

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

September 2008

Produced by
The Lyminge Association

ROSENEATH CERAMICS
White Horse Lane, Rhodes Minnis.
Tel: 01303 862979
www.roseneathceramics.com

Workshop's Autumn 2008
With Katherine at the studio.

Thursday 18 th September	10.00 – 4.00pm
Bring Lunch. Coffee/Tea provided.	£10.50 plus materials.
Thursday 25 th September	7.00 – 10.00pm
Coffee/Tea provided.	£5.50 plus materials.
Children's Half Term Workshop – Junior school age +.	
Thursday 23 rd October	2.00 – 4.00pm
Drinks provided.	£5.50 plus materials.
Thursday 23 rd October	7.00 – 10.00pm
Coffee/Tea provided.	£5.50 plus materials.

Large range of ceramics to paint from £3. No experience necessary, instruction given.

Taster - Jewellery Making with Lorna – At the Studio

Thursday 25 th September	2.00-5.00pm
Coffee/Tea provided	£10.00 including materials to make charm bracelet.

Booking required for all workshops. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Lyminge Association News

Sunday 14th September 2008 - our 2nd Garage Safari of the year

- If you have decided to take part in selling your unwanted household goods from your own garage (or driveway) we ask for all 'garages' to pay £5.
- This is for newspaper advertising to promote the event to people in Shepway and to help cover the cost of our new advertising banners that we bought to also promote the event
- Please visit Liz at Sunny Cottage on Canterbury Road (next to the Coffee shop) to confirm you wish your 'garage' to be included
- We will be putting all garages on to a free map for people to find you
- Liz can be contacted on 863097

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 of the sheep in the field and the church in the distance.

Lyminge Heritage Question & Answers

This month I will continue Mr Roy Collin's recollections of Lyminge between the wars. He has a very early memory when the canning factory that was to be found at the back of Korf House (Canterbury Road) burnt down. The factory was owned by Mr Van-Holm-Beck and Roy recalled being shown the red hot metal that was left after the flames had died down. He was only a few years old at the time.

After leaving school, Roy followed his father into the family business of shoe making. This was also based in Canterbury Road at Dorset House. Not only did they make ordinary shoes but also surgical shoes for those unfortunate to have one leg shorter than the other. Perhaps their most remarkable commission was to make leather horse shoes for the horses that cut the grass at Sibton Park Cricket Club. Apparently the pitch was of particularly fine quality and the leather shoes stopped it from being cut up by the horses' hooves.

Roy also related to me that Sibton Park was the home of millionaire Captain J E P Howey whilst he oversaw the building of the Romney, Hythe, and Dymchurch Light Railway. Captain Howey was a rich land owner and racing driver. Roy recalls Captain Howey driving racing cars through the village. Roy told me of another vehicle that his older sister talked of. This was the stage coach which came though the village, once a week, from Canterbury before the First World War. Apparently, a horn would be blown by the driver as the coach and horses entered the village at Yew Tree Cross. All would then know of its imminent arrival in Lyminge.

There were other characters living in the village between the wars who were not as rich but were equally if not more entertaining. Mr Collins told me of Bert Tanton. By profession he was a watch repairer but he filled his time with much more. Roy told me that Bert was also the village lamplighter. At that time, the street lights were powered by oil and it was Bert's job to keep the lamps full of fuel, the wicks trimmed as well as lighting the lamps. His job was slightly reduced by the fact that he had to only light the lamps on dark nights. If it was a moonlit night there was no need to waste fuel. Albert was also a keen amateur astronomer. Roy remembers when he was seven or eight years old that Bert would set up his telescope in the middle of the High Street to view the heavens. Bert must have had little spare time to look through his telescope because he was the Church Sexton and the Captain of the Bellringers. Roy says, "They were used to hard work, these old boys."

Another village resident was James Todd who lived in the High Street. He was a 'rag & bone' man who would travel about Lyminge & Cheriton (with his donkey & cart) collecting and buying metal and junk that he would be able to sell on at a profit. He kept his donkey in Well Field which was owned by Mr Fisher. Roy told me that he lived with his wife, who often stood in the doorway of her house watching the world go by whilst smoking a pipe.

Finally, Mr Collins recalls that Tayne Field has not always been an open space and that it used to be a fenced field that grazed sheep. Roy's memories of the village have been fascinating and clearly reflect a comment that he made during the course of our conversation, "I've loved the old village".

Have you any knowledge about Lyminge's heritage that you would like to share? If you have then contact me through the editor or the www.lyminge.org.uk/forums and I will try to include it in later issues of the Newsletter. Last month I posed the question (Q11) about Lyminge and the Swing Riots. This has generated quite a lot of interest and I hope to be able to put together an answer in due course. Probably more definitive will be a talk that Derek Boughton will give Lyminge Historical Society on 5th May 2009. Put the date in your diary now. If you can answer any of the questions that have been posed or you have a question you would like answering please let me know.

Alistair Bailey

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lyminge - a good place to live!

When my mother visited our very old house just after we had moved into Lyminge she said she wouldn't like to stand at the sink where countless other women had done before. (Mum lives in a house she helped design; no one lived there before). However, I find it comforting to be part of a timeline. I know that our house has withstood earthquakes, threat of fire, wars and extremes of weather. People have presumably been born and died here and the women of the house have cooked and cared for all those who have lived here. Undoubtedly, they also sewed and knitted garments and things for the house.

Living in Lyminge you soon get a feel for the fact that the village we know now is only a snapshot. There has been an ebb and flow of buildings. Long-term residents tell of a village which included a large market, a much larger selection of shops, Maggs Corner, the railway, windmills and so on. We know that the centre of Lyminge used to be in a different area than now and indeed that North Lyminge was quite separate.

What shook me recently (though why it should be a surprise, I don't know) is that people have lived and worked in this area for centuries and that historically, Lyminge has a much greater significance than we give credence for. At the beginning of August along with some thirty other local residents I joined a conducted tour of the archaeological dig which is being undertaken by the University of Reading (and others).

Although, to the untrained eye there doesn't seem to be much to see, Dr. Gabor Thomas (lecturer in Early Medieval Archaeology at Reading University) showed us evidence of a large communal building, of changes to building shapes, rubbish pits, craft areas and a properly "metalled" yard. We were shown a wide variety of finds including the rims of French and local pottery and shards of glass (which prove that the buildings were monastic). There was also a tiny tag with the most beautiful and delicate engraving. And all of this dated back to 7th - 9 Century AD, which means that we know for sure that people lived and worked here 1,300 years and more ago.

The item to which I felt particular attraction was a weight for an upright loom. We were told that it was fairly light, which indicated that the cloth being produced was very fine - and

probably the work of women (nuns?). You could see where the thread had worn a groove in the weight - which had resonance for me as I have wear on my sewing machine which is similar. At that moment I felt a real connection with the women who were creating cloth not far from where I live now, doing my own sewing.



Liz Coleman

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I read the letter in the last newsletter regarding the church with interest, and I support the person who has voiced what many of us think... I would not have known about the lead being

stolen from the church without this letter being published. I, like the person who wrote the letter, am not a part of the congregation however, I love the fact that I live in a village with an active and historic church, Monday evenings would not be the same if I did not hear the bells ringing! I too would like to contribute an amount monthly to the maintenance and repair of the church and wonder if others feel the same, could we have some details on how to do this or who to contact...? Is it possible for our community to pull together again, this time in support of a historic building that is such an important part of our village life.
Name and address supplied.

Hopefully, by now, a standing order mandate will have been delivered to your door for you to complete if you wish to make a regular donation - (Editor)

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Some Etchinghill residents may have recently received a letter from the Etchinghill Residents' Association concerning the problems associated with the surface water running off the field behind Meriden Park.

A number of local residents have expressed anxiety and concern about the statement "that if the matter is not resolved it may lead to a loss of future house values (possibly up to a £10,000 drop on every house price and a significant rise in insurance premiums".

Having discussed this matter up with Haxtons, your local estate agents, it would appear that this house price drop may influence the houses affected by the flooding but would be very unlikely to affect the rest of the area. The Credit Crunch should be more of a concern.

Likewise, Stennings Insurance stated that any insurance premium increase would again only involve those houses directly affected by the flooding. It would have to be over a large area i.e. the earthquake area in Folkestone, for it to influence premiums generally. This view was echoed by a number of other insurance companies and agents.

This matter must be causing grave concern to the residents of Meriden Park who are affected by this problem. We can all sympathize with the position they find themselves in. Do rest assured that there is no need for the village as a whole to be worried; after all we do live in Eachend (Etchinghill) Hill! Even so, I am sure the Etchinghill Residents Association will be very grateful for any contributions they receive towards their "Fighting Fund."

Name and Address supplied.

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Dear Editor,

On the 30th July at 12:50 pm on Longage Hill, Lyminge, I was stationary in my car having pulled into a large passing space on the way down the hill, when a young man in a red fiesta approached from the opposite direction. I would not like to hazard a guess as to his speed, only to comment that it was seriously too fast for such a narrow stretch of road. As he shot by me he completely misjudged the width of his vehicle and hit mine. I was shocked to say the least, but more so when he accelerated away, fully aware of what he had done and narrowly missing the vehicle behind me. I recognised this car as a local one, but his speed was such that I was unable to get his registration number. I am certain his vehicle was damaged as well. I feel sure that someone must know the identity of this young man, if so and bearing in mind that he showed no regard for the damage he had caused or even if my passenger or myself had sustained any injuries, I would ask them to contact me on (01303) 862357. I realise this is a forlorn hope, but failing to stop having caused an accident is not only a cowardly act, but also an offence.

Yours hopefully,
June Baker.

Out and About

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



We didn't have enough space last month, but felt that we should salute the courageous bears who took part in the parachute jump from the Parish Church tower.

◀ Another brave teddy takes to the air!

The 'Teddy Bears' Parachute Jump in July seems to have become an annual feature organised by the Parish Church.

Made It!
back down on
solid ground
and having a
well-earned
rest.



◀ Filling in the pond at Etchinghill Village Hall, which was considered a hazard and added nothing to the amenities at the Hall except to help mosquitoes breed!

The Archaeological Dig



The thrill of holding an artifact that may have been last used in Anglo-Saxon times

After the topsoil is cleared and cleaned down to the chalk, the work can begin on excavating the features that are revealed by viewing from the tower in the background.

More pictures may be found on our website.



If you have any photographs of local events or your group 'In Action' that could be included in the Newsletter please contact our Newskound 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-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	BEEBLE 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	862060	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-Sep	BEEBLE 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
5-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	CANDLELIT 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	BEEBLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
19-Oct	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	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	DEMEZLA HOUSE COFFEE MORNING	SIBTON PARK CRICKET PAVILION	862913	MARIAN
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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
14-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AGM	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
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22-Nov	BEEBLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
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	862427	MAVIS
6-Dec	QUIZ NIGHT	TBA	862015	MARIAN
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23-Dec	FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT			

In Aid of The Lord whisky Sanctuary Fund

(Registered Charity No. 283483)
Forthcoming Events

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Tuesday 9th September at 7pm
Interclub competition with Newington and District Garden Association. To be held at

Boot & Autumn Fair
Saturday 6th September - 12 noon -
3.30pm

At Park House, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN
Folkestone Pipes and Drums ~ Stockbury
Dog Club
Hawkinge Flyers ~ Anthea Barnes School
of Dancing
Llamas and much more
Hot and Cold Refreshments
Car boots £7.50 ~ Vans £10.

Late Autumn Boot Fair and Clearance
Sale

Saturday 4th October - 12noon - 3.30pm
At Park House, Stelling Minnis
Car Boots £7.50 - Vans £10

Spooky Halloween Supper
Friday 31st October

At The Lord Whisky Tea rooms, Rhodes
Minnis
For further details please 'phone us on
01303 862622

SEPTEMBER QUIZ
6 September 2008

After the summer recess it's time to go
quizzing again!
Lyminge Village Hall
7:30 for 8:00pm start
Hot meal, Bar
Tables of 4-8 @ £8.00pp
Hurry - tickets going fast!!
Contact Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 for
details
Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee Reg Charity 281845

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'?

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall. Come
along and enjoy the evening. Raffle and
refreshments

Tuesday 16th September 7.30pm
A talk by David Hoare on "How I started
growing and showing vegetables then
changed to growing and showing Alpines"
Refreshments will be available and there
will be a raffle
Come to the Methodist Church Hall.
Members £1. Non-members £2.

SEPTEMBER BEETLE DRIVE

Come & join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Saturday 27th September
Starts at 7.00 pm
Adults £2.00
Children 50p
Includes refreshments.
There will be a raffle

Lyminge Historical Society
Tuesday 7th October 7.45pm
At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall
An illustrated talk about Hawkinge
Aerodrome
By John Buss
Non members welcome

Quiz Night
In Aid of Leukaemia Research
October 11th at 7.30pm
Ashford Girls School, East Hill
£5. per person includes a glass of wine
4/6 per table - to book Ring 01303 862051

'Open your Mind' with Thom the World
Poet

A golden opportunity to see a WORLD poet
for FREE.
At the Lyminge Methodist Church Hall on
Saturday 18 October 2008 7.30- 10.00pm.
With Mark Robson from Kangaroo Moon.
Fresh from the Cheltenham Literary
Festival, an evening for the WHOLE
family. Thom is an Australian living in
Austin, Texas who has supported Bob
Dylan, Roy Harper, Hawkwind & Gong

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
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amongst many others and is a regular at
 ALL the major literary festivals globally.
 See Thom & some of his poems in action on
 YOUTUBE. No alcohol please, light
 refreshments available, donations for petrol
 appreciated.
 Thanks to Thom & Mark for coming along
 to Lyminge!
 More details from Dave - 01303 863474

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2008

Wednesday 3rd 7.00pm Short Holy
 Communion
 (Bible Study) 7.30pm Open House
 9.15pm Wednesday
 Silence
 Sunday 7th 8.00am Holy
 Communion
 10.30am World of
 Worship Family service
 Wednesday 10th 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study)
 Thursday 11th 2.00pm Pram
 service
 Sunday 14th 10.30am Holy
 Communion
 Wednesday 17th 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study)
 Sunday 21st 10.30am Holy
 Communion
 Wednesday 24th 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study)
 Sunday 28th 8.00am Holy
 Communion
 10.30am Holy
 Communion

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 September are:

7th Sept. Rev. Derek Hancock

14th Sept. Mr Graham Whistance

21st Sept. Rev. Ian Hamilton (Incl. Holy
 communion)

28th Sept. 10.30am United Harvest Festival at
 Parish Church

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

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 September are:

Sept. 7 - Rev. Derek Hancock

Sept.14- Rev. Robin Blount

Sept.21 - Rev. Ian Hamilton

Sept.28 - Mr. Tim James

POSTLING CHURCH

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

The services for September are as follows:-

6.30pm Sunday
Silence

Sunday afternoon tea - Nailbourne Court - 7 September

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 Mornings - Wentworth Close - 8th September

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 September

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. 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 September

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.

Sunday 7th September

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 14th September

No Family Communion due to Postling Ride

Sunday 21st September

8am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th September

9.30am All age Worship

Age Concern Elham Rural

We are having an Open Day on Friday 26th September

2008 from 10am till 4pm. If you would like to pop in and see what we provide at the centre you would be very welcome. The day will be informal with displays and activities. Clients, staff and trustees will be available to talk about the centre its activities and services.

We are looking to recruit a cleaner/laundry assistant to work in our Day Centre. We are looking for someone to work 3_ hours per day Monday to Friday. The starting date will be Wednesday 1st October. For more information contact or pop in to the centre and speak to Matthew or Lisa.

Due to the fact that we are due to start further extension work we have suspended the sale of second hand goods.

We hope to restart once building work is completed.

The winners of our April 100+ club draw were 1st prize, number 22, Gill Broadley, 2nd prize, number 77, Beryl Overy and 3rd prize, number 26 Margaret Hill. 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 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 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.

Friends of Kent Churches sponsored bike ride. **Saturday 13 September**

This annual event raises money for the repair of historic church buildings throughout Kent. Each participating church organizes a team of riders and helpers who check sponsor forms and provide refreshments at the church for visiting cyclists.

Here in Lyminge we have consistently supported the charity with a team of enthusiastic riders ranging from

young children and their parents, to a few wrinkles like me. Last year the total raised in Kent was a staggering £135,000. We are always looking for new riders to join us for a fun day out - believe me you do not have to be very fit. If you are very fit you can always plot your own route!

If you want to join us call me on 862922 for more information. If not, please sponsor a rider. Lawrence Lees

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again Lyminge Parish Church are hoping for your generosity in filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is our annual offering to help some of the world's poorest children. They are so happy to receive a shoe box filled with the simplest inexpensive items wrapped in Christmas paper.

The Church will be open between 10am and noon the week beginning 10th November to receive shoe boxes and they will be blessed at the service on Sunday 16*

November. They can also be taken to the Rectory in Rectory Lane if this is easier for you. Thank you for help.

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.

LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Something a little different!

As you probably know the Lyminge Historical Society, (LHS), meets on the first Tuesday of the month to listen to a talk, go on a visit or discuss a particular topic. Once a year in November we hold the AGM and after the official business, try to do something a little different.

This year we thought we'd hold a 'Bring and Tell', and/or a 'Bring and Ask'. That is, we would like members and prospective members to bring along small items of historical interest to which they can add a short description and history of the item or pose a question about the item.

If you have something that you would like to bring along, a document, artefact, picture or what -have-you please let

the Society's secretary - Sandra Bright, know. She can be contacted at the Old Mill, Canterbury Road, Lyminge or by telephone in the evening on 01303 862 699, or e-mail to sandrabright100@yahoo.com Please note that any item displayed must be brought on the night and removed on the same evening.

LHS Newsletter

Now we have got the Society going again we would like to expand our horizons a little and produce a periodic newsletter for the membership. We therefore need articles, quizzes, crosswords, pictures and copy for the publication. We would like to include sections on Recollections and Memories, Family History, Local History, Kent History, General History, a Letters Column, a Collectors' page, and so on. We realise that we will not have sufficient copy or room to include everything every time but we do want the newsletter to have a wide appeal. So, do you have anything that you would like to share with others in the Society? Ideally articles should be concise and wherever possible illustrated with a photograph, map, or picture. Quizzes and crosswords should have a general - if local - historical bent and the answers should be achievable without recourse to the internet.

Once we have sufficient copy we will apply our editorial skills. On this, do you have any interest in hunting out copy? Assisting in the editorial role? If so please contact John Carr on 01303 862 972, or call in to Korf House, Canterbury Road or email me on jon@serenitas.co.uk

AGM election of officers

The Society runs with a small elected committee and interested members. Each month the committee meets to discuss ongoing business and to think about future events. This year we will lose the Vice Chairman, as he has elected to spend his time on getting the catalogue of the archive up and running.

We are also operating with the role of Life President and Chairman being combined by Derek Boughton. Derek researches and puts together, then presents a number of talks each year which takes up a considerable amount of his time. So to help Derek out, we are on the look out for a new Chairperson.

We are in need of an events organiser. We want to move the Society forward and need someone who will book speakers from the lists we maintain, research other activities and carry out the administration of this very important role.

If you would like to undertake any of these roles or to just come along and generally help with the committee, please

let the Secretary know - contact details above.

John Carr, Vice Chairman

Etchinghill W.I.

28 members enjoyed a happy afternoon at the home of Gill Le Cras. It was planned to be a garden party but due to the bad weather we all stayed indoors. Gill served a delicious cream tea - all homemade by herself.

In memory of Jean Bilham, the competition for a flower arrangement in a tea cup was judged by her husband Tony. He presented a rose bowl to Stella Samuels. This will now become an annual event.

After the summer break our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th September at 2.30pm. Speakers, Mr & Mrs Wagner on Phantasmagoria (Lantern Slides).

For further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141

Lyminge Dramatic Society - Autumn production

Rehearsals will start in earnest in September for our Autumn production, a series of plays based upon stories by the Brothers Grimm. The brothers Jacob and Wilhelm are associated with many fairy stories such as Rumpelstiltskin, Sleeping Beauty, Hansel and Gretel and Snow White. 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.

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Farmers'/Craft Market

The next market is on 13th September Starts at 10.00 and finishes at 12.30. Whether its fish, meat, dairy products, vegetables or a variety of craft gifts there is something for you Contact Anne on 863174 for details

Village Hall

Well what a difference a month makes? The floor has been refurbished and it looks great. The walls to the main hall were due to be painted but this has been deferred. The pond is filled in and most of the pebbles have gone. Many thanks go to the tireless volunteers, both committee and residents who helped with all the jobs undertaken this month. They deserve a rest

Some of the stones are still left and 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. Contact Anne on 863174 to arrange time and date

for you to PYO. They must be gone by the time we organise the next phase of landscaping the surrounds to the car park

The Parish notice board at the entrance to the village hall is being regularly updated so if you have some community information you wish to display then contact Rodney on 862028. Posters of both Parish and village activities are displayed plus the minutes of the last PC meeting. Have you read them?

By the time you read this the first of our 'open house' sessions will be up and running in the village hall. They are held every Monday from 10.00 till 12.00 plus organised events on other days. Don't say there's nothing going on in Etchinghill if you don't tell us what you want. Contact Keith or Rosemary on 863418

Etchinghill web site www.Etchinghill.org

Do you surf? Have you already logged on? Look at the site and tell us what you think! Contact Matt on 863175 if you can improve the content or provide additional information about who's who and what's what in Etchinghill.

Etchinghill Country Fete

Well the dust has settled and the results are in. Over £600 profit was raised at the fete. Thanks go to all the folk that supported the event. Neighbourhood Watch You can receive information direct from the NhW central team about crimes in the neighbourhood if you sign up with Judith. Set all this information free and hot off the press. Contact her on 862498 for details of how to enrol for FREE!

Etchinghill Residents' Association

Do you have any recollections of rain water from the field behind Meriden Park running down the main drive of the hospital before the housing development was built? This is not flooding as there is no river, stream or water course involved but several residents have indicated that rain water 'runoff' has always breached the wall and run down into Canterbury Road. If you have any photographs of the hospital or have a story to tell then please let David know on 863918

Taking Pride in Where You Live

Well what did you do last month to tidy up the village? Some residents have cleaned up the paths and kerbs around their property. Others have cleaned and cut hedgerows. Why don't you walk around the village and see what you can do. Just because Shepway or KCC don't do their bit it doesn't mean that we can't. How much do you care? The Village Hall management committee are considering improvements to the grounds of the hall and it

is hoped that the banks and the weeds will be removed and the area replanted. Plans will be displayed in the notice board after planning approval has been received

Dates for forthcoming events

Farmers/Craft Market 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, and 13th December

Open House Every Monday

Pat and Bill Gear would like to say Thank You to all our friends for the cards and good wishes on our 60th wedding anniversary.
God bless you all.

Gardeners

Free to a good home
Large quantity of sandstone for rockeries
Must be collected
Telephone 01303 862488

1st Lyminge Brownies

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

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.

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)

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

**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

Kent's Heritage Trees Project **Would you like to become involved?**

Veteran and ancient trees are the old trees we admire in our woodland and parkland, the gnarled oaks in the hedgerows and the willows alongside our rivers. We are fortunate to have an array of these old veteran trees here in Kent. The great age, size and condition of these trees makes them a unique and vital habitat for wildlife. They are also 'green monuments' within our landscape, giving atmosphere and richness to the environment, in which we live and work.

BTCV is applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund to run a 5 year Kent Heritage Trees Project in partnership with the Countryside Management Projects and Kent County Council. The proposed initiative will promote the value of heritage trees within Kent and we are looking for volunteers to become involved with this project. If our grant application is successful, free training and advice will be given to anyone who would like to get involved.

We will also be aiming to run various events for local people to interpret and celebrate the trees in their local landscape.

If you would like to express an interest in this project, then I would be grateful if you could please spare a few minutes of your time to complete and return [this questionnaire](#). This information will provide me with valuable information for the grant application.