and called Simmons Quay after the ex-fisherman Ronnie Simmons, who has been the driving force right from the start many years ago. First reports from the fishermen are that the boats are laying nicely against the uprights with the mooring system working very well and the landing cranes taking a lot of the manual lifting of boxes out from the days work.

Boy Ashore

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Rye Harbour Church News

The Holy Spirit Church is a beautifully simple building with plain walls and clear glass windows and stands in contrast to Winchelsea Church, for instance, where a visitor is enveloped in a sea of exotic stained glass. One feature of Winchelsea's impressive windows is a memorial to the Mary Stanford Lifeboat. It is a fitting tribute to the brave heroes of 1928, whom we will remember with thanksgiving at The Harbour Church on Sunday 20th November at 3 p.m. As I look up at the west window of The Holy Spirit Church, I imagine a stained glass window there too or perhaps, to maintain the quality of light in the building, an engraved



Veni, Sancte Spiritus

window. I imagine a seascape with a variety of vessels, both ancient and modern, which would have passed up and down this coast line with figures of coastguards and Lifeboatmen, fishermen and seafarers. A significant place would be given to the Mary Stanford but the emphasis would be on a celebration of the sea and of Rye Harbour's heritage. Etched windows have a distinctive impact and a beauty of their own, whilst letting the eye pass

beyond the images to the sky and the scenery outside. This might tie in well with the launch of the local Heritage project and provide a permanent focus for an

appreciation of our locality, its history and its traditions.

Services in November will include a Holy Communion on 13th at 9.15 a.m. with a short act of REMEMBRANCE and the laying of a wreath at the MEMORIAL in Church; on 20th, the Lifeboat Memorial Service at 3 p.m.; on 27th, Family Service at 10.30 a.m. Please support your local Church and build up the congregation at The Holy Spirit.

Hugh Moseley (222430)

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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Rye Harbour Parent and Toddler Group

Well we've had another busy month at the parent and toddler group. Last week we had a trip to Clambers play centre in Hastings. All the children really enjoyed the slides, ball pits and climbing facilities there. We also had a picnic lunch which was great fun. This week we have the Fun Van coming down to entertain the children with their usual range of messy activities, and as it's nearly Halloween the children are going to dress up in their favourite spooky costumes. As the winter is approaching our lovely kitchen helper Joyce (Aggie) has returned home to London so I would like to say a big thank you for all her hard work this summer, it was greatly appreciated. We hope to see her back next year!



Our Christmas party has been booked for Wednesday 21st December from 10.30 until 1pm. We have Charlie the Clown coming to

entertain the children from 11 till 12 and a visit from Father Christmas at the end of the party. Hope to see you all there as this will be the last session before a two week break for Christmas and New Year.

The health visitor Gill and nursery nurse Linda have decided to visit on alternate months so that they can provide a more complete service to all the parents and children. They will always visit on the first Wednesday of the month and this month will be Gill the health visitor.

Parent and Toddler takes place every Wednesday in the village hall 10 till 12. We have lots of toys and equipment, healthy snacks for the children, refreshments for the adults, song time at the end of the session, regular days out and it's great value at only £1 per family. We are a friendly bunch and always welcome new faces so come along and see for yourself! Hope to see you there!

Claire

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Family Announcements

Congratulations



Congratulations to Willow and Chip on their recent marriage and hope they enjoyed their honeymoon in Mauritius, we are looking forward to the Nappy Event in the near future. With Love from all you family and many friends. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

We had a lovely time at Chris and Janine's wedding on October 1st, best wishes to them.

Holly and Dorian would like to thank everyone for the lovely presents for Ronnie's 1st birthday and also thanks for making his birthday party a good one.

A belated happy 70th birthday to John Drew, it was a very good party, we all enjoyed at the "Conk"!!

Hospital

Ted Douglas is in hospital, we hope he soon feels better.

IN MEMORIAM



We are very sad Arthur Berry passed away 21st October. He lived in the village for about 50 years and was always a close friend with Pat. Kath and Arthur kept the 'Inkerman' for many years and was caretaker of the village hall for a few, he also was heavily involved in Neighbourhood Watch in its early days in Rye Harbour. He will be greatly missed by all.

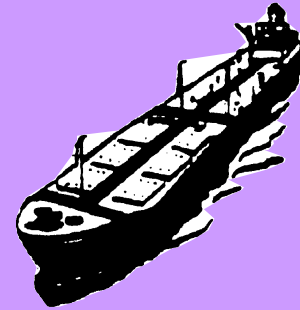
Reports From Nanny Pat & Julie

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 14th November at 12 noon. The Lunch is open to all ages. Come and enjoy for £2.50 a meal fit for royalty, besides a happy atmosphere and amongst friends.



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