

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

February 2009

Produced by
The Lyminge Association



### Make 2009 Your Year of Involvement

Try a new activity, join a club or volunteer as a helper. If you went to the Lyminge Showcase on the afternoon of Saturday, 31st January, at the Methodist Hall, you will have seen how the various clubs and organisations in the area make the parish active and vibrant.

# Volunteer Squad - recruitment campaign

In April we will be holding a village meeting to set up a group of volunteers to help when we run an event or organise an activity- For example, we need helpers to organise the Christmas activities we run in the community - distributing Christmas trees and lights, arranging Father Christmas's appearances in the village and of course the periodic clean-ups.

Want to do your bit? Call Mike on the number below. More on this in later editions of the newsletter.

#### Garage Safaris - 2009

The first of these will be held on **Saturday 25th April**. Another chance to recycle your unwanted goods from your own driveway. We will hold another safari later on in the autumn. Village Clean-up

Help keep your village clean and smart. Join in and tidy up your area with us on Saturday 16th May. More on this in later editions of the newsletter.

#### **Gardens Open Event**

Have a think about showing your garden whatever its size may be as we are always looking for 'different types' of gardens to show off on **Saturday 27th and/or Sunday 28th June**. How about helping us with the organisation of the Gardens Open event by attending a meeting on **Monday 16th February**.

Go on! You can volunteer - please phone 862073 to offer that help.

#### LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

**Christmas Switch on -** A well attended and magical 'switch on' by Father Christmas of the lights on the Christmas tree outside Haxtons with the Handbells and the Lyminge School Choir also kindly coming along to perform. A big thank you to both the Hunt-Cookes and friends for supplying and putting up the tree and to Haxtons for their generosity. We are currently planning an open meeting for April as we would like to meet with the shopkeepers and the general public to discuss how the 2009 event could be best organised. We have already noted a wish for mulled wine and mince pies at next year's event.

**Christmas Lights** - Lyminge looked very festive with our Christmas trees and lights that all the other shops and householders kindly displayed. The Lyminge Association took over responsibility for supplying the trees and organising the 2008 event and are now aware of what is required for a successful 2009 light up. If you would like your property to be part of our expanding lit-up location, please phone 862073 to see about a free bracket, tree & lights.

**Father Christmas delivery** - You kept him busy delivering some special' early presents to the young and not so young around the villages. Thanks again to Haxtons for collecting, also to Lyminge Guides and of course Father Christmas.

**Saturday 31st January - Lyminge Showcase** - We hope that you managed to attend and find a new activity or club to join. Thank you to all the Clubs, Societies, Charities, Church and other organisations that came to promote themselves - we hope that you found some new members or volunteers. (If this edition is delivered to you in time, it's on from 1,30pm to 4.30 pm)

**Saturday April 25th - Garage Safari -** another chance to recycle by selling unwanted goods from your own driveway More details in next month's issue.

**Saturday and Sunday 27th & 28th June - Gardens open** - Please have a think about showing your garden whatever its size may be as we are always looking for 'different types' of gardens to show off. <u>How about helping to do a little bit of the organising for it by attending a meeting on Monday 6th February -please phone 862073 if you can help or if you want any reassurance about opening your garden.</u>

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

Its February already and it seems as though Christmas was only yesterday! One question that has been unanswered for sometime now is: Q8 Who was the most notable local inhabitant? There has not been a flood of suggestions in answer to this question so I have decided to search the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB). This massive publication is available online and you can access it if you are a member of the library. It provides short articles on the noted people of the country. I have made a computer search of the ODNB for any mention of Lyminge, Etchinghill, Rhodes Minnis or Postling. This search came up with the following people being closely associated with the area:

• **Eadburh** A daughter of the Kentish King /Ethelberht I who was buried at Lyminge Minster - although there is some doubt whether this daughter actually existed.

- Eadburh [St Eadburh, St Eadburga] (d. 751) Abbess of Thanet from about 731 until her death in 751. Her saintliness was noted more at Lyminge than at Thanet and she was buried there. In 1085 her remains were moved from Lyminge to the new St Gregory's Priory in Canterbury.
- Adam Murimuth (1274/5 1347) He was possibly born in Fifield, Oxfordshire and was educated at Oxford. He graduated as a lawyer in 1308 and was ordained in 1812. His career as a diplomat took him abroad often but he was rewarded by holding several rectories. He held Lyminge from 1315 to 1318. He wrote a detailed history called Continuatio chronicarum which covered the years 1303 to 1347. Apparently his writings of the last years of the chronicle are of the most interest and concern the early stages of the Hundred Year War.
- Walter Cachepol (d. 1369) Rector of Lyminge from 1362 until his death. He was a noted canon lawyer
  and his written lectures give present day readers an insight into medieval university teaching of canon
  law. He died suddenly whilst lecturing at Oxford. One student wrote in his notes, "heu, cum hie moritur
  doctor Walterus Cachepol ('when alas Dr Walter Cachepol died')."
- Thomas Knell (d. 1576/7) He was a religious writer and Church of England clergyman. He wrote an evangelical broadsheet called An ABC to the Christen Congregacion, or, A Pathe Way to the Heavenly Habitacion. He was vicar of Lyminge 1569-1570.
- Basil Kennett (1674 1715) Basil was born in Postling. He was educated at Oxford. He was a historian and transalator. His first and best book was The Antiquities of Rome which was published in1696. He translated several French religious books into English.
- Samuel Say (1676 1743) Samuel had a Huguenot background. He was ordained by presbyters in 1660 but was ejected in 1662. He began preaching as a nonconformist in Southampton and was licensed as a Congregational teacher in 1672. He trained for the ministry with his friend Isaac Watts at a dissenting academy. Following this he was chaplain to Thomas Scott of Lyminge for three years before becoming minister of various churches
- Edward Dweliy (1864 1939) He was born in Twickenham and started his working days in Cox's Bank in London. He developed an interest in all things Scottish including highland piping and learning Scottish Gaelic. By the 1890's was using the name 'Ewen MacDonald'. In 1891 he moved to Scotland to work with the Ordnance Survey where he married Mary MacDougall. He moved to Skeete, Lyminge later in the 1890's and established a printing press with which he published various Gaelic books. In 1904 he moved to Heme Bay. He continued with his Scottish publications. After his death some of them were taken on by other publishers. In particular his Gaelic dictionary remained in print for most of the rest of the twentieth century.

I hope this list produces some debate. Have you any thoughts on these people that are found in the ODNB? Do you think that anyone has been left out? Please contact me if you have any thing to comment about this subject or on any other concerning the heritage of the area.

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

# Out and About

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



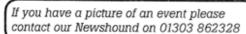
# Etchinghill in Action

Etchinghill residents planting new hedges and trees near The Village Hall





The new Teen Shelter up and running in Etchinghill - see Etchinghill Update on page 8





# Lyminge Youth Action

Lyminge Youth Action's Jellyfish preparing for the Boxing Day Dip





Everyone appears to be coming out again ....

Was it cold?





Lyminge Youth Action Committee Members and Priends took part in the Folkestone Lion's Club Boxing Day Dip. Brave 'Dippers' who took the plunge despite freezing easterly winds and big waves were Dylan Calderbank, Joe Carlile, Fred Child, Miranda Haston, Tace Parrish, Jemma Roberts, John Roberts and Pam Wooding. Half the sponsor money raised goes to the Lion's Club Charities and the other half towards the planned Junior Play Area on Jubilee Field.

# **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**

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		Where?	Contact	Details	
10 Feb.	History sharing/discussion	Lyminge Parish Church	862073	Mike	
14 Feb,	Jumble Sale	Lyminge Methodist Hall	864394	Dean	
14 Feb,	A Day At The Races	Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor	
24 Feb.	Pancake/Beetle Drive Party	Lyminge Methodist Church Hall	258202	Pam	
25 Feb.	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne	
7 Mar.	Coffee Morning	Lyminge Parish Church	864394	Dean	
14 Mar.	Quiz & Ploughmen's' Supper	Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Rosemary	
17 Mar.	Gardeners' Society Talk	Lyminge Methodist Hall	863225	Peter	
21 Mar.	Quiz Night	Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor	
28 Mar.	Spring Flower Show	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne	
11 Apr.	Children's Treasure Hunt	Lyminge Parish Church	864394	Dean	
11 Apr.	Eggstravaganza	Etchinghill Village Hall	862873	Barbara	
25 Apr.	Quiz and Bingo Night	Etchinghill Village Hall	862873	Barbara	
25 Apr.	Garage Safari	Garages around the Village	863197	Liz	
6 May	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne	
9 May	Lyminge Day	Lyminge Village Hall Field	862928	Honor	
16 May	Village Clean-up	Around the Village	862073	Mike	
13 Jun.	Quiz Night	Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor	
27/28 Jun.	Gardens open	Gardens around the Village	862073	Mike	
1 Jul,	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Lunch	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne	
4 Jul.	Hog Roast & Ho-down	Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Keith	
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Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Rosemary	
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1 <sup>st Tue.</sup>	Lyminge Historical Society	Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419	Derek	
1 <sup>st Wed.</sup>	Lyminge Friends	Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427	Mavis	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed.	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913	Marion	
1 <sup>st Sat,</sup>	Farmers and Craft Market	Etchinghill Village Hall	862832	Bryan	
4 <sup>th Sat,1</sup>	Beetle Drive	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick	
3 <sup>rd Sun.</sup>	Parish Walk at 10am	Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015	Richard	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue.	Etchinghill W. I, Meeting	Etchinghill Village Hall	862141	Dottie	
Last Mon.	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	862184	Pam	

<sup>1</sup> Excepting March the Beetle Drive will be held on 3rd Sat and in December held on 2nd Sat.

#### **Elham Farmers' Market**

The Rose and Crown courtyard, High Street, Elham Next markets: 8 and 22 February from 11.00 to 13.00

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.

#### **CANDLELIT SUPPER**

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# **Forthcoming Events** Valentine's Special

With Martin Holland (Warner Brothers) Piano & Singing At the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Rhodes Minnis Friday 13th February, 7pm for 7.30pm 3 course meal, followed by coffee & mints £15 pp Book your table by 'phone 01303 862349 or call in at the Tea Rooms, open every day from 10am - 4pm

# Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition Saturday 28th February, 10am - 4pm

Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall Come along and see a variety of more unusual pets and talk to the experts about caring for them. Refreshments available all day ~ Tombola ~ Raffle

#### Valuation Evening

At the Lord Whisky Tea rooms Friday 6th March

More details to follow

Boot & Spring Fayre - Saturday 2nd May Dog & Owners Fun Day - Saturday 13th June Boot & Summer Fayre - Saturday 25th July Boot & Autumn Fayre - Saturday 12th September All held at Park House from 12 noon - 3.30pm

#### Jumble Sale

Spring cleaning your wardrobe? Turning out your unwanted household items or even Christmas presents? Then please save them for our Jumble Sale at the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 14th February at 12 noon.

Any items for collection, please 'phone Margaret on 863728, Dean on 864394 or Ann on 863029. Alternatively, please bring your items to the Methodist Church Hall (rear of the Church) on the morning of 14th February. All donations gratefully received.

**Proceeds to Lyminge Parish Church Organ** appeal Thank you

#### **Lyminge Historical Society**

Tuesday 3rd March 7.45pm At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall A talk about Rogues, Rascals and Rebels By Chris McCooey Non-members welcome

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LYMINGE**

Lyminge Village Hall **HURRY - LAST FEW TABLES AVAILABLE** Entrance strictly by ticket only purchased in advance from: Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

# Lympne Village Hall Aldington Road, Lympne **JUMBLE SALE**

Saturday, 21st February 2009 9.30am -11.00am Lots of stalls and bargains to be had! Come early as it gets busy! All funds raised go towards the Lympne Village Hall Fund. Charity no. 277548

#### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday 24th February 2009 6.30 -9pm IN LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL Come and join us for a fun evening including Pancakes and a beetle drive There is no charge for the evening but raffle tickets will be on sale

#### **February Beetle Drive**

Come along and join us at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Saturday 28th February Starts at 7pm Adults £2.00 Children 50p Includes refreshments - there will be a raffle

### The Royal British Legion **Elham Valley Branch**

Friday 13th March - Branch & Committee Meeting St Marys Hall. Elham 2 30pm Friday 8th May - Branch & Committee Meeting St Mary's Hall, Elham 2.30pm Friday 10th July - Branch & Committee Meeting St Mary's Hall, Elham 2.30pm Friday 11th Sept - Branch & Committee Meeting St Mary's Hall, Elham 2.30pm Saturday 7th November - Coffee Morning St Mary's Hall, Elham 10am - 12 noon Friday 13th November - AG.M. and Branch Meeting St Mary's Hall, Elham 2.30pm

### LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL **CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Mad March QUIZ on Saturday March 21st at 7.30pm for 8.00pm Tables of 6-8 @ £8.00 per head Two-course hot supper and bar provided Please book by 13 March through

#### **WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 6th March 2009
IN LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH
The service this year has been prepared by the
women of Papua New Guinea
Coffee will be served from 10 15am and the service
will start at 11am
ALL WELCOME

#### Farmers' and Craft Market - 2009

At Etchinghill Village Hall
From 10am - 12.30pm
On the first Saturday of each month
From 7 March to 5 December
Contact Bryan 01303 862832
or Anne 01303 863174

# TRADITIONAL BARN DANCE at BLANDRED FARM ACRISE

Saturday 7th March 7.30 until 11.00pm
Bring your supper
Follow the signs from Macfarianes Nursery
(A260 at Swingfield)
Tickets £5.00 from Elham Valley Stores
or phone Tim or Christine 01303 863146

#### **Etchinghill Village Hall Quiz evening**

Saturday 14th March at 7 pm
Tables of 6 £3.50 including Ploughmans
Please bring your own drink
Tea and coffee will be available
Contact Edna on 863394

Honor- 862928 or Niki- 862530 Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

#### **Rhodes Minnis Spring Flower Show**

At The Village Hall
On Saturday 28th March
Open to view from 2.30pm

If you wish to enter the show, schedules are now available from Daphne Andrews on 01303 862865

#### **Lyminge Dramatic Society - Variety 2009**

Preparations are now under way for our Summer Variety show to be staged in May. Always a popular event, the show will comprise songs, comedy sketches, monologues and dramatic pieces and will be suitable for the whole family. As usual, we will be "on-tour" performing one night only at the following venues:-

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

All the performances will commence at 7.45pm and as usual, the proceeds from the Saltwood performance will be given to Pilgrims Hospice. More news next month about when tickets will be available. Please make a note in your diary for what promises to be a fun evening.

# LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st Feb 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am WOW

(World of Worship Family Service)

Wednesday 4th Feb 7.00pm Short Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House (Bible Study)

9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Sunday 8th Feb 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 11th Feb 7.00pm Short Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House (Bible Study)

9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Thursday 12th Feb

2.00pm Pram Service

Sunday 15th Feb

10.30am Family Communion

A new child friendly family service

6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 18th Feb 7.00pm Short Holy Communion

7.30pm Open House (Bible Study)

9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Sunday 22nd Feb

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 February are:
Feb. 1 - Rev. Derek Hancock
Feb 6 - Mrs Val Redding
Feb 15 - Rev. Barry Armson
(including Holy Communion)
Feb 22 - Mr Terry Preston
Mar 1 - Mr Peter Ellis

### 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. 'Reflections'

7.30 - 8.30pm

Quiet reflective time of prayer, music, etc in the Church

Wednesday 25th Feb 7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes (followed by optional time of silence) 8.30pm Quiet Prayer time until 9.00pm

<u>Please note that there is now a change to our services on the 3rd Sunday of each month</u>

We have introduced a new child friendly family service at 10.30am which will include family communion. There will be a music group to lead us in worship and all ages are welcome.

Do please come and give this a try.

For those that prefer a more traditional service we have, by popular request, brought back the Evensong service at 6.30pm

### <u>Sunday afternoon tea - Nailbourne Court - 1st</u> February

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

#### <u>Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - 9th February</u>

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 - 19th February**

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 weicome. Please let Vanessa know if you would like to book a place.

#### **Pram Service -12th February**

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 Church. The service will finish in plenty of time to collect older children from school. For more information, contact Vanessa on 862432.

Shrove Tuesday 6.30 - 9.00pm Village Churches Pancake Party Pancake Party and Beetle Drive (See separate notice)

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 February are:
Feb. 1 - Mrs. Val Redding
Feb.8 - Mr. Dudley Shipton
Feb.15 - Rev. Barry Armson (Holy Communion)
Feb.22 - Mr. Terry Preston

#### L.E.T. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team)

Mar. 1 - Mr. Tim James

Prayer Box. Please place any prayer requests concerning a bereavement or illness in the prayer box at Lyminge Post Office. It would help to have the name of the person you are praying for but not necessarily your name. These will be included in Sunday worship in both churches and added to private prayer life.

#### **POSTLING CHURCH**

You will receive a very warm welcome in this little church set in the pretty village of Postling where a service is held every Sunday February 1st Evensong at 6.30pm February 8th Family Communion at 9.30am February 15th Holy Communion at 8am February 22nd Family Service at 9.30am

#### **Age Concern Elham Rural**

We would like to thank Roy at Haxtons for organising a hamper collection for our clients and those that contributed to it along with the Children from Lyminge who made cards for our clients. We would also like to thank all our volunteers for their help at the Christmas party and their invaluable support throughout the year.

We are sorry to report Our Advice and Information Officer Sue Chitty has left us. We offer our sincere thanks to Sue for all the assistance she has provided to older people living in the area. Our new

Information and Advice worker is Mike Foxon. He is available for general information and help with benefit applications. If you want help to check that you are getting everything you are entitled to or need some advice please contact Mike on 01303 863861 or e-mail acer.informatlongBatlas.co.uk or call Into the centre. Home visits can be arranged

We will be hosting a talk by the Intermediate Care Team about falls prevention. If you are worried about falling or have fallen in the past please come along. The talk will be held on the 9th March 2009 at 1.30pm.

We are pleased to report that we have now completed the last of the building work within the Centre. We now have our new activity room giving us more space to deliver our seated exercise and art and craft classes. We will also be starting our new Social History project recording our client's memories. If you would like to join in the activities or volunteer to help with them we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact 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.

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#### 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 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 4th February 2009 - Speaker David Godden - A Policeman's Lot in the 50's, 60's and

Godden - A Policeman's Lot in the 50's, 60's and 70's -the days when Policemen had a sense of humour. Weather permitting, this will be followed by lunch in Brockhill Park.

Wednesday 4th March 2009 - Try your hand at Pastel Painting. On Friday 6 March we will have a trip to the Tower Theatre to see "They came from

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#### Elham Valley & Wye Lions Club

Thank-you to all those who supported the Christmas Float. We raised a magnificent sum, nearly £5,200 including £578 at Lyminge, £89 at Etchinghill and Postling, and £204 Stelling Minnis and Bossingham. We should like to apologise to those at Postling and Etchinghill who were disappointed that we missed them.

Unfortunately Rudolph went lame that night and we had to cut short that night's schedule. Thanks to Meridian vehicle hire for getting him back on his feet the next day.

We distributed gifts to elderly in the area and also helped with Christmas parties. In addition we recently gave £500 to the Rainbow Centre in Folkestone. Thanks for all your support in 2008.

Happy New Year!

# COME AND JOIN US AT THE PARISH CHURCH FOR A NEW SERVICE!

Starting on Sunday February 15th at 10.30am there will be a new Family Communion Service every month on the second Sunday of the month. It will be aimed at younger and newer Christians, as well as hopefully attracting those who already worship at the Parish Church. The Service will be just one hour long, and instead of traditional hymns will feature modern worship songs, accompanied by live music - keyboard, drums and other instruments.

Mars..." and on Wednesday 18th we hope to arrange Lunch at China China.

Wednesday 1st April 2009 - Social meeting. On April 13, Easter Monday, we will arrange a trip out for a seaside or pub Lunch and on Wednesday 22nd we are planning a shopping trip to De Bradlei Wharf.

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 Dolls.

#### **Rhodes Minnis Evenining Circle**

On the 21st January we enjoyed the company of Police dog handlers Ray Bovis and Steve Reith with working dog "Wes". We were given an insight into the training and work of the dog and his handler. 30 dogs and 29 handlers covering the whole of Kent. After searching for 2 hidden items in the car park Ray and Wes demonstrated tackling an "assailant" - much to the delight of the onlookers! The competition - "A dog ornament" - was won by Daphne Andrews, with Ronnie Mozley 2nd, Pearl Furminger 3rd and Pat Kent 4th. Our next meeting is on the 18th February when Ann Finney will give us a talk about Edith Piaff.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and everyone, members and visitors alike, will be warmly welcomed. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

There will be less 'liturgy' and more informality, and young children can join the activities which will be on offer during the service. If you have been looking for a Service which is lively and less formal, then this is the Service for you! Come and see for yourself - you can be assured of a warm welcome!

### Etchinghill W.I.

Members were welcomed to the first meeting of the year by the President, Barbara Syrett. 2009 promises to be an exciting year as the Federation celebrates it's 90th birthday and many events are planned. We also have a varied programme of speakers each month to look forward to, not forgetting a coffee morning, pub lunch, summer coach trip and a garden party. Dates and venues to be arranged. A themed trading stall is to be held each month and in February it will be books. Birthday posies were presented to Dottie Cross, Gill Le Cras, Ann Morgan and Christine Marshall. Mrs Jenny Preston, Police dog handler gave a captivating talk regarding her work, accompanied by both her dogs. The dogs then gave a demonstration showing how well they are trained to combat crime. We then enjoyed tea, the hostesses being Janet Hooles and June Price. Our next meeting is on 17th February when Martin Gurdon will give a talk Travels with my chicken'. New members or visitors are always welcome. Any enquiries please ring Barbara 265229 or Dottie 862141

### LYMINGE HANDBELLS

The popular Lyminge Handbells ringers have had a busy festive season and will be taking a break prior to the spring. But it's never too soon to book us for that special event where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration. 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.

# 25 Anniversary Fundraising Challenge Jordon Bike Ride 10th-17th October 2009

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

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or Alison Steel, Headteacher 862367

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Lyminge most of my life and have supported Village Hall events over that time. As the Village Hall does not seem to have been used recently on New Year's Eve. I thought it was a good idea to book it for a New Year's Eve party 2009 in order for family and friends to get together. I enquired about booking the hall in December 2008 and was told it should be OK and as there was nothing booked at the time my enquiry would be pencilled in. I enquired two weeks later and was informed that the Committee was having a meeting where my enquiry would be discussed. I was also told that if the Committee decided to hold an event they had first choice of dates.. I was rung on 11th January to say that the Committee had held their meeting and had decided to hold a Village hall fund raising event on New Year's Eve 2009. I am disgusted that the Village hall Committee has been given preference over us although I tried to book early and had even booked a disco and bar for the evening. I feel sure that they thought it a good idea and therefore decided to hold an event themselves. My husband and I will no longer support the Village hall in anything it does, neither will my friends and family. Meanwhile we will try and recover from this upset and continue to support the Coach and Horses, the only pub in the village, while it is still trading and before it is turned into more housing. Another business lost to the village. Yours sincerely, Terry and Rachel Goldup

This letter was condensed with the agreement of the author Please note that letters to the Editor should be about 200 words long. Longer letters will be edited if space is at a premium. The Lyminge Association's editorial committee discussed this issue and sought a response from the Lyminge Village Hall Management Committee which will be printed in the March newsletter (Ed)

#### **ETCHINGHILL UPDATE**

#### Farmers'/Craft Market

We start again on 7th March 2009 and thereafter on the first Saturday in every month. Plans are afoot to expand on the produce selection so come along and see for yourself. For details contact either Bryan on 862832 or Anne on 863174. This now means that the Elham Valley has a market on the 1st' 2nd and 4th Saturday every month from March so why not support your local suppliers?

#### **Open House**

What a New Year's Eve celebration! Over 90 residents and friends, young and old, disco'd the night away. The fact that small and large families were able to meet and enjoy themselves without the worry of driving certainly added to the relaxed spirit of the evening. Many families want the event to be run this year so watch this space. Thanks go to Keith and Rosemary with the Open House team for organising the event The same team are organising a Hog Roast and Ho down on 4th July so you know what to expect. Book the date and look out for information in due course

The first quiz for 2009 is on 14th March @ 7.30 pm with a ploughman's supper included. Contact Edna on 863394 to reserve your table as only 10 tables of 6 people can be fed! Please feel free to bring your own alcohol. This month's quiz will include a mystery objects table

Open House have started 2009 by arranging talks on Community First Responders; 'I 'ate games'; Exploring the truths and myths about asbestos; Quiz and ploughman's; Composting and wormeries; Easter Eggstravaganza; Hog roast; Regular gardening advice including planting baskets and flower arranging; plus a visit to the golf club for lunch. Just think of what you're missing! Come along any Monday at 10.00 am.

#### Village Hall

Well the teen shelter has been erected and is now being used by young and not so young residents in the village. Why not come along and play music on the speaker system? Shepway responded by clearing away all the redundant fencing and opened up the area for all to use. Thanks go to many volunteers and contractors that have made this work possible. Particular thanks go to the Tory Family Foundation for their most generous grant that paid for most of the works.

Likewise the works to the mounds, hedge, access road and overspill car park were virtually completed this month with more than 30 residents planting over 250 hedge whips and 7 trees, the tree planting ceremony by Mr and Mrs Phillips and the opening of the car park by Susan Carey. Thanks go to KCC, Lyminge Parish Council, The Phillips Fund and the Farmers' Market for their support and for funding the majority of this project. Particular thanks go to Anne, Tim and Helen for their tireless efforts to plan, organise and bring to fruition these improvements to the village. Only the grass seed and wild flowers remain to be sown in the spring.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall is to be held on 17th May 2009. Nominations from the non commercial users, Residents' Association and Parish Council together with elections of residents (to form the next Management Committee) as well as the financial reports will form the business side following summaries of both the changes to the day to day activities and the achievements in 2008. The meeting will conclude with refreshments. It's your hall so come along and see what and how things get done for you. Anyone wishing to stand for the Management Committee or help behind the scenes doing social events, maintenance or fund raising should contact Eileen on 862832

#### Dates not to be missed

Open House Every Monday 10.00 - 12.00 am, 2nd February 'I 'ate games',

23rd February 'Asbestos', 23rd March 'Composting', 6th April 'Solf Club luncheon', 11th April 'Eggstravaganza'

Farmers/Craft Market 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 10.00 - 12.30 am

Quiz & Ploughman's meal 14th March 7.30 pm Village Hall AGM 17th May 3.00pm

Ho Down with Hog Roast 4th July

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with the health sector, social services and voluntary sector agencies, to ensure each client is navigated in the best direction.

To enable the outreach service to reach greater numbers, 2 support groups are in the process of being set up for 2009 and we hope to grow from there. We are keen to now source volunteers to help us improve the local services for all those, whose lives are affected by dementia. We can't grow without the support of local people so if you think you have time to spare to help us run a support group, undertake simple office admin or support the branch in their fundraising endeavours, please get in touch.

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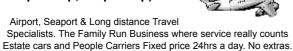
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# **Lyminge Parish Council**

# <u>Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on</u> <u>Monday 15 December 2008 in Etchinghill Village Hall.</u>

**Present**: Cllr R. Chubb (Chair), Cllr M. Chubb, Cllr C. Manvell, Cllr N. Hunnisett, Cllr S. Carey, Gary Harrison (CW), Pam Wooding (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr D. Monk, Cllr D. Smith, Cllr R. Bergin
- 2. **Declarations of Interest:** There are no declarations of changes to the register of interests.
- 3. Minutes from Last Meeting: Agreed.
- 4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes for Report: None
- 5. To approve The Model Publication Scheme, distributed to all at last GP meeting 01.12.08. Proposed by Cllr Hunnisett, seconded by Cllr M. Chubb, All in Favour. Approved.
- 6. **Report from Ward Representative**: Cllr Carey reported that action is being taken by KCC to retrieve invested funds and it is possible some savings may be returned from the Icelandic investments.
- 7. Report from Planning /Parish Council Decision
  - 1. Y08/1149/SH2 Springside Lane Lyminge/No Objection

Erection of a single storey side extension.

2. Y08/1163/SH The Nook Canterbury Road Etchinghill /No Objection

Felling of 3 Conifer trees, all situated within a conservation area.

3. Y08/1204/SH Clover Cottage Canterbury Road Etchinghill /No Objection

Felling of two self-set Ash trees and removal of one limb of a Cherry tree, all situated within a conservation area

4. Y08/1126/SH Timaru Brady Road Lyminge /No Objection

Erection of a two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

#### 8. Report from General Purposes Committee meeting 01.12.08

- a. Report received and accepted, the minutes having been previously distributed and available at the meeting.
- b. Next meeting: Monday 05.01.09 at 7.30pm Lyminge Methodist Parlour.

#### 9. Report from Finance Committee

- a. No meeting to report.
- b. Lyminge Association grant received for the commemorative bench and plaque.

#### 10. Report from Community Warden.

- a. New reports of dog fouling have been received.
- b. Reports of anti-social behaviour have been received regarding incidents in a specific area of Lyminge. The matter is being pursued and it seems likely that the perpetrators are not local.
- c. There has been some litter issues and those involved have been requested to dispose of rubbish responsibly.
- d. The Community Warden has been liaising with the newly appointed area support worker, Tory Pope. She is keen to be instrumental in organising and running free youth club evenings. The weekly events will feature specific activities for all 11-18yr olds, including dance, sport and music workshops.

#### 11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- **a) Age Concern:** A routine meeting was held on the 17th November, with the next meeting to take place on 12th January. The quiz night, held on 29th November at Everist Court was quite successful. Next meeting: 12th January 2009
- **b) Footpaths:** Cllr R. Chubb led the Parish Walk on 14th December with walkers following a 4.5mile route. The next walk is on 18th January leaving the post office car park at 10am.

- c) Lyminge VHMC: The quantity of hall bookings made so far for the coming year is good, with especially busy periods in the latter part of 2009. The booking secretary has requested notification from LPC regarding bookings for the use of Jubilee Field that they are considering. A local contractor has cut overgrown vegetation near the entrance to the hall. There remains a query from LVHMC regarding whose responsibility the maintenance is. Deferred to next GP meeting. A quiz night will be held on 31st January and include the launch of the 'Challenge Trophy'. A Murder Mystery evening will take place on 14th February.
- d) ERA & Etchinghill VHMC: A new path is being constructed, and earth mounds removed. A hedge and some small trees will be planted on 17th and 20th January. The Philips Family who funded the new planting scheme will attend a commemorative event on the 20th. The Treasurer will forward invoices received so far relating to the LPC grant Following a specific request, a police speed check has been carried out at which 5 cautions were given for individual speeding offences. Further checks will take place throughout the parish. The EVHMC has arranged a New Year's eve party. Richard Fowler is the newly assigned PCSO for the Tolsford area and has been liasing with various Etchinghill residents. The ERA AGM was held on 30th November and it was subsequently decided that current management positions would be retained.
- **e) Lyminge Youth Action:** New members (including 3 youth members) have been voted onto the management committee. The LYA stall at the St Nicholas Fayre was successful, selling Holly and sweets and gaining more sponsorship to take part in the Folkestone Lion's Club Boxing Day Dip. More clean-up sessions are being organised for general maintenance work. New grant applications are being made and fundraising events are being discussed
- f) Tree Wardens: Quercus Tree Services are to carry out work in Tayne Field on 12th & 13th January. Clerk to post notification flyers to all Station Rd residents and write specifically to 2 households where access may be required to the rear of their land.
- g) Lyminge Primary School: A Governors' meeting was held on the 26th November. A meeting was held on the 10th December to discuss the 'Every Child Matters' initiative. The School Travel plan is being reviewed. LPC would support a 'Walking Bus' scheme. Staff plan to investigate the use of the scheme in schools where it has already been implemented successfully. Gary Harrison offered his assistance if necessary.
- h) Parochial Church Council: No report.
- i) Correspondence and Documentation Received
- 1. Confirmation of agreed dates for Tayne Field tree surgery from Quercus Tree Services.
- 2. Reference number relating to the RTC in which the Ethelburga Well Wall was damaged.
- 3. Externally Audited Annual Return for 2008.
- 4. Kent Highway Services Request for information on maintenance of Parish verges.
- 5. Elham Valley Arbour Suggestion to agree criteria prior to making quote requests.

#### 12. Other Matters for Discussion.

- a. Attendance at Clive Powell's (KALC) 'Farewell' event. Cllr R. Chubb and Cllr Manvell to attend.
- b. The bus shelter at Rhodes Minnis has been demolished and all metal recycled. The actions required for the installation of the replacement shelter are to be discussed at the next GP meeting.
- c. The new notice board to be sited outside the Post Office is due to be delivered on the 18th December. A local KCC approved contractor has previously submitted a quote and will be contacted to arrange an installation date.

#### 13. Accounts to be considered for Payment

- a. Hall Hire (23.02.09, 29.06.09, 28.09.09, 23.11.09) £72.00 Approved
- b. Newsletter £42.80 Approved
- c. Repair/Replace Parish Equipment (Notice Board) £1380.00 Approved (on inspection of goods)
- d. Clerk's Pay 24.11.08 till end of December for 40 hrs @£8/hr Total £320 Approved
- 14. Next Full Council Meeting: 7.30pm 26th January 2009 at Lyminge Village Hall
- 15. Meeting Closed

# **Forthcoming Meeting Dates**

# Full Council - Specified Venues at 7.30pm

23rd February @ Etchinghill Village Hall 30th March @ Lyminge Methodist Parlour 27th April @ Lyminge Village Hall 26th May @ Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

# General Purposes - All Held at Lyminge Methodist Parlour at 7.30pm

2nd February 2nd March 6th April 11th May

# Finance Meetings - All Held at Lyminge Library at 3pm

11th February 11th March 8th April 13th May