

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

For the communities of  
LYMINGE, ETCHINGHILL,  
RHODES MINNIS and POSTLING

April 2008

*Produced by*  
The Lyminge Association

## **Lyminge Bowls Club** (Woodlands Road)

Bowling for all ages  
Why not give it a try?

We have vacancies for beginners and experienced bowlers

Have fun whilst keeping fit!

Ring Harry on 01303 862044 or Dave on 01303 863249

Or Wendy on 01303 863495

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ELHAM VALLEY  
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My New Years resolution is to communicate more effectively with you all, by means of the news letter, to keep you better informed, both of crime trends and community issues. I have already broken my resolution twice, as I have missed the deadline for last month, the month before and nearly this one and am having to plead with Jean to get it in this edition!

**Crime** in general across the whole of the Elham Valley is very low, with the exception of precious metals, like lead and copper still being stolen from many locations like Church roofs, and commercial premises. This is, as I am sure you all are aware, is because of the high demand due to the high price the metals are fetching.

**Anti-Social Behaviour** is also not too bad at the moment, with only a few incidences reported in the last few months and I am glad to say that the majority of the younger people in our community are to be proud of and have been very pro active in helping with the new sports facilities which are now in place at Jubilee Field. If anyone can think of ways of supporting the outstanding work of Lyminge Youth Action by carrying out any fund raising work and donating some money to help fund the completion of the project it would be much appreciated I'm sure.

As for the minority of young people that continue with ASB, smashing bottles, damaging property, Graffiti and loud unfavourable language etc- you have probably, by now, had a visit from a police officer or a letter to your parents stating that you have been involved in this behaviour. Please take their advice and refrain from it, as criminal damage or other incidents of that nature will hold you back in later life if on your record. Apart from that, it is not nice to be known in your own community for these things.

**Push Bike Found in Lyminge** Anyone lost a bike recently? - please call and describe it to me and I can hopefully reunite it with its owner.

**Door Sales People** selling pictures Some reports of these people have come in recently, and although these people have stories of their families starving or waiting for operations etc, they are an organised gang hitting different areas every day. It's up to you if you buy from them of course, but I would suggest not to as they are breaking the law, as it is a crime to sell at the door unless they can produce a valid Peddlers licence. Last year I met one of these sellers and went to the trouble to go to the police station to get him an application for a licence. But guess what-he didn't meet me the next day to collect it and his mobile was off! And finally it's great to see everyone enjoying the new Sports Facility at Jubilee Field but could I ask you all to pick up any litter, even if someone else forgets. If you see anyone deliberately littering, please let me know and I can take it up with them.

Regards Gary

### **TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF LYMINGE**

The time has now come to stand-up and be counted. Together we can easily break the small coterie of anti-social behaviour, drug taking and alcohol abuse prevalent in the village. Our police have done a wonderful job in identifying the perpetrators. It is now up to us to give them the support they need to deal with these miscreants. Some of them, unfortunately, are just children who must be given the opportunity to turn their lives around and become useful members of society and not leave it to single individuals to stand up to intimidation. We must give the police the ammunition they need to remove this pernicious element from our village. Let conscience rule your heart and do your duty with honour.

Name and address supplied

### ***Dear Editor***

I read with concern in the March edition of the Lyminge Newsletter that 'the Parish Council is planning to purchase 'Speed Watch' equipment' and that 'the Scheme requires 9-12 volunteers to share the monitoring duties'.

While I wholly agree with the need to reduce speeds on roads through the parish, I wonder whether this is really the best way to achieve this objective. I find it surprising indeed that the Parish Council should consider it appropriate to introduce camera surveillance into a rural community like Lyminge. In this country we are already one of the most spied-upon nations on the planet. Camera surveillance may be seen as a necessary evil in towns. Do we really want to introduce such a system into our rural community as well?

But what is perhaps worse is the proposal that the system needs to be run by volunteers from the community. It seems the idea is to set up individuals with the authority of the Parish Council to spy and inform on their neighbours. This could create situations where volunteers are subject to intimidation. Equally, volunteers themselves could misuse or abuse the position they have and the information they obtain, or they could be open to allegations that they have done so. These are possible scenarios that should not be contemplated lightly.

I wonder whether the implications of the proposals have really been thought through. I also

wonder whether, whatever their legal powers to make such a decision, it is appropriate for the Parish Council to take such a step without widespread consultation and community approval. There are ways to curb traffic speeds, such as using chicanes and 'sleeping policemen', that are less invasive of civil liberties.

If the choice is between either paying for traffic calming or promoting surveillance and potential vigilantism, I know which I would support. There is the option to have a one-off increase in the parish precept to pay for effective and appropriate traffic controls. At the very least, can we not have a public debate about what is the best way to cut down speeding in a way that is in keeping with our rural community?

Yours sincerely

Robert Baldwin

### **ETCHINGHILL UPDATE**

#### **Farmers'/Craft Market**

The next market is 12th April at Etchinghill Village Hall See you there? Contact Anne on 863174 for details.

#### **Residents' Association**

The Legal Advisor to the Village Hall Management Committee has confirmed that it would not be possible to amalgamate the two organisations. However he has indicated that the Residents' Association could have representation on the Village Hall Committee and share in roles and responsibilities. This is being discussed between the two committees before a decision is made. Any concerns please contact David on 863918

#### **Village Hall**

The 'Get Together' in February was a veritable success with many groups and residents exchanging views for the future. Numerous suggestions for additional activities were made (eg magic lantern show, coffee mornings, book and CD share library, family history group to name but a few) and the committee is reviewing what can be incorporated.

Did you get to the Irish Quiz on 15th March? You missed a good evening which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who supported us and more events are planned for the future, so watch this space. Special thanks to Claire for decorating the hall so beautifully for an early St Patrick's Day.

Are you around on Monday 14th April? If you can come along for a couple of hours to join the 'Spring Clean' team, cleaning windows, freshening up paintwork, cleaning cupboards and crockery as well as tidying the grounds and the store rooms. All skills needed and tea & coffee will be available. Just turn up any time between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm. Jobs allocated on a first come first choice unless you let Rodney know before the day on 862028

#### **Lindy Hop**

Did you find out what a Lindy Hop is? Find out before the group comes to the village hall on 17th May to demonstrate (and we can participate in) American swing from the 30's to 50's Posters are already out and the ticket sales are 'going like hot cakes'. If you wish to know more, why not call Keith or Rosemary on 863418 to reserve your tickets. 85 have been sold so far and we are limited to 120, so hurry!

#### **Village Fete**

The big event this year is the Village Fete which will be held at the hall and on the amenity land on 12th July. Put it in your diary now so that you don't miss it! The Village Hall Committee is working towards providing a good day out – would you like to organise a stall or game?

Do you hold a valid First Aid certificate? Could you be available in case your skills are

needed? Contact Jean on 862488

### **Etchinghill Short Mat Bowls Club**

No information was received but we have established that the Village Hall bought the mat and carpet bowls back in 1992. So who wants to start a Short Mat Bowls Club? Contact Eileen on 862832 if you and others are interested in starting a club and need to book the Village Hall.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Your local contact for NhW in Etchinghill is Judith on 862498. She will give advice on all forms of personal security.

### **Dates for forthcoming events**

12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July Farmers/Craft Market

14th April Spring Clean

17th May Lindy Hop

12th July Village Fete

## **Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers**

**Q5** Did Lyminge ever have a village band?

**Q6** Why is Lyndon Hall situated so close to Canterbury Road? (Thanks to Pam Anderson.)

**Q7** Have buzzards ever been seen in the parish?

**A5** Two village bands have come to light. Both were linked to the churches but at different times. First there was the gallery band that provided music for church services in St. Mary & St. Ethelburga Church in the 18th & 19th centuries. Charles Igglesden, writing in *A Saunter through Kent with Pen and Picture*, Volume 3 (Kentish Express, 1901, Ashford) says that 'formerly the vestry was situated beneath the tower and over the tower arch ... stood a gallery where the village musicians led the singing' of metrical psalms with 'cello and clarionette'.

The other village band was associated with Lyminge Methodist Church and was known as Lyminge Silver Band. Mrs Mary Mount contacted me and told me of hearing the band at Stelling Minnis Wesleyan Methodist Church when she was ten years old. She remembered that the band were 'excellent musicians and played delightful music.' Alan Boughton has introduced me to Bert Fagg. Bert remembers the band well because several of his family played in the band. He told me that so many members were Faggs the band were sometimes known as the 'Woodbine' Band! The band was led by Mr Alfred Jacob, a prominent Methodist, hence the connection with the church. Apparently the band was formed after WWI. Initially the ensemble was a brass band but Mr Finn - Kelcey became president and kindly donated silver instruments. The ensemble played in many competitions and was well known around the district. They folded with the onset of WWII probably because Mr Jacob had died and because this 'front line' village had more important things to be concerned about. To finish, here is a photograph of the band in 1930 after they had won at the Tunbridge Wells and District Band Contest and a copy of the certificate they won.

Can you answer any questions posed so far? Do you have any question you would like to ask? Yes? Then contact the editor. (If you would prefer I would be happy to interview you)  
Alistair Bailey



(courtesy of Bert Fagg)




(courtesy of Folkestone Methodist Circuit Archive)

## A Message from the Lyminge Association

Please could all secretaries of local clubs and societies contact John Carr on 862972 to update their contact details for the new Welcome to Lyminge leaflet. Thank you.

# *Out and About*



## *A Night at the Races . . .*

The Lyminge Pre-School held a well attended Race Night at Sibton Park Cricket Club Pavilion. Bets were placed on 8 races during the evening and punters were also treated to a delicious hot supper at half time!

*If you have any photographs of local events that could be included in the Newsletter please contact our Newshound via 01303 862328*

## **Forthcoming Village Events**

We would like you to give us details of your future events for this page, to help us all plan for our events and spread them throughout the year.

There is no charge for entries on this page.

For entries into the next issues please call **Gillian** on **863232**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT DETAILS.	
1-Apr	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK -BEGGING FOR MERCY	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
2-Apr	PILGRIM'S HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FOLKESTONE	251980	DOREEN

2-Apr	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
5-Apr	GARAGE SALE	AROUND THE VILLAGE	863197/862972	LIZ AND JON
5-Apr	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY SPRING SHOW	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
5-Apr	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
12-Apr	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
16-Apr	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY A GARDEN QUIZ	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
20-Apr	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
20-Apr	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
24-Apr	FAQ DISCUSSION COUNCIL TAX	ELHAM VILLAGE HALL	864540	DENNIS
28-Apr	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
9-May	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMMITTEE & BRANCH MEETING	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
10-May	LYMINGE DAY	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
10-May	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
11-May	SPRING CLEAN	AROUND THE VILLAGE	862972	JON
13-May	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
13-May	VILLAGE HALL AGM	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
15-May	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
17-May	LINDY HOP & SWING DANCE, CABARET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863418	ROSEMARY
17-May	TEAPARTY FOR EVE APPEAL	ROSENEATH CERAMICS, RHODES MINNIS	862979	KATHERINE
18-May	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
19-May	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
20-May	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY VISIT	GARDEN OF MR & MRS. ENTWHISTLE	863225	PETER
21-May	RAILWAY SWING BAND BIG BAND EVENING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	241441	JOHN
24-May	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
31-May	QUIZ EVENING	LYMINGE BOWLS CLUB	862015	MARIAN
3-Jun	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPENING OF THE ARCHIVE ROOM	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	840419	DEREK
4-Jun	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
14-Jun	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
14-Jun	CALL MY BLUFF	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
15-Jun	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
17-Jun	LYMINGE GARDEN SOCIETY VISIT	GARDEN OF DR S MRS. INGRAM AT COMPTON ASH	863225	PETER
21-Jun	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
30-Jun	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM
7-Jul	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
11-Jul	BRANCH MEETING	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
12-Jul	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
12-Jul	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE FETE	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862488	JEAN
15-Jul	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY VISIT	PINES GARDEN AT ST. MARGARETS BAY	863225	PETER
19-Jul	CRAFT FAYRE	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
28-Jul	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
2-Aug	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
August	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY VISIT	PEENE RAILWAY MUSEUM	840419	DEREK
9-Aug	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
16-Aug	SUMMER SHOW	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
27-Aug	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	RHODES MINNIS VILAGE HALL	862184	PAM
30-Aug	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR

2-Sep	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
6-Sep	NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS' THANK-YOU PARTY - venue Iba		862972	JON
6-Sep	QUIZ EVENING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
9-Sep	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY INTERCLUB COMPETITION	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
12-Sep	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMMITTEE & BRANCH MEETING	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
13-Sep	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
14-Sep	GARAGE SALE	AROUND THE VILLAGE	863197/862972	LIZ AND JON
16-Sep	TALK BY DAVID HOARE "FROM VEGETABLES TO ALPINES"	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
20-Sep	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
29-Sep	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM

## **LYMINGE GARDENERS SOCIETY**

**Saturday 5th April**

**The Spring Show**

(Staging of Exhibits 8.30 – 10.30am)

Doors open 2pm

**Wednesday 16th April**

This is going to be a fun night with Elham Gardeners

**A Garden Quiz** (tables of 6)

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

There will be no charge at the door but a raffle will be run to go towards the cost of the hall.

Refreshments will be served

Please come along and support your Society.

You do not have to find your own team, we can do that on the night

*In Aid of the Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund*

Registered Charity Number 283483

**The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Rhodes Minnis**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 9th April**

For further details and to book your table 'phone 01303 862349

Breakfasts, Lunches & Teas

Freshly cut sandwiches, home-made cakes  
Friday Night Fish & Chip Supper eat in or take-away

Open every day from 10am – 4pm

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**BOOT and SPRING FAYRE**

## **APRIL BEETLE DRIVE**

Come & join us at  
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

**Saturday 26th April**

Starts at 7.00 pm

Adults £2.00

Children 50p

Includes refreshments.

There will be a raffle

## **Newington Village Hall**

**Hog Roast**

Saturday 3rd May

5pm (Eat at 6pm)

Tickets £6 per adult

10yrs & under £5

Live music

Bring your own drinks

More info call:

Kirsty 01303 272056

Karen 01303 277950

Reg. charity No. 302812

## **Lyminge Dramatic Society – ‘Allo ‘Allo**

Tickets at £7-00 each are on sale at Haxtons

Estate Agents, Lyminge for our April production of the hilarious play version of that popular BBC TV series, ‘Allo ‘Allo.

Written by Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft, the play will be directed by Pete Raine and includes all your favourite characters from

the TV series. The play will run from

Wednesday 9th April to Saturday 12th April

in Lyminge Village Hall and Senior

Citizens are welcome free-of-charge at the

Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday at 7.45pm.

**Saturday 3rd May ~ 12 noon – 3.30pm**  
at

Park House Animal Sanctuary, Stelling  
Minnis,

Nr Canterbury

Car Boots £7 – Vans £10

Tankerton Dance Academy ~ Stockbury  
Dog Club Live Music with the Folkestone  
Pipes and Drums Plus lots of other  
Attractions ~ Raffles ~ Stalls ~ Tombolas ~  
Hot & Cold Refreshments ~ Ice Creams  
Plenty of Parking ~ Admission by donation  
Tel 01303 862622

**Forthcoming Events**

Dog & Owners Fun Day ~ Saturday 7th  
June

Boot & Summer Fayre ~ Saturday 26th July

Boot & Autumn Fayre ~ Saturday 6th  
September

All held at Park House from 12 noon ~  
3.30pm

Lots of Attractions ~ hot & cold  
refreshments

Plenty of parking ~ Admission by donation  
For details of our events, phone 01303  
862622

Telephone bookings are possible as long as  
payment is received by Haxtons by Friday  
April 4th latest. Tickets will be available to  
be collected at the door on the evening of  
the performance. Please make cheques  
payable to Lyminge Dramatic Society.

There will be a warm welcome at Café Rene  
for you all; the cabaret will be starting  
shortly – just don't mention the Fallen  
Madonna.....!

**COUNCIL TAX: VALUE FOR  
MONEY?**

a discussion with Councillor Susan Carey  
Member for Elham Valley, Kent County  
Council

**Thursday 24th April 7.45 pm, Peggy Pike  
Room, Elham Village Hall  
Drinks available before and after the  
discussion**

**The FAQs of Life** – discussions of  
Frequently Asked Questions that concern  
many in the community

An initiative of St Mary's Elham  
ALL ARE WELCOME

# LYMINGE DAY

10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008

## A TASTE OF CHINA

*Chinese Lion Dance  
Martial Arts Display  
China Town  
Fun Fair*

*Thanks to our sponsors  
China China  
Red Dragon  
Haxtons Estate Agents*

*Put the date on your Calendar*

Organised by the Village Hall Management  
Committee Reg Charity 281845

### LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Tuesday 13th May 7.45pm**

at

Lyminge Methodist church Hall

A talk on

**Shopping in Lyminge**

By Derek Boughton

Non-members welcome

**Please note change of date**

## *Lindy Hop Dance Night Cabaret, Jitterbug & Jive*

*with DJ Gypsy John & The  
Cinque Ports Lindy Hoppers &  
The Doodlebug Dancers*

**Saturday  
17th May  
7.30-11pm**

**Etchinghill Village  
Hall Event**

**Tickets £10 pp**  
*includes finger buffet supper*

*Non-licensed but you are  
welcome to bring your own drinks*

**Call 01303 863418 for tickets and details**



### AGE CONCERN ELHAM RURAL QUIZ NIGHT

**7pm - 31st May 2008**

Lyminge Bowls Club, Woodland Road,  
Lyminge

American Supper (Bring your own food  
and drink) Teams of up to 6 or come along  
and make up a team

There are prizes for the winners and a  
Booby!

There will also be a raffle

**Tickets £3.50 per person**

Buy your tickets at the Day Centre  
or

call Marian on 862015  
to book your table or for more information  
Age Concern Elham Rural, Jubilee Day  
Centre

Everist Court, Station Road, Lyminge  
CT18 8HQ

Tel: 01303 862364

[www.elhamruralac.org.uk](http://www.elhamruralac.org.uk)

Charity Number 268428

### LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH – APRIL 2008

Sunday 6th April      8.00am Holy Communion  
                                 10.30am World of Worship

Family service

Wednesday 9th      7.00pm Short Holy  
Communion

7.30pm Open House

### RHODES MINNIS METHODIST CHURCH

This small Chapel in beautiful  
countryside surroundings holds a  
weekly Sunday Service normally at  
9.30am Followed by coffee and

(Bible Study and discussion)

9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
(quiet prayer until

10pm)

Sunday 13th April 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 16th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House  
(Bible Study and

discussion)

[no Wednesday Silence]

Thursday 17th 2.00pm Pram service

Sunday 20th April 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 23rd 7.00pm Short Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House  
(Bible Study and

discussion)

9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
(quiet prayer until

10pm)

Sunday 27th April – Rogation Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 30th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House  
(Bible Study and

discussion)

9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
(quiet prayer until

10pm)

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA in Nailbourne Court–6th April**

Our Sunday afternoon teas continue to be held on the first Sunday of the month in the lounge at Nailbourne Court from 3.00 to 5.00pm. If you would like to come, but need a lift, please contact Vanessa at The Rectory.

### **COFFEE MORNING – 14th April**

Coffee mornings continue to be held on the second Monday of each month from 10.00am to 11.30am in Wentworth Close lounge. Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat.

### **PRAM SERVICE – Thursday 10th April**

On every 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm in Lyminge Church. A short pre-school friendly

biscuits A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

The Preachers for April are

April 6 - Rev. Ian Hamilton (Holy Communion)

April 13 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

April 20 - Mrs. Mary Greenhalgh

April 27 - \*3pm \*Chapel Anniversary  
- Rev. Colin Telfer

### **LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH**

Visitors are very welcome to join us at our weekly Service at 11am and invited to share fellowship afterwards with a cup of tea/coffee Preachers for April are:

6th April – Rev. Ian Hamilton

13th April – Mr Dudley Shipton

20th April – Mrs Val Redding  
4pm - Easter offering Circuit Service

27th April – Rev Wesley Kenworthy  
(inc Holy Communion)

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact the Minister, Rev Barry Armson, on 01303 266281

**Folkestone Rainbow Centre.** A sincere thank-you to all the knitters and those who supported the recent sponsored knit-in, which has so far raised nearly £3000.

### **POP – INN**

Every Wednesday 2.30 – 4pm  
at Methodist Church  
Free coffee, tea and biscuits

service followed by refreshments

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LUNCH – 17th April**

The lunches continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meal will comprise of two courses followed by coffee, at a cost of £6.50 per head. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. All welcome. Please let Vanessa know if you would like to book a place.

For more information on any of the above please contact the Rectory and speak to Vanessa (862432)

**ALL** welcome – if you are collecting children from school or just passing

**L.E.T.**

**Methodists and Anglicans working together**

**L.E.T. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team)**

Prayer Box. Please place any prayer requests concerning a bereavement or illness in the prayer box at Lyminge Post Office. It would help to have the name of the person you are praying for but not necessarily your name. These will be included in Sunday worship in both churches and added to private prayer life.

**LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS**

**Garage Sale Safari - Saturday 5th April** - please look to see if you can pass on any unwanted items and gain some money for them without leaving your own driveway. Why not secure a spot now for a charge of just £5 that helps towards our advertising costs. Give Liz a phone on 863197.

**Spring Clean - Sunday 11th May** - please join us to help tidy up after Lyminge Day and to give the whole site from the road entrance a fresh appearance. If this is not for you, why not mark the date on your calendar to tidy up near your home. Contact Honor on 862928 to volunteer.

**Walk leaflets** - we are looking to organise a date in May to re-launch the Pine Walk, one of several walks planned by the Millennium committee back in 1999. A leaflet for this walk was published at that time and we are also looking at promoting this and the other walks in the future.

**Age Concern Elham Rural**  
**Newsletter Entry for April 2008**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraising enabling us to add a conservatory to our pop-in area. The conservatory is now being erected and the additional space will be used by our clients when socialising and participating in activities. The space will also be used to run support, advice and training sessions. The winners of our February 100+ Club draw were 1st prize, No. 64 Richard Chubb, 2nd prize No. 10, Vanessa Carr, 3rd prize, No. 49 Vanessa Carr. If you

would like to join the 100+ Club, please contact the Day Centre or Marian Chubb on 01303 862015. Each number you choose costs £12 for the year. At the end of each month we make a draw using all the entered numbers, the 1st prize is £25, 2nd prize is £15 and 3rd prize is £10.

Bi-monthly quiz: Entries in our February/March Quiz will be checked on Tuesday 1st April. The prize is £25 for an outright winner or £10 Consolation Prize for the entry with the most correct answers. The new quiz for April/May will be ready for sale at the end of March. Quizzes cost £1 each.

**Watch this space.** We have been asked to run advice sessions on “Making a Will”. We have approached solicitors in the area who are prepared to run these sessions for us. Dates are to be confirmed but the sessions will be held in our new conservatory and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. The sessions and refreshments will be FREE.

**Diary Date:** Our next Quiz Night will be 31st May at Lyminge Bowls Club. Tickets are £3.50 each and you can bring your own food and drink. Everyone enjoyed that last one and we hope to see you all there. Call the Day Centre or Marian on 862015 to book your places.

We are in the process of upgrading our computer system and because of this our e-mail address will be changing. We will let you have our new e-mail address in the next issue. In the mean time you can contact us on our usual telephone number.

If you wish to contact us about any of our services or activities please call Lisa Hodden or Matthew Martin on 01303 862364

Age Concern Elham Rural, Jubilee Day Centre, Everist Court, Station Road, Lyminge, Kent CT18 8HQ .

### **LYMINGE LIBRARY**

I would like to introduce myself. I am Sheila Gaunt, Customer Services Officer, based at Folkestone Library, with responsibilities for Lyminge Library.

Jane Pace, Customer Services Assistance, runs a very successful Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time on a Thursday morning, during term time at 9.30am. Please come along and support her, the more the merrier. It is for anyone with young babies and toddlers, whether it be mum or dad, childminder or grandparent.

We also have a buzzing reading group, meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, at 10.30 finishing with a cup of coffee and a biscuit, and sometimes, homemade cake. If you are interested please talk to Jane.

I am aware that the premises are small and to stock with all the latest bestsellers and the perfect selection of books, dvds and spoken word cds and tapes is impossible, but we do have a reservation service which costs 25p per item.

We are always looking to improve services and conditions and any ideas you may have are always welcome.

### **LYMINGE FRIENDS**

We have built on our initial success and would like to extend a warm welcome to

our next meeting. This is on 2nd April, 10am to 12 noon in the Lyminge Methodist Parlour. We are an informal group and member's ideas are welcome.

### ETCHINGHILL W.I.

Barbara Syrett, President, Welcomed members and one guest to a well attended meeting. Sadly a minutes silence was observed for Audrey Kirk, a long standing member, who died on the 5th March.

Janet Hooles was congratulated as part winner of the Joan Boucher cup.

Birthday posies were presented to Daphne Andrews, Florence Bull, Jacqui Storey and Stella Samuels.

Mr John Grimwood spoke about 1914 – 1918 war entitled 'Pack up your troubles'.

Members then enjoyed tea, the hostess' being Daphne Andrews, Janet Hooles and Pat Kent. Competition winner was Mary Hickmott.

Next meeting Tuesday 15th April at 2.30pm when Mr Chris Barkaway will speak about 'Family Butchers'.

Please phone Barbara Syrett on 01303 265229 or Dottie Cross on 01303 862141 for further information.



Calling all artists, young and old, from occasional dabblers to seasoned professionals, **Elham Valley Arts** invites entries for their **Summer (12-20 July 2008)** – a special showcase of paintings or pictures in any medium, any size up to 60x45cm – uniquely inspired by the landscape, buildings, people, animals, hedgerows or lanes of the Elham Valley or surrounding area. Entries from individuals, school and preschool children, members of art groups are all very welcome. Full details and entry forms available **now** from Elham Valley Arts, High Street, Elham.

Tel. 01303 840084

**Be a part of it!**

### RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE

Our speaker on the 19th March was David Gardner. He gave us a fascinating talk on " Butterflies and Moths" found in Kent, illustrated by beautiful colour slides.

The competition "An item depicting a butterfly or moth" was won by Ann Weatherall, with Marie Hambrook 2nd, Margaret Chambers 3rd and Angela Lambourne 4th. Our next meeting is on the 16th April when the Reverend Vanessa Ashman is going to talk about her visit to the Holyland. We meet at

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm. All members and visitors will be made very welcome. Marion Hoare 01303 862913



## LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The popular Lyminge Handbell ringers are available to play at indoor and outside events during the year. Now that spring is just around the corner we are planning our programme of events so would welcome enquiries. We have a large selection of popular and classical music for all occasions, both formal and informal, and will come to your home for that special celebration. All we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £35 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. Call Ro Edmond on 863201.

### **Lyminge PreSchool**

**One of a very few in Kent awarded an 'Outstanding' classification by Ofsted (Oct 2007).**



We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic and friendly staff passionate about providing excellent childcare. We welcome children from all the surrounding villages and towns and offer a range of sessions during term time to suit your needs. Located in the village hall we have a fabulous new outdoor play area for 2008 together with spacious indoor facilities. Places for September are filling up fast so to register your child and find out more please call 01303 863149. Alternatively visit our website [www.lymingepreschool.org.uk](http://www.lymingepreschool.org.uk) or Email [admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk)

## **WALK WITH THE LIONS!**

### **ELHAM VALLEY LIONS' SPONSORED WALK**

10 a.m. Sunday, 27 April, from King's Arms Elham

Following the success of last year's sponsored walk, the Lions' 33rd Charity walk is again being run in aid of local primary schools and also play-schools or the EV Lions' own Charitable Trust. The walk will be mainly on footpaths and small roads through the beautiful countryside of the Elham Valley. It will be about 8 miles and there will also be an alternative shorter route.

Sponsor forms are available from Graham Stabbs on 01303 268227, or why not just turn up on the day and sponsor yourself!

## RAILWAY SWING BAND CHARITY CONCERT

Back by popular demand. Our Charity Concert featuring the Railway Swing Band is becoming an annual event. Make a note: Wed. 4th June at Elham Village Hall 7 for 7.30 pm. Tickets available from 01303 862837.

### **ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES**

#### **Occasional Users**

Standard weekday rates (08h30 to 23h00)

Hourly rate - up to 4 hours ..... £7.00

1 Session-4 continuous hours .....£21.00

2 Sessions-8 continuous hours .....£42.00

All-day rate .....£70.00

Weekend rates (08h30 - 22h00 Sundays) will be £10.00, £30.00, £60.00 and £100.00 respectively

Discounted rates are available for **Etchinghill**

**Residents** who are occasional hirers and for

**Regular Users** after 12 months' hiring. **The**

**Committee Room** costs £6.00 per session for

**Regular Hirers**, £6.00 per hour for Non-Residents and £5.00 per hour for **Residents**.

All-day hire for Weddings, **Banquets and**

**Commercial Functions: £100.00 for Residents**

**£200.00 for non-Residents.**

For bookings and enquiries, please contact **Eileen** on **01303 862832**.

### **RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL**

Are you looking for a hall in which to hold Practice sessions, private party/function or Meeting?

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall has the capacity to take parties of up to 100 and has kitchen facilities at no extra cost.

#### **Rates:**

Sun – Fri £13.00 per session. £32.00 per day

Sat - £19.00 per session. £26.00 evening session  
£50.00 per full day.

#### **Session Times:**

AM session 8.30am – 12.30pm

PM session 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Evening Session 6.00pm – 11.45pm

A £25.00 returnable deposit is payable in advance. Electricity will be charged at 14p per unit. Regular users will be given a special reduced rate.

**For details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow**  
**on**

**01303 862616**

### **Lyminge Village Hall**

At the heart of our community our recently re-decorated Village Hall offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and can meet a variety of requirements with it's small Committee room, larger Club room and the Main Hall with servery and large stage.

Excellent parking, kitchen facilities available and all in a delightful part of the Village. Price example. Friday or Saturday evenings £50.00 Afternoon weekday birthday parties £13.00

For full price details and availability give Jacqui Storey a call on 862044

### **LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH** **HALL HIRE**

#### **Hall**

1 June to 30 September £5 per hour  
£17 per 4 hour session £32 full day

1 October to 31 May £7 per hour  
£24 per 4 hour session £42 full day  
(includes heating)

#### **Parlour**

£4.50 per hour all year with use of  
Electric over heaters if required

#### **Overnight stays**

1 June to 30 September £30 1 October  
to 31 May £40 (Including heating)

**For any enquiries please 'phone**  
**07971 722401**

### **LOCAL FITNESS CLASSES**

Aerobics and body conditioning  
Professional fully qualified instructor  
Mixed ability for all ages Have fun and  
gossip while getting fit Etchinghill

**Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club**

Having a party? Need a local venue?

Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket

Club's lovely pavilion?

We have a bar with club price drinks & friendly  
efficient staff.

There is capacity for up to 100 guests. For  
further information or to make a booking please

**Contact Lesley Kirk, Tel: 01303 862366**

Village Hall Aerobics - Tuesdays: 09.30  
– 10.30am

Pilates – Tuesdays: 10.45 – 11.45am

For further information 'phone Sarah on  
07714 219954

**ETCHINGHILL TODDLER  
GROUP**

Every Wednesday 10am – 12 noon at  
Etchinghill Village Hall. £1.50 per  
family.

Soft play area for babies, music, craft,  
healthy snacks and inside/outside toys

New members welcome

Contact Kathy Robinson for more  
information on 01303 862271 or 07930  
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