



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

<http://www.lyminge.org.uk/>

December 2009

Produced by
THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION



The Lyminge Association would like to wish all our Sponsors, Advertisers and Deliverers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you all for supporting our newsletter.

Father Christmas will be out on his rounds delivering parcels in the local area on 22nd December. For further details on how to join in sending gifts to friends and relations please turn to page 4.

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2 nd Dec	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Sunday 6th December	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am WOW service
Wednesday 9 th Dec	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Thursday 10th Dec Friday 11 th Dec	2.00pm "Buggies to Bethlehem" 7.00pm Carols at Broadstreet House
Sunday 13th December Monday 14 th Dec Wednesday 15 th Dec	10.30am Holy Communion 6.00pm School Carol Service 2.30pm Carols at Wentworth Close 7.30pm Carols at Nailbourne Court
Saturday 19th Dec Sunday 20th December	7.30pm Candlelight Carol Service 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 23 rd Dec	7.00pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Thursday 24th Dec	3.00pm Blessing of the Crib 11.30pm Midnight Mass
Friday 25th December	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am "Toys and Joys" Christmas Day Celebration
Sunday 27th December	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 30 th Dec	7.00pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Mothers Union - 2nd December

Advent service at the Cathedral 11am

For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court - 6th December

These teas are held on the first Sunday of the month in the lounge from 3 - 5pm. If you would like to come but need a lift, please contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Craft Afternoons - 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 8th Dec - Wentworth Close Lounge

Tuesday 15th Dec - Nailbourne Court Lounge

Everyone is welcome to join in on these afternoon activities, for more information please contact Lynne on 863010

Mothers Union - 9th December

The next meeting will be at 10.30am in the Methodist Parlour and will be a Christmas Celebration

For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Pram Service - 10th December - "Buggies to Bethlehem"

This is a short pre-school friendly Christmas service for babies and toddlers and also a chance for their carers to get together and chat over refreshments afterwards.

For more information contact: Trish on 862151

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - Tuesday 15th December

Coffee mornings are now held on the second **Tuesday** of the month from 10.00am to 11.30am in the lounge. **Please note the change of day.** Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat.

Bereavement Support Christmas Lunch - 17th December

These lunches are normally held 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.

All are welcome and transport can be arranged. For more information please contact Lynne on 863010

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

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

Preachers for December:

6th Dec. Rev. Derek Hancock (incl Holy Communion)

13th Dec. Mrs Mary Blanch

20th Dec. Rev. Robin Blount

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight led by Ian Couchman

Come and sing your favourite carols followed by mince pies and coffee.

Christmas Day - 11am Family Worship

27th Dec. 9.30am - United Valley Service at Elham

Mr Dudley Simpson

Monday Fellowship 2.30 - 3.30pm weekly

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

Rhodes Minnis Church

This small Chapel in beautiful countryside surroundings holds a weekly Sunday Service normally at 9.30am

Followed by coffee and biscuits

A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

The Preachers for December:

Dec. 6 - Mr. Terry Preston

Dec.13 - *6pm *Carol Service - Mr. Dudley

Shipton. Please note **NO** morning service.

Dec.20 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

Dec.27 - **NO** service at Rhodes Minnis but a joint Valley service at Elham Methodist at 9.30am

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th December Evensong 6.30pm

Sunday 13th December Family Communion 9.30am

Tuesday 15th December Advent Meditation 7.30pm

Thursday 17th December Carol Service with the Shepway Singers 7.30pm

Sunday 20th December Holy Communion 8am

Tuesday 22nd December Advent Meditation 7.30pm

Thursday 24th December **Blessing of the Crib** 11.30am

Friday 25th December Family Communion 9.30am

Sunday 27th December 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.

Forthcoming Village Events Please use this page to help avoid events clashing !

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 and leave a message if necessary, or John on 862972

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details	
1 Dec	"Stage Coaches in Kent", Historical Society	7.45 Lyminge Methodist Church Hall	840419	Derek
2 Dec	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
5 Dec	Lord Whisky Christmas Bazaar and Blessing Service	10:00 Bossingham Village Hall	862349	Margaret
1 – 5 Dec	Babes in the Wood	Lyminge Village Hall		
5 Dec	Christmas Farmers' and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832	Bryan
9 Dec	Railway Swing Band	6:30 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
12 Dec	Beetle Drive	7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick
12 Dec	Carol Concert by Cantores Dominicae	7:30 St. Mary's Church, Elham	840540	Christine
13 Dec	Parish Walk	10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015	Richard
16 Dec	Carol Concert by Cantores Dominicae	7:30 Stowting Church	01233503686	Jenny
22 Dec	Parcel Delivery	Around the Villages	862015	Marian
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	8:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862028	
8 Jan	'pushing up daises' Book Fair & Story telling	6.00 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863729	Margaret
6 Feb	'pushing up daises' Boot Fair	10.00 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863729	Margaret
18 Jul	Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	7.30 Tayne Field	862743	Mike

Weekly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details	
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Rosemary

Monthly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details	
1 st Tue ² .	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419	Derek
1 st Wed.	Lyminge Friends	10:30 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
2 nd . Sat	Coffee Morning	10:00 Postling Church	863536	Pat
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	239500	Crispin

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 4th Sat., except in December when it will be held on the 2nd Sat. of the month.
² Except Jan & Feb.

Lyminge Association News

For those new to the village and the area covered by the Lyminge newsletter, the Lyminge Association organise a Father Christmas delivery service each year. The idea is this. If you would like to send a Christmas gift to local friends and families in the area you wrap your gifts and label them (name and address please) and take them to Laing Bennett, Estate Agents, who are kindly making their premises available to accept your parcels. There is a charge of £1.00 per address. Take your gifts, when convenient, but before 18th December and Father Christmas and his Elves will deliver them on 22nd December from 5pm onwards. Late parcels will be accepted at Korf House (opposite the Coffee shop) until 21st December before 4pm

Dates for your Diary

Pilgrims Hospices **IN EAST KENT**

Wed 2nd December

Our last Coffee morning of 2009. The draw will be made for our Christmas Raffle.

All the usual stalls and the last chance to buy your Christmas cards

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

BINGO AFTERNOON

All welcome – come along to Lyminge Bowls Club on Saturday, 12 December at 2.30 pm for a fun afternoon. Cash prizes. No need to book, just come along, but if you would like more information, please call 863495.

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund
Registered Charity: 284333483
Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6AN
Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007
Website: www.lordwhisky.co.uk Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Christmas Bazaar & Blessing Service

Saturday 5th December 10am ~ 1.30pm at Bossingham Village Hall

Christmas Produce ~ Christmas Cards and Gifts ~ Christmas Decorations ~ Home made Cakes ~ Tombola's ~ Grand Prize Draw ~ Craft Stalls

Lunches available – soups, quiches, salads, jacket potatoes etc
Teas ~ Coffees ~ Cakes

Craft Stalls (£10): To book please 'phone 01303 862622
Bring your pets along to our Animal Blessing Service at 2pm

To be conducted by The Rev'd Margi Walker
We are delighted to be joined by Canterbury's Spirit of Song

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Come and visit the

#### **Lord Whisky Tearooms & Gift Shop**

#### **Our Delicious Festive Christmas Menu**

Is available throughout December

All homemade and freshly prepared on the premises

Includes, free tea or coffee & Mince Pie

3-course meal £14.75 (menu available at the Tea Rooms)

Open evenings by arrangement for groups of 20 or more

For further details 'phone 01303 862349

#### **Come and try our home-made Monday Specials only £4!**

Christmas Cards ~ Delicious Christmas Puddings

Good Quality Bric-a-Brac

'Beauty without Cruelty' Products available at the Tea Rooms

## *LYMINGE* *VILLAGE HALL*

*proudly presents*

### **THE RAILWAY SWING BAND With Guest Singers**

## *Christmas Concert*

On  
Wednesday 9 December at  
7:30pm

*Tickets direct from Lyminge Post Office*  
*£10.00 per person*

*or*

*To reserve phone Niki:*  
*01303 862530*

**DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:30pm**

*Raffle*  
*Licensed Bar*  
*Teas & Coffees, Mince Pies*

Organised by the Village Hall  
Management Committee Reg Charity  
281845

### Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

## **Christmas Beetle Drive**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Come along and join us at  
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

**Bring and share supper**

Starts at 7pm,  
Adults £2.00 – Children 50p  
There will be a raffle

## **ELHAM FARMERS' MARKET**

10AM – 12PM

### **ROSE AND CROWN COURTYARD**

#### **Christmas Market - Sunday 13th December**

This is our last market of the year and our Christmas market, so we hope you'll visit us for a glass of mulled wine and browse our festive stalls.

There'll be fragrant Christmas trees and Christmas cakes, local crafts such as log candle holders and wellie racks, wreaths and table decorations made from garden and hedgerow on our Community Stall, as well as delicious fresh, seasonal produce from our neighbouring farmers and producers.

And make *us* your place to start a healthy New Year – all of our food is natural and good for you. January markets are 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.  
See you there!

### ***Carol Singing Round The Village***

The Churches together in Lyminge will be carol singing around the village on **Tuesday 22 December** this year. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. **Meet at Wentworth Close at 6.30pm.** Wear warm clothing and carry a lantern if you wish. Carol singing will finish by **8.00pm** at the latest in the **Coach and Horses for drinks and mince pies** (bring money!)

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Etchinghill Village Hall**

**8.30pm – 1am**

Everyone welcome

Adult £7.50  
Children 8 – 16 £5.  
Children under 8 yrs FREE

Decorated tables, glasses and tableware  
supplied

Disco to suit all tastes

Dress code casual to posh frocks

Call and reserve your tickets now (limited  
number)

Payment in full please two weeks prior to event  
Call 863418 (evening) or 862028

## **New Years Party**

The Churches together in Lyminge are holding a **New Year Party on January 30 2010 in Lyminge Village Hall.** Bring and share your own food and drinks; LET will provide plates mugs etc. Music, entertainment and family games will be organised from 7.30pm to 10.00pm. All are invited; come and enjoy some mid-winter fellowship.

## **pushing up daisies**

### **A Winter's Evening Book Fair and Storytelling Event**

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 6.00pm at  
The Methodist Church Parlour Room

Lots of beautiful books to look at and buy  
with short readings from classic stories and  
poems to entertain you while you shop.  
Mince Pies and Glögg will also be on sale.

### **The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund**

Registered Charity No. 283483

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

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We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all our supporters and everyone who attended our fund-raising events this year.

You have enabled us to help the animals and people in our community.

Thank you also to every one who very kindly gave lovely new homes to many of our animals

We would also like to thank the Editor of this excellent publication for advertising space.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at our events in 2010

### **Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 4pm

Boughton-Under-Blean

**Boot & Spring Fayre** - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Dog & Owners Fun Day** – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**Boot & Summer Fayre** – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Boot & Autumn Fayre** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

All our Boot Fayres are held at Park House  
from 12 noon – 3.30pm

Entertainment – Hot & Cold Refreshments

Displays – Tombolas – Stalls

Look out for further details in this magazine

### **Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms at Rhodes Minnis**

Open every day from 10am – 4pm

Delicious Breakfast, Lunches and Snacks

Home-Made Cakes – Friday Night Fish & Chip Supper

Look out for details of our Special Events



## **LYMINGE FRIENDS**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009** - Social morning with Secret Santa, games and homemade mince pies. On **31<sup>st</sup> December** we will have a New Year's Eve Lunch in China China

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - NO MEETING.** Instead, meet up for Christmas Lunch in the Rose and Crown in Stelling Minnis. On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** we will see Aladdin at the Tower Theatre.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010** - We will have a talk on the work of the Patients Advice and Liaison Service by Liz Coleman. This will be followed, if the Snowdrops are out, by Lunch in Brockhill Park.

Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour. Everyone welcome. Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For more details contact Marian on 862015

## **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 10.00am - 12 noon 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 (1<sup>st</sup> session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for both adults and children.

Come and join in the fun.

For further information 'phone Karen 01303 863274

## **Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle**

Our speaker in November was Major Chris Sands who told us about his work in the Salvation Army, which is the largest provider of hostels in the country and a lifeline for the homeless. The centre in Canterbury provides free refreshments, served by volunteers, which over 300 people use each week. Major Sands also told us about his involvement with schools in the area, and Christmas is a busy time with the two choirs and bands performing at seven carol services. Major Sands left us, late in the evening, to continue his dedicated work - we wish him and his colleagues a very Happy Christmas. The competition winner was Pauline Hodder with Pearl Furminger 2nd. Our members Christmas party is being held on the 9th December at 7pm., and our next open meeting is on the 20th January at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm. Marion Hoare 862913

## **Wholistic Works & Red Dragon**

Lyle (Wholistic Works) & Gareth (Red Dragon) would like to thank all their friends, neighbours and clients for their best wishes, beautiful cards and kind gifts on the occasion of their marriage on the 2nd November 2009. Photos of the event are on display in the front window of Wholistic Works and we hope you enjoy them. Thank you all very much!"

## **Remembrance Service**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 the Rector held a Remembrance Service at 11am at the Lyminge War Memorial.

Class 6 of Lyminge Primary School laid Remembrance crosses around the war memorial to those who had died in the two wars whose names are on the war memorial

We thank most sincerely the Rector Rev. Peter Ashman, Mrs Steel, the Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Paula D'Crua, Yr6 teacher and staff for their attendance

It was a most moving service as the children reverently laid their crosses as each name was called.

The amount collected for poppies in Lyminge was £1,533.78 including £225.81 collected at the United Remembrance Service at the Lyminge Church service on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> with grateful thanks to all.

Royal British Legion Elham Valley Branch  
Alan Boughton John Bain

## **Royal British Legion**

### **Poppy Appeal 2009**

**My sincere thanks to everybody in Elham, Lyminge, Hawkinge and Postling who gave so generously to this year's poppy Appeal. Well done everyone**  
**Another Record**  
**£5,900**

## **pushing up daisies**

Our new charity shop in Lyminge  
at the Methodist Church Hall.

Open on

Wednesdays – Fridays 10 – 4 pm

Saturdays 10 – 1pm

Why not go 'green' and save money too this  
Christmas?

We have a village shop full of stocking fillers and  
good-as-new items – an ideal place to buy presents.

If you fancy volunteering to run the shop,  
please ring Margaret on 863729

## **ELHAM VALLEY AND WYE LIONS CLUB**



### **Father Christmas Float**

Lion Santa and Rudolph will as usual be touring local villages during December. Please support our door to door collection for local good causes including Christmas parties and hampers for the elderly. They will be visiting **Lyminge on the 19<sup>th</sup>**, also Elham on **Mon 21<sup>st</sup>**; Stelling Minnis and Bossingham on **Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**, Etchinghill and Postling on **Tue 8<sup>th</sup>**. Starting from 4.30pm weekends and 5.30pm weeknights. Please call 01303 862837 for full list of dates or if you are able to help with the collection. Seasons greetings to all, and thank you for your support in 2009.



## LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The Lyminge Handbell ringers have a very busy festive programme this year and can be heard at the start of the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We will be taking a short break in the New Year but if you are planning a special event where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration, why not consider handbells? We have a large selection of popular and classical music, 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 asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. To request a booking please call Ro Edmond on 863201.

### *Lyminge Dramatic Society* – **Babes in the Wood**

Our new production of “Babes in the Wood” is now delighting audiences at Lyminge Village Hall. Written by Brian Edmond and directed by Matt Nixon, this pantomime runs each evening from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.45pm and there are matinees on Friday at 4.00pm and Saturday at 4.45pm. The production incorporates all your favourite ingredients - comic scenes, songs, dance routines and audience participation (oh yes it does!). Tickets are on sale at Laing Bennett Estate Agents in the village priced at £7-00 for adults and £2-00 for accompanied children. Senior Citizens are welcome free of charge on Tuesday at 7.45pm.

Tickets will be sold on the door but it is advisable to obtain them in advance to avoid disappointment. In March we will be holding a talent show in the Village Hall. Called “The Valley’s got Talent!”, people over the age of 16 will be invited to submit entertainment acts to auditions over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March, performed in front of a panel of judges and an audience. Those acts selected for the final will perform on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March and a generous cash prize will be awarded to the winning act. More details next month.

#### **Samuel Jacobs Hair Salon**

We cannot believe it is Christmas time again, the year has flown by. Sara, Helen, Sue, Jackie, Amy, Jessica, Nikita and Holly would like to wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

#### **Demelza Hospice Care for Children**

Our Coffee Morning on the 17<sup>th</sup> October raised £658.78.

Thank you so much to Sibton Park Cricket club for the use of their pavilion and to everyone who helped on the day, all those who made cakes, those who supported us and Red Dragon who helped with the posters.

On behalf of the children and families who depend on Demelza hospice care we wish you all a very Happy Christmas

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TRADING STANDARDS OFFICE Confirmed by Royal Mail**

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).  
DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize .

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 02072396655

### **Etchinghill W.I.**

Members were welcomed by the President to the Annual General Meeting

Birthday posies were presented to Joy Bartley, Muriel Childs, Shelagh Ferebrache, Mary Hickmott, Rosemary Wood, Joyce Knapton and Evelyn Holt.

Dottie Cross spoke about the many events which had taken place and the varied speakers who have entertained us during the past year. She also thanked the President for all the stirring work she does to make Etchinghill W.I. such a success.

Barbara Syrett, President, thanked the committee for their hard work and support to her during the year and they agreed to stand for a further year. A secret ballot for President was held and a unanimous vote was for Barbara Syrett to continue in office.

Dottie Cross was the winner of the competition cup. Gladys Harris was congratulated on receiving a medal and certificate after 64 years for her work at Bletchley Park during the war!.

We then participated in a Quiz which we all enjoyed. Tea was then served, the hostesses being Margaret Tappenden and committee members.

Next month the Christmas party is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December when we look forward to a return visit of John Pearce speaking about 'Nostalgic Music Past and Present'.

Please ring Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141 for further details

### **Abbeyfield Vacancy**

Abbeyfield, Lyminge has the opportunity to recruit 3 residents to fulfil our bedroom vacancies.

Ideal residents should enjoy independence, friendship and support yet find the burden of managing their own property too demanding.

Our mission is to help an increasing number of older people enjoy a high quality of independent living through our range of services:

Housing support, or care combined with local community involvement.

As well as a warm, friendly and homely environment, our house in Lyminge also offers:

- A professional house manager
- Communal areas for social activities
- Large garden for all to enjoy
- 24 hour emergency assistance
- Freshly prepared and home cooked nutritious meals

Abbeyfield provides a safe, comfortable and stimulating environment in which residents can pursue their own interests, become active members of their community and learn new skills

For further information, a brochure or an informal chat please call our house manager Rosemary 01303 864564 or visit [www.abbeyfield.com](http://www.abbeyfield.com)

### **Cycle Cuba**

Kent Air Ambulance is looking for people who like a challenge!

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the life saving helicopter being operational in Kent, the charity is organizing a sponsored bike ride in Cuba.

Cycle Cuba is set to take place in **November 2010**, when a group representing the Air Ambulance will set off on a 5 day cycle ride covering some 348km. The route will take in the captivating city of Havana, the Bay of Pigs, Trinidad (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Sierra del Escambray Mountains and Santa Clara.

The Kent Air Ambulance is available to every person living, working and travelling through the county each day.

We receive no Government assistance or other funding towards the annual cost of running the service, £1.7 million pa, all of which is raised through donations and fundraising by the people of Kent.

For more information visit

[www.kentairambulance.co.uk](http://www.kentairambulance.co.uk) or contact Emma [emma@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk](mailto:emma@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk) or 01303 862996 for a registration pack.

### **RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP**

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall from 10 am – 12 noon during term time.

Come and have a tea/coffee while having a friendly chat as your child plays. £1.50 per session (first session free)

'Phone Elaine on 01303 863096 if you need more information

### **Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle**

Our speaker on the 21st October was Christine Rayner telling us about her visit to China. She travelled from Beijing, where she visited Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, across to the Great Wall and on to

Shanghai and the Tomb of Warriors before ending up at Hong Kong. Christine illustrated her talk with beautiful photographs and souvenirs of her holiday. The competition was won by Marie Hambrook with Connie Burren 2nd, Pauline Hodder 3rd and Gillian Taylor 4th. Our meeting on the 18th November is a talk on the Salvation Army by Major Chris Sands. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm, and everyone is very welcome. Marion Hoare 862913



## ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

### Village Hall - Open House

Don't forget our events for **December**: 7<sup>th</sup> - Richard Fowler your local PCSO: 21<sup>st</sup> - Open House Christmas lunch: 31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve Party (limited tickets): Just turn up and take part, any Monday morning!

### Village Hall - Farmers'/Craft Market

A bumper raffle is planned for December's market to pay for urgent repairs to the perimeter wall so please support this months' event. Damian Collins, the prospective Conservative MP, will be visiting the market too. Next year the market is to be held on the first Saturday of every month starting in January. For details contact either Bryan on 862832 or Anne on 863174.

### Village Hall - Work parties

Thanks go to Tony and Bob for carrying out repairs to the fabric and the ten families who have planted bulbs in the garden. With support like this you can be proud of your hall. Why not join one of the teams that look after Fabric/Equipment, Grounds, Health and Safety, Finance/Funding and Marketing/Advertising/Social Events. Whether you can spare ten minutes a week or one hour a month you can be sure of a welcome to any of the teams. Contact Rodney on 862028

### Neighbourhood watch

For further details on NhW contact Judith, your co-ordinator, on 862498

### Etchinghill Residents' Association

By the time you read this the Christmas Trees will be planted and the battery housings will be built. Just the lights need to be fitted in the first week of December. Congratulations go to those who funded the trees and lights and committee members who cleared the issues with Shepway.

**Etchinghill Residents' Association's** first attempt at staging a Race Evening was a great success. Our prime objective was to raise money to ensure that the two live Norwegian Spruce trees, which have now been planted in Etchinghill, and the lights to adorn them for Christmas.

All those who attended had a really enjoyable evening, despite the fact that they were asked to part with their money to 'buy horses', back horses and partake in the raffle!! The happy atmosphere is attributed to 'Seriously Wicked' who steered the evening well. Thank you to Dave and Rob.

Thank you also to the local businesses who supported our venture by sponsoring races – in alphabetical order they were Auto Economy Centre, Eurolink, New Lyminge Fish & Chip Shop, The New Inn and Middleton & Twynne. The first race was sponsored by our District Councillor, Susan Carey, who is currently Chair of Shepway District Council. Susan, at the end of the evening, thanked all those who had contributed to making the evening such a success.

Ownership of the eighth race was auctioned off to those attending. The lucky winner of the £40 prize magnanimously donated his win to our funds. A BIG thank you to him.

If it is physically possible within the timescale left, we should hopefully have lights up for the festive season. If we do, then we will invite everyone to come for carols, mulled wine and mince pies to celebrate, but we will also need volunteers to recharge the batteries powering the lights at Meriden Park and at the entrance to the Golf Club. Some volunteers have already come forward. If you would like to help, please call 862873 or 863495 to let us know. Thank you in anticipation.

### Dates not to be missed

Farmers' Market

Christmas special 5<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 - 12.30 pm

Open House  
activities)

Every Monday 10.00 - 12.00 noon (see schedule above for

Residents' New Year's Eve Party

31<sup>st</sup> December

## ***Lyminge Questions and Answers***

The festive season draws near again. Where does the time go? It has made me think of a new slant to an old question: Q12 Are there or have there been any particular Christmas celebrations in the locality? For their spirituality, the Christmas Eve midnight service at the Parish Church and the Methodist Church's candlelit carol service stand out, in my mind. They are not, however, especially unusual events in this country. Perhaps more unexpected are the visitations of Father Christmas in the build up to the special day. Considering how busy he must be it is good that he has time to visit us.

It's also the time of year to remember all the questions that have been asked through these articles. Listing them, once in a while, refreshes everybody's memory and maybe some new answers will emerge.

- Q1 What is the origin of local place names?
- Q2 Why does the Nailbourne flow continually in Lyminge yet at Elham it is often dry?
- Q3 Did the dilapidated gates at Yew Tree Cross have a use and was there another set?
- Q4 Did Lyminge ever have a village band?
- Q5 Why is Lyndon Hall situated so close to Canterbury Road?
- Q6 Have buzzards ever been seen in the parish?
- Q7 Who was the most notable local inhabitant?
- Q8 What is the history of the local sports clubs, past & present?
- Q9 Does anyone have any information about Lyminge's livestock market?
- Q10 What was Lyminge's involvement in the 1830 'Captain Swing' agricultural riots?
- Q11 What was the locality like during World War 2?
- Q12 Have there been any particular celebratory events in Lyminge? (e.g. Christmas)
- Q13 Does anyone have any special reminiscences concerning Lyminge School?
- Q14 What is the history of the local churches and their choirs?
- Q15 What public houses have there been in the locality?
- Q16 What is the history of the Parish Church's bells and the bell ringers
- Q17 What is the history of Teddars Leas, Teddars Leas Lane & Teddars Leas House?
- Q18 Has anybody seen any weasels or stoats locally?
- Q19 Are there any environmental projects in progress in the locality?
- Q20 What is the history of St Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill?

I have tidied up the list a little. An example is the 'sports club' question. I have been able to pass on some of the history of Lyminge Football Club and the Green Owls Hockey Club in the past. I hope the question's re-organisation will prompt others to let me know the history of other clubs such as cricket and bowls.

I have received some information about weasels. Neil Hartup contacted me and said that he recently saw a weasel as he was coming down Longage Hill. In its mouth was a mouse which is one of weasels' usual prey. Apparently, you can, sometimes, see weasels carrying their young in their mouth. In this instance it was the wrong time of year. Neil also said that, in the past, he has seen a weasel exploring his patio. Has anyone else seen a weasel or a stoat?

As I sit here writing this article, it is a blustery and rainy day outside my window. You could definitely say it is good weather for ducks. In fact, this morning I saw the biggest 'squadron' of ducks I think I have ever seen locally. About 15 mallards have been repeatedly circling around Etchinghill. They have not been flying in 'Red Arrow' V formation but rather in a disorganised rabble. Eventually, I think they probably settled on the remains of the watercress beds near the source of the Eastbrook Stream. I have not seen such a big flock of mallards behaving in such a way. Perhaps the gusty wind was the cause? Can anyone explain their actions? I know that ducks have been present in Station Road, at the entrance to Lyminge, for many years and this sets up a new question in my mind: Q21 Are there any stories about the ducks in the locality?

Keeping to the weather theme here are the Etchinghill weather statistics for October 2009:

|                    |                       |                   |                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Maximum Temp       | 18.9 °C (29/10/09)    | Minimum Temp      | 3.9 °C (15/10/09)    |
| Maximum Wind Speed | 21.4 mph (3/10/09)    | Beaufort Scale 5  | Fresh Breeze         |
| Max. Air Pressure  | 1033.5 hPa (15/10/09) | Min. Air Pressure | 996.2 hPa (22/10/09) |

Winter is definitely coming. I am sorry that there are no rain figures this month. The rain gauge has not been working. The good news is that it is now functioning and next month I will be able to tell you about the five inches of rain that fell in one day! That's all for this month. May I take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Alistair Bailey

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# Out and About

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



## We will remember them...

The Remembrance Sunday parade and service

## Bonfire Night!

Thanks to the Village Hall Committee and helpers for another spectacular display and loads of warming refreshments. Weren't we lucky with the weather!!



## St Nicholas Fayre

The Village Hall took on the look of a medieval Christmas Fayre again this year for the St. Nicholas Fayre. The Fayre produced a profit of just over £2,000 for the Parish Church



Lyminge Guides' and Brownies' Treasure Hunt stall at the St Nicholas Fayre. Notice Gladys the Cow who came back from Switzerland in the summer!!



The whole event had a great atmosphere some of which must be attributed to the Hog Roast outside the front doors!

## The Lyminge 2010 Calendar

The Lyminge Association has produced a calendar for 2010 using a selection of photographs from the Photographic Competition held in the summer. The winners of the adult and children's section are included in the calendar. These are now available from Lyminge Hardware for £4.75 or call 862328/862699

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