

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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## LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

**Tuesday 23rd September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lyminge Village Hall Club room**

- a brief AGM followed by 'Is it a crime to have CCTV in a village?' debate
- Speaker - Sean Taylor from Shepway Community Safety Unit

### **A Memorial bench**

- we were pleased to welcome Pearl Furminger to our meeting. We have agreed that we will purchase a bench to be dedicated to Pearl's late husband, Doug, and to be sited on Broadstreet with a view across Glebelands to the church.

## Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

The format of this month's article is a little different. Mr Roy Collins contacted me to tell me his memories of Lyminge between the wars. I went to see him and spent a pleasant time whilst he and his wife reminisced. Roy was born in 1915 and, apart from wartime, has mostly lived in the village.

This will be an historical journey around Lyminge starting at the Station, which of course was the hub of the village life. It was a hive of activity because most of the village trader's goods arrived by train. The station master was Mr Noble who lived in Station Road. There were two cottages at the station. The station porter lived in number 1 and the plate layer (i.e. railway maintenance man) lived at number 2. Mr Collins' remembers his sister saying she viewed the arrival of King George V and Lord Kitchener, by train, at Lyminge Station from Sawyers the ironmonger's shop in Station Road during WW I. These notable visitors then rode on horseback to Beachborough House where they inspected the Canadian troops billeted there. It is interesting to note that although the traders have changed the same building has been used as a hardware shop for nearly a century.

Other traders that Mr Collins recollects when he was young include Mr Brocklesby the barber and Mr Poulson the chemist in Station Road. Mr Fisher lived in Well Cottages at the end of Mayfield Road and made chestnut hurdles in Well Field. Fred Hopton was landlord at the Coach and Horses whilst Mr Ripley was across the road at the forge. Tommy Hogben the milkman lived at Bedingfield Farm along the High Street. At the end of the High Street was a small sweet shop run by Mrs Rickwood. Nearby were two old ladies who lived in the old Methodist chapel that was situated between the farm and the forge. Roy recollects that they were rather frightening in appearance because of their long hair and enormous hats. They were nicknamed 'Angels' by the village children. At the Churches, Rev. Ruty was the incumbent at the Parish Church whilst Rev. Clifton was the Methodist minister.

When Mr Collins was young, he attended the village school [now Church Mews]. Mr Marsh was the head whilst his wife was one of the teachers. Miss Gaskell taught the infants. The final teacher was Miss Wyatt who was a country dancing expert. She taught her pupils these dances and they won several competitions at Maidstone. Mr Collins in particular remembers 'Rufy Tufty' that I have found dates back to at least 1651 when it first appeared in Playford's English Dancing Master. Below is a transcription of the tune:



Besides the country dancing, Roy remembers that the older boys at school were taught gardening and the school had its own garden in Mayfield Road. He also recalls how good the teaching was. He describes it as, "All drummed in but it worked." For Roy it certainly did work, as he passed the exams and went to the William Harvey Grammar School.

This ends this month's article but it is not the end of Mr Collins' recollections. They will have to wait until next time including the promised horses with leather horse shoes and the famous railway developer living in the village as well as the village lamplighter who studied the stars. Finally, here is a new question:

Q11 What was Lyminge's involvement in the 1830 'Captain Swing' agricultural riots?

Can you answer this latest question or any of the others? If you can, contact me through the editor or the [www.lyminge.org.uk/forums](http://www.lyminge.org.uk/forums). *Alistair Bailey*

### **Letters to the Editor**

Hearty congratulations to the thieves who stripped the lead off the church roof! We sincerely hope that the few hundred pounds you have earned from your labours will bring you much happiness, not only in the short term but for many years to come. It was a shame you had to leave in such a hurry when the police arrived, had you stuck around we would have been able to let you know what was going to happen as a result of your visit. As it is, we shall have to rely on the fact that someone may pass this on to you.

Lyminge church is 1,000 years old, give or take a year or two, and because of its great age, requires a constant programme of maintenance. Last year the Architect made his five-yearly report on the state of the building and, together with earthquake damage repairs which meant that the insurance excess was pushed up to £1,000, the cost of essential repairs amounted to £34,950. Your handiwork has brought this figure up to £155,000+VAT. These essential repairs are only emergency 'patch-up' repairs. They are not restorative repairs. The restorative repairs are things like the prohibitively expensive repair work needed to keep the tower open for the next few years; the restoration of the stained glass window above the altar; the repairs needed to restore the rotting timbers in the roof (you were very lucky not to have fallen through it); the death-watch beetle damage; the crumbling stonework; etc., etc., etc. To restore the church properly would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. You may have been under the impression that the damage you did to the roof and to the organ and those areas inside the church which were soaked by rain coming in through the gaping holes you made, would be covered by the Church's Insurance Company. Indeed the roof was insured for £15,000. However, it may interest you to know that the few hundred pounds you received for the stolen lead in no way reflects the £120,000 cost of replacing it. You may have also been under the impression that the Diocese of Canterbury would foot the bill. In actual fact the Diocese does not contribute a penny to this or any other Parish Church. Nor does it pay for the Vicar's wages, the cost of heating, electric or any other running cost. Conversely, this Church and every other Church in the Diocese is expected to pay the Diocese a yearly lump sum of money which, in Lyminge's case is £38,826. Neither does the Church receive money from English Heritage (which demands that any repair work to the grade one listed building should conform to the highest, and most expensive, standards), or any other government body. You may well ask how this money is raised each year. The answer to that is simple; it isn't. The only income the Parish Church receives is from the Summer Fete, Saint Nicholas' Fair, the weekly collection from the (on average) 50-strong congregation, most of who are retired and living on a pension, and a few donations from church and non-church members. The amount of money raised from these sources each year falls short of the required sum by a considerable amount. And on top of all this, the Church Council is expected to pay for all maintenance and repairs to the building. This is not a sustainable situation and it is heading to an inevitable outcome. The Church will close. Your activities last Wednesday have ensured this will happen in the very near future. Oh well done you!

Very soon the church door will be locked for the last time and the building will be handed over to a decommissioning agency, the churchyard will be closed for burials and interments and handed over to Shepway District Council. If Lyminge is to follow a similar fate to that of other decommissioned parish churches, and it most probably will, the decommissioning agency will employ an Architect to gain planning permission to convert the building to two

or three residential units and to build a couple of new houses on the church car park. The agency will then sell the building and land to a developer and, in the meantime, Shepway District council will remove the older and unstable headstones and walls from the churchyard and clear it for mowing so that it loses its character and looks the same as every other municipal cemetery in the district. Please don't think that this could never occur. It will. We don't suppose for one minute that you care about this church or any other hapless church you have visited. We, however, do care and what is more, we have no intention of letting the inevitable happen if we can possibly help it.

It is not about 'ownership', religion or denomination. It is about a very old, a very beautiful and very vulnerable Old Lady and we can no longer expect a small number of people to bear the burden of maintaining the most architecturally and historically important building in the parish. This letter has not been written by the Church Council or any other member of the Church, we don't happen to be members of the Church, we are just residents of this parish though we understand all too well that, unless the building continues to function as a place of worship, it will be lost forever. We also understand that short term injections of cash are not going to resolve the enormous problems of maintaining and restoring the church and churchyard. To that end a few of us have already arranged with the Treasurer of the PCC for a small amount of money to be debited from our accounts each month to go towards the maintenance and repair of the building. It is not much - about the price of a bottle of wine per month - we don't earn much but we don't miss it. We have done some sums and worked out, that if enough wage-earning residents in the parish who cared about the church building did the same, there would be sufficient annual income to begin to address the real problems of maintaining and restoring the building for the future. We hope, from the bottom of our hearts that some good may come of the mischief you made. You may have stolen the lead off the roof but you will not steal the church!

PS We would respectfully suggest that you get a proper job and start contributing to society.

Name and address withheld

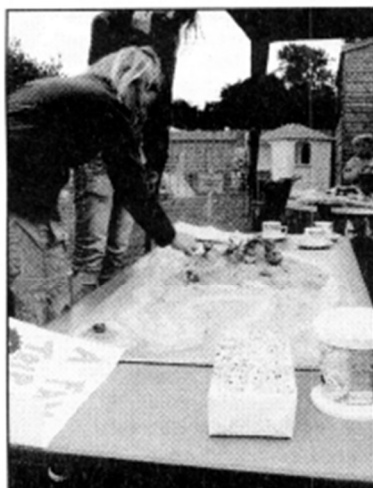
# Out and About

*A Selection of the photos received of events that have taken place in the last few weeks*



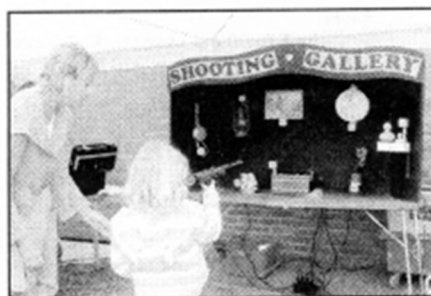
*Lyminge Preschool children who have been watering the new trees that have been provided from some of the money raised by Lyminge Youth Action*

**'Casino Royal'** On Saturday 21st June Lyminge Village Hall was transformed into the 'Casino Royale' for the Lyminge Pre-School Summer Ball. Guests enjoyed a champagne reception and the opportunity to have their photos taken by a professional photographer, an elegant dinner with accompanying music from an outstanding guitar and vocal duo, casino fun on the full-size roulette table, a licensed bar and dancing! The Ball and Summer Raffle raised over £2,000 and a cheque for £2,000 was presented to Dave Hunt-Cooke, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, on the night as a contribution towards the refurbishment of the toilets at the hall. A fantastic night was had by all!



*Etchinghill's first Village Fete was a great success!*

*Is this where the Treasure lies?  
A steady hand needed here!*



*If you have any photographs of local events or your group 'In Action' 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	
2-Aug	SUMMER SALE	POSTLING VILLAGE HALL	862142	JANE
2-Aug	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
2-Aug	FLOWER SHOW	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862865	DAPHNE
2-Aug	"THE DIG" SITE TOUR	3 pm - REAR OF THE OLD RECTORY. LYMINGE		
4-Aug	PARISH COUNCIL - GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	7.30 pm LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM

5-Aug	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	PADDLESWORTH CHURCH	840419	DEREK
6-Aug	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
9 Aug	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
9-Aug	"THE DIG" SITE TOUR	3 pm - REAR OF THE OLD RECTORY, LYMINGE		
9-Aug	CONCERT	POSTLING CHURCH	862142	JANE
13-Aug	PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCE COMMITTEE	3 pm LYMINGE LIBRARY	862184	PAM
15-Aug	DR GABOR THOMAS - TALK ON "THE DIG"	7.30 pm LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863832	CHRIS
16-Aug	"THE DIG" SITE TOUR	3 PM - REAR OF THE OLD RECTORY, LYMINGE		
16-Aug	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
17-Aug	PARISH WALK	10 am LYMINGE P O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
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
3-Sep	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
4-9-Aug	COFFEE MORNINGS	POSTLING CHURCH	862142	JANE
6-Sep	QUIZ EVENING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
6-Sep	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
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	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY TALK BY DAVID HOARE "FROM VEGETABLES TO ALPINES"	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
17-Sep	RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862913	MARION
20-Sep	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	362060	EDGAR
21-Sep	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
23-Sep	LYMINGE ASSOCIATION AGM	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862073	MIKE
26-Sep	OPEN DAY	AGE CONCERN - EVERIST COURT	862364	LISA
27-Sep	QUIZ NIGHT	LYMINGE BOWLS CLUB	862015	MARIAN
27-SEO	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
29-Sep	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
1 Oct	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
4-Oct	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
Oct	AUTUMN TIDY UP	AROUND THE VILLAGE	862972	JON
5-Oct	HARVEST FESTIVAL	RHODES MINNIS METHODIST CHAPEL	862865	DAPHNE
7-Oct	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
11-Oct	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
11-Oct '	CANDLELIGHT SUPPER	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
14-Oct	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY AGM	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
15-Oct	RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862913	MARION
18-Oct	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
19-Oct	PARISH WALK	TBA	862015	RICHARD
21-Oct	WILL ADVICE SURGERY	AGE CONCERN - EVERIST COURT	862364	LISA
22-Oct	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL AGM	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
25-Oct	DEMELZA HOUSE COFFEE MORNING	SIBTON PARK CRICKET PAVILION	862913	MARIAN
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24-Nov	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM
2-Dec	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
3-Dec	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	86242 7	MAVIS
6-Dec	QUIZ NIGHT	TBA	862015	MARIAN
13-Dec	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
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23-Dec	FATHER CHRISTMAS RUN			

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG AT LYMINGE**

(Behind the Church)

OPEN DAYS

Saturdays August 2nd, 9th, 16th.

3pm - 5pm Approx.

### **Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show**

Come & Join us at

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Saturday 2nd August

For

Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show.

Doors open at 2.30 pm

For a schedule please contact

Mrs Daphne Andrews

on 862865

### **Anglo-Saxon dig in Lyminge**

Friday 5th August 7.30pm

Come and hear from Dr Gabor Thomas

(Head of the archaeological Team)

Results of the summer search for Anglo-Saxon remains

in Lyminge

At Lyminge Methodist Church

All are welcome

Sponsored by Lyminge Historical Society

Donation to defray cost of the meeting

### **Elham Farmers' Market**

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

11.00 to 13.00 The Triangle (the green)

opposite Elham Primary School

Next markets: 10 August, 24 August

Fresh, seasonal, locally produced food (vegetables and

### **Jubilee Field Family Fun Day**

**Friday 29th August 2008 11am Onwards**

Please come and join us at Jubilee Field on Friday 29th August for family fun and games. The Shepway District

Council 'Fun Bus' packed with toys, games and other activities for all ages (0-18!) will be on site at Jubilee Field 11am - 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join in, including babies, toddlers, children, teenagers, parents, grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and friends. Please spread the word, bring your picnic blanket and make the most of the day of it.

Lyminge Youth Action and other community groups are currently liaising to organise other activities and entertainment to create a totally fun filled family day. Please keep checking the Jubilee Field notice board for full details.

### **In Aid of The Lord whisky Sanctuary fund**

(Registered Charity No. 2834830)

Garden Party

Saturday 23rd August ~ 11am - 5pm

At The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Rhodes Minnis

Art Exhibition ~ Children's Activities

Craft and Spinning Demonstrations

Strawberry Cream Teas ~ Summer Bonnet Competition

~ Teddy Bears Picnic ~ Prize for the Best Dressed

Teddy

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Boot & Autumn Fair

Saturday 6th September -12 noon -3.30pm

At Park House, Stelling Minnis

Folkestone Pipe & Drums

Stockbury Dog Club ~ Hawkinge Flyers

Anthea Barnes School of Dancing

fruit, meat, game, eggs, fish, cheese, bread and cakes,  
pies, plants, and more).

[www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk)

### **LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Thursday 2nd September 7.45pm

At

Lyminge Methodist Church

A talk on Westenhanger Castle

### **NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

#### **FAMILY FUN AND BAR-B-Q**

Saturday 30th August

NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL FUNDRAISERS

...PRESENT...

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY,

WITH A BAR-B-Q

FUN STARTS AT 3.30PM

(cooking from 5.00pm till 7.00pm

£3.00 per person includes food-burgers, salad etc.)

...Free entry to...

THE SUMMER TIME GROOVE WITH THE NVH

MUSIC MACHINE TILL 11.00PM

RAFFLE

Bring your own drink and nibbles

REGISTERED CHARITY No: 302812

### **SEPTEMBER BEETLE DRIVE**

Come & join us at

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Saturday 6th September

Starts at 7.00 pm

Adults £2.00

Children 50p

Includes refreshments.

There will be a raffle

### **SEPTEMBER QUIZ**

6 September 2008

After the summer recess it's time to go quizzing again!

Lyminge Village Hall

From: 7:30pm

Hot meal. Bar

Tables of 6-8 @ £8.00pp

Contact Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 for details

Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee

Reg Charity 281845

Llamas and much more

Hot & Cold Refreshments

Car Boots £7.50 ~ Vans £10

Late Autumn Boot Fair and Clearance Sale

Saturday 4th October - 12 noon - 3.30pm

at Park House, Stelling Minnis

Spooky Halloween Supper Friday

31st October

At The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms

### **Garage Sale Safari**

#### **Sunday 14th September**

If you would like to take part in our Autumn Safari

cost is still only £5.00 which helps cover the cost of

advertising the event to people in Shepway and the

advertising banners. If you want to be part of the

please obtain a form from Liz Coleman, Sunny C

Canterbury Road (behind the Coffee Shop).

If you've been in a Safari before, then you will know

the booking system - if this is your first time please

Liz on 863197.

To be on the free map and to have the details of

garage sale advertised on the Lyminge website

must book before Sunday 8th September.

If you know of a charity which would like a table

village hall on the day, please also contact Liz

863197.

### **Quiz Night**

Lyminge Bowls Club in Woodland Road, Lyminge

7pm on 27th September 2008

American Supper (Bring your own food + drink)

Teams of up to 6 or come 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

To Book your table please call the Day Centre

862364 or Marian on 862015

In Aid of Day Centre Funds Age Concern Elham

Jubilee Day Centre, Everist Court, Station Road

Lyminge CT18 8HQ

[www.elhamruralac.org.uk](http://www.elhamruralac.org.uk) Charity No. 26842

### **CANDLELIT SUPPER**

Murder at the Races on Ladies Day!

11 October 2008

Cocktails & Canapes



### **Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club**

Our annual GOLF DAY (sponsored by Spain Brothers) is this year in aid of Demelza House Children's Hospice and takes place on Friday 12 September at Sene Valley Golf Club. Various prizes to be won. Demelza House, the only Children's Hospice in Kent, East Sussex and London, and this year celebrating its tenth birthday, is a worthwhile service providing care for over 450 children with life limiting illnesses. Entries £40 per player including 4-course dinner. For further details, please ring Mick on 01303 894407 or email [collimp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:collimp@tiscali.co.uk).

### **LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES - AUGUST 2008**

**Sunday 3rd**      **8.00am Holy Communion**  
                    **10.30am World of Worship**  
                    **Family service**  
Wednesday 6      7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
                            7.30am Open House (Bible Study)  
                            9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
**Sunday 10th**      **10.30am Holy Communion**  
Wednesday 13th      7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
                            7.30am Open House (Bible Study)  
                            9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
Thursday 14th      2.00pm Pram service  
**Sunday 17th**      **10.30am Holy Communion**  
Wednesday 20th      7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
                            7.30am Open House (Bible Study)  
                            9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
**Sunday 24th**      **8.00am Holy Communion**  
                            **10.30am Holy Communion**  
                            **6.30pm Sunday Silence**  
Wednesday 27th      7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
                            7.30am Open House (Bible Study)  
                            9.15pm Wednesday Silence  
**Sunday 31st**      **10.30am Martins followed by**  
                            **Holy Communion**

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA in Nailbourne Court - 3rd August**

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 - 11th August**

Coffee mornings continue to be held on the second Monday of

course dinner with wine  
Lyminge Village Hall

Watch this space for further details

Contact Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 for details  
Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee  
Reg Charity 281845

### **RHODES MINNIS METHODIST CHURCH**

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

A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

The Preachers for August are:

**Aug. 3** - Mrs. Mary Blanch

**Aug.10** - Rev. Barry Armson

**Aug.17** - Mr. Dudley Shipton

**Aug.24** - \*No service at Rhodes Minnis\* but a joint Valley service will be held at Lyminge Methodist Church at 10.00am.

**Aug.31** - Mrs. Sue Brockman

### **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 August are:

**3rd August** - Mrs S Brockman

**10th August** - Rev. W Kenworthy

**17th August** - Mr T Preston

**24th August** - Rev. John Hellyer, Chair of the District (inc. Holy Communion)

**31st August** - Mrs C Bence

### **Monday Fellowship**

Re-starts Monday 15th September  
2.30 - 3.30pm

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 14th August**

On every 2n Thursday of the month at 2pm in Lyminge  
Church.

A short pre-school friendly service followed by  
refreshments

#### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LUNCH - 21st August**

The lunches continue on the 3r 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.

#### **Church Fete Saturday 30th August 2pm**

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact  
the Minister, Rev Barry Armson, on 01303 266

#### **LYMINGE FRIENDS**

Our next meeting is on 6th August 2008,  
10am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church  
Parlour.

Gary Harrison, the Community Warden,  
has kindly agreed to give a talk.

A warm welcome is extended to all.

#### **RHODES MINIMIS EVENING CIRCLE**

Our speaker on the 16th July was John  
Pearce. His subject was "The Missing  
Nurse" - a tale of intrigue which captured  
our interest to the last.

The competition - to complete a limerick -  
was won by Marie Hambrook, with Molly

Walker 2nd, Daphne Andrews 3rd and  
Ann Wetherall 4th. Our annual outing is in  
August, and we meet again at Rhodes  
Minnis Village Hall on the 17th September  
at 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be Jeanne Brinton giving  
us an insight into Family History.

Everyone is very welcome - come and join

#### **LYMINGE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Calling all parents, grandparents or carers  
with children under school age at a loose end  
on Tuesday mornings. We meet every week  
(during term time ) at the Methodist Hall in  
Lyminge between 9.30am - 11.30 am to give  
the children a chance to play and interact  
with others the same age. We offer a wide  
range of craft and play activities including  
trikes. Bikes and slides to painting books and  
jigsaws.

We charge £1.50 per session (1st session  
free) which includes 'half time' refreshments  
for both adults and children.

Come and join in the fun.

For further information 'phone Abi (01303  
862840)

#### **NEWS FROM LYMINGE LIBRARY**

As a result of very successful Baby Rhyme  
Times, we would like to start a story time at  
the library We propose to start these in  
September on a Thursday from 10.15am  
starting on 4th September and then every 1s

our friendly group!  
Marion Hoare 01303 862913

### **ETCHINGHILL W.I.**

There was a good attendance at July's meeting. Barbara Syrett welcomed members and presented birthday posies to Jane Manton and June Price.

Our speaker, Major Chris Sands from the Salvation Army, paid us a return visit and an update of the many various and good works carried out by the Canterbury Branch, both at home and abroad. He also spoke proudly about The Salvation Army Band and the many countries they had visited. He then sang and accompanied himself on the accordion which was most enjoyable. A few seats are available for the Annual outing to Mikhelham Priory on Tuesday 19th August. Cost is £15.00. Please contact Stella Samuels on 0303 862363

There will be no August meeting. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th September at 2.30pm, when Mr and Mrs Wagner will speak about Phantasmagoria (Lantern Slides)

For further details please contact-Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141.

### **JOHN & JEFF'S ELHAM VALLEY VIEWS**

Now available, DVD, £7.00 plus £1.00 p & p incl. the old Elham Valley Railway Line.

Mr John Heathfield, 81 Rylands Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent TN24 9LR

### **1st Lyminge Brownies**

Adult volunteer needed to help our girls continue on their Brownie Adventure. Come and have fun with us on Thursday evenings 6.00-7.45

Contact Angela on 862073

### **Wanted - Room to rent or lodgings**

Good references can be provided - no ties  
01304 840304

Thursday of the month. These sessions should be suitable for children that have outgrown Baby Rhyme Time. If you want any more details please speak to Jane on 01303 862180 or Sheila on 01303 850123. DID YOU KNOW ...that the most popular children's author is Francesca Simon. The most popular non-fiction books are Biographies, followed very closely by WW2. Jane, David, Gary and Sheila look forward to your continued support and welcome any suggestions that you may have. Sheila Gaunt, Customer Services Officer, based at Folkestone Library

### **ETCHINGHILL TODDLER GROUP**

We are open again from Wednesday 3rd September. New members welcome. We meet every Wednesday 10am -12noon at Etchinghill Village Hall - £1.50 per family CO -school age. Soft play area for babies, structured music session every week, crafts, healthy snacks, inside and outside toys. If you need any more information please contact Kathy Robinson, Tel 862271 or mobile 07930 919340.

### **Lyminge Dramatic Society - Autumn production**

Our Autumn production will be a serious of plays based upon stories from the Brothers Grimm. This production will be much enjoyed by young and old alike. Play week will be week commencing 17th November in Lyminge Village Hall and tickets will go on sale during October. Watch this space for further information.

### **LYMINGE GARDENERS SOCIETY**

Saturday 16th August - Summer Show  
At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall - 2pm  
Tuesday 9th September - Interclub competition with Newington and District Gardeners.

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall - 7pm  
Come along and enjoy the evening.  
Raffle and refreshments

### **Age Concern Elham Rural**

The winners of our April 100+ club draw were 1st prize, number 4, Len Mayatt, 2nd prize, number 36, Vanessa Carr and 3rd prize, number 14 Gillian Haywood. If you would like to join the 100+ club please contact the Day Centre or Marian Chubb on 01303 862015.

Each number you choose cost £12 for the year. At the end of each month we make a draw using all the entered numbers, 1st prize winning £25, 2nd £15, 3rd £10.

Our Advice and Information Officer is available to help with benefit applications. If you want help to check you are getting everything you are entitled to or help with and Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Disability Living Allowance, Carers Allowance, Council Tax and Housing benefits please contact Sue Chitty Advice and Information Officer on 01303 863861 e-mail [acer.information@atlas.co.uk](mailto:acer.information@atlas.co.uk) or call into the centre. Home visits can be arranged.

We are increasing the number of seated exercise classes at the Day Centre. The sessions are open to any older person wishing to participate. If you are interested please contact the Day Centre.

Would you like to make your own greetings cards, try your hand at painting or drawing, or may be try painting on china? If so, why not come along on a Tuesday morning and join our friendly mixed ability group. There is no charge and materials are provided. We would be delighted to see you. Tuition is available if required, also free of charge.

We have some availability for lunches within the centre. Lunch is served at mid day and consists of a small orange juice, main meal of meat and 2 veg, a sweet and tea and coffee for £3.75. Please contact the centre if you wish to come in for lunch or use any of our other services or activities ask for Lisa Hodden or Matthew Martin on 01303 862364, e-mail [ac.elhamrural@atlas.co.uk](mailto:ac.elhamrural@atlas.co.uk) or pop in to the Day Centre at Everist Court.

### **Lyminge Bowls Club**

There are not many home fixtures during August, but you are nonetheless cordially invited to come along and watch. Refreshments are on hand from bar and kitchen and there is a variety of seating in sun or shade (or indoors) to suit your needs. All welcome. August home fixtures are as follows:-

Friday 1 August - 6.00 pm start against Cheriton

Sunday 3 August - 2.30 start against Sellindge

Friday 8 August - Ladies Captain's day starting at 2.30

Tuesday 12 August - 2.30 start against Folkestone

Saturday - 16 August - 2.30 start against Barham

Saturday 23 August - Lyminge Bowls Club hosts the Shepway Finals

Monday 25 August - Lyminge Bowls Club hosts the Wood Cup and Harold Rose Bowl Competitions. Saturday 30 August - 2.30 start against Pfizers

Sunday 31 August - Webb Trophy - a club competition featuring teams of three.

On Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings members get together for friendly 'roll-ups'. Do come along as it may be possible for you to 'have a go' if you would like to (flat soled shoes are the only necessity). On Saturday mornings our new bowlers have the green

to themselves. Maybe you would feel happier coming along then?  
Club members look forward to welcoming you ... but if you want to find out more then please call 863495.

### **Thanks from the Bullimore family**

Sandra, Jane and Karen would like to sincerely thank all family, friends and customers for the overwhelming amount of tributes, cards and flowers they have received since Derek died on the 5th July.

It was very comforting to see so many of you at the Church service and afterwards at Etchinghill Golf Club. Derek would have been very touched.

Very Special Thanks go to Dr Catto, Debbie, George and Anne the district nurses, Helen from the Hospice and Peter and Vanessa, whose support was invaluable.

### **Lunch time helper required**

We have a vacancy at Elham Primary School for a lunch time supervisor for one hour (12 till 1pm) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week during term time.

Duties will include helping in the dinner hall and then on the playground. Please contact Mrs Hope if you are interested in applying for the post on 01303-840325 between 9am - 4pm weekdays only.

### **Storage Space Wanted**

Secured dry storage needed for household stuff. Minimum 6 months - garage or similar space

Can you help? Please 'phone 01303 863232

## **ETCHINGHILL UPDATE**

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

The next market is on 9th August. Starts at 10.00 and finishes at 12.30. The quality of goods and produce is second to none so why not come along and try for yourself? Contact Anne on 863174 for details

### **Village Hall**

Don't forget the hall will be closed for 2 weeks from August 11th as the floor will be resealed and walls to the main hall plus outside will be painted.

At the same time the man-made pond in the corner of the amenity land will be filled in starting 11th August. If you can spare an hour or a day that week then contact Anne on 863174. Remember: what can you do for Etchinghill!

The management committee have agreed to remove the pebbles from the grounds of the hall following a spate of mindless scattering of the stones all over the car park and grass to the hall and Shepway's amenity land. This has caused extensive damage to mowers, and the undesirable job of picking up the stones from the ground, together with a broken window means we are getting rid of them. Some of the stones will be buried in the pond but the majority will be sold to anyone who wants them. Donations of £5 for a car load or £10 for a trailer will secure whatever you can legally carry in your vehicle. Don't just take them - contact Anne on 863174 to arrange time and date for you to PYO.

Our thanks go to the Lyminge Parish Council for the new notice board at the entrance to the village hall. It is certainly in keeping with the surrounding area. Watch out for news from the parish together with local information.

Are you legally minded and recently retired? Do you understand contractual jargon and

have time on your hands? The Management Trustees are seeking someone to act as advisor to the Management Committee and commit research time on Land Registry issues and Charity Commission protocol? Please contact Rodney on 862028 if you can support us.

A new venture for the village hall is 'Open House' which will be held every Monday. Come along to the Village Hall on 1st September between 10.0 am and 12.0 noon, meet with other people of all ages, exchange views and ideas of interest, possible visits and talks. Have a cup of coffee in a casual atmosphere! Watch out for the flyer with further details, or contact Keith and Rosemary on 863418.

#### **Etchinghill web site**

Good news. Matt has come forward to act as web manager for the new web site. As soon as he has settled in we will publish contact details, for those contributing to the site, so that it is kept up to date. Have you already logged on? [www.Etchinghill.org](http://www.Etchinghill.org)

#### **Etchinghill Country Fete**

We hope you all enjoyed yourselves at the Fete despite the chill in the air. More than 300 people attended over the period and nearly £1000 was taken on the day. A great effort was made by all the stall holders, the events committee and helpers to provide entertainment for you. A special thanks to all the sponsors for the valuable prizes for the raffle and loan of equipment.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Did you call in to see Judith about NhW when you came to the Fete? If not then contact her on 862498 for details of how to enrol for FREE!

#### **Etchinghill Residents' Association**

David and Edna have formed links with Lyminge Association and meet with them to discuss joint benefits to the community. The ERA updates are displayed in the new notice board and comment on Red Telephone boxes, footpaths, surface water issues, speed watch and other planning issues. Contact David on 863918 to find out more

#### **Taking Pride in Where You Live**

Just because Shepway or KCC don't do their bit it doesn't mean that we can't. Weeds by the footpaths, sycamore saplings in the communal flower beds, tree debris on the amenity areas, the mess left by thoughtless dog owners and rubbish left around gives visitors the wrong image. Do you care?

By the way several houses have also had dog faeces left on their lawns - please remember that dog mess should be cleaned and taken away for responsible disposal.

#### **Dates for forthcoming events**

9th August, 13th September, 11th October Farmers/Craft Market

11th - 17th August Pond to be filled in

#### **FROM LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL - DOG-MESS FOULING VILLAGE HALL FIELD**

The field and the foot-path which runs up the hill from Lyminge High Street past the village hall and the Churchyard is becoming badly fouled by dog mess. This is unhealthy, especially for children who play in the field, and is caused by a minority of thoughtless and selfish dog owners. You are requested, once again, to carry plastic bags and to clear up after your animals. This is a general problem around the parish green areas and footpaths, but the village hall field has attracted several complaints from members of the public. Everyone who owns a dog is reminded that the maximum penalty for allowing your animal to foul a public place is now one thousand pounds!

The Community Warden and PCSO will be keeping a general eye on this anti-social behaviour problem.

### **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

### **Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club**

Having a party? Need a local venue?

Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket

### **Lyminge Village Hall**

At the heart of our community our recently redecorated Village Hall offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and can meet a variety of requirements with its 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**

### **Lyminge Pre-School**

One of very few in Kent awarded an 'Outstanding' category 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

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

offer a breakfast club together with  
a range of sessions 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)