

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

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GARAGE SAFARI – Don't forget this takes place on Saturday 10th April, there are always some fantastic bargains to be found! Maps available on the day at the Village Hall.

40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – Thank you to Lyminge Dramatic Society, the village Churches, Lyminge Youth Action, Lyminge Pre-School, Lyminge Art Groups, the Guides and Scouts, amongst others, for their enthusiasm and suggestions for the project. All these groups are planning to help with the celebrations. Watch this space as their ideas take shape from a Fancy Dress Competition, Street Party, Bouncy Castle and Face Painting to a Village Treasure Hunt; a Band, a Camp Fire to an Outdoor Drama Performance to an Old Time Music Hall, together with a Grand Draw and

There is still room for more ideas and they are not limited to the weekend of the 4th/5th September! Please contact Adrian Willcox (Chairman) 862699 or Jean Howard (Editor) 862488.

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

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THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

Come to

Lyminge Day

**A Traditional
English Country Fayre
with a 'VE Day' Theme**

Saturday 8th May at 1pm

Next to the Village Hall

Registered Charity No 281845

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Thursday 1 st April	7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper washing of feet and one hour watch
Friday 2 nd April	12.00noon Devotions before the Cross 12.45pm Procession with the cross around the village to the Methodist Church
Sunday 4th April	Easter Day 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 th April	7.00pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence
Thursday 8 th April	2.00pm Pram Service
Sunday 11th April	10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 13 th April	7.00pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence
Sunday 18th April	10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 21 st April	7.00pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Sunday 25th April	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 28 th April	7.00pm Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court

There will not be a tea this month as it is Easter Sunday

There will be a tea on the first Sunday in May from 3 - 5pm.

If you would like to come but need a lift, please contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Craft Afternoons - 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday 6th April - Wentworth Close Lounge

Tuesday 27th April - Nailbourne Court Lounge

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

Pram Service – 8th April

This is a short pre-school friendly 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 13th April

Coffee mornings are held on the second Tuesday of the 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.

Mothers Union – 14th April

The next meeting will be at 10.30am in the Methodist Parlour, the talk will be by Rosemary Seibert on Foodstop

For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Bereavement Support Lunch – 15th April

These lunches are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12.30pm. All are welcome and transport can be arranged.

For more information please contact Lynne on 863010

Mothers Union- Saturday 24th April

Diocesan Festival Service at 11.00am in the Cathedral

Mothers Union – Thursday 29th April

Prayer time at the Cathedral 12 noon

For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

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

Good Friday – Station of the Cross from Parish Church to the Methodist Church

Preachers for April:

4th April – Easter Day – Rev. Derek Hancock (incl Holy Communion)

11th April – Mrs Chris Bence

18th April - No Service due to Retreat weekend

25th April – Rev. Barry Armson (incl Holy Communion)

2nd May – Mr Dudley Shipton

Wednesday 28th April “ Reflections”

7.30 – 8.30pm

Monday Fellowship 2.30 – 3.30pm weekly except Bank Holidays

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

Preachers for April:

Apr.4 - Easter Sunday NO service a Rhodes Minnis

We will be joining with Elham Methodists in their Church for 9.30am Holy Communion service.

Apr.11 - Mrs. Chris Bence

Apr.18 - Rev. Barry Armson

Apr.25 - Mrs. Sue Brockman

May 2 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 4th April - Family Communion 9.30am
Easter Day

Sun 11th April - Family Communion 9.30am

Sun 18th April - Holy Communion 8am

Sun 25th April - Family Service 9.30am

Sat 17th April at 7.30pm. Concert in Postling Church Songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. No ticket required. Come and sing along!

Sat 1st May at 3.30pm Ladies Tea for the Lyminge Benefice in Postling Village Hall with a guest speaker. Please let Sarah and Peter know if you would like to come. Tel 863780

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

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 email page3lym@googlemail.com by 18th of the month.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details
3 Apr	Gardeners' Society - Spring Show	2pm Lyminge Methodist Church Hall	863225 Peter
10 Apr	Lyminge Association's Spring Garage Safari	9:30 Lyminge & Etchinghill Villages	863197 Liz
10 Apr	Village Hall Spring Clean	10 00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
12 Apr	"TSR2 Supersonic Bomber of the 60's"	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
17 Apr	Quiz Night	7pm for 7:30pm Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
19 Apr	"Carers' Support" Frances Matthews	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
22 Apr	Gardeners' Society Quiz with Elham	7.30pm Lyminge Methodist Church Hall	863225 Peter
1 May	Boot & Spring Fayre for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House, Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
7 May	Royal British Legion Branch Meeting	2:30 ST. Mary's Hall Elham	864255 John
8 May	Lyminge Day	1pm at Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
10 May	Talk – "Health and Older People"	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
18 May	Gardeners' Society - Garden Visit	West Court Lodge, Postling	863225 Peter
12 Jun	Dog & Owners Fun Day for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
15 Jun	Gardeners' Society - Garden Visit	Homefield, Cuckoo Lane, Postling	863225 Peter
19 Jun	Murder Mystery at Lyminge Village Hall	7pm for 7:30pm	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
10 Jul	Cantores Dominicae Concert	7:30 Venue TBA	01233503686 Jenny
13 Jul	Gardeners' Society: Garden Visit	The Farmhouse, Acrise Place	863225 Peter
18 Jul	Rude Mechanicals	7:30pm Tayne Field	862743 Mike
24 Jul	Quiz Night	7pm for 7:30pm Lyminge Village Hal	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
31 July	Boot & Summer Fayre for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
7 Aug	Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show	2:30 Village Hall	862865 Daphne
4 Sep	Lyminge Association 40 th Celebration	In the village - see posters for details	862699 Adrian
3 Oct	Lyminge Association's Autumn Garage Safari	9:30 am Lyminge & Etchinghill Villages	863197 Liz

Weekly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	10:30am Etchinghill Village Hall	863418 Rosemary
Mondays	Monday Fellowship	2:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863832 Mary
Wednesday	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	01233503686 Jenny
Thursdays	Lyminge Morning Art Group	10am – 12pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	211364 Linda
Thursdays	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	2pm – 4pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	862972 John

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	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
2 nd Wed	Mothers' Union	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862221 Sue
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	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

Dates for your Diary

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT19 9 NQ

3rd April 2010

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings
Bryan – 01303 862832

Pilgrims Hospices

IN EAST KENT

Wed 7th April

Come and celebrate Easter. Make an Easter bonnet, prizes
for all groups

Usual coffee morning, stalls and Raffle

9.30am onwards

The Holy Trinity Church Hall
Sandgate Road, Folkestone Kent

Note Our coffee morning on 5th May will include Fashions
from the Hospice. If you have any really nice garments you
would like to donate we will be happy to collect

Easter Table Fair

**Saturday 3rd April, 1pm at Lyminge
village hall in aid of Marie Curie
Cancer care.**

Grand Raffle- Eurotunnel tickets,
Etchinghill golf for four,
Waitrose voucher and more.

Table fair - bargains galore!
Refreshments and cakes.

Easter fun and Games
Meet Sponge bob square pants!

Call: 01303 863195 to book a table

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity: 2843483

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

Tel: 0303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007

Website: www.lordwhisky.co.uk Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

'Pie & Mash' Night

Saturday 10th April 4pm – 8pm

At the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Rhodes Minnis

Come and enjoy a delicious homemade pie, with mash, peas and
gravy

Choose from Chicken & Leek, Steak & Mushroom, Pork & Apple
Steak & Kentish Ale, or Sweet Potato, Baby Corn & Green Bean
Plus a mouth-watering homemade desert. Two course for £9.

Bring your own wine and make a donation for corkage.

Phone to book your table on 01303 862349 (£5 deposit per
person)

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### **Boot & Spring Fayre**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 12 noon – 3.30pm**

At Park House, Stelling Minnis

Car Boots £7.50 Vans £10 (from 8am)

### **Dog & Owners Fun Day**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 12noon – 3.30pm**

Car Boots £7.50pm Vans £10 (from 8am)

### **Does anyone have a Maypole**

We would love a school or other organisation to come along to  
our May Fayre and plait the maypole. We can help with  
transporting the pole if required. Ring us on 01303 862622

### Lyminge Gardeners Society

#### **Spring Show**

will be held on

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

Staging of Exhibits 8.30 – 10.30am

Doors open 2pm

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**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm**

At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A fun night with Elham Gardeners  
A Garden Quiz ( tables of 6)

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

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

### **Lympne Village Hall**

Aldington Road Lympne

Charity registration No. 277548

**Quiz night on Saturday 10th April at 7.30pm**

Come and enjoy a fun evening and cold supper £7.50pp

Tickets on sale at the Village shop

Please bring your own wine or soft drinks

**ELHAM FARMERS' MARKET**  
**10 am – 12 pm, ROSE AND CROWN**  
**COURTYARD**

**Next Markets: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Celebrate the joys of Spring Gardening ...**

Alongside our regular, locally sourced fruit and vegetables, meat and game, freshly baked bread, free range eggs, stuffed olives, preserves and home bakes, we'll be celebrating the Spring Garden with the return of the Community Produce stall and Harringe Nursery, as well as a guest appearance from Elham Vineyard on the 11<sup>th</sup>, who'll be bringing bird tables, wooden plant tags, wooden wellie removers, and much more. We hope to see you there.

For more information, visit our website [www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk](http://www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk) and look out for our fliers before each market.

NB: Many thanks to all who attended our March markets, especially those who completed the Kent Farmers' Market research. We really appreciate your support.

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

*Spring Fever Quiz*

*on*  
*Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*at*  
*7.00pm for 7.30pm*

*Tables of 6-8 @ £8.00 per head*

*Two-course hot supper and bar provided*

**HURRY – ONLY A FEW TABLES LEFT!!**

**Please book through**  
**Honor – 862928 or Niki – 862530**

Organised by the Village Hall Management  
Committee Reg Charity 281845

**Rhodes Minnis Village Hall**

**Beetle Drive**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

Come along and join us at  
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Adults £2.00 – Children 50p  
Includes refreshments  
There will be a raffle

**Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club**

This year's annual sponsored walk – the **Bluebell Walk** – takes place on **Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>** from the Rose & Crown at Stelling Minnis. The walk will be mainly on footpaths and small roads, about 9 miles with an alternative shorter route. This year we are inviting local groups to enter their own teams to raise funds for their group. Walkers are also invited to walk individually in aid of the Lions' own charity fund in support of local good causes. For more details, ring Julie on 01227 709105. Our annual concert featuring the **Railway Swing Band** will take place on **Wed 26 May**. This is a very popular event, featuring very talented musicians, so make a note of the date and ring Neil on 01303 862837 for details/tickets.

**Newington Village Hall**

Registered Charity No 302812

**Hog Roast**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010**

6pm till late (eat 6.30pm)

Bring your own drinks  
Live music with Les

Tickets £6.00 (children 10 and under £5)

This is a ticket only event

**Price includes Hog, salad and dessert**

Tickets available from:

Kirsty 01303 272056

Karen 01303 277950

There will be a raffle

**PILGRIMS HOSPICES TRI-HOSPICE CYCLE CHALLENGE**

The Pilgrims Hospices Tri-Hospice Cycle Challenge will take place on Sunday 9 May 2010. It is a brand new event for the Hospice and we are hoping to attract experienced cyclists, social cyclists looking for a challenge, those who want to cycle in memory of a loved one or even a team challenge with colleagues or friends. To register online go to [www.pilgrimscyclechallenge.org](http://www.pilgrimscyclechallenge.org) or call 01227 782062.

Additionally, Steve Auty, local resident and CEO of Pilgrims Hospices, will be leading the Pilgrims Team along the 70 mile long route linking the three hospices in Ashford, Canterbury and Thanet, and is actively looking for sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor him and the Pilgrims Team please contact him on 01303-864312 or by e-mail on [steve\\_auty@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:steve_auty@pilgrimshospices.org). The ride will pass through Elham, touch Lyminge before turning up Longage Hill for a refreshment stop at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall. Your support and participation would be appreciated.

**Lyminge Historical Society**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 7.45pm**  
**A talk about**  
**Folkestone and Dover WW1**  
**by John Buss**  
**Non-members are welcome to join us**

## ***Notices and Reports***

### **The Royal British Legion Elham Valley Branch A Poppy Appeal Organiser**

Unfortunately, having organised the Poppy Appeal for Elham and the surrounding area for the last five years, circumstances dictate that regretfully I shall have to retire from arranging this year's Appeal.

I would be very pleased to assist anyone who could take on this important role which necessitates organising the Appeal from, say, August when the poppies are ordered, to November when counting and banking takes place. Having a computer helps but it is not essential, although you would require storage facilities (garage, loft) for the poppies and other items. A car is needed for which expenses can be claimed at 40p per mile.

The need to raise more money from the Poppy Appeal is greater than ever to help the wounded soldiers returning from Afghanistan and their families. Last year the Royal British Legion donated £27 million to this cause.

If you could consider taking on this important role to ensure the Elham Valley support continues, please contact John Vinnicombe on 01303 864255

### **Lyminge Day Fruit Cake Competition.**

We are running another fruit cake competition for men and children this year. Entry to the competition is, as last year, 50p for men, 20p for children. As Lyminge Day falls on VE Day this year the recipe is a war time recipe called "Trench Cake". Please follow the recipe given below and bring your entry to the hall between 11.00 and 12.00 on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May. Your name and telephone number need to be on the underside of the plate and, if you are a child, (under 14 years old) your age. There will be a small prize for the winning entry in each category. Good Luck!

Ingredients:

6oz margarine, 6oz brown sugar, 4oz mixed dried fruit, 12 oz flour, 1 1/2 tspns bicarbonate of soda, nearly 10 fluid oz milk.

Cream the margarine and sugar. Warm the milk and pour onto the soda. Add the fruit, the milk and the flour to the margarine mixture. Mix well. Bake in a 7 inch tin in a moderate oven for about 2 hours. (Remember to adjust for a modern day fan oven!!)

### **Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle**

"Swing Riots" was the subject of our speaker, Derek Boughton, on the 17th March. In 1830 there was much rural poverty and local labourers from the Elham Valley banded together to destroy the newly introduced thrashing machines which threatened their livelihood. David illustrated his talk with interesting local photographs. The competition was won by Marie Hambrook, with Ann Laker 2nd, Ronnie Mozley 3rd and Marion Hoare 4th. On the 21st April we are having a Quiz and everyone is welcome. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

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

Members and one guest were welcomed to the March meeting by the President Barbara Syrett.

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

The President spoke about the many events planned for this year, Coffee mornings, Cream teas, Pub lunch and a good varied programme for our monthly meetings. Also a date for your diaries, our Annual coach outing to Ightham Mote on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. More details next month.

Our speaker, Mrs Lesley Gould, having lived with her family for five years in Japan, gave a very interesting account of her experiences, traditions and culture of the country which was greatly enjoyed by all members.

We then enjoyed our usual W.I. tea, the hostesses being Sylvia Clark, Alison Jelly and Chris Marshall.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. The Speaker, Mrs Helen Kendall Tobias will demonstrate 50 ways to wear a scarf.

Visitors are always most welcome.

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

## LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour. **Everyone welcome.**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Monday Lunch in Keppel's Bar

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Helen Allinson - a talk on Life in the Workhouse.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - Group shopping trip to Westwood Cross and Margate.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - A talk on Coastwatch

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Group trip - Jempson's Bakery Workshop in Peasmarsh

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Auction - our annual effort to raise the funds to pay for our talks!

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Pub Lunch

Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For more details contact Marian on 862015

## ***Etchinghill Update April 2010***

### **Farmers' Market**

Congratulations to Bryan Webb, the winner of the raffle prize in March. Next month's market is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **Trip to see Billy Elliot (March)**

Many thanks to Lorraine for organising this outing on 4th March. It was enjoyed by all.

### **Open House- Diary**

12<sup>th</sup> April – Talk 'The TSR2-Supersonic bomber of the sixties' given by Robert Godfrey

19<sup>th</sup> April-Talk 'Carers' support'-Frances Mathews, Shepway co-ordinator.

10<sup>th</sup> May – Talk 'Health and Older People'-Ellie Thomas, Community development Librarian and Tricia Fincher 'Service Development Librarian for Health and Older People'.

### **Christmas Lights**

For future reference the Christmas Lighting Up Ceremony will be on Saturday 4th December at 5.00p.m.

### **Village Hall – Annual General Meeting**

Don't forget the AGM on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the hall, 7.30 pm. Who do you want to elect? Have you considered being on the management committee or just joining a small working group? Find out what has been done this year. Come along and play your part, after all it's your hall!

### **Village Hall – Spring Clean**

Come along on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April and help give the hall a makeover. Cleaning out cupboards, vacuuming heaters, jet spraying the patio or cleaning the teen shelter, every little helps. Young and not so young can all find a job to do so join us at 10.00 am, or earlier if you are keen, to get the work done in the day. Tea, squash, coffee and biscuits provided. Why not bring a picnic?

### **Village Hall – Equipment**

The management committee are grateful for the grant from the Parish Council to part fund the new chairs. It's up to us to look after them, so please keep them inside the hall and wipe up any spills!

### **Etchinghill/Lyminge Youth Football team**

The first meeting and training session took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March and was well attended. More players and helping parents are welcome from all over the area. Future training dates will be given in next month's Lyminge newsletter. For all other information please contact Alan on 862277.

## **Trainee Herdperson/Livestock Enthusiast Dairy Farm - South Canterbury**

An opportunity has arisen on a family-owned dairy farm for a dedicated person to learn all aspects involved with the day-to-day running of this farm. This includes; the welfare of the pedigree herd, production and utilisation of forages and crops and new "dairy initiatives". Working in an area of outstanding natural beauty, this position would suit a local person seeking either a long-term career in farming or someone looking for a career change to a tranquil location instead of the City!

Enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to learn are the key skills required for this role. Capable of working independently (once trained) to a very high standard, a competitive remuneration is offered to those willing to work the necessary hours with regular time off. Own transport required.

Please contact [peter@simpson-recruitment.co.uk](mailto:peter@simpson-recruitment.co.uk)  
or Tel: 01303 863268

## **Lyminge Weather Statistics February 2010**

| Thanks to Mr D Godden                           | Maximum       | Minimum                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Temperature (°C)                                | 12.4 (6/2/10) | -7.2 (13/2/10)                            |
| Air Pressure (hPa)minfw Heritage1012 (6-8/2/10) |               | 985 (21-28/2/10)                          |
| Wind Speed (mph)                                | 42 (12/2/10)  | Total Monthly Rainfall 219.5mm(8.6inches) |

# Lyminge Heritage Q's and A's



Recently I was shown a coin that was found in Lyminge. It is shown enlarged on the left. The original is much smaller and measures about 12mm in diameter. As you can see the writing on the coin is rather faint and the letters are incomplete because of wear. However, there are some numbers, ('1664') and letters, ('S', 'B' & 'M') in the middle of the coin. Around the edge of the coin appears to be the words, 'IN KENT' and 'GROCER'. The other word is much less clear. It ends in 'HAM' but the first letters are indistinct. They seem to probably be 'E' and 'L'. So, most likely, the completed word spells 'ELHAM'. This coin is a merchant's token. These coins developed after

the Civil War because the government (of whatever sort) had not produced coins for some years. The number of official coins in circulation became less & less. From 1648 to 1670 the need for small change was met by traders (mostly in the south-east of England) producing copper and brass halfpenny and farthing tokens. These tokens became 'semi-official' in that they became acceptable to several traders. It appears that this token was produced by a grocer from Elham in 1664. The other side of the coin is more indistinct but seems to read around the edge, 'R? I C H? ? R D • S Y M O N? S O ? . (? indicates letters that are indefinite. The X? denotes uncertainty about the preceding letter.) Perhaps the trader's name was Richard Symonson? In the middle of the token is a simple coat of arms. It is amazing that this small coin is nearly four hundred years old and was manufactured before the Great Fire of London.

That's all for this month. Can you provide any answers or want to ask any question about the local heritage? If so then please contact me.

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

## 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 TODDLER GROUP

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall any time between 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

## ***In Memory of William Samuel GEAR***

***Pat Gear and family thank everyone for their donations and comforting words, especially to those friends who attended the Funeral Service for Bill at the Lyminge Methodist church.***



## ***Letters to the Editor***

### **Thoroughly Wood**

First and foremost I would like to say thank you to all those in the village who have shown us sympathy and support after the fire at Thoroughly Wood. It has been a very difficult time for all and many sleepless nights. Several people's livelihoods were at stake, many of whom have young families to support.

You will be pleased to know that we are now in temporary premises at Bekesbourne and the business is up and running to the best of our abilities due to the circumstances.

The Insurance Company would not allow any employees of Thoroughly Wood to enter the site, myself being the only person that could. We were also told by the insurers not to touch anything on or around the site or adjoining properties and on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January the site was fenced off, but still allowing access to the rear where Mr and Mrs Coleman could park their car on Thoroughly Wood property. Should any of the neighbours need help with clearing debris etc perhaps they would contact us on 01227 780062.

Mark Lineham

### **In response to the Letter to the Editor – March 2010.**

Shocked and disappointed. This was my reaction to the above letter from Liz Coleman published in the Lyminge Newsletter (March 2010). Shocked that someone could take such a self-centred and uncharitable view of such a ghastly event and disappointed that the Lyminge Newsletter would publish such a one-sided and acerbic diatribe. Whatever happened to community spirit? Did you give the proprietor of Thoroughly Wood an opportunity to reply? Apparently not.

Does Liz Coleman really think that the proprietor had uppermost on his mind the need to go and have tea and biscuits with the neighbours and apologise for what was a sad accident?

Rather he considered the 20+ local workers who depend upon him for their livelihood; his customers who had work-in-progress burnt to ash; his stock and expensive raw materials and his many hundreds of hours building a thriving local business – all gone in an afternoon.

Pause and spare a thought for how you would feel had it been your business.

If Lyminge Magazine purports to represent the village, I would like to make it clear that Liz Coleman does not speak for me.

Simon Filby, The Gables, Woodlands Road, Lyminge

### **The Children's Society**

Once again we have just completed our annual round of emptying boxes from our supporters in and around the village. This has raised £594.33 for The Children's Society. This work takes action to prevent, rescue and support children facing life trapped in a vicious circle of fear and harm; a vicious circle driven by violence, neglect poverty and discrimination. We would like to say a big Thank you to our supporters, many of whom have had boxes for 25 years or more. We only wish there were a few more box holders out there, it is surprising how much can be collected by saving that loose change, is anyone interested? It would help more children have a better childhood and enable The Children's Society to reach the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in our society. Please phone Roger or Juliet Filby 01303 863376

### **Wishbone Café**

An added attraction to our lovely village is the above café.

On Saturday ten of us met to celebrate a birthday. Balloons and flowers, cameras clicking, all added to a jolly occasion which we all enjoyed. We warmly welcome Michael, the new owner. The food and service was excellent and served with a smile.

G. Hughes

### **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE SIGN**

Local residents will have noticed the sign that was installed at the junction of Canterbury Road/Westfield Lane, Etchinghill for a short period in February/March and what an effect it had on slowing traffic down.

As a result of the sign being taken away after only four weeks and several residents asking why it could not remain permanently, I thought I should explain why.

The sign is **one of six** that the Kent Highway Services will be using **at 24 locations** around the county.

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Councillor Colin Manvell

### Lyminge Village Hall

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### **Lyme Disease**

Did you read the article on Lyme Disease in the March newsletter? It has since been brought to my attention that this disease can also be found in dogs. The disease is transmitted by ticks, which when they bite a dog or human, pass on a microscopic organism called *Borrelia burgdorferi*. This microscopic bacteria causes symptoms of the disease once it gets established in the new host. Not surprisingly, the disease is commoner in places where there are many ticks, eg woods where there are deer and rodents who serve as hosts to the ticks. It is rare in urban pets.

Prevention is possible by avoiding areas where ticks are common, manually removing the ticks as soon as they are seen or getting your veterinary surgeon to do so, using proprietary tick prevention treatment on dogs under veterinary advice. Further information can be obtained from your veterinary clinic.

### **The Miss Rachel Marchant Memorial**

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that the Memorial Bench will be sited by Easter in the south west of the churchyard at Newington.

On Saturday 17th April a short service of Dedication will be held, meeting at 2.00pm in the Church of St Nicholas. Followed by Tea and Coffee in the church.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations in making this memorial possible and we look forward to meeting you on the 17th.

*M.P.B.*

# Out and About

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



The March meeting of the Lyminge Historical Society was very different to usual when Captain Marcus Hawkeslade - aka Philip Barham came to be quizzed about the English Civil War. He came complete with spurs, swords and pistols!

## Stand and Deliver!

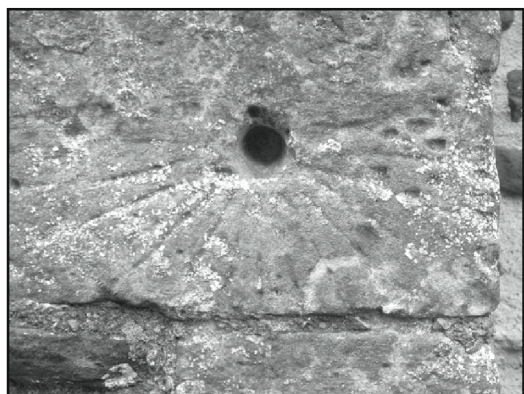
Is this really the best way to get people to buy the Historical Society's publications?

## Signs of Spring - at last!

New born lambs at Brockhill Park Performing Arts College Lambing Day on 28th March



# Mystery Photo



**Do you know where this is ?**

**It is in full public view somewhere in Lyminge. Answer next month...**

Last month's picture was one of the wall lights on each side of the door to Dumont's in the High Street. Many years ago this building was the Co-op.

The missing clues from the crossword in the March 2010 Newsletter.

## DOWN

- 1 The most weird (9)
- 2 Dissolute (7)
- 3 Can (3)
- 4 Pasture (5)
- 5 Neither (3)
- 6 Tarnish (5)
- 7 Cheerful and full of vitality (7)
- 8 Without weight (5)
- 12 Fox hole (5)
- 14 Beneath (5)
- 18 Respite (5)
- 19 Supporter of art? (cryptic) (5)
- 20 Manacles (9)
- 22 One more (7)
- 24 Landsmen (7)
- 25 Inexpensive (5)
- 26 Bores without drink (anag.) (5)
- 27 Heraldic black (5)
- 30 A little bit (3)
- 32 Assent (3)

## April 2010 - Sudoku Occasional Puzzle

|   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
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| 2 |   | 3 |  |   |   |   |   |  |
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|   | 3 |   |  |   | 9 |   |   |  |
|   | 9 |   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|   | 4 |   |  |   |   | 6 |   |  |
|   |   |   |  | 1 |   |   |   |  |
|   | 5 |   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|   |   |   |  |   |   | 3 |   |  |

We have found the gremlin that infected last month's production and as a punishment it was made to set this month's Sudoku Puzzle.

Included here are also last month's Down Clues to the crossword.

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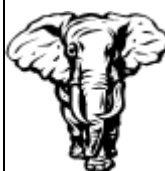
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