

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Gardens Open Safari event on 27th & 28th June 2009

We have gathered 12 gardens together but are still looking for another dozen - if you wish to talk about considering opening your garden please phone Jean on 862488.

This event will also include Lyminge Parish Church Flower Festival with a theme of 'Seasons in Flower' and the Ethelburga Quilters Display in the Methodist Church Hall.

Make sure you keep the weekend free to enjoy it all.

The **Clean-up** has been postponed for the moment – we hope to have more news in June.

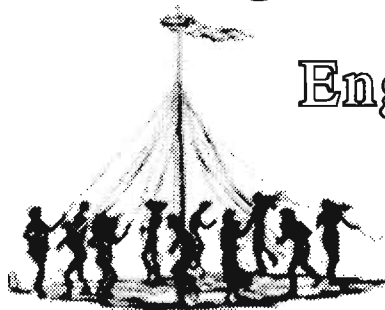
The **Garage Safari** on 18th April proved to be successful for most people – we hope you got some bargains.

**THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:
Lyminge Village Hall Management Committee**

Come to **Lyminge Day**

A Traditional
English Country Fayre

**Saturday 9th May
at 1pm**



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NEXT TO THE VILLAGE HALL

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd May	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am WOW (World of Worship)
Wednesday 6th May	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence (quiet prayer until 10.00pm)
Sunday 10th May	10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 13th May	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence (quiet prayer until 10.00pm)
Sunday 17th May	<u>Rogation Sunday</u> 8.00am Paddlesworth - Holy Communion followed by breakfast 10.30am Lyminge - Family Communion followed by refreshments 3.00pm Postling - Children's Service 4.30pm Stanford - Songs of Praise followed by tea
<u>Week of Prayer - Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May</u> Lyminge School children will be using the church for activities during the day but there will be a quiet time available for anyone to come between 3.00 and 5.00pm. There will also be sessions every evening that are open to everyone - these are entitled "Exploring Prayer" and are as follows:	
Monday 18th May	7.30pm The Rosary
Tuesday 19th May	7.30pm Healing
Wednesday 20th May	7.30pm Taize
Thursday 21st May	7.30pm Prayer Walking
Friday 22nd May	7.30pm Celtic
Sunday 24th May	8.00am Holy Communion (short said) 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th May	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence (quiet prayer until 10.00pm)
Sunday 31st May	<u>Day of Pentecost</u> 10.30am Matins (Morning Prayer) Followed by Holy Communion

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court - 3rd May

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 ring Vanessa at the Rectory

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - 11th May

Coffee mornings are 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 - 14th May - 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 - 21st May

These lunches are 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. 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 May are

3rd May - Rev. Derek Hancock
10th May - Mr Dudley Shipton
17th May - Rev. Barry Armson
24th May - Rev. John Lines (Inc. Holy Communion)
31st May - Mr Graham Whistance

Wed. 27th May 7.30 - 8.30pm
"Reflections" - a time of 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 May are.

May 3 NO service at Rhodes Minnis but a joint Valley service with

Lyminge and Elham Methodists at Lyminge Methodist Church at 11am
conducted by Rev. Derek Hancock.

May 10 - Mr. Tim James

May 17 - Rev. Barry Armson (holy communion)

May 24 - Mr. David Foreman (all-age worship)

May 31 - Mr. Peter Ellis

Work has finally started on our new building extension and on Saturday, May 30 (between 10am and noon) we invite friends and all our supporters to come and view the progress made on this and enjoy light refreshments in the village hall.

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

May 3rd Evensong 6.30 pm
May 10th Family Communion 9.30 am
May 17th Rogation Sunday Church Hall will be open from 1.30pm. Worship in Postling Church at 3.00pm
May 24th Family Service 9.30 am
(No service on 5th Sunday)

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.

RAILWAY SWING BAND CHARITY CONCERT Wed 3rd June

Back by popular demand! Following last year's roaring success, the Elham Valley and Wye Lions' Charity Concert featuring the **Railway Swing Band** is on Wed. 3rd June at Elham Village Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm. Admission prices held again at £10. There is nothing like live music and this really is a big band, with thirty members fronted by very talented singers. Please bring your own refreshments. Tickets available from Lyminge Hardware, Browns Estate Agents Elham, or call 01303 862837 (answer phone).

Elham Summer Barn Dance Saturday 6th June 7 – 10.30pm Blandred Barn

In aid of St Mary's ancient Church.
Bring your own supper and dance to the Contraband music.
Authentic hay bale seating in a huge modern barn.
Tickets £8 (children free) available from Elham Valley Arts or 01303 840540.
Blandred Barn is 1 mile east off the A260 at Swingfield, CT18 8LW. It has a landmark silo.

Bingo
Saturday 6th June 2pm
(Doors open 1.30pm)
£1.00 per game

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall
Cash prizes
Refreshments included
Proceeds to Lyminge Parish Church Organ Appeal

Home Farm Trust (HFT)
Registered Charity Number 313069

Annual Traditional Fete Sunday 7th June

Lympne Recreation Hall and Playing field
1pm – 4pm

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund Registered Charity: 2843483

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

Tel: 01303 862622 Fax 01303 863007
Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Dog & Owners Fun Day
Saturday 13th June, 12 noon – 3.30pm
Southern Golden Retrievers Society
Fun Dog Show
Dog Display Teams
Raffles ~ Tombolas ~ Refreshments
Car Boots £7.00 ~ Vans £10
Admission by donation

Boot & Autumn Fayre Saturday 12th September 12 noon ~ 3.30pm
Boot & Summer Fayre Saturday 25th July 12 noon ~ 3.30pm

Don't forget to visit our Tea Rooms & Gift Shop
Open every day from 10am – 4pm at Rhodes Minnis
Freshly cooked meals, friendly service and reasonable prices
Hot & cold lunches and snacks. Delicious home-made cakes
Fish & Chip Supper every Friday evening from 7.30pm
Take-away available. 'Phone 01303 862349



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Bar

2 Course Hot Supper

Tables of 4 – 8 persons

£8.00 per person

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

To book your table call:

Honor 862928 or Niki 862530

Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee
Reg Charity 281845

Flower Festival, 27th, 28th and 29th June (The same weekend as the Garden Safari)

The theme for this year's Flower Festival is **Seasons in Flowers**.

Floral displays will be linked to the seasons of the year as well as the seasons of the Church. The flowers will be complimented by work by Lyminge Quilters.

The Church will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 27th June, but because there is a wedding that afternoon, the Church will be closed between 2 and 4pm, but refreshments will still be available in the marquee in the Churchyard.

On Saturday evening there will be a concert in Church by the AGAPE CHOIR starting at 7.30pm.

On Sunday 28th June, the Church will be open after the Eucharist Service until 5pm.

On the final day the Church will be open from 10am to 5pm.

On all three days Cream Teas will be available in the Marquee from 2pm to 4pm and on the Saturday and Monday, Ploughman's Lunches will be served from 12noon to 2pm and on the Sunday from 12.30pm to 2pm.

COME ON DOWN to Etchinghill Village Hall

Hog Roast and Ho Down Saturday July 4th 7 -11pm

Country music, line dancing with caller
Join in the fun, western dress optional
Adult £ 7.50 Children 8 – 16 £5.00
Under fives go free
Reserve your tickets now
Contact Keith or Rosemary 863 418

Dates for your Diary

Open in May
Every Wednesday & Sunday
Between 10am & 5pm

Sandling Park Garden

Adults £4 – Children free
Parking free – Refreshments
NO DOGS

Not suitable for wheelchairs

0.5mile east on A20 from J11 – M20
See Rhododendrons & Azaleas at
Sandling, Nr Hythe, Kent

ELHAM FARMERS' MARKET

The Rose and Crown courtyard, High Street, Elham
Next markets: Sunday 10 and 24 May
10.30 to 12.30

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

Sunday 24 May: special BBQ and craft stalls to promote the work of the Butterfly Conservation at Denge Woods near Canterbury.

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

Sparkling Stitches

Exhibition of Stitched Textiles

Embroideries inspired by landscapes and gardens

By Ann Sparkes

1st May – 12th June 2009

Lyminge Library

Opening Hours:

Monday 2 – 5

Tuesday 9 – 12

Thursday 9 – 6

Friday 9 – 12

Saturday 10 – 2

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Tuesday 19th May – 6.15pm

A visit to Mr P Wilson's garden at Ethelburga, High Street Lyminge.

We are going back to Mr Wilson's garden to see how the grafting of the trees have come on and any changes he has made to his garden. There will be tea and biscuits.
Cost £1.00 for members and £2.00 non-members

Coffee Morning

At Lyminge Coffee shop

Saturday 23rd May

10.30 – 12.30pm

Raffle – items for sale
In aid of Lyminge Parish
Church Organ Appeal

"We are now open for
Sunday lunch"

QUIZAID 2009

Come and join us for a
Charity Quiz Night for
Christian Aid

**Saturday 23rd May
7.30pm**

Methodist Church Hall,
Lyminge

Contact Judi on 01303
863714

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 5th May 7.45pm

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall
A talk about

Swing Riots

by Derek Boughton
Non-members welcome

Tuesday 2nd June 7.45pm

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall
A talk about

19th Century Kent

By Bob Ogley

Non-members welcome

Beetle Drive

Saturday 23rd May

Come along and join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Start at 7pm

Adults £2.00 - Children

50p

Includes refreshments

There will be a raffle

Newington Village Hall

Beetle Drive

Friday 29th May

Starts 7.30pm

Admission £1.

Tea, Coffee & soft drinks
available

Pilgrims Hospices IN EAST KENT

Wed 6th May Coffee Morning
Holy Trinity Church Hall
Sandgate Road,
Folkestone
9.30am onwards

ADVANCED NOTICE

Wed 3rd June Fashions for the Hospice
and our usual Coffee
Morning
Holy Trinity Church Hall

Lympne Village Garage Safari

31st May 9am – 1pm

Many garages in Lympne will be open for you to go and wander round with a safari map available from the Village Shop for 50p. All money raised goes to the 'Village Hall Fund'

It's a great village atmosphere and refreshments and maps available from the Village Hall with lots of parking spaces and toilets. Come and support our village from 9 – 1pm pm Sunday 31st May

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	
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
23 May	Quiz for Christian Aid	7.30 Methodist Church Hall	863714	Judy
23 May	Coffee Morning for the Church Organ	10:30 at the Coffee Shop	864394	Dean
23 May	Etchinghill Boot Fair	7:00 Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934008600	
6 June	Bingo Afternoon	2:00 Methodist Hall	864394	Dean
13 June	Summer Fair	Lyminge Primary School	862367	
13 Jun.	Dog & Owners' Fun Day	12:00 Lord Whisky, Park House	862622	Margaret
13 Jun.	Quiz Night	7:30 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
27/28 Jun.	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
1-Aug	Summer Flower Show	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
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. ²	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.

² Parish Walk will start from Rhodes Minnis Village Hall on 17th May and 13th September.

Notices and Reports

Lyminge Bowls Club

On a warm afternoon why not stroll along to Lyminge Bowls Club and sip a cool drink whilst watching members enjoying their sport. Home fixtures for May are as follows:-

Saturday, 2 May – 10.00	Club Triples – and all day competition for club members
Sunday, 3 May – 2.30	A friendly game against members of River Bowls Club
Sunday, 10 May – 2.30	Birchington Bowls Club visit Lyminge
Sunday, 17 May – 2.30	A friendly game against Ashford Rail Bowls Club
Saturday, 23 May – 2.30	Whitstable Bowls Club visit Lyminge
Sunday, 24 May – 2.30	We host bowlers from the Kent Fire Service
Monday, 25 May	Our annual Open Mixed Triples Tournament
Saturday, 30 May – 2.30	A friendly game against members of Hythe Bowls Club
Sunday, 31 May – 2.30	Glasgow Shield – a competition for club members

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.

Lyminge Dramatic Society – On Tour with Variety 2009

This month sees the Society take its 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
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, are on sale for all performances at Haxtons Estate Agents, Lyminge and Elham Valley Arts, Elham. Tickets for the Saltwood performance are also on sale from Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford. Tickets will also be available on the door. Please get your tickets early for what promises to be a fun evening.

November will be Panto time as the Society puts on an exciting 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.

LYMINGE FRIENDS

Wednesday 6th May 2009 - Speaker - Helen Allinson - 100 years of Toys and Play. On 27th May there is a pub lunch at The Bell Inn in Hythe.

Wednesday 3rd June 2009 - Social meeting with an Auction. On 10th June we will have a trip to the Secret Gardens in Sandwich.

Wednesday 1st July 2009 - Speaker - Professor Martin Warren - Medical mysteries of a Mad King and a Sad Queen. On 3rd July we are arranging a trip to see Bedroom Farce at the Tower Theatre and on 22nd July there will be a picnic on Tayne Field - weather permitting.

Meetings are 10 am - 12 noon in the Methodist Church Parlour. Everyone welcome to come and join in. Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For further details contact Marian on 862015

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our speaker on the 15th April was Chris Bonsall telling us about "The Life of an ex.Policeman/Fireman". After a short spell in the Military Police Chris joined the Fire Service as a Retained Fireman and spent 13 years in Cranbrook. He entertained us with stories of the Fire and Rescue Service, and also demonstrated "rescuing" one of our members! The competition "An item connected with the Emergency Services" was won by Pauline Hodder, with Margaret Chambers 2nd, Marie Hambrook 3rd and Pat Kent 4th. Our next meeting is the AGM on the 20th May followed by a Fish & Chip supper. Visitors are very welcome, but please let me know if you would like me to order fish & chips for you. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

Lyminge Day Fruit Cake Competition – Saturday 9th May

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.

All entries for the cake competition must be brought to the Village Hall by 1.00p.m at the latest.

Are you interested in cricket?

If so, come and join Sibton Park Cricket Club!

We play Kent League cricket on Saturdays, East Kent League and friendly cricket on Sundays, and have several midweek fixtures. The club also has a strong junior section catering for girls' and boys' cricket development. We welcome anyone interested in becoming involved - playing, umpiring, coaching, making tea or generally helping out. Or you can just become a social member – over half our members don't play any cricket at all! We have a well stocked bar in the pavilion with Harvey's real ale on tap in our well stocked cellar, so you can enjoy a cool drink whilst watching cricket in one of the most beautiful locations in Kent. If you would like to learn more, please just drop in to the club on any Friday evening or any Saturday after 4:00pm.

2009 Archaeological Dig

The dig will take place at the Parish Church between July 6th and Aug 16th. The site will be worked Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm and Sundays 10am-5pm.

Dr Gabor Thomas has called for volunteers to help out, both on the excavation and on the less strenuous work such as processing artefacts. If you are interested in helping, please contact him direct on Tel: 0118 378 5449 or e-mail gabor.thomas@reading.ac.uk

Once again, there will be guided tours of the site on Sunday afternoons at 2pm starting July 12th which will take in both the excavations and the star finds made each week.

Finally, put Friday 14th August 2009 into your diaries as this is the date when Dr Thomas will give his "end of dig" talk to the village and we have already booked the Methodist Church Hall for the purpose. The talk will cover the results of the finds analysis from the 2008 dig and a report on the dig and finds from this year.

Etchinghill W.I

Members and one guest were welcomed to the April meeting by Barbara Syrett, President, on a warm spring afternoon.

Next month the Resolutions meeting will discuss "S.O.S. Honey Bees".

A Rowan tree donated by Etchinghill members will be planted by Mr James White in the grounds of the Village Hall to commemorate 90 years of the W.I. movement.

Mary Hickmott read a report on the 90th Annual General Meeting, held in Margate, which she attended recently with other members. The speaker there was Christine Hamilton.

Mrs Tsuyoko Page then gave a delightful origami demonstration which we all enjoyed. We were all shown how to make a beaker which actually held water.

We then enjoyed an excellent tea hosted by Doreen Brown and Mary Hickmott.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th May at 2.30pm. for further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141

BOOKS FOR TROOPS

It appears that some people have had difficulty sending books to troops as requested in last month's newsletter. The books should be taken into the Post Office for weighing as they must be under 2 kilos and they also need a customs label on the outside (available from the Post Office).

They are most grateful to receive them when they are properly packed and labelled.

Editor

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Village Hall - AGM

Final reminder for the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall on 17th May 2009 at 7.30 pm. Nominations from user groups form 50% of the committee. **You** have the opportunity to elect up to 6 from the village. A further 4 can be co-opted later by the committee. Come and hear what is being done on your behalf. It's your hall so come along and see how things get done. What can **you** do to help behind the scenes supporting social events, maintenance of the grounds and fabric or simply fund raising? If you are willing to stand for election or can help manage the hall then contact Eileen on 862832. Minutes of AGM held 30th September 2007 (reporting on 2006) together with Extraordinary General Meeting held 18th May 2008 (reporting financial issues 2007 plus mandate to extend committee tenure) are available on the notice board in the village hall

Village Hall - Grounds

Now the grass and wildflowers have been sown the garden now waits for nature to do its thing. We can help by keeping off the areas until later this year. We are grateful to the 10 families who have planted over 1,000 snowdrops

Village Hall - Open House

Did your children enjoy the Eggstravaganza? More than 40 children turned up and enjoyed various games, egg hunting, a painting competition, treasure island, face painting to name but a few activities. All in all a very enjoyable afternoon in the sun! Did you miss the visit to the Golf Club for lunch? Have you come along to our Monday morning talks? There is a plant sale every week, too. Don't miss out! Come along any Monday at 10.00 am. All information for ongoing activities is on the notice boards in the hall and at the entrance to the car park

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

Village Hall - Farmers'/Craft Market

Did you see that we are mentioned in the Shepway Today magazine as one of the five Markets in the district? Why not come along to the next market on 2nd May and see for yourself. Bread, cakes, pies, fish, meat, eggs, vegetables, cards, sweets, crafts, teas and coffee are all there for you to buy. For details contact either Bryan on 862832 or Anne on 863174.

European Health Insurance Card

Don't forget to check the expiry date of your European Health Insurance Card (you know the one that replaced the E111). More than three million will have expired in March 2009! Make sure it's not you! Call the EHIC Application Line on 0845 606 2030 or apply online at www.direct.gov.uk

Did you know?

It was announced on 17 March 2009 that the 'CORGI' register for approved gas fitters will be changed as of 1st April 2009. The new register will be called the 'Gas Safe Register' and will be managed by Capita. Installers will need to be registered on the scheme to operate legally.

Neighbourhood Watch

Be aware that a security company called St. John's Security is cold calling in the area and that Trading Standards remind you not to buy on the doorstep. They also say that this company does not have the best selling tactics and advise you not to let strangers in to your home. If you are pestered contact either Gary Harrison, Community Warden - on 07977 982185 or Richard, PCSO - on 07772 226187

Dates not to be missed

Open House

Every Monday 10.00 - 12.00

4th July Ho Down and hog roast

Farmers/Craft Market

2nd May, 6th June. 10.00 - 12.30

Etchinghill Village Hall AGM

17th May 7.30 pm PLEASE NOTE REVISED TIME



LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The Lyminge Handbell ringers will be playing on Lyminge Day on the 9th of May and have bookings at other local events to look forward to. If you have a special event this summer, 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 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 Heritage Questions and Answers

First this month I have been in contact with Margy Parrett about the Lyminge Gospel Hall that existed in Mayfield Road (Q15). It appears that this was an independent chapel and was probably part of the Pentecostal movement which came into existence in the early years of the twentieth century. The Pentecostal movement started in the United States of America in 1901 and the first church in the UK was the Emanuel Mission Hall, Bournemouth which was founded in 1908. Pentecostalism is a movement rather than a denomination. Pentecostal churches tend to be individual or small groups of churches but some unite into larger groups such as "The Assemblies of God" or the "Elim Pentecostal Church." The movement's beliefs can be summarised as consisting of the doctrines of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the development of the individual as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Margy tells me that the Gospel Hall was owned by her aunt's family and was built by her aunt's parents early in the twentieth century. They owned the Mayfield Road Church and the Ormonde Road Church in Hythe. When Margy's aunt (Louie Gammon) died, early in the 1970s her mother (Grace Driver) wanted both churches to continue as active churches. So, in 1973, she gave the Mayfield Road Church to the Assemblies of God and the Hythe Church to Elim Pentecostal Church. The Mayfield Road Church continued as an active church for several years but eventually was sold by the Assemblies of God and it became a private house. Apparently inside the church was a baptismal that was in front of the pulpit. The church had a very active congregation fifty years ago but had dwindled to a few old people by the 1970s.

Another church that was active in the locality was the Baptist church at Wheelbarrow Town. There are an excellent couple of chapters on the subject in *Minnis Memories* [Ed. D. Mc Bine, (1997), Windmill Publishing Consultants: Stelling Minnis]. I highly recommend you read this book if you haven't already. Prior to secular reorganisation of parishes in 1894, Wheelbarrow Town lay outside both Lyminge and Stelling Minnis, an extra parochial area. Because individuals living in an extra parochial area did not have to pay church tithes to the local parish church, it is not surprising that a Baptist church became established there prior to 1679. The church grew and in 1788 built a chapel at Wheelbarrow Town which stands today as private homes. Unfortunately, a split occurred in the Baptist Church at the beginning of the nineteenth century and, along with a lack of church ministers, resulted in the decline of the Wheelbarrow congregation. By 1805 it appears the chapel had closed but later it became a Wesleyan Methodist Church until a new chapel was built in 1855. All that is left to suggest the existence of a chapel at Wheelbarrow Town is the name of the building, Chapel Cottages and three lonely gravestones.

Hannah, my daughter, had a weather station for Christmas and we have been recording information from it. I can not guarantee the accuracy of these figures but it has struck me that they might be of interest to readers of the newsletter. Here, therefore, are the stats from the Etchinghill Unofficial Weather Station for March 2008:

Maximum Temp	16.5 °C (31/3/09)	Minimum Temp	-1.2 °C (21/3/09)
Maximum Wind Speed	31.0 mph (3/3/09) (Beaufort Scale 7)	Max. Rainfall in 24 hours	15.5 mm [0.6 in] (3/3/09)
		Monthly Rainfall	96.3 mm [3.8 in].

I hope that these statistics might become a regular feature in the Lyminge Newsletter. If there is someone else who regularly collects weather statistics and would like to see their figures in print, please could they contact me?

Recently I was browsing through the Google search results for 'Lyminge' and came across an interesting fact at www.stivestrust.co.uk. Although not directly relating to our locality, it appears that there was a steamer called 'Lyminge' that floundered on rocks close to St Ives in Cornwall in 1931. The crew and passengers were fortunately able to row ashore and nobody was lost. Even the ship's cat was subsequently saved from the wreck. Has anyone else found interesting information relating to our locality whilst browsing the net? If you do, or if you have any information about local heritage, then please contact me.

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



1st Lyminge Beaver Scouts Summer Programme

At the end of term, just before Easter, Lyminge Beavers joined 80 other Beaver Scouts from Folkestone and Hythe District for an Easter Egg hunt in Heane Woods, Sandling. We all walked from Saltwood, along the woodland footpath, and at the end they searched for the Easter eggs. Here they are eating their eggs



This summer 1st Lyminge Beaver Scouts will be outdoors and getting fit. By the end of the term they should all have received their Outdoors and Fitness Challenge badges.

We will be going out on a train journey, visiting the Lyminge Cubs at their cub camp in June, riding bikes and scooters, exploring the forest, cooking outdoors, going on a treasure hunt and many more exciting activities. There will also be a Beaver sleepover for the older Beaver scouts.

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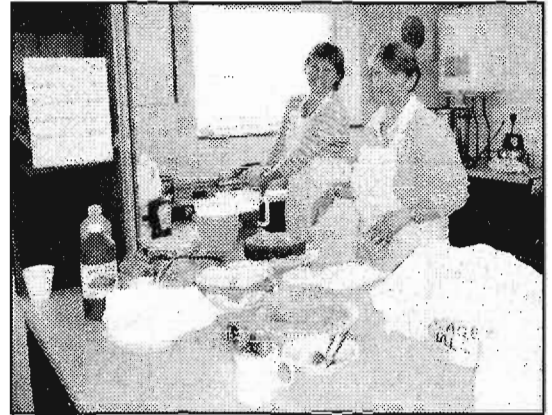
Out and About

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



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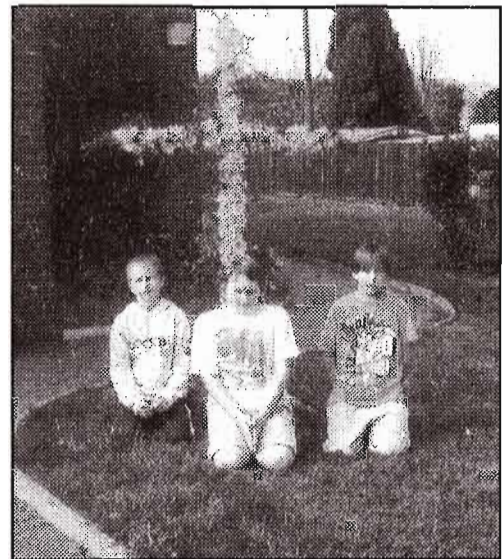
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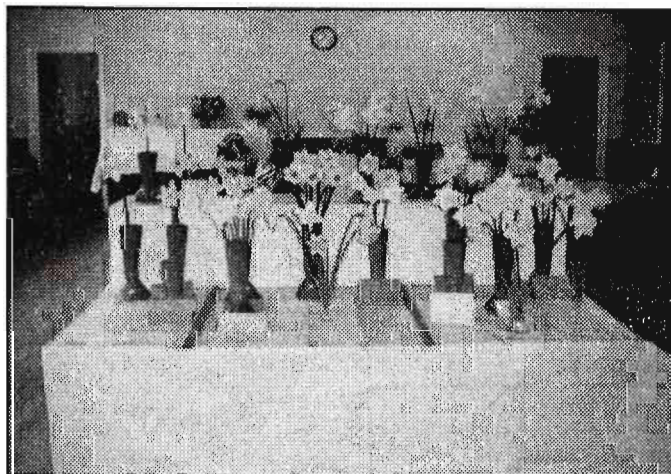
Refreshments at Lyminge Village Hall



Lyminge Friends after a great day painting
abstracts in March

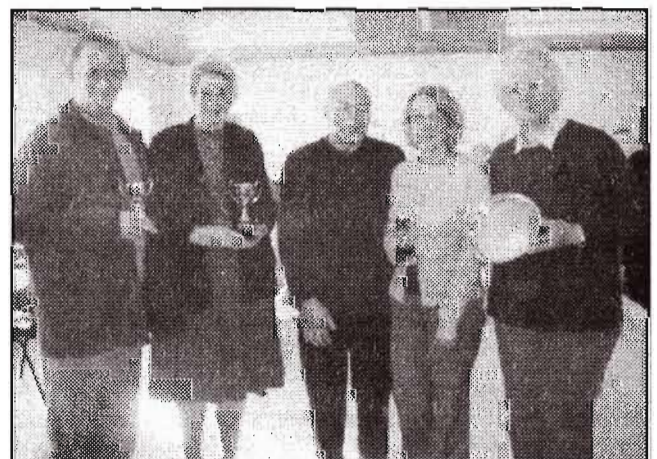


EASTER 2009
"Kneeling at the Foot of the Cross"
at Lyminge Methodist Church



The Rhodes Minnis Spring Flower Show on March
28th attracted a lot of entries....

Some of the winners of the Show



If you have any photos of your group in action or a local event and can add a few words about it, please call 86.23.28. There is no charge for entries on for Out & About, but space is limited!

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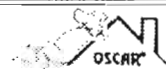
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Lyminge Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 30th March 2009 in Lyminge Methodist Parlour.

Present: Cllr R. Chubb (Chair), Cllr M. Chubb, Cllr R. Bergin, Cllr N. Hunnisett, Cllr D. Smith, Cllr C. Manvell, Gary Harrison (CW), PCSO Richard Fowler, Pam Wooding (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D. Monk, Cllr S. Carey.
2. **Declaration of acceptance of Office to be made by two newly Co-opted Members:** Declarations made by Cllr P. Hawken and Cllr T. Collins. All welcomed the new members to the Council.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** There are no declarations of changes to the register of interests, except new declarations by Cllr P. Hawken for the Ethelburga Cottages Trust, Lyminge PCC and Lyminge Primary School Board of Governors.
4. **Minutes from Last Meeting:** Approved and signed.
5. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes for Report:** None
6. **Report from Ward Representative:** No Report
7. **Report from Planning /Parish Council Decision**
New Applications /LPC Decision
 1. **Y09/0038/SH** Ethelburga High Street Lyminge/ *No Objection*
Erection of a solar panel to rear 1st floor flat roof area.
 2. **Y09/0132/SH** Roman House Canterbury Road Etchinghill *No Objection*
Erection of a detached triple garage with accommodation in the roof space.
 3. **Y09/0044/SH** Barleycorn Woodland Road Lyminge/*No Objection*
Erection of a single storey rear extension.
 4. **Y09/0128/SH** Timaru Brady Road Lyminge *No Objection*
Erection of a two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension (alternative scheme to that approved under Y08/1126/SH).
 5. **Y09/0226/SH** Land opposite Park View West Green Lane Lyminge
Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building as a dwelling and use of adjacent land as residential curtilage.SDC Planning Decisions Received
 1. **Y08/1044/SH Refused 23.02.2009** Old Farm House North Lyminge Lane Lyminge
 2. **Y08/1276/SH Approved with Conditions 25.02.2009** 7 St Marys Drive Etchinghill
 3. **Y08/0916/SH Refused 11.03.2009** Land Adjoining Ridge Farm Woodland Road Lyminge
 4. **Y09/0058/SH Approved with Conditions 16.03.2009** White Lodge Nash Hill Lyminge
8. **Report from General Purposes Committee:** Meeting held 02.03.09 Minutes available.
 - a. Next meeting Monday 06.04.09 at 7.30pm Lyminge Methodist Parlour.
9. **Report from Finance Committee:** Meeting held 11.03.09 Minutes available.
 - a. Next meeting 08.04.09 3pm at Lyminge Library.
10. **Report from Community Warden:**
 - a. Good working links between local PCSOs, area Police Officers and Community Warden are proving useful.
 - b. Anti-social behaviour issues are being addressed in Etchinghill. 'Community Pay Back' working sessions are being arranged rather than prosecuting those involved.
 - c. There have been no reports of Dog Fouling in Etchinghill since the display of larger signs by SDC.
 - d. Owners of heating oil tanks (particularly the plastic ones) are warned that there have been instances of heating oil theft in the area. All owners and neighbours should be vigilant.
 - e. All residents should be aware that door to door sellers have been in the area. All should be discouraged from purchasing products from these merchants. National power supply companies and local window contractors have also been using hard sell tactics in the area. Please support any vulnerable residents and report any concerns to the **Community Warden Gary Harrison on 07977 982 185**.
 - f. Issues pertaining to a neighbourly dispute continue. Support is to be maintained for those involved.
 - g. The Community Warden has free tickets for Invicta Football Club Matches and will distribute them to deserving young people.
 - h. Volunteers are being sought to take responsibility for the daily unlocking and locking of the public toilets in Lyminge Car Park. The task could be shared by a group of people. **Call Gary on 07977 982 185** if you can help.
11. **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
 - a. **Age Concern:** A trustee's meeting was held 09.03.09 at which a new treasurer was appointed for Age Concern Lyminge, effective 1st April. Next meeting will take place on 29.04.09. The next Quiz Night will be May 16th

- b. **Footpaths:** Cllr R. Chubb led the 2hr 45min Parish Walk on 15th March with 10 walkers following a 6.5mile route via Skeete & Farthing Common. The next walk is on 19th April leaving the post office car park at 10am. Cllr Chubb will inspect the footpath between Brady Rd and Silverlands Rd.
- c. **Lyminge VHMC:** Next management meeting will take place 09.04.09. Next Quiz night will be held on 13th June and Lyminge Day will be on 9th May.
- d. **ERA & Etchinghill VHMC:** Rodney Watts has been successful in becoming an Inspector for other Halls. Etchinghill has gained a level 2 Quality rating. Spring flowers have been planted. Cllr Collins commented that incidents of speeding vehicles at night were increasing. Cllr Manvell will report the matter to PC Moody. More volunteers are required to assist with the Speed Watch scheme in Etchinghill and Lyminge. A request has been received from another local group requesting a demonstration of the equipment. **Defer to GP.**
- e. **Lyminge Youth Action:** The site for the Junior Play Area is to be levelled and re-grassed. A grant from the De Haan Foundation has been received for the new equipment, which will be installed after Lyminge Day. The Pizza & Plans Youth Consultation event will take place 21.04.09 7-9pm at the Methodist Hall.
- f. **Tree Wardens:** The trees offered for replacement in the post office car park will grow too large for the site, so will be used in Tayne Field instead. Four substantial trees have been removed from the site of a local business. Cllr R. Chubb to check issue with SDC Tree Officer.
- g. **Lyminge Primary School:** A Governor's meeting was held 31.03.09. £210 was raised for Comic Relief with a 'Ready for Beddy' day. A Community Cohesion course was attended 18.03.09 to discuss appropriate actions to ensure the School is well integrated with the wider community.
- h. **Parochial Church Council:** Issues regarding the installation of the replacement roof continue. The Parish Council offered to assist in any way necessary. The Churchyard Maintenance Project has been agreed in principle. Work will be undertaken to return Churchyard to grassland. A LPC grant application is to be forwarded to the maintenance group.

12. Correspondence and Documentation Received

- a. KALC – Annual Subscription Renewal
- b. CPRE – Countryside Voice
- c. Energy Saving Trust Information
- d. Friends of Lydd Airport Group – offer to make presentation.
- e. Lyminge VHMC – Request for permission to use Jubilee Field for Lyminge Day
- f. Pentland Golf – Reply to letter regarding Broadstreet House Footpath.
- g. KCC – Village Green Seminar invite 14th May.
- h. SDC Planning Office – land off Longage Hill re. Caravan.
- i. Lyminge Bowls Club – Update on hedge cutting
- j. KALC – Parish News
- k. CPRE – Fieldwork magazine
- l. Spinal Injuries Association – request to publicise event.
- m. Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd – Catalogue
- n. SDC Joint Committee minutes
- o. NALC – Local Council Review
- p. HMR & Customs – Employer Pack 2009.
- q. EDF – Site nomination for new nuclear Build at Dungeness.
- r. SDC – Development Control Committee Minutes
- s. CPRE – Viewpoint newsletter
- t. SDC – Standards Committee Agenda and minutes
- u. KCC – Health Watch request to publicise information
- v. Standards Board of England – information
- w. Environment Agency groundwater newsletter – Flood Warning
- x. ACRK – Rural News
- y. SDC – Shepway Community Partnership meeting invite – 28th April 10am

13. Other Matters for Discussion.

- a. The Council Members do not find the delay in the installation of the Notice board and bins to be acceptable.
- b. Cllr Manvell will pursue the playgroup equipment maintenance inspection with A. Boughton.
- c. A local security firm has made cold calls offering alarm and security monitoring systems. Hard sell tactics have been used.
- d. Cllr Smith has offered to contact the Deputy Lieutenant and invite him to present the Good Citizen Awards.
- e. A suggestion was made to form working parties for specific GP tasks. This was agreed as an appropriate action.

14. Accounts to be considered for Payment

- a. Newsletter - £50.00 **Approved**
- b. Training (Legal & Finance Day x 3 members £180 + £27 vat) - £207.00 **Approved**
- c. Training (Planning Information Day x 3 members) - £207.00 (cheque sent with booking) **Approved**
- d. Cllrs Travel Subsistence (4 counties Forum 52 miles) - £30.52 **Approved**
- e. Cllrs Travel Subsistence (Planning Day 46 miles) - £27.00 **Approved**
- f. Cllrs Travel Subsistence (Lord Lieutenants Civic Service) - £60.12 **Approved**
- g. General Maintenance & Groundwork (Churchyard maintenance) - £400 **Approved**
- h. Clerk's Pay 23.02.09-30.03.09 for 40 hrs @£8/hr Total - £320 **Approved**

15. Next Full Council Meeting: 7.30pm Monday 27th April 2009 at Lyminge Village Hall.

16. Meeting Closed 10.00pm