

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Garage Safari now the **18th April 2009** - what a chance for a bargain! Clear out your cupboards and make a profit.

Entry forms from Sunny Cottage, Canterbury Road, Lyminge (behind the Coffee Shop)
£5 entry fee payable in advance.

Maps will be available from 16th April on our website; at Lyminge Hardware and also on the day itself at Lyminge Village Hall who will be hosting numerous Charity stalls and serving teas/coffees and delicious food.

For more information contact Liz on 863197 or e-mail liz.coleman@virgin.net

Gardens Open Safari event on **27th & 28th June 2009** - please write this date on your calendar. Thanks to those people who have already offered to open their gardens. If you wish to talk about considering opening your garden please phone Jean on 862488.

Grants to organisations. Applications are always welcomed. Please submit a proposal for your project with an explanation of your finances if you think we might be able to help your organisation. We were pleased to recently offer a grant of £250 to the Lyminge Methodist Church towards new seating. Phone Mike on 862073 if you wish to discuss an application.

THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:

Lyminge Bowls Club

(Woodlands Road)

Bowling for all ages Why not give it a try?

We have vacancies for beginners and experienced bowlers

We offer beginner a 6 week training course throughout May and into June on Sunday mornings at 10.30. (An alternative day could be arranged if necessary.)

Have fun whilst keeping fit!

Ring Harry on 01303 862044 or John on 01303 272521
or Wendy on 01303 863495

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 1 st April	Kingston Parish Church 7.30pm Lent Course – 'Humility'
Sunday 5 th April	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am WOW (World of Worship)
Monday 6 th April	7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 7 th April	DVD – Indescribable (45mins) From the Cosmos to the Cross
Wednesday 8 th April	7.00pm Agape Meal
Thursday 9 th April	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper Washing of Feet and one hour watch
Friday 10 th April	Good Friday 10.00am Children's Service of Carrying the cross followed by hot cross buns 12 noon Devotions before the cross 12.45pm Procession with the cross from the Church around the village
Sunday 12 th April	Easter Day 10.30am Easter Service with Communion
Wednesday 15 th April	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence (quiet prayer until 10.00pm)
Sunday 19 th April	10.30am Family Communion Service with music group and Sunday School 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 22 nd April	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence (quiet prayer until 10.00pm)
Sunday 6 th April	8.00am Holy Communion (short said) 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday afternoon tea - Nailbourne Court – 5th April

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 April

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.

Pram Service – 9th April

This is a short friendly service for pre-school children followed by refreshments, which is held on the second Thursday of each month at 2pm in Lyminge Parish Church. The service will finish in plenty of time to collect older children from school.

Bereavement Support lunch – 16th April

These lunches continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12.30pm in the Coach and Horses. 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.

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

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

Preachers for April are:

5th April – 10.45 for 11am Palm Sunday
Café style worship

Good Friday – 12 noon - 3pm Way of the Cross starting at the Parish Church

Easter Day Celebration – Rev. Barry Armson incl. Holy Communion

19th April – Mr Dudley Shipton

26th April - Mrs Mary Blanch

3rd May – Rev. Derek Hancock

Wednesday 29th April 7.30 – 8.30pm
"Reflections" Alternative,
less formal worship

Monday Fellowship

Weekly 2.30 – 3.30pm in Church parlour
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 April are:

April 5 - Mr. Peter Ellis

April 12 - Easter Sunday *- NO *service
at Rhodes Minnis but a joint
Holy Communion service at Elham
Methodist Church at 9.30am

April 19 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

April 26 - Chapel Anniversary - *3pm
service *- led by Rev. Barry Armson and
Rev. Sheila Cox (from Sellindge) Note:

*NO *morning service that day.

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

Sunday 5th April Evensong 6.30 pm

Sunday 12th April Easter Day. Family
Communion 9.30 am

Sunday 19th April Holy Communion
8.00 am

Sunday 26th April Family Service 9.30am

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.

Pilgrims Hospices
IN EAST KENT

Wed. 1st April

Easter Coffee Morning

Come with your Decorated Easter Bonnet. Prize for the best man or woman & child.

The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, Folkestone.
9.30am onwards

Newington Village Hall

Easter Party

Saturday 4th April 3pm - 5pm

£3.50 per Bunny

Price includes Nibbles,

Easter goodie Bag

And 1 drink

Easter Bonnet (Hat/Cap) Competition

Plus Fun & Games with Prizes

For Tickets or more information

Please contact: Kirstv 272056 / Karen 277950

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Saturday 4th April

The Spring Show

(staging of Exhibits 8.30 – 10.30am)

Doors open 2pm

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Thursday 6th April

This is going to be a fun night with Elham Gardeners

**A Garden quiz (tables of 6) at
St Mary's Hall, Elham at 7.30pm**

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

Refreshments will be served. Please come along and support your Society and have a fun night. You do not have to make your own team, we can do that on the night

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 7th April 7.45pm

At

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about

Royal Visits in Kent

By Colin Breed

Non-members welcome

Elham Farmers' Market

The Rose & Crown courtyard, High Street, Elham

Next markets: 12 (Easter Sunday) and 26 April

New earlier time: 10.30 to 12.30

Fresh, seasonal, locally produced food (vegetables and fruit, meat, game, eggs, fish, cheese, bread and cakes, pies, and more).

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

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund
Registered Charity Number 283483

Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6AN

Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007

Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

**Pie, Mash & Peas at
The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms**

Come and try our delicious selection of home-made pies (vegetarian included)

Easter Saturday 11th April

Open from 4pm – 9pm (last orders 8.30pm)

£8.00 - Price includes sweet

Child portions available

You are welcome to bring your own alcohol making a donation to the Sanctuary for corkage

To book please telephone 862349

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**Boot & Spring Fayre**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 12 noon – 3.30pm**

At Park House, Stelling Minnis

Car Boots £7.50 – Vans £10. Admission by donation

Music from 'The Folkestone Pipes & Drums'

Arena displays from:

The Hawkinge Flyers & Tankerton Dance Academy

Raffles – Tombolas

Hot & cold refreshments served all day

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Dates for your diary

Dog & Owners Fun Day Boot & Summer Fayre

Saturday 13th June Saturday 25th July

12 noon – 3.30pm

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Don't forget to visit our Tea rooms & Gift Shop at Rhodes Minnis

Freshly cooked meals, friendly service and reasonable prices. Hot and cold lunches and snacks/ Delicious home-made cakes. Home-made jams and marmalades for sale



Ballroom, Latin & Salsa Dancing

at

Etchinghill Village Hall

New Classes as below, commence

Thursday 16 April 2009

New 16 & Under Beginners 6.00-6.30 £2.50

16 & Under Improvers 6.30-7.30 £5.00

**New Adult Beginners Ballroom & Latin
7.30-8.30pm £5.00**

**New Adult Beginners Salsa
8.30-9.00 £2.50**

**Adult Improvers Ballroom & Latin
9.00-10.00 £5.00**

For details phone Lynn on
01303 279504/07967979610

OPEN HOUSE PRESENTS

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

AT ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

ON SATURDAY 25TH APRIL AT 2.30 PM

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT, TREASURE ISLAND, FACE PAINTING, RAFFLE, COLOURING COMPETION, DECORATE YOUR OWN EGG, LUCKY DIP REFRESHMENTS, PASS THE PARCEL AND MANY MORE STALLS AND GAMES

CHILDREN £1.50 EACH ADULTS FREE (IF ACCOMPANIED BY A CHILD!)

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
BARBARA 01303 862873 OR ROSEMARY 01303 863418

National Council for the Conservation
Of Plants & Gardens

Plant Fair

Godinton House
Ashford TN3 3BP

Sunday 26th April 2009 11am – 5pm

Specialised Plantsmen's & Nursery Stalls
Formal gardens, yew hedges, topiary, Italian garden,
rose garden, walled garden,
Wild garden & parkland

Refreshments available

Admission to Plant Fair & Garden
Adults £4. Children under 6 free
Guided tours of house additional £3

Further information: Janet Gasson 01322 864138

Etchinghill Residents' Association
is holding a fund-raising event in the form of a

QUIZ BINGO EVENING

On 25 April starting at 7.30

Free entry, nibbles, tea and coffee provided.
Bring your own drinks.
Individuals welcomed. Teams not necessary.

A first such event for this area!

Tickets available from Barbara 862873 or Wendy 863479

April Beetle Drive

Come along and join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Saturday 25th April
Starts at 7pm
Adults £2.00 -Children 50p
Includes refreshments
There will be a raffle

Newington Village Hall

HOG ROAST

Saturday 2nd May 2009
5pm til late (eat at 6pm)

Live music

There will be a raffle

Tickets £6:00 (children 10 and under £5)

Ticket Only

Kirsty 01303 272056

Karen 01303 277950

Lyminge Day 2009

Saturday May 9th
Gates open @ 1:00pm

Come and join us at the

Ye Olde Village Fayre

Hog Roast, Beer Tent, May Pole Dancing,
Blacksmith's Forge, Sheepdogs & Sheep,
Grand Raffle, plus all the usual fun and
sideshows

Make sure you put it in your diary NOW
and bring the family for a day of fun!

For further details contact

Honor- 862928 or Niki- 862530

Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee Reg Charity 281845

Age Concern - Eham Rural

QUIZ NIGHT

7pm on 16th May 2009
at the Everist Court day Centre

Please Bring Your Supper and Drinks
Teams of up to 6 or come and make up a team

There are prizes for the winners and a Booby!
There will also be a raffle

Tickets £3.50 per person

Please book your table direct with Marian on 862015
or the Day Centre on 862364

Forthcoming Village Events

We would like you to give us details of your future events for this page. This will help us all plan for our own events and help spread them throughout the year. There is no charge for entries on this page. For entries into future issues please phone Gillian on 863232.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details	
11 Apr.	Children's Treasure Hunt	Lyminge Parish Church	864394	Dean
11 Apr.	Eggstravaganza	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862873	Barbara
11 Apr.	Boot Sale	8 am Etchinghill Cricket Club		
18 Apr.	Garage Safari	9:00 Garages around the Village	863197	Liz
25 Apr.	Quiz and Bingo Night	7:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862873	Barbara
2 May	Boot and Spring Fayre	12:00 Lord Whisky, Park House	862622	Margaret
6 May	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
9 May	Lyminge Day	1:00 Lyminge Village Hall Field	862928	Honor
16 May	Quiz Night	7:00 Age Concern Day Centre	862015	Marian
16 May	Village Clean-up	Around the Village	862073	Mike
23 May	Quiz for Christian Aid	7.30 Methodist Church Hall	863714	Judy
13 June	Summer Fair	Lyminge Primary School	862367	
13 June	Dog & Owners' Fun Day	12:00 Lord Whisky, Park House	862622	Margaret
13 June	Quiz Night	7:30 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
27/28 June	Gardens open	Gardens around the Village	862073	Mike
1 Jul.	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
4 Jul.	Hog Roast & Ho-down	Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Keith
1 Aug.	Summer Flower Show	2:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
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12 Sept.	Boot & Autumn Fayre	12:00 Lord Whisky, Park House	862622	Margaret
20 Sept.	Garage Safari	9:00 Garages around the Village	863197	Liz
4 Oct.	Rhodes Minnis Harvest Festival	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church	862865	Daphne
7 Oct.	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Harvest Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne

Weekly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details	
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Rosemary

Monthly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details	
1 st Tue.	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419	Derek
1 st Wed.	Lyminge Friends	10:00 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427	Mavis
3 rd Wed.	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913	Marion
1 st Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832	Bryan
4 th Sat. ¹	Beetle Drive	7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick
3 rd Sun.	Parish Walk	10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015	Richard
3 rd Tue.	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862141	Dottie
Last Mon.	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	862184	Pam

Copy deadline for next month's newsletter is the 18th of the month

Call Jean Howard on 01303 862488 or email in word doc. format to jean.howard1@talktalk.net. Money must be received before articles can appear in the newsletter. A paper copy and money can be left at the Lyminge Newsagents or the Lyminge Library. Charges are as follows: Business adverts - £8.00 per month or £80.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Charity adverts - £1.50 per month or £15.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Please make cheques payable to The Lyminge Association

¹ Beetle Drive will be held on 3rd Sat., except in December when it will be held on the 2nd Sat. of the month.

GARDEN SAFARI 27TH ~ 28TH JUNE 2009

It's that time again when The Lyminge Association invites local residents to open their gardens over the above weekend. For new residents to Lyminge and the surrounding areas, the Garden Safari is held every 2 years and has proved extremely popular. We would like to hear from any of our previous Gardeners who opened their gardens and any new people who would like to take part. We are interested in representing all types of garden, large and small, or work in progress. Maybe you have altered the garden from last time or added different ideas. It is an opportunity to discuss the best plants suited to the soil in the area and a chance to swap plants and cuttings. You may also like to provide tea and cakes to sell in aid of your favourite charity or to top up your own garden fund.

In conjunction with the Garden Safari the Parish Church is holding it's Flower Festival, which is usually breathtakingly beautiful, Ethelburga Quilters will be displaying some of the amazing Quilts they have made this year at The Methodist Church Hall and there might even be an Art exhibition. Lyminge Primary School have started a new garden club and will be showing us their progress.

The event brings many people to Lyminge and the number of 'open' gardens has grown from around 10 to over 20. If you would like to take part please contact me on 01303 862488. There is no cost to you but 'map/passports' will be available for visitors at a small charge.

HELP WANTED

The Lyminge Association Committee needs some help. Can you provide it?

We need someone to work with the committee on an ad hoc basis to help us develop our advertising and publicity skills. We are responsible for the hosting of a number of parish events and occasionally we also sponsor other local organisations.

We want to improve our advertising posters and our publicity material. We have the artistic, production and editorial skills but we realise that we need help in the design and structure of our efforts.

If you can provide us with some guidance and are willing to give the parish some of your time, please contact John Carr on 01303 862972, or email him at jon@serenitas.co.uk or pop in to Korf House Canterbury Road, - opposite the Food and Wine Store for a chat.

Lyminge Day Fruit Cake Competition

This year for Lyminge Day there is to be a fruit cake competition for **men and for children**. Simply make a fruit cake using the following recipe (no variations please), and bring it along to the village hall on the morning of the 9th May after 11 o'clock with your name on the underside of the plate. Entry is 50p for the gentlemen and 20p for children. The cakes will be judged and a small prize awarded in each category. This recipe is taken word for word from a Mrs Beeton cook book dated 1909! Good luck.

Ingredients

Half a pound (250g) each of: butter, flour, currants, candied peel and sugar

Half of a grated nutmeg

A few chopped almonds

Juice and rind of one lemon

4 eggs.

Method

Beat the butter to a cream, add the eggs one by one and then add the other ingredients.

Bake in a paper lined and greased tin for 1 to 2 hours

The oven must not be too hot.

Lyminge Bowls Club

A new season of bowls starts on 18 April 2009. The last of the monthly 'lunch clubs' held throughout the winter will also be on that day and no doubt several members will try to get a few bowls up the green in the afternoon. There are not many fixtures in April, but you would welcome to come and watch any of the following:-

Sunday, 19 April, 2.00 pm	-	A club game – to remind us how to play!
Sunday, 26 April, 2.00 pm	-	A friendly game against Cheriton Bowls Club
Thursday, 30 April, 6.00pm	-	A friendly game against Charing Bowls Club

As usual, on Sunday mornings throughout May and into June we will be offering to coach new bowlers on the delights of the game. Come along and give it a try. (Another day could be arranged if necessary.) Call 863495 for further information.

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Farmers'/Craft Market

The next market is on 4th April. The variety is getting better with new stalls supplementing the favourites. For details contact either Bryan on 862832 or Anne on 863174. Support your local suppliers within the Elham Valley!

Open House

Hope you didn't miss events in March. Open House continues in April by arranging the Easter Eggstravaganza; gardening advice on planting hanging baskets; plus a visit to the golf club for lunch. Have you joined in the competition to grow the most potatoes in a flower pot? Come along any Monday at 10.00 am. All information is on the notice board

Have you set aside the date for the Hog Roast and Ho down in the evening of 4th July. Join friends and residents for an evening of music and dance. Look out for more information in due course.

The book share scheme has not been supported well so we are discontinuing it with immediate effect. If you wish to have your books returned please contact Barbara on 862873

Village Hall

There has been a spate of mindless vandalism at the hall recently and we ask users and residents to be extra vigilant and report any signs to either the Community Warden on 07977 982185 or Rodney on 862028

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall on 17th May 2009. Nominations, elections, the financial reports and achievements will form the business side concluding with refreshments for all. It's your hall so come along and see how things get done. Can you help behind the scenes supporting social events, maintenance or fund raising? Are you willing to stand for election and help manage the hall? Then contact Eileen on 862832. Please note the revised time

Safety in the Home

Kent Fire Service are offering a free _ hour 'home safety' visit to advise on your protection plus one free fire alarm. Contact the Fire Brigade on 0800 923 7000 or www.kent-fire-uk.org to arrange a visit

Family History

A new group has recently started to help folk to find out how and where to trace their history and exchanging views on systems and methods of sourcing and recording information. The plan is to meet once a month on the first Monday (next meeting is 6th April at Lyminge Village Hall) meeting at 7.15, starting at 7.30 and finishing about 9.00 pm. For more details contact Mike Foxon on 862073

Police Community Support Officers

Charlotte Carey & Richard Fowler are holding a PACT (Partners & Communities Together) Meeting in Lyminge Village Hall on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30 pm. This is for the villages of Lyminge, Etchinghill, Postling, Newington & Peene. Please do try and go along if you can, to talk to not only your PCSO but other Partner Agencies about any issues that you may have. You can contact Charlotte on 07772 226182 or Richard on 07772 226187

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 6th May 2009 - Speaker - Helen Allinson - 100 years of Toys and Play.

On Friday 15th we are planning a trip to the Tower Theatre to see Guys and Do

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



1st Lyminge Beaver Scouts get Bronze Chief Scouts Award

This term 1st Lyminge Beaver Scouts have been working on their Promise Challenge. The Beaver promise says that they will do their best, help other people and love God.

There are 6 Challenges for the Beavers to do which will give them their Bronze Chief Scouts Award. 9 of the Beavers have now completed all 6 challenges and will be awarded their badge.

Congratulations to Max Jacob, Brad Reid, Jonathon Lewis, Tommy Pratt, Stephen Dyke, Matthew Dixon, Sinclair Perry, Alexander Craddock and Ben Cannell.

The Beavers are also working on their Imagination Badge this term and have been thinking about life in the future and designing pictures and collages of how it might look.

Thanks to Lyminge Primary School for kindly offering the Beavers the use of their computer suite to complete the IT Badge. We will be making use of that facility soon.

The Beavers meet up every week on Tuesdays for an hour from 17.30 to have fun and make friends. Beavers are open for boys and girls aged 6-8 years. We are full at the moment but if you want your child to be put on the waiting list please contact Janet Fry on 863177.

ETCHINGHILL W.I.

On a beautiful Spring afternoon Barbara Syrett welcomed members including 1 new member and 3 visitors. To commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the W.I. it is planned to have a Rowan tree planted in the grounds of Etchinghill Village Hall.

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

We were then taken back in time when Edward Carpenter showed slides and spoke about 'Old Ways New Days' which gave a fascinating insight of Romney Marsh in the past.

Tea hostesses were Eileen Loft, Christine Marshall and Marilyn Norton.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st April when Mrs Tsuyoko Page makes a return visit to demonstrate Origami.

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

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our speaker on the 18th of March was Brian Doorne who illustrated his talk on "The Royal Military Canal" with lovely colour slides. The canal was built in 1804 for drainage, irrigation and defence against the invading armies of Napoleon Bonaparte. It took over 4 years to build and extends for 28 miles from Seabrook to Pett Level at Hastings. The competition "A Water picture or Photograph" was won by Marie Hambrook with Pauline Hodder 2nd, Margaret Chambers 3rd and Pearl Furminger 4th. Our next meeting is on the 15th April when Chris Bonsall will tell us about "The Life of an Ex.Policeman/Fireman". We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

FREE HYPNOTHERAPY EVENING FOR WEIGHTLOSS

At

**Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Chapel Lane.**

APRIL 30th at 7.30pm

Call 07952739795

or email homehypno@tiscali.co.uk

Limited seats so call now to book your seat.

Donations to the Marie Curie charity.

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 HANDBELLS



The popular Lyminge Handbells ringers will be taking a short break prior to the spring, but it's never too soon to make a booking. So if you have a special event where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration please call. We have a large selection of popular and classical 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 speak to Ro Edmond on 863201.

Lyminge Dramatic Society -- On Tour with Variety 2009

Next month sees the Society take its Summer Variety show on tour. Always a popular event, the show will comprise songs, comedy sketches, monologues and dramatic pieces. We will be performing for one night only at each the following venues:-

Saltwood Village Hall	Friday 8 th May
Hawkinge Village Hall	Saturday 9 th May
Lyminge Village Hall	Friday 15 th May
Elham Village Hall	Saturday 16 th May

All the performances will commence at 7.45pm and as usual, the proceeds from the Saltwood performance will be given to Pilgrims Hospice. Unreserved tickets, at the cost of £5.00 adults and £2.00 children, will be on sale for all performances from Saturday April 11th at Haxtons Estate Agents, Lyminge and Elham Valley Arts, Elham. Tickets for the Saltwood performance will also be on sale from Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford and for the Hawkinge performance at Serendipity, 95 Canterbury Rd, Hawkinge. Please get your tickets early for what promises to be a fun evening.

November will be Panto time as the Society puts on a new production of "Babes in the Wood". We will be looking to cast children between 7 and 11 years old in the production and would be pleased to hear from parents whose children are keen to take part, either as one of the two Babes or as village children. Please ring Tricia on 862008 or Brian on 863201 if interested.

Forthcoming Events for the Elham Valley Twinning Association

23 rd April	A.G.M. 8.00pm Kingston Village Hall. Come and see what Twinning is all about
3 rd May	Spring Walk and Lunch at Elham Valley Vineyard. All welcome
30th May – 1 st June	Beaujolais visits Elham. Events include a "vin d'honneur welcome for our guests, a visit to Rye and a conducted tour of Romney Marsh Churches and a day spent in Canterbury.
11 th July	Day trip to Arras by coach.
22 nd August	Herne Bay Treasure Hunt
6 th September	Boules and Lunch – Duke of Cumberland
24 th October	Quizz Night – Barham village Hall
12 th December	Christmas Partv – Venue TBA

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sirs

I would like to write a note of thanks to all the people who made 'A Day at the Races' such a memorable evening.

The welcome was 1st class, the races were enjoyable and the food was excellent.

The murder was bewildering and of course the murderer was never found (until she confessed). Well done everybody and thank you.

Yours faithfully

Margaret and John Fentiman

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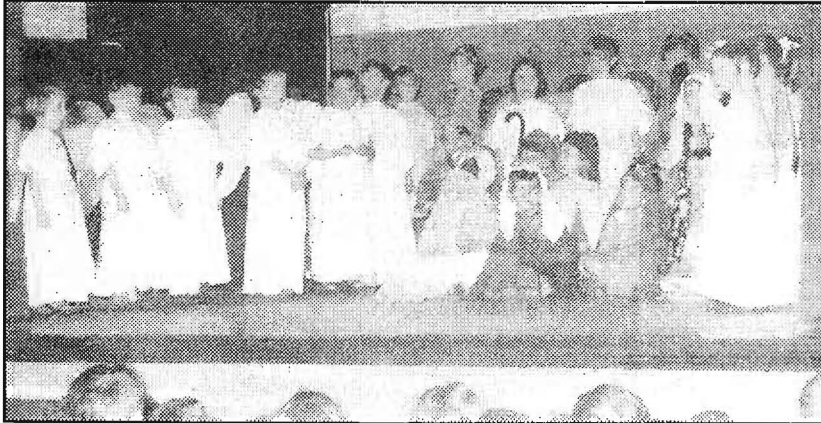
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Individually wrapped sweets would also be welcome

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

There's lots of *housekeeping* this month but to start here are some photos that have been given to me to put in an article. First, **from Chris Lavery, is a picture of a nativity play from the late 1950's or early 1960's that.** Chris is on the front right side as an angel. Chris remembers taking part in nativity plays at the old Parish Church Hall in Rectory Lane but this picture looks, to me, to possibly be in the Methodist Church Hall from the position of the doors below the stage and the screened door on the left hand side. Am I wrong? Can anyone shed any light on this? Whatever, it is a most charming photo and clearly nativity plays



have not changed much over the years. Does anyone recognise themselves? The angels appear to be singing. I wonder what carol it might be?

The recent snow has probably brought back lots of memories of bad weather in the locality. **Bert Fagg has sent me some pictures of the snowdrifts in Brady Road in 1997.** Has anybody any other photographs of snow scenes? Are there any of sledging and skiing in the field between the Parish Church and the Village Hall? If you have, let me know.



Lyminge Historical Society has asked me to take part in their **community project** to produce a **history of the locality**. This will include articles about the history of the area and also **people's recollections**. What we want is to obtain your reminiscences of various aspects of life from areas around all the villages and settlements in the area. These can cover all subjects and the following can be thought of as starting points:

- Shopping, Delivery Vans and The Market;
- Transport;
- Farms & Farming;
- The World Wars;
- Etchinghill Hospital / Workhouse including the Isolation Ward in Westfield Lane;
- Village Characters;
- Social Occasions / Celebrations (e.g. VE / VJ Days, Coronation, Royal Weddings, Jubilees, The Millennium, War Anniversaries);
- The 1930's;
- Education.

The history will build up as a **series of booklets** which can eventually be bound together. Each one will have several articles and will usually include reminiscences. In the first volume the memories will hopefully cover shopping in the area and the market. There will also be an article about what has already been written about Lyminge.

This is an opportunity to record your memories. **Everyone can take part** as we want memories that date back to recent times as well as those from a long time ago. Contact me and I will explain the process to you. In essence, your memories will be recorded as an audio archive with help from an interviewer such as me. From these archives your recollections will be written up and published in the articles. I do hope you will be able to take part in this exciting on-going community project.

Alistair Bailey (email: abailey447@aol.com tel: 864235)

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Please drop in and see what you think.

For further information please contact Lawrence Lees on 862922

Elham Valley and Wye Lions

Don't forget our annual sponsored walk takes place on Sunday 19 April, starting from the Rose & Crown at Stelling Minnis at 10 a.m. It should be a really nice walk, suitable for most ages. It is in aid of KASBAH – the Kent Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, a really good cause. For sponsor form and details please contact any member, ring Julie Baker on 01227 709105, or visit our new web-site: www.elhamwylions.org.uk. Also please support our draw for a giant Easter Egg at most of the local pubs.

Out and About

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

1st LYMINGE GUIDES join in the FOLKESTONE DIVISION THINKING DAY EVENT

THINKING DAY - 22nd February and all over the world the Guiding Association remembers their founder Robert Baden Powell and Olave his wife, who happen to have shared the same birthday 22nd February. This year Folkestone Division Rainbows and Brownies celebrated by having an activity based birthday party at Hawkinge Community Centre while the Guides and Rangers enjoyed an outdoor trail that involved them doing team activities and gaining items to decorate a cake. Lyminge Guiders concocted a wonderful version of clock golf for one of the activities which seemed to involved a lot of giggling as well as putting and also made the girls learn more about the historical timeline of the Guiding Movement.



Lyminge Village Hall Challenge Trophy

The Mad March Quiz held at The Village Hall on 21st March was won, after a very tight contest by "Frugal Furgus" – congratulations as their name goes on the board in the Village Hall



The Mad March Quiz in full swing

We are a bit short of space this month, so some photos may be put into next month's Newsletter. If you have any photos of your group in action and can add a few words about it, please call 862328

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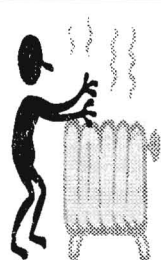
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