

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

December 2008

Produced by
The Lyminge Association



Once again Haxtons are hoping to fill a hamper with Christmas goodies for Age Concern, so if you would like to make a contribution, however small, please take it to Haxtons Estate Agents in Station Road where it will be gratefully received.

Lyminge Association News

Christmas Lights Switch On – Saturday 6th December. Be there for 4.00pm to be entertained by the Hand Bells and the Lyminge School choir, with the tree being lit up at 4.30pm

Feel Festive and friendly by joining us outside Haxtons for the switch on of the Christmas tree lights. Father Christmas will be on hand.

We are asking the other local shops and households that we have supplied with a Christmas tree and lights to join us in lighting up at that time. The event is kindly assisted by:

* Christmas tree – David and Honor Hunt-Cooke

- * Haxtons Estate Agents – supplying the electricity
- * The Lyminge Association – other trees and lights

Father Christmas Delivery - Tuesday 23rd December – 5.00 pm to 7.30 pm

We will be helping Father Christmas in delivering your pre-Christmas presents anytime between these times. So give a present as a little ‘thank-you’ or to someone you love. You can ask Father Christmas to do this for you by donating a £1 and dropping your wrapped present off (by Saturday 20th December) into either:

- * Haxtons Estate Agents, Station Road, Lyminge
- * Korf House, Canterbury Road, Lyminge (opposite the Coffee shop)

Please wrap your present with a clear name and address label. You should also give directions to the intended destination if this is not obvious, as the pre-Christmas Day sleigh does not have satellite navigation (apparently it is on his wish list!)

Lyminge Showcase – Saturday 31st January 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Remember this date so that you can check what is going on in your community. Come along and see if you are interested in joining any Club, Society or activity in the New Year. Make that a resolution! We already have over 20 organisations willing to come and share what they do to see if you want to start being involved.

The Editor would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and best wishes during her recent operation. Also the many telephone calls and offers of help. They were much appreciated. Thank you all very much. Jean Howard

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With regard to the letter in the October newsletter from Mrs Priestley concerning the haphazard treatment of some trees in our area, I am in total agreement with her. They enhance not only the views in summer but in all the seasons. Driving through Kent this autumn and seeing such an array of colours in the woods and hedgerows has been a sight to lift the spirits and gladden most hearts. Then comes the winter when one can appreciate the structure of these marvellous living monuments and catch glimpses of scenes disguised by summer greenery, e.g. the Parish Church as one walks up Mayfield Road. Also the sight of every branch and twig decorated by a fall of snow. Followed by the anticipation of watching leaf buds gradually appearing and suddenly bursting into another season of bright, fresh life.

To realize that these beautiful living things, that have been a delight for so long, can be rudely brought down by the screech of a chain-saw in the blink of an eye, needs more thought.

Yes so trees do need to be trimmed back at times but surely by some caring tree surgeon and not by callous amateurs. British Telecom will tell you that a tree can be lopped to accommodate wires, and the whole thing need not be raised to the ground. So, it may need to be done in ten years time, but it may just thicken up lower down. Birds do get confused when their trees are topped, but being sensible creatures they soon come back. They cannot do this if the tree has gone completely.

I do understand that occasionally a tree may be growing in completely the wrong place (although it was not so when it first sprouted) and so after many decades the only solution is

to remove it. Having said that, it may be possible to leave a piece of trunk and cut away the roots, and in this last period let it support some honeysuckle or something similar and play host to fungi or lichen and much small wild life. Then it is not a total waste!!

Well, I hope I have had my rant, but if anyone shares these thoughts, perhaps they would like to contact me, initially via the newsletter website or on 01303 864388 with view to forming a Lyminge Tree Action Group.

Out and About

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



Lyminge Primary School

Year 6 Remembers



The generations gather around our War Memorial as Lyminge continues to remember local people who gave their lives in past wars on 11th November at 11.00 am this year.

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

Lyminge Historical Society have produced a booklet about all the people commemorated on our War Memorial. If you are interested in a copy of the book please call 01303 862699 for more information.





Little Red Cap - with the evil wolf!

Grimm Tales



Lyminge Dramatic Society's production of several of the Tales of the Brothers Grimm left the audience enthralled - did you miss it ??



*Did you find the answer to the Riddling Tale ?
It is on page 8 !*

The whole Cast !



Lyminge Guides have designed their own Christmas Cards this year! They are raising money to help pay for a trip to Switzerland in 2009



Scoring the cards ready to fold

Folding the cards

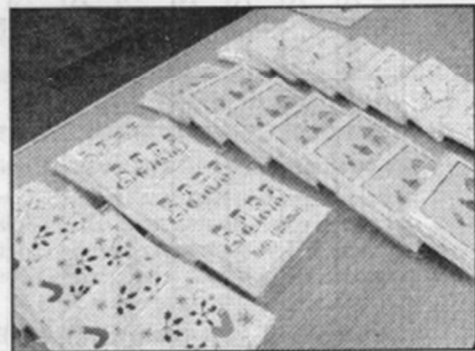


A production line going here - real Team Work !



Packing in their clear plastic packets

*The final products ! -
Look for them on sale at the St. Nicholas Fayre*



Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

This month I plan to summarise the questions that have been posed over the past year, introduce some new ones, and provide some short answers that I have received recently. The questions are:

- Q1 Why is the crossroads between Lyminge and Etchinghill called New Barn?
- Q2 Why does the Nailbourne flow continually in Lyminge yet at Elham it is dry during the summer?
- Q3 How did Lyminge Football Club start and what is its history?
- Q4 Did the dilapidated gates at Yew Tree Cross have a use and is there another set?
- Q5 Did Lyminge ever have a village band?
- Q6 Why is Lyndon Hall situated so close to Canterbury Road?
- Q7 Have buzzards ever been seen in the parish?
- Q8 Who was the most notable local inhabitant?
- Q9 What is the history of the local cricket clubs?
- Q10 Does anyone have any recollections or information about Lyminge's livestock market?
- Q11 What was Lyminge's involvement in the 1830 'Captain Swing' agricultural riots?
- Q12 What was Lyminge like during World War 2 and what were the particularly memorable events? NEW
- Q13 Does anyone remember any celebratory events in Lyminge (e.g. Christmas, the Coronation)? NEW
- Q14 Does anyone have any reminiscences concerning Lyminge School? NEW

A7 Another buzzard has been spotted. This one has been reported to me by Marilyn Norton and, in fact, was a Honey Buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*). This bird was seen near Dover by Marilyn's daughter, Zoë Furneaux, apparently trying to eat a wasp's nest which is particular behaviour of this species. Honey Buzzard's are rare migrants to South-East England and infrequently breed here. In general, if you see a bird in England that you think might be an eagle then it will most likely be the more common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*), which has a wingspan of up to 4½ feet as opposed to the Honey Buzzard which has a wingspan of up to 5 foot.

A10 I have been emailed by Andrew Finn-Kelcey whose great-uncle's firm ran Lyminge Market. Andrew remembers "the bustle of the market office, and also having a bite to eat in a small café / canteen" at the market. Andrew recalls that his great-uncle, Hubert Finn-Kelcey, lived at Mount Pleasant in the 1950's and writes "at one time he kept some shaggy, wide-horned highland cattle in the field in front of his house and people use to come out from Folkestone to look at the 'buffalo'".

I have been talking to Chris Laverty who has been studying her family tree. Amazingly, she has found that relatives on her mother's side were married in Lyminge Parish Church almost exactly three centuries earlier than she and her husband were married in the same church. Ken & Chris were married in September 1981 whilst Isaac Whitnall and Rosamund Pierce were married in July 1681. Although this does not answer any particular question, I thought it fascinating that one family has been associated with Lyminge for so long.

Finally, if any one wants to ask or answer a question then please contact me. Happy Christmas.

Alistair Bailey (E: abailey447@aol.com or T: 864235)

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-Dec	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
2-Dec	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
3-Dec	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
6-Dec	ST NICHOLAS FAYRE	PARISH CHURCH		
8-Dec	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
8-Dec	OPEN HOUSE MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863418	ROSEMARY
13-Dec	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
13-Dec	XMAS BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
14-Dec	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
15-Dec	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
15-Dec	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
20-Dec	CAROL SERVICE	LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH		
23-Dec	FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT			
31-Dec	OPEN HOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
7-Jan	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
18-Jan	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
20-Jan	ETCHINGHILL W.I.MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862141	DOTTIE
26-Jan	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM
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17-Mar	GARDENERS' SOCIETY TALK BY NEIL HARTUP	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
30-Mar	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM

4-Apr	GARDENERS' SOCIETY SPRING SHOW	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
21-Apr	ETCHINGHILL W.I.MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862141	DOTTIE
19-May	ETCHINGHILL W.I.MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862141	DOTTIE
13-Jun	SCHOOL FAIR	LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	863823	CAROLINE
16-Jun	ETCHINGHILL W.I.MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862141	DOTTIE

Sunday 7th December, 11.00am – 1.00pm – Lyminge Village Hall

John and Geoff's Elham Valley Views

John Heathfield and Geoffrey Bourne will be promoting and signing copies of their new DVD at Lyminge village hall on Sunday 7th December from 11am until 1pm. Stroll with John and Geoff through the beautiful Elham valley, where they filmed the villages of Bridge, Bishopsbourne, Kingston, Barham, Elham, Lyminge and the Peene Railway Museum, where John shows you mementoes of his Grandfather "JACK" who was stationmaster of Barham Station. They found the two old tunnels that served the old Elham Valley railway line that ran from South Canterbury to Shorncliffe Halt and watch out for the Feral cat who tried to muscle in on John's talk at Bishopsbourne. Also available will be John's DVD on the village of Barham and his book on his young days in the village with Recipes that can be made for almost nothing. The DVDs are priced at £7 each and the book is £5, or buy a DVD and book for £10. Come along and have a chat with them, they will be very pleased to see you.

Elham Farmer's Market

The Triangle (the green) opposite Elham Primary School Next markets: 14 and 21 December, 11 and 25 January, from 11.00 to 3.0 Fresh, seasonal, locally produced food (vegetables and fruit, meat, game, eggs, fish, cheese, bread and cakes, pies and more). Order your Christmas food on 14 December, to collect on 21 December. Check on www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk for future dates, latest news and recipe ideas

Newington Village Hall

Christmas Disco – 5th Dec.

8.00pm – 11.30pm Raffle

£2.50 per person, under 5's free

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

New Years Eve. Party – 31st Dec.

8.00pm till late £6 per person, under 5's free

There will be a raffle.

Limited Tickets, please book early to avoid disappointment

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

For tickets or more info. please contact;

Kirsty – 27205 or

Karen – 277950

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Etchinghill Village Hall

8pm – 1am

Disco to suit all tastes

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Christmas Beetle Drive

Starts 7.00pm

Saturday 13th December

Includes Raffle

Adults £2.00

Children 50p

Bring and share refreshments

Elham Valley & Wye Lions

Christmas Float 2008

Santa and his Reindeer will be in Lyminge between 4.30 & 8pm on Saturday 20th December

As usual collecting for Age Concern

We will also be visiting Etchinghill &

Postling on Tuesday 9th December from 5.30pm

Decorated tables, glasses and tableware
supplied

Bring your own food and drink

Reserve now call tel. 863418

Adult £7.50

Children 8 – 16yrs £5

Children under 8 Free

Entry by ticket only

- Numbers limited

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity Number 283483

Please join us for our

Christmas Celebration

On Saturday 13th December at 2pm

at Park House, Stelling Minnis

Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 6AN

There will be a short service

Followed by Christmas Carols

Animal blessing by the Rev. Peter Ashman

Crib Scene with our donkeys

A collection will be taken for the animals

Refreshments

In the event of bad weather

This will be held at the Lord Whisky Tea
Rooms

We would like to take this opportunity to
thank everyone for their support during
2008 and hope that you will continue to
support us in 2009

We would also like to wish everyone a Very
Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

ST. MARY & ST. ETHELBURGA
CHURCH, LYMINGE

INVITE ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST
IN

ST. ETHELBURGA

AND ST. EADBURG

TO AN EVENING OF SHARING AND
DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2009.

7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

IMPORTANT NOTICE
CANDLELIT SUPPER

Murder at the Races on Ladies Day!

**THIS EVENT WILL NOW BE HELD
ON SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

Cocktails & Canapés

3 course dinner with wine

Bar

£25.00 per person

Tables of up to 8

Lyminge Village Hall

**PLEASE RESERVE THE
DATE AND TABLE NOW**

Entrance strictly by ticket only
purchased in advance

Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530

Organised by the

Village Hall Management Committee

Reg Charity 281845

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2008

Wednesday 3rd	7.00pm Short Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible Study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Saturday 6th	11.30am – 3.30pm St Nicholas Fayre at the Village Hall
Sunday 7th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am WOW (World of Worship Family Service)
Wednesday 10 th	7.00pm Short Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible Study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Thursday 11 th	2.00pm Buggies to Bethlehem (Pram Service)
Sunday 14th	10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 th	7.00pm Short Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible Study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Saturday 20th	7.30pm Carols by Candlelight followed by refreshments
Sunday 21st	10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th	<u>Christmas Eve</u> 3.00pm Blessing of the Crib 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th	<u>Christmas Day</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Toys and Joys – Family Service
Sunday 28th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Sunday Silence

Sunday afternoon tea - Nailbourne Court – 7th December

Our Sunday afternoon teas continue on the first Sunday of the month in the lounge from 3 - 5pm. If you would like to come but need a lift, please ring Vanessa at the Rectory

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - 8th December

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

Bereavement Support lunch – 18th December

These lunches continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

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 December are:

Dec. 7 - Rev. John Lines

Dec. 14 - Rev. Robin Blount

Dec. 21 – Rev. Derek Hancock (inc. Holy

Communion)

Dec. 21 – 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day 11am – Rev Barry Armson

Dec. 28 – Mr Dudley Shipton

Jan. 4 – Café Church – 10.45

for 11am Coffee/tea and

worship in a less formal setting for all ages

Monday Fellowship

Weekly 2.30 – 3.30pm

A variety of speakers, discussions, music, etc and a chat over a cup of tea. Open to men and women.

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

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 December are:

Dec. 7 - Mr. Michael Dallin

Dec. 14 - 6pm Candlelit Carol Service

- Mr. Dudley Shipton.
(please note no morning service)

The meal comprises 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.

Pram Service – 11th December

Our monthly services for pre-school children continue on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2pm in Lyminge Church. This month's service will take the form of 'Buggies to Bethlehem' - a short pre-school friendly Christmas service followed by refreshments. The service will finish in plenty of time to collect older children from school. For more information, contact Vanessa on 862432.

that day)

Dec.21 - Rev. Derek Hancock

Dec.28 - Rev. Barry Armson

- Annual Covenant Service.

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.

POSTLING CHURCH

You will receive a very warm welcome in this little church set in the pretty village of Postling where a service is held every Sunday

Advent and Christmas in Postling

"The God who does things differently"

Wed Dec 4th 7.30 - 8.00p.m

Meditation to prepare for Christmas

Sun Dec 7th 6.30p.m Evensong

Wed Dec 11th 7.30 - 8.00p.m

Meditation to prepare for Christmas

Sun Dec 14th 9.30 am Family Communion

Wed Dec 17th 6.00p.m Carol Singing round the village. Meet at Village Hall

Thurs Dec 18th 7.30 pm

Carols by Candlelight with the Shepway Singers

Sun Dec 21st 8.00 am. Holy Communion

Wed Dec 24th Christmas Eve 11.30 am. Crib Service

Thurs Dec 25th Christmas Day
9.30 a.m. Family Communion
Sun Dec 28th 9.30 Family
Service

LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings 10 am - 12 noon in the Methodist Church Parlour. Everyone welcome to come along and join in. Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For further details contact Marian on 862015

Wednesday 3rd December 2008 - Have a go at Card making and enjoy some mince pies. We will also be taking numbers for the Members Christmas Lunch -Partners and Guests Welcome. Info from Mavis Hodson

Wednesday 7th January 2009 - NO MEETING Members Christmas Lunch. Meet at 12.30 for 1 pm at the Rose & Crown in Stelling Minnis.

Wednesday 4th February 2009 - There will be a talk by David Godden on A Policeman's Lot in the 50's, 60's and 70's - the days when Policemen had a sense of humour.

Wednesday 4th March 2009 - Details to be confirmed next month

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Unfortunately our Speaker for October was unable to visit us due to family illness. David Hoare kindly came to our rescue with "A visit to Ontario", showing us lovely colour slides.

The competition "Your favourite Hymn" was won by Pat Kent with Pauline Hodder 2nd, and Ann Laker and Pearl Furminger joint 3rd.

In December we have our members' Christmas Party, and we wish all our friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

Etchinghill W.I.

Barbara Syrett, President, welcomed members to the 2008 Annual General Meeting. Dottie Cross, Secretary, reported on the years events and Ann Morgan, Treasurer, provided a financial statement.. Barbara expressed what a successful year it had been with seven new members joining this year and thanked the committee for their support.

The committee all agreed to serve for another year and the President was re- elected. Birthday posies were presented to Joy Bartley, Muriel Childs, Mary Hickmott, Evelyn Holt and Rosemary Wood. At the close of the afternoon's business members enjoyed a quiz and a nearly new clothes stall was very popular.

Tea hostesses were Maggie Tappenden and Florence Bull.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party on Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm. For further details please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141

Age Concern Elham Rural

The winners of our October 100+ club draw were 1st prize, number 18, Maime Jones, 2nd prize, number 21, Sue Chitty and 3rd prize, number 4 Len Myatt. 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. REMEMBER PRIZES ARE DOUBLED FOR THE DECEMBER DRAW.

We are looking to recruit a part time secretary to work in our Day Centre. The post is for 15 hours per week and will be available from the New Year. If you are interested in applying for the post please ring Lisa Hodden, Chief Officer.

The Day Centre will be closed on Friday 19th December for our clients Christmas Party. It will also be closed on Thursday 25th & Friday 26th December, Thursday 1st January and Friday 2nd January 2009. The Centre will be open until 1.30pm on the 24th, 29th, 30th and 31st December 2008.

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, potatoes and 2 veg, a sweet and tea or 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 or pop in to the Day Centre at Everist Court.

Lyminge Bridge Club

Would you like to join us at our Monday morning Bridge club? We meet in the Bowls club pavilion from 10 – 12 am. It is a very friendly club and players of all ages are welcome Please contact Peggy Banks on Lyminge 863064

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Farmers'/Craft Market

Don't miss Santa's grotto at the market on 13th December. Bring the kids and meet Santa. Forgotten someone's present for Christmas - then come along and see the craft stalls. Why not buy your Christmas Fayre as well. Last opportunity this year so come along and join in the fun. Our thanks and season's greetings go to the stall holders, helpers, and you, the visitors, for supporting our market throughout 2008. Contact Anne on 863174 for details

Village Hall

'Open House', the village hall social events arm, goes from strength to strength with yet another very interesting talk - this time by Gary, your Community Warden, on his role in the Elham valley and in particular the village. He also gave valuable advice and information on general security.

Whilst a disappointing number of people attended the superb Magic Lantern show on the 15th Bruce Crook showed us a selection of glass slides ranging from colourful 'action' slides to adverts of a bygone age and of course slides of Sandgate, Hythe and Folkestone with stories of King Henry VIII, wooden warship building in the area and smuggling to supplement the photos and paintings. The next talk at 'Open House' on 8th December is about the traditional techniques of wreath making by John and Irene Laurie. To learn or buy be there.

On 15th December 'Open House' will hold their Christmas get together for all those who attend. It will be an extension of the usual gathering up to 2.00pm so why not come along. Bookings for the New Year's Eve 'village party' are quickly filling up and as we are limited to 70 you had better reserve your place contact either Keith and Rosemary on 863418 or Rodney on 862028.

'Open house' meets every Monday and you can play short mat bowls, table tennis, do crosswords or just call in for a chat or listen to a talk. We average 20 people each week but more than 33 different people have been here at some stage. Even residents of Stelling Minnis and Postling have heard the news so why not come along and see for yourself. Contact Keith and Rosemary on 863418.

At last we can start the removal of the mounds and pebbles and the subsequent planting of the trees and hedging. Work will start in January 2009 and hopefully be completed early spring with the planting of the wild flower and grass seed.

The long awaited teen shelter will also be completed in the first quarter of 2009 so the youth of the village can meet in a state of the art 'chat shack' instead of meeting in the entrance to the hall.

The Village Hall Management Committee thank all of the numerous volunteers, user groups and supporters of the hall and wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at some of the various functions throughout 2009.

Etchinghill Residents Association

The new committee look forward to 2009 and wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Neighbourhood Watch

Be safe this Christmas and lock up your sheds and garages. Tell your immediate neighbours if you are going away and don't put out boxes that display all those goodies you receive this Christmas. Contact Judith on 862498 for further guidance.

Dates for forthcoming events

Open House Every	Monday 10.00 – 12.00
Farmers/Craft Market	Saturday 13th December 10.00 – 12.30
Wreath making	8th December at Open House
Christmas get together	15th December at Open House
New Year's Eve village party	31st December

Open House would like to thank all who support our Monday morning meetings and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our New Year meeting on Monday 8th January 2009

The Royal British Legion

Elham Valley Branch

Poppy Appeal 2008

My thanks to everybody who supported or donated so generously to this year's Poppy Appeal.

Despite the serious economic situation and the recent support given to another deserving charity just before the Poppy Appeal began, our collecting amounted to:-

£5,223

On par with 2007 – a great achievement

Remembrance Service

On Tuesday 11th November 2008 the Rector held a Remembrance service at 11am at the Lyminge War Memorial. It was a most moving service as the children of Class 6 from Lyminge Primary School reverently laid their Remembrance crosses around the war memorial for every name on the memorial as their names were called out. We thank most sincerely the Rector Peter Ashman, Mrs Steel, the Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Lidbury, classroom attendant for their attendance. The amount collected for poppies in Lyminge was £1326.98 including £105. collected at the United Remembrance Service at the Methodist on Sunday

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN
John Vinnicombe, Poppy Appeal
Organiser

9th November with grateful thanks to all. Royal
British Legion, Elham Valley Branch
Alan Boughton, John Bain

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)

Lyminge Library

WELL DONE to everyone who completed the 'TEAM READ'. More children finished than ever before.

BABY RHYME TIME is going really well on a Thursday morning at 9.30. We are having a Christmas Special on the 18th December when local author Anna Clayton will be reading her picture book story "The Reluctant Reindeer" copies will be available to purchase, and can be signed afterwards.

BABY BOOK CRAWL continues through the winter with under five's collecting stickers after each visit (there are ten pictures to collect)

Wishing all my borrowers of all ages a Merry Christmas

Lyminge Dramatic Society – Grimm Tales

We would like to thank everyone who came to see "Grimm Tales" last month and we hope you enjoyed it. We promised to announce the answer to the riddle in "The Riddling Tale." The

BONFIRE NIGHT 2008

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank everyone who attended this year's bonfire night despite the wet conditions.

We managed to raise £1200 which will go towards the upkeep of our village hall

We would particularly like to thank all the many willing helpers who are too numerous to mention and of course our generous sponsors:

Duncan Harrington +

Red Dragon I.T Ltd.

The Village Hall Management Committee
Reg Charity 281845

DEMELZA HOSPICE CARE FOR CHILDREN

Our Coffee Morning on 25th October raised
£664.25p

The name of the Teddy was 'Oscar' and was won by Win from Dover. I have sent him on to Demelza as Win has kindly requested.

Thank you to Sibton Park Cricket Club for the use of their Pavilion and to all our friends who helped to make the morning such a success.

Also thank you to all who supported us and made cakes etc. and to Red Dragon for their help with the posters

On behalf of all the children and families who depend on Demelza Hospice Care, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Marion Hoare (01303 862913)

Mrs Margaret Higgins would like to wish all her friends a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

From Jenny Martin To all my friends and the businesses in Lyminge

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROPEROUS
NEW YEAR

SAMUEL JACOB HAIR SALON

We would like to say a very BIG THANKYOU to everyone for the support received during October's 'Breast Cancer Awareness month'.

answer is that the husband knew which flower was his wife as she was the only flower which was not covered in dew, since she had spent the night with her husband.

Next month there will be news about our Summer Variety show to be staged in May.

Children in Need Appeal

Well done to Eileen Walters of the Lyminge Coffee shop. By dressing up as a St Trinian's School Girl for all of last Friday and Saturday she raised over £250 for this worthy cause.

Donations were given by her own customers and those of the Kings Arms (Elham); where she was brave enough to give such an exhibition.

FOR SALE

Office furniture – wood veneer finish

1 – Pedestal desk with 3 drawers

1 – Office table

1 - 4 drawer filing cabinet with keys

1 - Computer desk

1 - CD tower

1 – Narrow metal filing cabinet

1 – Typist chair

1 - Burgundy gas operated managers chair

2 – Leather swivel managers chair

1 – Epsom stylus printer R220 plus

Extra inks including all instructions and set-up disc

£225.00 or near offer

Will sell separately

Tel. 01303 863396

We raised £180.03p. Many, many thanks. Sara, Helen, Sue, Jackie, Amy, Jessica and Nikita would like to wish our clients a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year

FOR SALE

Ladies Lorex wrist watch, very attractive, Gold plate, Black leather strap. NEW Bought for £28.00, now £12.00 Ring 01303 862172

SCHOOL 'BUS NEWS

Good news. After much patient and persistent lobbying by Stelling Minnis residents, the parish council and County Councillor Susan Carey, KCC have agreed to fund an extra bus (schooldays only on route 558) to relieve overcrowding. The extra service will be as follows:

Rhodes Minnis 0746

Canterbury Bus Stn 0820

(via Simon Langton Boys' School)

Simon Langton Sch 1543

Canterbury Bus Stn 1551

Canterbury Bus Stn 1610

Rhodes Minnis 1644

This bus will have 40 seats This additional bus will be operated by Poynter's Coaches between Rhodes Minnis and Canterbury and will start on Monday 24 November 2008

It's good news as well that so many people want to use the bus, reducing the number of cars on the road and cutting both congestion and pollution. Please pass the word along and make good use of the extra bus.

Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre 25th Anniversary Fundraising Challenge

Jordon Bike Ride

0th – 17th October 2009

- Join us on a trip of a lifetime
- Cycle from Amman to Aqaba
- See Petra

Contact Emma on 01303 862996 or e.getliffe@btinternet.com.

The Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Canterbury Established in 1984, the

Therapy Centre provides a range of therapies, advice and support for people with MS, of whom there are nearly 1000 in East Kent, together with their families, carers and friends.

These therapies, and especially oxygen therapy, are also available to those with other conditions including Cerebral Palsy, head injuries, stroke victims, sports injuries, leg ulcers and post operative cancer and other wounds. We receive no Government assistance or other funding towards the annual cost of running the Centre, some £45,000 pa, all of which is raised through donations and fundraising.

2009 will be the 25th anniversary of the charity and is organizing a fundraising, challenging bike ride in Jordan 10th -17th October. We are looking for over 30 people to take part in the event which will take you from Amman to Aqaba via Petra. For more information contact Emma on 01303 862 996 or e.getliffe@btinternet.com

LYMINGE HANDBELLS

The popular Lyminge Handbells ringers are busy practicing for the Christmas season and will be appearing at the St Nicholas Fayre and at several special church services in the days before Christmas. We have a large selection of popular, classical and festive music for all occasions. All we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. A contribution to travelling costs is also asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. To request a booking please call Ro Edmond on 863201.

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

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 £5.50 per hour

£19 per 4 hour session £35.50 full day

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
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

1 October to 31 May £8 per hour
£26.50 per 4 hour session £46.50
full day

(includes heating)

Parlour

£5.00 per hour all year with use of
Electric over heaters if required

Overnight stays

1 June to 30 September £33

1 October to 31 May £44

(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
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 or
email

admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk