

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

October 2008

Produced by
The Lyminge Association

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LYMINGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2nd year as a new committee saw us increase our community involvement so I would like to thank everybody for their hard work and commitment.

We were able to achieve the following this year:

Cultural

- Our seasonal parcel delivery sleigh ride with Father Christmas
- Christmas trees and lights were provided around the Lyminge shops area to light up our dark pre-Christmas nights. This year we hope to co-ordinate a switch on with the shops
- We finally were able to fulfil our long standing promise by abandoning our search for a flower trough and instead order a new bench dedicated to Doug Furminger that Pearl can use on her walks

Sporting and Recreational

- Walking leaflets - 3 of the walks begun at the Millennium have been resurrected with the hope of launching at least one leaflet in 2009
- Garage Safaris - Spring and Autumn events with one on a Saturday and the other on a Sunday to appeal across the diversity of busy lives have been a good way to sell unwanted possessions and be a good community day

Educational

- The debate 'Is it a crime to have CCTV in a village?' will highlight the need to work together to stop even the small amounts of crime in our lovely community
- The old Tourist Information Board has now been renewed to promote our Lyminge Association events

Environmental

Clean up days were held before Lyminge Day when 'the entrance triangle' had its railings and bollards painted and foliage cut back. Then afterwards the Brownies and a number of residents helped us clear Jubilee Field and around the Village Hall. Another clear up day on Sunday 5th October will ask all residents to join forces with their neighbours to clear up outside their house.

Historical

the Parish Field survey progresses slowly but promises to be a very worthwhile piece of work.

Lyminge Newsletter

a big thank you to Jean Howard as Editor of this community newsletter with some really good articles this year. We recently held, a now annual, 'thank you tea' to our volunteer Newsletter deliverers

Constitution

We decided not to join the Civic Society. We continue to have a good working relationship with the Etchinghill Residents Association, the Lyminge Village Hall and the Historical Society and plan to extend our commitment to the other villages in 2009.

Finances

- This year we bought new banners to make a bigger impact on promoting our events.
- We gave £500 to the Lyminge Village Hall towards their storage extension; £400 to the Historical Society to purchase a computer for their new Archives and have just agreed to give the Lyminge Beavers £30 towards a planting scheme. However with our healthy funds comes a reminder to all our local community organisations to contact us outlining your scheme if you need financial help.

Village Clear up on Sunday 5th October - We hope that you will take part or help in our future events particularly the clean-up days when twice a year we can all go out together and be neighbourly and clear up outside our homes to be tidy and free from obstructions. Or contact:

Mike Foxon on 01303 862073 if you want to help us on some other tidying up projects that day.

Special thanks

The Lyminge Association would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Mrs Morgan of Palm Tree Way, who has been delivering our newsletters for 21 years!!! Mrs Morgan has now decided it is time to give up after the October delivery but we wanted to record our thanks to her. We would like to welcome Mrs June Cole who has kindly agreed to take over the delivery and we wish her many happy years ahead.

Letters to the Editor

A recent letter to the Lyminge newsletter argued that who owns the Church of St Mary & St Ethelburga is irrelevant and it has been further said that the diocese is the custodian of "the unique and ancient church (building) for future generations". At the same time the church wants to call upon the people of Lyminge and surrounding district to repair the structure.

The church should re-consider its function and role in the life of the individuals and community that make up the Parish of Lyminge & its surrounds before it makes that call. If the church turned outward and embraced the community then I, for one, would consider an annual promise of several hundred pounds - if just a few hundred people were like minded then, in time - end of problem.

The church has to decide if it is to dedicate itself exclusively to the secular requirements of a minority, in which case it is the responsibility of that minority to manage its property. Alternatively, if the church wants the support of Lyminge it has to embrace Lyminge and not expect, in 2008, the village to automatically embrace the church, that way the church could conceivably regain its central & historic role since early Christendom in the life of the village. If the Church were more open and receiving then, perhaps, there would be less crime. Today the church building excludes the majority of the "future generations".

1. It will only marry practising Christians, others are ejected to the registry office
2. Christenings or birth celebrations are limited to practising Christians
3. The Church doors are locked and barred for personal meditation & solace.

To be constructive; if the building is to be kept it must be opened, shared, and allow the will of the village be its role in life. If the church wants friends of the church it must surely give cause to potential friends to feel that kinship. Right now the majority, to judge by the limited number of church attendees, are excluded.

If the church is to be solely maintained for the benefit of a handful of worshipers and the occasional wedding and graveyard duty then, so be it, may the building live in peace. If it wants to remain isolated and look inwards I suggest it get on and tries to sell the Church car park for development before someone else does - it would give some immediate significant funds.

A beautiful "old Lady " such as the church cannot be maintained at the expense of the village for the benefit of just a 50 strong congregation, however beautiful it may look on our horizons as we pass it by.

Yours, very sincerely, *Sheamus J Maher*

The lush foliage of Nash Hill dominates the view to the east from Tayne Field in summer. It is all privately owned by residents, and by Port Lympne - recently granted planning permission for building by a seemingly very suspicious special vote called by District Councillors, which went against contrary Local Development Policy, a recommendation that it was refused by the Council's own Planning Department and its Arboricultural Office, and plenty of public objections.

In recent years many of the trees on the hill and along the old railway embankment behind Green Banks have be "managed" out of existence. Strictly speaking, "management" means looking after trees and woodland. Apart from that, most trees "need" "management" only when planted in places where there is not enough space for them to grow properly or because man-made structures have been erected too close to them. Unfortunately, this term is commonly misused in situations where people want to justify tree destruction for their own ends: For the sake of extra light to a new patio or trendy decking area; For the heinous crime of "giving too much shade;" Because they misguidedly believe specimens and ornamentals are of more value than native species; Or, particularly illogical, to sustain or create a "view." One resident on Nash Hill has an incomprehensible agenda of her own with regard to controlling and destroying trees in the interests of "management." Recently, having failed to get Port Lympne to remove trees behind my own property (but not adjoining her own), she had the bright idea of getting to them via the energy company responsible for the maintenance of electricity lines on the hill I met their representative when he came to assess the sites affected and was assured that only minimal pruning was required and no trees would need felling. Six months later, two very young lads arrived to do the job and were greeted enthusiastically by one or two residents keen to persuade them to carry out extra work for the sake of their own "management" aims. As a result, many of the trees on the hill have been "butchered" (the word used by Shepway's Arboricultural Officer): The energy company concerned (based several counties from here) had unwittingly, via the Forestry Commission, employed a local company known well to the District Council for causing terrible damage to trees and therefore not included on their list of recommended contractors. Neither the District nor Parish Council was given any warning of this work or opportunity to suggest local tree surgeons. Richard Chubb is raising this issue with the company with the aim of preventing anything like this from being allowed to happen in the future. In the meantime, if you are aware of any activity such as this going on near you, you should contact the Parish Council to monitor the situation.

Each tree heedlessly destroyed results in the permanent annihilation of multiple habitats and the loss of an a which truly belongs to us all, not just to a single land-owner. Trees

sustain house values here: The leafy rural character of the Elham Valley is what makes it a desirable place to live. Many of the trees you see today have lived since long before any of us were born: the legacy of past communities which we hold in trust. If we are fortunate enough to own land which supports them, or is capable of doing so, we should see ourselves not as owners of these great living things but as stewards of them -preserving and increasing them for the benefit of future generations If we cannot appreciate trees, it is arguable that we should reside elsewhere: there are plenty of places which are bare of them already although these are, of course, generally the less enviable areas in which to live. *Mrs Wendy V Priestley, Nash Hill*

Out and About

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



← The Pilgrims' Hospice Stall at the Village Hall during the Garage Sale Safari held on 14th September - there will be another in the Spring!



↑ The Quiz Evening held at the Village Hall on 6th September - won by a 'The Drama Queens' team,

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	Location	Contact	
1-Oct	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
3-Oct	ILLUSTRATED LITERARY JOURNEY THROUGH KENT AND SUSSEX	ELHAM VILLAGE HALL	840106	JANE
4-Oct	BOOT FAIR	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
5-Oct	AUTUMN TIDY UP	AROUND THE VILLAGE	862073	MIKE
5-Oct	HARVEST FESTIVAL	RHODES MINNIS METHODIST CHAPEL	862865	DAPHNE
6-Oct	OPEN HOUSE TALK ON MAGISTRATES	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863418	KEITH
7-Oct	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
11-Oct	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
11-Oct	CANDLELIT SUPPER	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
11-Oct	OPEN HOUSE WALKING TREASURE HUNT	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862488	JEAN

13-Oct	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
14-Oct	LYMINGE GARDENERS' SOCIETY AGM	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
15-Oct	RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862913	MARION
17-Oct	OPEN HOUSE	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
18-Oct	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
19-Oct	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
20-Oct	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
21-Oct	WILL ADVICE SURGERY	AGE CONCERN - EVER I ST COURT	862364	LISA
22-Oct	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL AGM	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
25-Oct	DEMEZLA HOUSE COFFEE MORNING	SIBTON PARK CRICKET PAVILION	862913	MARION
27-Oct	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
27-Oct	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
3-Nov	OPEN HOUSE COMMUNITY WARDEN	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862028	RODNEY
4-Nov	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
5-Nov	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
5-Nov	BONFIRE	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
8-Nov	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
8-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
10-Nov	OPEN HOUSE	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
14-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AGM	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
15-Nov	OPEN HOUSE EDWARDIAN MAGIC LANTERN SHOW	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
16-Nov	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
17-Nov	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
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24-Nov	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM
24-Nov	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
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	QUIZ NIGHT	TBA	862015	MARIAN
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31-Dec	OPEN HOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

(Registered charity No. 283483)

BOOT FAIR & END OF YEAR SALE

Saturday 4th October -12 noon - 3.30pm

End of Year Clearance of Bric-a-Brac
at Park House Animal Sanctuary Stelling
Minnis,

and at The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Rhodes

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

Test you powers of observation with a
WALKING

TREASURE HUNT

Suitable for all the family from buggies
and young children to those with limited
walking ability

Saturday 11th October starting at 2pm

Minnis
Christmas Stalls and Sale of Decorations
Tombola and Light Refreshments

Admission by donation

Car Boots £7.50 - Vans £10

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN PARTY

At the Lord whisky Tea Rooms

Friday 31st October ~ 7pm for 7.30pm

Fish & Chips Supper ~ Lots of spooky games

Great prizes to be won ~ Fancy dress optional

Phone to book - 01303 862622 or 01303

862340

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

At Lyminge Village Hall

Saturday 29th November - 10am - 1pm

Further details to follow, but if you would like to book a table at £10,
please call 01303 862622

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

At Park House ~ Saturday 15th December

Further details to follow

EVENTS IN 2009

FUR & FEATHER EXHIBITION

at Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall

Saturday 28th February ~ 10am - 4pm

BOOT & SPRING Fayre at Park House

Saturday 2nd May ~ 12 noon - 3.30pm

DOG & OWNERS FUN DAY at Park House

Saturday 13th June ~ 12 noon - 3.30pm

BOOT & SUMMER FAYRE at Park House

Saturday 25th July ~ 12 noon - 3.30 pm

BOOT & AUTUMN FAYRE at Park House

Saturday 12th September ~ 12 noon - 3.30pm

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Elham Valley Branch

Don't forget our

COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 4th October 2008

at St Mary's Hall, Elham

10.00am - 12 noon

Cake Stall, Bring and Buy Stall,

Cards etc Raffle and Tombola

Do please come and join us, everyone
welcome

(Any contributions to the cake and bring and
buy stalls gratefully received!)

Admission 50p - Refreshments Free

Elham Farmers' Market

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

£3 per family

Small prize to share with your family

QUIZ NIGHT

In Aid of Leukaemia Research

Saturday 11th October at 7.30pm

Ashford Girls School, East Hill

£5. per person includes a glass of wine

4/6 per table - to book ring 01303 862501

CANDLELIT SUPPER

11 October 2008

Murder at the Races on Ladies Day!

Come dressed for the Races

Prize for the Best Hat

Can you solve the Murder?

Cocktails & Canapes

3 course dinner with wine

Bar

£25.00 per person

Tables of up to 8

Lyminge Village Hall

Entrance strictly by ticket only purchased

in advance from: Honor: 862928 or Niki
862530

Organised by the Village Hall

Management Committee Reg Charity
281845

Treasure Hunt

Sunday, 12th October 2008

Have a pleasant afternoon walk around
our lovely village. Find the clues and win
a small prize if you guess them all
correctly and in the shortest time!

*Starting from Lyminge Parish Church,
between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, Return by
5.00pm.*

£5 per family, or £2 00 per person

Proceeds in aid of Lyminge Church
Organ Fund

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 4th November 7.45pm

At

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about

John Mount

11.00 to 13.00
The Triangle (the green)
opposite Elham Primary School
Next markets: 12 and 26 October
Fresh, seasonal, locally produced food
(vegetables
and fruit, meat, game, eggs, fish, cheese, bread
and cakes, pies, plants, and more).
**The market will go on running through the
winter.**

Check on www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk for
future dates, latest news and recipe ideas.

Lyminge Gardeners' Society
Annual General Meeting
On Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

OCTOBER BEETLE DRIVE

Come & join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Saturday 18th October
Starts at 7.00 pm
Adults £2.00
Children 50p
Includes refreshments.
There will be a raffle

**DEMELZA HOSPICE CARE FOR
CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING**
Saturday 25th October 2008, 10 to 12 noon
At Sibton Park Cricket Club
Raffle, Tombola, Bring & Buy, Cakes, Books
Christmas Cards & Goods Free Admission

A tailor in Etchingill
By Derek Boughton
Also Annual General Meeting
Those attending are invited to bring an
item of historical interest to display with
an explanation
(not a valuation meeting)
Non-members welcome

Lyminge Youth Action AGM
Please come to the Annual General
Meeting of
Lyminge Youth Action at
7pm on 10th November at Lyminge
Methodist Hall,
Church Road, Lyminge
Come and hear reports about activities
over the last 12 months
Also find out about the planned events for
the coming year and the next exciting
phase for the new facilities at Jubilee
Field
Lyminge Youth Action members are keen
to meet anyone who has an interest in
getting involved with our activities, so
come along and help make the Jubilee
Field Project a great success
Telephone 01303 863293 for an informal
chat before the AGM
We look forward to seeing you there!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
Elham Valley Branch
Annual General Meeting
Friday 14th November at 2.30pm
St Mary's Hall, Elham

WANTED
A new member to join
TATTERDEMALION an acoustic folk
group based in the parish. We seek
someone who is interested in performing
traditional & self-written folk songs in the
local folk clubs and other venues. Ideally,
we would like someone who plays a
melody instrument but anyone considered
as long as their instrument is portable. We
have a repertoire that is continually
changing and is usually only six songs at

Newington Village Hall
Fundraisers Present
Their 6th Halloween Party for Your
Little Monsters

on
Scaraday The 1st November 2008
6pm till 8pm Admission £3 per Child
-1 Free Drink With Ticket--Drinks 25 Pence
Each-
-Fancy Dress Competition--Games & Prizes-
-Trick or Treat Bag--Nibbles-
For tickets or more information
please contact
Karen & Terry on 277950
or Kirsty & Mark on 272056
Registered Charity No: 302812

one time. We will turn our hands to any instrument - given half a chance! We are amateur but ambitious and practice once a week on average.

Contact: Roger (Guitar, Bodhran, Bouzouki, Harmonica & Whistle): 862463 Or Alistair (Guitar, Bass, Mountain Dulcimer, Cuatro, Harmonica, Whistle & Banjo): 864235

**LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH
SERVICES OCTOBER 2008**

Wednesday 1st 7.00pm Short Said
Holy Communion
7.30pm Open House
(Bible Study)
9.15pm Wednesday
Silence

Sunday 5th 8.00am Holy
Communion
10.30am World of
Worship Family service

Wednesday 8th 7.00pm Short Said
Holy Communion
7.30pm Open House
(Bible Study)
9.15pm Wednesday
Silence

Thursday 9th 2.00pm Pram service

Sunday 12th 10.30am Holy
Communion

Wednesday 15th 7.00pm Short Said
Holy Communion
7.30pm Open House
(Bible Study)
9.15pm Wednesday

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 October are:

5th Oct - Mr Dudley Shipton

12th Oct - Mrs Val Redding

19th Oct - Mr Tim James

26th Oct - Rev. Robin Blount

(Incl. Holy Communion)

2nd November - Mr David Foreman

Monday Fellowship

Weekly 2.30 - 3.30pm from 15 September A variety of speakers, discussions, music, etc and a chat over a cup of tea.

Reflections

Come and join us (for part or all of the hour) and share a time of quiet

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 October are:

Oct. 5th - *3pm* Harvest Festival -Rev. John

Bown from Canterbury, followed by tea in the

village hall after the service. Everybody welcome

Silence)

Sunday 19th 10.30am Holy
Communion

Wednesday 22nd 7.00pm Short Said
Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House
(Bible Study)

9.15pm Wednesday
Silence

Sunday 26th 8.00am Holy
Communion

10.30am Holy
Communion
6.30pm Sunday

Silence

Wednesday 1st 7.00pm Short Said
Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House
(Bible Study)

9.15pm Wednesday
Silence

Sunday afternoon tea - Nailbourne Court - 5th October

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 - 13th October

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 - 16th October

These lunches continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meal comprises two courses followed by coffee, at a cost of £6.50 per head.

Please note, there will not be the usual morning service that day.

Oct.12th - Mr. Dudley Shipton

Oct.19th - Rev. Barry Armson
(Holy Communion)

Oct.26th - Mrs. Chris Bence

Nov 2nd - Mr Peter Ellis

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. The services for October are as follows:-

Sunday 5th Oct 6.30pm

Harvest Festival & Supper

Sunday 12th Oct 9.30am

Family Communion

Sunday 19th Oct 8.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 26th Oct 9.30am

All Age Worship

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 - 9th October

Our monthly services for pre-school children continue on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2pm in Lyminge Church. A short pre-school friendly 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.

Craft activity afternoons

If you enjoy crafts, then you are warmly invited to join in an afternoon of craft activities on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 15 Mount Pleasant Close from 2 till 4pm. For more information, please contact Ann Healey on 863008.

ETCHINGHILL W.I.

After the summer break Barbara Syrett welcomed members to the September meeting. Our summer coach trip to Mickleham Priory proved to be a great day out. Dottie Cross read a paper from the N.F.W.I highlighting the facts 'End violence against women'.

Birthday posies were presented to Doreen Browne, Mavis Hodson, Janet Hooles, Kaye Towse, Joan White, Marion Norton, Pat Kent, Peggy Banks and Sylvia Clark.

The speakers. Mr and Mrs Wagner, then showed delightful lantern slides set to music which entertained us all. Tea hostesses were June Manton, Pat Kent and Rita Warner.

Our birthday meeting is on Tuesday 21st October at 2.30pm when Mrs Ann Finney will speak about the life of Edith Piaff. There will also be a craft stall with items for sale.

For further information please ring Barbara Syrett on

265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141. Visitors are always welcome.

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Farmers'/Craft Market

The last three markets this year are on 11th October, 8th November and a Christmas one on 13th December with Santa's grotto and lots of seasonal goodies. They start at 10.00 and finish at 12.30. If you need something for Christmas then come along to one of the markets and see the craft stalls or even buy your Christmas Fayre. Contact Anne on 863174 for details

Village Hall

The village hall social committee with 'open house' are working to bring a variety of events for you to enjoy. Last month talks on Wood Turning and Chrysanthemums were both interesting and humorous. This month a talk on 'Magistrates and their Role' (6th October and free) and a 'Walking Treasure Hunt' (11th October, 2.00pm, €3 per family) are planned. In November there will be a talk by your Community Warden (3rd November and free) and an evening with Bruce Crook, his Magic Lantern and slides of Edwardian Folkestone (15th November, 7.00 pm, €2 per head). A New Year's Eve village party is also being planned so watch this space and make a note of the date!! Open house meet every Monday between 10.00 and 12.00 at the village hall so you can relax, drink coffee, play games, enjoy conversation, borrow books, suggest talks or visits plus join in the giant crossword that to date has beaten everybody. So why not come along? Contact Keith or Rosemary on 863418

All these events and other notices are on the Parish notice board at the entrance to the village hall and the Etchinghill notice board opposite the New Inn and are being regularly updated. If you have some community information you wish to display on the parish board then contact Rodney on 862028 and Barbara on 862873 for the Etchinghill board.

Improvements to the grounds of the village hall will include 8 mature trees, including walnut and maple, as well as a natural hedge to screen the car park. The Village Hall Trustees hope that this will encourage residents to use the area for recreation and picnics whilst not spoiling it for others. Plans will be displayed on the notice board in the hall after planning approval has been received

Etchinghill web site www.Etchinghill.org

Watch out for the 'open house' special events on the web site. Contact Matt on 863175 if you can provide additional information about what's on in Etchinghill.

Neighbourhood Watch

As part of the 'open house' guest speakers Gary Harrison, our Community Warden, will be linking up with our NhW coordinator, Judith, to explain who and what is done by each organisation and where do the Police Community Support Officers, PCSOs, fit in! Why wait till then to enrol with NhW. Contact Judith on 862498 for details of how to enrol for FREE!

Dates for forthcoming events

Farmers/Craft Market	11th October, 8th November, and 13th December 10.00 - 12.30 (Entry Free)
Open House	Every Monday 10.00 - 12.00 (Entry Free)
'Magistrates and their Roles'	6th October (Free)
Walking Treasure Hunt	11th October 2.00 pm (£3 per family)
'Your Community Warden'	3rd November (Free)
Magic Lantern Show	15th November (£2 per head)
Village New Year party	31st December (cost and time to be advised)

Etchinghill Residents' Association

David is your contact on 863918

We recently held an informal Summer "Get-together" of our Committee - the weather was kind to us, the wine tasting better by the glass, and the conversation and company enjoyable.. Although it was meant to be informal, we inevitably talked about local issues - so don't forget., anything you feel you'd like us to be aware of, or you would like to know, please never hesitate to contact one of the Committee.

We continue to pursue the Meriden Park surface water issue - and do apologise if the initial letter circulated caused a little bit of misunderstanding for some., there is a follow up due out shortly to update you and address some of the concerns - please take the time to read it when you receive yours..

We continue to try to maintain our close links with the Lyminge Association as we have the common air of feeling we are all beneficiaries of living in such beautiful villages and want to maintain and put into them as

much as we can together.

...and lastly, our gratitude must be recorded to a few folks., firstly to Rosemary and Keith Sutton who have really made "Open House" on Monday mornings such a success - please come along any Monday 10.00 - 12.00, and enjoy an informal time of fellowship, with occasional guest speakers or "themes"., and I believe some visits and other events are "in the planning stage" for the future.. We also record our sincere thanks to Colin Manvell representing us, and the colleagues he works with, on the Lyminge Parish Council
- we do enjoy a growing personal relationship with them.

ETCHINGHILL TODDLER GROUP

We meet every Wednesday between 10am - 12 noon at Etchinghill Village Hall.

We have craft activities, singing sessions, inside and outside toys. Children are welcome from 0 - school age.

There is a soft play area for babies.

£1.50 per family which includes drinks for adults and healthy snacks for children. New members welcome.

If you have any queries please call Kathy on 01303 862271 or 07930 919340

RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP COFFEE MORNING

We are inviting you to our Coffee Morning with a raffle and a cake stall on Thursday 16 October 10.30am.

We meet every Thursday morning from 10am - 12 noon during term time so come and join us, we would love some new members. Mums, dads, grandparents and child minders very welcome. There is no charge for your first morning and then is £1.50 per morning per family.

RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE

On September 17th Jeanne Brinton gave us an insight into Family History. We were told of the importance of naming and dating family photographs, and given advice of how to begin research into family history. Jeanne also had some amusing stories of her own family research. The competition - "An old family photograph" was won by Marion Hoare with Pat Kent in 2nd place, Molly Walker in 3rd place and Ann Laker 4th. Our next meeting is on the 15th October when Marion Bellerby will give us a talk on "A History of the Apple." We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and members and visitors alike

will receive a warm welcome. Marion Hoare 01303
862913

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)

STANFORD -WITH - POSTLING W.I.

We meet on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm at a member's home in Lympe. We are a small friendly group and would welcome new members and visitors.

Our speaker next month (October 2nd) will be talking about 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. You are most welcome to join us.

For more information ring Iona on 238390 or Elaine on 863096

Lyminge Dramatic Society - Grimm Tales

Rehearsals have started for our November production, a series of 9 small plays based upon stories by the Brothers Grimm. The brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm are associated with many popular fairy stories such as Rumpelstiltskin and Hansel and Gretel and this production will be much enjoyed by young and old alike. When first performed at the Young Vic theatre in 1994, the Observer and Guardian newspapers gave the production rave reviews. The play will be performed from Wednesday 19th to 22nd November in Lyminge Village Hall at 7.45pm and Senior Citizens will be invited free of charge to the Dress rehearsal on Tuesday 18th at 7.45pm. Tickets will go on sale on 25th October at Haxtons Estate Agents, Lyminge.

HOLIDAY PROPERTY BOND AT SIBTON PARK

Sibton Park have a vacancy for a member of the Housekeeping team. Hours by arrangement but we are ideally looking for someone to work two or three

weekdays from 9am to 3pm. Please call me - Deirdre - on
01303 863022 during office hours.

WANTED

Small paddock or field approximately 3/4 Acre to teach
dog agility.

Possibly in the Rhodes Minnis/Stelling Minnis area.

Please contact 01303 268102

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers **The Captain Swing Tale (Part 1)**

This month I thought I would introduce the story about the Captain Swing riots in Lyminge, in 1830 (Q11). This is not the 'facts' but rather the traditional tale that has come down to me since I arrived in the village twenty years ago. A more definitive answer will have to wait for Derek Boughton's Lyminge Historical Society talk on 5th May 2009, which I am looking forward to with eager anticipation. 'Captain Swing' what an emotive name. Since childhood, it has summoned up fascination and slight fear in me, like Dick Turpin or DrSyn. Who was he? What did he do?

The story starts with the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815. Boney had been defeated and the country was jubilant. Unfortunately, this had profound effects on the way the poor lived. Bread prices had risen during the war. This was matched by a shortage of farm workers (because many had gone to be soldiers). This shortage meant that their wages rose and the labourers were able to afford the price rises. After the war, the return of the soldiers resulted in an excess of agricultural labourers. Wages consequently fell and the labourers were being offered shorter and shorter periods of employment. For every farm labourer, there was barely enough money to feed the children and keep a roof over their family's head.

During the 1820's the poor labourers just about managed but towards the end of the decade, there were a series of bad harvests and harsh winters. They had reached breaking point and to cap it all threshing machines were being introduced locally. These machines threshed cereals, such as wheat, so that the grain was separated from the stalk and husk. Previously men using flails had done the job during the winter. It was employment when there was little else in the way of paid work. The threshing machines reduced the job to just a few men.

Because they were expensive, the farmers tended to sub-contract the work and the threshing machine came with their own workers. Local farm labourers were not used. No wonder they were getting angry. They feared another bad winter, which beckoned hard times to their cottage doors.

In 1830 Lyminge, a group of men joined allies from throughout the Elham valley to talk about what should be done. Men with names like Spicer, Arnold, Read and Price; all still common surnames today. They may have been partly encouraged by agitators who were trying to encourage revolution as had been seen in France in the same year. Strangers had been noticed travelling the countryside and the tricolour had been seen flying in some parts of the county. In addition, they received sympathy from some of the local landowners. For example, the Lyminge parson, Rev Ralph Price, who was also a prominent farmer, discouraged local farmers from using the new threshing machines because of the severe consequences for the poor. One of their meeting places was in this parson's stables. No one seems to know if this was with his blessing or whether it was used in secret? The stable still stands in Rectory Lane and was part of the Parish Church Hall for many years. At these meetings, the men discussed their options. A lot were in favour of burnings to show the landowners their displeasure, especially because labourers (as non-landowners) had no vote. Others proposed direct attacks on the threshing machines, which would help increase employment. Some suggested attacking ricks and barns in 1830, the parsons & gentry in 1831 and the nobility in 1832!

Understandably, when discussing such radical action, they decided that they needed to protect themselves by having no formal leaders but rather an imaginary one - Captain Swing. The scene was set. What was to happen in this valley? You will have to wait until next month for some answers and Derek's talk for more.

I must apologise to the people I have not contacted yet. Unfortunately, I have been unwell over the summer. Following a spell in hospital, I'm now improving so I will get in touch with you soon. If any one else wants to ask or answer a question or suggest a correction please contact me.

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

CHRISTIAN AID

On a lovely sunny September afternoon a Tea-Time' event was held at Jocelyn Lees home in North Lyminge. The Christian Aid Committee would like to thank all who contributed in any way, particularly the residents from Rivulet House.

The £160 raised is enough to provide :- a herd of 4 goats, a community water tap, 2000 saplings and 16 ducks! Together with the money raised through Christian Aid Week and Quizaid we have been able to give about £2330 this year. Well done everybody!

LYMINGE HANDBELLS

The popular Lyminge Handbells ringers are available to play at special events all year. We have a large selection of popular and classical music for both formal and informal 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 call Ro Edmond on 863201.

Age Concern Elham Rural

We are looking to recruit a cleaner/laundry assistant to work in our Day Centre. We are looking for someone to work 31/2 hours per day Monday to Friday. For more information contact or pop in to the centre and speak to Matthew or Lisa.

The winners of our August 100+ club draw were 1st prize, number 27, Sue Chitty, 2nd prize, number 12, Brenda Linton and 3rd prize, number 44 Bill Chitty. **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.

We will be hosting a "Will Advice Surgery" on Tuesday 21st October at 1.30pm. The session will last for about 1 hour and we are very lucky to have Mr Richard Bones to talk to us, he is a Solicitor with Frederick Hall, York House, 32 Cheriton Gardens, Folkestone. Everyone is welcome to attend as a great many people die intestate and the taxman gets the estate. Don't let the Government get its hands on YOUR hard earned money! Making a will

is important to you and your family so come along, have a cuppa and hear all about it.

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 Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Disability Living Allowance, Carers Allowance, Council Tax and Housing benefits please contact Sue Chitty Advice and Information Officer on 01303 86386 e-mail acer.information@atlas.co.uk or call into the centre. Home visits can be arranged.

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.

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**

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 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 £5.50 per
hour

£19 per 4 hour session £35.50 full

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
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

day

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.

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