



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

Lyminge Association News

Well, it will soon be time for Father Christmas to go on his rounds again. Have you remembered a small pre-Christmas gift to be delivered to a child, or adult? They love the surprise of seeing Father Christmas and his Elves coming to their front door. Gifts can be taken to Laing Bennett in Lyminge by 5pm on 20th December. One pound is charged for each address (as many parcels as you like) but please wrap and address them carefully. Many thanks to Laing Bennett for being our collection point, also for helping with the Christmas Lights Switch-On. Also thanks to all the participating shops who have helped to make a lovely village atmosphere.

If you came to our A.G.M. you will have heard of the many activities we organized in the village during the year. Any money raised from these activities is ploughed back into the village by way of donations to local organisations to keep the village alive. As it was the 40th anniversary of the Lyminge Association we held a free celebration over the first weekend of September which everyone enjoyed. In fact we were asked if we could hold it every year!

2012 will mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which we hope to celebrate in some way – ideas are very welcome! The same year also sees the Olympics come to Great Britain. Next year will also be holding the Garden Safari so start thinking about it now. We shall be looking for people to open their gardens to the general public, where they can also sell refreshments, plants etc either to raise money for their favourite charity or to pay for compost or plants to further their garden improvements.

We would like to wish our Sponsors, Advertisers and Deliverers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and thank you all for supporting the Lyminge Association

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Wed 1st Dec	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 5th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	WOW (World of Worship) (Child friendly family service)
Wed 8th Dec	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Thurs 9th Dec	2.00pm	Pram Service – ‘Buggies to Bethlehem’
Sun 12th Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 15th Dec	NO Holy Communion	
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Saturday 18th Dec	7.00pm	Candlelight Carol Service
Sunday 19th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion (Child friendly family service)
		NO Evensong
Wed 22nd Dec	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Friday 24th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Toys and Joys – Christmas Day Celebration (NOT Holy Communion)
Sunday 26th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	Short Said Holy Communion
Wed 29th Dec	NO Holy Communion	
		NO Open House (Bible study)
		NO Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer

Mothers Union

For more details about the dates below please contact Sue on 862221

Thursday 2nd December – 11.00am

Advent Service in Canterbury Cathedral

Wednesday 8th December - 10.30am

Christmas Talk by Rev Hilary Jones in the Methodist Church Parlour

Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court Sunday 5th December

This is held in the lounge from 3 - 5pm.

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

Craft Afternoon – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 7th December

2pm – 4pm in the lounge. Even if you are not a ‘crafty’ person, you are still very welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat

For more information contact Lynne on 863010

Pram Service – Thursday 9th December – ‘Buggies to Bethlehem’

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

Refreshments provided

For more information contact Vanessa on 862432 or Trish on 862151

Coffee morning – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 14th Dec

This is held in the lounge from 10.00-11.30am

Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 15th December

This group meets once a month to knit prayer shawls and pray for people, in the lounge at Nailbourne Court from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

This is a joyous and useful way to bring prayer and healing to our world and everyone is welcome to join in whether you can knit or not.

Tea and coffee are provided.

For more information contact Madelaine Lewis on 863582.

Bereavement Support Christmas Lunch – Thursday 16th December

This will be in the Coach and Horses Pub at 12.30pm.

All are welcome and transport can be arranged,

Please contact Vanessa on 862432 or Lynne on 863010

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

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

5th Dec. – Mrs Sue Brockman

12th Dec. - Rev. Robin Blount
6pm Carol Service at Rhodes Minnis

18th Dec. - Rev. Derek Hancock (incl. Holy Communion)

Christmas Day – 11am Rev. Derek Hancock

26th Dec.- NO SERVICE

Wed. 22nd Dec. 7pm Carols by Candlelight followed by refreshments

Monday Fellowship 2.30 – 3.30pm
(Except December 20th & 27th)

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 December:

5th Dec. - Mr. David Foreman

12th Dec. - **6pm** Candlelit Carol Service (no morning service)

19th Dec. - Mr. Tim James

NO Christmas Day Service

26th Dec. - **NO Service**

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 5th Dec. 6.30pm Evensong

Tues 7th Dec. 7.30pm Advent Meditation

Sun 12th Dec. 9.30am Family Communion

Tues 14th Dec. 7.30pm Advent Meditation

Sun 19th Dec. 8.00am Holy Communion

Mon 20th Dec. 7.30pm. Carols by

Candlelight with the Shepway Singers

Fri 24th Dec. 11.30am Crib Service

Sat 25th Dec. 9.30am Family Service

Sun 26th Dec. . No service

Paddlesworth Church

12th Dec. – Holy Communion – 11.00am

19th Dec. – Christingle Service – 3.00pm

24th Dec. – Carol Service – 11.30pm

Start and finish at the Cat and Custard Pot

CAROL SINGING

Members of the Methodist and Anglican Churches in Lyminge will be singing Christmas Carols around the village from 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Tuesday 21st December.

If you would like us to sing a carol at your door please contact Marilyn Norton on 862991 or Derrick Hamer on 863182 and we will do our best to visit you.

We are singing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and we will not be collecting money.

WHAT'S ON

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
1 Dec	Lyminge Friends Christmas Social	10:30 am Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
4 Dec	Christmas Lights Switch On	5pm Outside Laing Bennett	862699 Adrian
4 Dec	Etchinghill Christmas Lights Switch On	5pm Meriden Park	862573 Barbara
4 Dec	Farmers' Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
4 Dec	Sammy Lou Live Music	8:30 Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
4 Dec	St Nicholas Fayre	11pm Lyminge Village Hall	
6 Dec	Talk by Bob Godfrey, History of Nuclear Power UK	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
8 Dec	Railway Swing Band	7pm for 7:30pm Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
12 Dec	Parish Walk	10 am Lyminge Post Office Car Park	862015 Richard
20 Dec	Open House Christmas Lunch	Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
21 Dec	Father Christmas Delivery	Around the Villages	862699 Adrian
31 Dec	Lyminge Friends New Year's Eve Lunch	China China	862015 Marian
31 Dec	New Year's Eve Party	8pm Coach and Horses Tickets:	862694 Alicja
31 Dec	New Year's Eve Party	Etchinghill Village Hall	862488
17 Jan	Talk: Brian Webb, History of Gideons International	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
24 Jan	Meet your new PCSO. Surgery and Public Meeting	10am Etchinghill Village Hall	07772226187 Laura Zazo
18-20 Feb	Beer Festival	Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
9 Apr	St, Mary's Hospital Reunion		862573 Barbara

Weekly Events Dates 2010		When and Where?	Contact Details
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	10 am Etchinghill Village Hall	863394 Edna
Mondays	Monday Fellowship	2:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863832 Mary
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise Class	10:15-11:15 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862465, 862873 Christine, Barbara
Wednesday	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	01233503686 Jenny
Wednesdays	French Conversation	7pm	862972 Vanessa
Thursdays	Lyminge Art Groups – AM/PM	10am and 2pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	211364 Linda and 862972 John
Thursdays	Rhodes Minnis Toddlers' Group	10am Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	863096 Elaine

Monthly Events Dates 2010		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 pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	863096
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7.30: Coach and Horses	862694 Ray or Alice
3 rd Sun ¹	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

¹ Except December 12th

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

Call Jean Howard on 01303 862488 or e-mail 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 Lyminge Hardware or the Lyminge Library. For the latest charges please call Jean on 862488

Dates for your Diary

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 4th December

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings
Bryan – 01303 862832

Christmas Craft Fair and Clothes Sale

**Tuesday 7th December
6pm – 9pm**

**Sellindge Village Hall
(Durling Hall)**

**Unique gifts from East of India
Handmade Cards and Gift Boxes
Christmas Wrap
Jewellery
Clothing
Christmas Decorations**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Website: www.lordwhisky.co.uk

Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Please come and join us at our final event of the year
Grand Prize Draw at the Tea rooms, Rhodes Minnis
Saturday 4th December at 3.30pm

Join us for a glass of wine and a Mince Pie

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our supporters and everyone who has attended our fund-raising events this year
You have enabled us to help many animals and people in our community
Thank you also to everyone who gave lovely new homes to many of our animals

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

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at our events in 2011

Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition

Saturday 26th February, 10am - 4pm Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall

Boot & Spring Fayre at Park House Saturday 7th May,

2nd Annual Cyclo-sportive at Park House Bank Holiday Monday, 30th May

Dog owners Fun Day at Park House Saturday 11th June,

Boot & Summer Fayre at Park House Saturday 30th July,

Boot & Autumn Fayre at Park House Saturday 10th September

All our Boot Fayres are held at Park House from 12 noon – 3pm
Entertainment ~ Hot & Cold Refreshments Arena displays ~ Tombolas ~
Stalls. Look out for further details in this magazine

Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms & Gift Shop at Rhodes Minnis
Open every day from 10am ~ 4pm

Delicious Breakfasts, Lunches and Snacks

Home-Made Cakes, Jams, Marmalades and Chutneys

Monday Specials ~ Friday Night Fish & Chips ~ Sunday Roasts

Look out for details of our Special Events

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 7th December 7.45pm

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about

Brandy, Baccy and Smuggling

By Cyril Baldwin

Non-members welcome

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

Proudly Presents

THE RAILWAY SWING BAND

With Guest Singers

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 8 December at 7:30pm

**Tickets now available from Lyminge
Hardware £10.00 per person**

or

**To reserve phone Niki:
01303 862530 or Honor: 01303 862928**

DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:30pm

Raffle

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

Carol Concerts - Cantores Dominicæ

Saturday 4 December at Elham Village Hall, CT4 6XS

Saturday 11 December at St Margaret's, Hothfield Church, TN26

Wednesday 15 December at St Mary's, Stowting Church, TR1 241

All concerts 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6.50 including festive drinks & nibbles.

Available from Maddy Scarre 01233 504960/Briony Williamson
01303 840083 or at the door

Come and join us - see our website for rehearsals and concerts
www.cantoresdominicae.co.uk

Rhodes Minnis Toddler Group

**Coffee Morning
Thursday 9th December**

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
10.30am- 11.45am

Raffles and Sales Table
Everyone welcome

Ceramic Painting with Roseneath Ceramics
at Marie Claire's Kitchen

**Saturday 11th December
3-5pm.**

Children bring Mum and Dad along to enjoy a nice
cup of tea and a delicious cake whilst you get
creative.

Many Christmas items to paint, plus mugs &
plates.

Ideal for Christmas presents.
All welcome. No experience necessary as full
instruction given

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive

Saturday 11th December at 7.00pm

Come along and join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Adults £2.00 – Children 50p

Bring and share refreshments
There will be a raffle

**New Years Eve Party
Etchinghill Village Hall**

8pm – 1am

Disco Variety to suit all tastes

Posh frocks and Tuxedos (Optional)

Decorated tables, glasses and tableware supplied
Bring your own food and drink

Adult £7.50
Children 8 – 16 £5.00
Children under 8 years Free

Entry by ticket only
To book tickets contact 01303 862488

Newington Village Hall

Reg. Charity No. 302812

New Years Eve Party

7.30pm 'til late

Tickets £6 per person, children under 5 go free.

Bring your own food and drink.

There will be a raffle

Ticket only
For tickets or more info. Phone
Kirsty 01303 272056

Come in and Enjoy

New Years Eve Party
At Coach and Horses
Live Music – **Pass the Cat
Buffet**

Tickets - £10 per person (Limited numbers)

Enquiries: 01303 862694

WINTER BLUES QUIZ

29th January 2011

**First quiz of the year. Try to get your name
on the board!**

Lyminge Village Hall

7:00 for 7:30pm start

Hot meal, Bar
Tables of 4-8 @ £8.00pp
Hurry - tickets going fast!!

**Contact Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 for
details**

Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee Reg Charity 281845

Remembrance Sunday

On Thursday 11th November 2010 the Rector held
a Remembrance Service at the Lyminge War
Memorial

Class 6 of Lyminge Primary School laid
Remembrance crosses in appalling weather
(strong winds and rain) around the war memorial to
those who had lost their lives in the two wars
whose names are on the war memorial.

We thank most sincerely the Rector, Rev. Peter
Ashman, Mrs Steel, head teacher, Mrs P. D'Cruz
Year 6 teacher and children of year 6 for their
attendance.

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

The amount collected for poppies in Lyminge was
£1363 – 71p including £143. 95 collected at the
United Remembrance Service held at the Lyminge
Methodist Church on Sunday 14th November.

With grateful thanks to all
Elham Valley Branch of the Royal British Legion
Alan Boughton

Notices and Reports

'Allo! 'Allo!

Are you interested in practising your French conversation skills? If so, come and join our group that meets on a Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. New members would be very welcome. We would also like to welcome anyone speaking French as their first language.

If you would like to know more, contact Vanessa on 01303 862972



Etchinghill W.I.

On 6th October member and guests we greeted to the 88th birthday and Annual Group Meeting. Wendy Allen, Chairman and members from other W.I.'s also joined us. Maggie Strodder took us back to the sixties when she spoke about the Vernon Girls and later with the Ladybirds. She also spoke about "Max Bygraves, my story" with whom she worked for many years.

The Annual General Meeting took place on 16th November when members were welcomed by Barbara Syrett.

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

Dottie Cross, Secretary, gave a report on a very successful year. Regarding many activities and interesting monthly meetings, Barbara Syrett, President, thanked the committee for all their help during the past year, especially the ladies at the 'Ploughman's Lunch' when 90 people attended and £1500.00 was raised for the Pilgrims Hospice. She also thanked all who contributed and their generosity for this event.

Barbara Syrett was unanimously voted as President for a further year. Rita Warner was elected Secretary and all other members agreed to continue for another year. At the finish of business members took part in a Quiz and enjoyed afternoon tea. The hostesses being Sheila Ferbrace, Chris Marshall, Sylvia Clark and Julia Tappenden.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th December, is our Christmas party. John Pearce, our speaker, will talk about Glenn Miller lives on.

For further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 863503

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

On the 17th November Jane Phillips and Graham Blythe gave us another lovely evening of Art and Poetry - Graham's beautiful paintings illustrating Jane's inspirational poetry. Jane and Graham have produced a new book and DVD, "Words and Beyond", all proceeds being donated to the Pilgrim's Hospice, which have already raised two and a half thousand pounds. Both Pauline Hodder and Marie Hambrook came a joint 1st in the poetry competition. We look forward to our members' Christmas party on the 8th December starting at 8pm, and we wish all our friends a very Happy Christmas. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

I am hoping that through the columns of your Newsletter, a reader may be able to help me find out a little more of my family history.

My sister's father, Lesley James Smith and our mother Irene lived in or near Lyminge in the early 1930's with my sister who was born at the end of 1931. Lesley James was a pharmacist – did he work in your chemist shop if it was there in those days? He was also a church organist and I wonder if he played at the parish church of St Mary & St Ethelburga where also, he may be buried – I believe he died in the 30's too.

It poured with rain on the day in early October when we visited Lyminge – someone may remember seeing two very wet and bedraggled pensioners looking round the churchyard, walking up and down the road and eventually waiting for the bus.

Reference to the above letter

In the 30s I believe there was one pharmacy in the village which was run by a man called Mr Defrates (which is confirmed by looking at the Kelly's Directories of the period). His pharmacy was in Station Road, on the opposite side of the road to the present pharmacy and further down the road towards the Mayfield Road junction (Magg's Corner). Older residents of Lyminge remember it having large bottles of coloured fluid in the window. Although I don't know of Mr Smith working in the village it maybe that he assisted Mr Defrates.

Information supplied by Alistair Bailey



LYMINGE HANDBELLS



Handbell ringing really comes into its own at this time of Christmas. We are well booked up now for December but if you want to hear us we will be playing at St Nicholas Fayre on the 4th and on the same day at the Christmas tree lighting outside Laing Bennett. We will once again be ringing at Wye Farmer's Market on Saturday the 18th at 10.30am and the Parish Church Crib Service at 2.15pm on the 24th, followed by our regular attendance at Midnight Mass from 11.00pm on Christmas Eve. If you have an occasion where the sound of traditional handbells will add to your celebration, why not consider the Lyminge Handbells? All we need is a large table, room for up to 12 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. A contribution to travelling costs is asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. Want more info or make a booking? Just call Ro Edmond on 863201 or email welldorm@aol.com.

Etchinghill Update December 2010

Farmers' Market

To be held on Saturday 4th December in the Village Hall 10am -12.30pm

Open House Diary

Open House is held every Monday morning in the Village Hall, 10-12. All welcome.

6th December Talk by Robert Godfrey – The History of Nuclear Power in the UK

20th December Open House Christmas Lunch – this will require contributions from everyone – to be organised nearer the date.

31st New Year's Eve Party 8pm - 1am Decorated tables, glasses and tableware supplied. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. To reserve tickets please contact Jean on 01303 862488.

17th January 2011 Talk by Brian Webb – The History of Gideons International

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Floral Display

A huge vote of thanks must go to Lynne Rogers who has continued to provide an eye-catching display of flowers in the planter at the crossroads of Teddars Leas and Canterbury Road. She donates the plants and gives freely of her time and expertise to ensure that this public display is kept in prime condition. Her example and those of a few others help make Etchinghill a special place to live. We could do with a few more public spirited residents such as Lynne. The fabric and facilities of the village will not improve unless **YOU** help to do something about it! The ERA always welcomes any offers of help. We couldn't do what we do without your help.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place at Meriden Park on Saturday 4th December at 5.00 pm. Come and join us at the Village Hall afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies and get into the Christmas spirit. Father Christmas has promised us he will be there to see any children that have been "good" throughout the year.

St Mary's Reunion

Don't forget the St Mary's Hospital Staff and friends reunion on Saturday 9th April 2011. Do register your interest with Barbara on 01303 862873 to receive your invite and further details. Any memorabilia you can bring or loan will be most useful. We are especially looking for old photographs of St. Mary's.

Editing digital photographs on your own computer

The original series of digital photography sessions have been a resounding success. We have had up to twenty four people attending in small groups and everyone had fun and gained experience and knowledge. I now propose to re-run the basic sessions and some more advanced sessions early next year. For this, and learning from the initial experience, I hope to use the facilities of the school early on Wednesday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

The hire of the hall and the use of their equipment will mean that you will need to pay a nominal sum for each session. I estimate this will be £1.50 to £2.00 per two hour session dependent on number attending. You will need your own computer and the relevant software. If we can get a minimum of six people attending each level the sessions will go ahead. Interested? Then please contact me on 01303 862972 or email: jon@serenitas.co.uk for further details - John L Carr.

GET THE DANCE BUG

Learn to dance in a friendly atmosphere

Ballroom, Latin & Salsa Dance Classes

Etchinghill Village Hall – Thursdays

16 & Under Beginners & Improvers
Adult Beginners & Improvers

Private lessons, parties, **Xmas social dance**

Partners not necessary

Phone Lynn (IDTA) on 01303 279504/07967979610

LYMINGE ART GROUP

This thriving and enthusiastic group meet every Thursday morning at the Methodist Hall, Lyminge; starting at 10.00 am.

During each month there is either painting time with a tutor or the opportunity to follow your own painting projects.

It costs £10 per month. We have space for two new members at present; so if you are wanting to start a new hobby, or would like the opportunity to paint with a friendly group of artists please contact

Linda Wilsher (01303 211364) for further details.

LYMINGE FRIENDS

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

Wednesday 1st December - Christmas Social with Mince Pies and Secret Santa

Wednesday 31st December - New Year's Eve Lunch in China China

Wednesday 5th January - **NO MEETING** - Christmas Lunch - Rose & Crown, Stelling Minnis

Wednesday 2nd February - The work of the Kent Association for the Blind by Caroline Gunter
No membership fees - only £1.50 per month. For more details contact Marian on 862015

Thank you from the Lyminge Village Hall Management Committee

Thanks to everyone who braved the elements and came to support us at Bonfire Night.

We hoped you enjoyed yourselves and that the decision not to light the bonfire didn't spoil the evening for you. The wind direction was wrong and we were conscious of wayward sparks. Thanks also for all the helpers who turn out every year. Together it all made Bonfire Night a successful evening.

pushing up daisies

At the Methodist Church Hall

Quality second hand goods and clothes.

Our opening hours are:

Wed – Fri. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW IN!

SANTA'S SLEIGH SCHEDULE (try saying that after a glass of sherry and a mince pie)

HO! HO!HO! Yes they're back! Lion Santa and Rudolph will be visiting the valley in December to find out where all the good children live and they will be joined by members of Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club who will be collecting for local good causes.

They will visit **Lyminge on Saturday 18th from 4.15pm; Stelling Minnis and Bossingham**, on Mon 6th, **Etchinghill and Postling**, Tue 7th; **Hawkinge** 14th to 17th and **Elham** on Monday 20th all these from 5.30 pm.

We will be raising funds for the elderly and other local good causes, for example, we have just donated £500 to the lip-reading/hearing aid clinic at Age Concern, Lyminge. Thanks to Northgate Vehiclehire Folkestone and other local traders for their support.

We would still welcome any help with the float collection. If you are able to help, with collecting on these or another of our sixteen nights, please ring Neil on 01303 862837. You can visit our revamped web-site at: www.elhamwyelions.org.uk.

Demelza Hospice Care for Children

Our Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd October raised £583.01p.

Thank you so much to Sibton Park Cricket Club for the use of their pavilion, and to all my friends who helped to run the stalls and who made cakes and donations – what would we do without you? Also thank you to everyone who came along to support us despite the damp weather, and to Red Dragon for their help with the posters.

On behalf of the children and families who depend on Demelza Hospice Care for Children we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Samuel Jacobs Hair Salon

Helen, Sue, Jackie, Nikita, Terri and Katherine would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Peaceful New Year

New Neighbourhood Officer

Hello I am PC 11778 Damon WARREN.I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself now that I have taken up post as the new neighbourhood police officer for the following areas; Tolsford, Hythe East and North Downs West.

Since joining the Hythe Neighbourhood team the Village of Lyminge was suffering a high increase of criminal damage and anti social behaviour. Working closely with other departments such as the Lyminge community Warden, Shepway community safety Unit, the neighbourhood task team .Six arrests have now been made in relation to these offences.

I can assure you that; I will do my best to support my area of responsibility. But I can only do this if the Neighbourhood team and I get the support from you. I urge you; that if you have any issue's or concerns that are of a neighbourhood matter then please email or phone me with as much detail as you can offer. I cannot promise to move mountains but I will have a good go.

Your New Neighbourhood officer Pc 11778 Damon WARREN

Contact numbers: 07772226182 and 01797321723

Lyminge Library News

Congratulations to all the children who completed the **Space Hop Summer Reading Challenge**. Forty-five medals were awarded to those who read six library books during the summer.

Parents, grandparents and children enjoyed a making '**spooky**' **books** session in October half term. We are planning a similar activity on **Saturday 4th December** when Lyminge Library will be open for extended hours between 3pm – 5pm, before the switch on of the Christmas lights. Refreshments will be available and also the opportunity to choose your books as usual. Why not pop in and keep warm!

Need Help Using a Computer? Coming soon to Lyminge Library, a volunteer Computer Buddy who will be available to help you get online and answer your basic queries. Did you know you can gain free access to **Ancestry.com** library edition on all our library computers? This provides access to the 1841 to 1901 UK censuses and contains more than 4 billion names. A simple search using an ancestor's Christian and surname can produce some interesting results, which can be viewed, printed or emailed.

The last **Baby RhymeTime** of the year will be a special Christmas session, come and join us on Thursday 16th December at 9.30am.

If you are stuck at home and unable to visit the library, then let the library come to you. We operate a **Home Library Service**, staffed by volunteers who will call at your home on a regular basis bringing you books (including Large Print) or spoken work in either Compact Disc or cassette form.

For more information on any of the above please phone Jane on 01303 862180.

Best Wishes to all my customers.

Jane

Lyminge Football Club

We would like to thank all the people who have supported us this year and hope that this trend will continue. We are having a most successful season and are trying to build a team that the village can be proud of in the same way Sibton Park have done on the cricket front.

By beating a side from Thanet 5 - 2 on the 14th November we have reached the last eight of the Kent Junior Trophy out of an entry of 128. The boys were deservedly clapped off at the end of the game and I know that meant a lot to them.

We have a great structure at the club with good village people putting in a lot of hard work and the more faces we can attract to the ground to support us the better. Most games kick off at 10.30am and we will be displaying posters around the village to advertise when matches are taking place.

Lyminge Dramatic Society

"Happy Christmas to one and all" and a very big thank you to everyone who came to see our production of **"Christmas Carol"**. We certainly enjoyed putting it on – even those long rehearsals in some very unpleasant weather were worth it in the end. Everyone seemed to have a good time and it was a great way to start the Christmas celebrations.

Our next production will be **"Dads' Army"** in April and the reading to cast it is on 6th January at Sibton Park Cricket Club at 7.45pm. If you fancy a go at acting or wish to get involved back stage, please put that date in your diary and come along. We are also organizing a voice projection coaching session/ social evening in January if you are interested in that. We will give more details of both events in our January Newsletter so look about for that.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the Society please contact Ingrid Goodchild, on 01303 840372 and she will be very happy to meet up with you for a chat and tell you all about us. New members are always made very welcome, so if you want to have a new interest in 2011 do keep us in mind.

It just remains to say that we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year...

Help Needed!

My partner and I are currently looking for some help in finding a reasonably priced (available or soon to be available) privately let property in the local area. We are a professional couple both currently living and working in the village and are incredibly keen to stay here. We would be very grateful if anyone who knows of anywhere, or perhaps knows someone who may be thinking of letting a property could please get in touch with us on either 01303862561 or 07834390264.

Many thanks in advance, Rebecca & Martin

Do you want to be part of a poetry group in Lyminge?

Which produces local poetry, reads & listens to all different forms of poetry past and present?

Then please get in touch.

This is a call to ALL in Lyminge who personally enjoy reading, creating, performing or listening to poetry. The aim is to get together once a month, listen to each others poetry and educate ourselves on poets past and present. It is open to everyone, there are no restrictions...it is also free!

So all you budding poets in the village and local area, it is time to make yourself known and maybe put Lyminge and the surroundings on the poetry map. You will meet new people and learn things in the process I'm sure, please get in touch. If we can get a few like minded folk together by the end of 2010 let us see what we can do.

Contact :Dave Sheppard 01303-863474 36 Mount Pleasant Close, Lyminge lymingedave@yahoo.co.uk

The Kent's Elham Valley Visitors Group is now up and running

Key officers are:

- Geoff Baldock - Chairman 01303 863625 geoffbaldock2@btinternet.com
- Bill Chitty - Treasurer 01303 862617 info10@handspin.co.uk
- Sue Chitty - Secretary 01303 862617 info10@handspin.co.uk

More than 20 businesses within the valley have already joined, and the recruitment drive continues!

The way tourism is promoted and managed is paramount if we are to protect our area of outstanding natural beauty. As a group of locals we want to ensure that the area retains its very special features.

They already have a website www.kentselhamvalley.co.uk that brings together all visitor related businesses operating in the Valley area.

The group is now developing a new visitor guide for the valley, as an A3 full colour leaflet. A professional designer has been found who is prepared to set out the leaflet for free and they are approaching a specialist designer to look at designing a map.

10,000 leaflets will be commercially distributed across Kent, Surrey and outer south east London by Easter 2011. An additional 3,000 will be distributed within the Elham Valley. You also get a link on the KEV website and the opportunity to submit items to the events page of the website.

Any business or organisation not already a member or would like to be included in the next leaflet please contact Bill, Sue or Geoff for details.

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

Following on from last month’s stories of the Etchinghill Workhouse, I have come across this article from the Illustrated Police News of 24th April 1886 concerning the workhouse. I am grateful to the British Library, where the original newspaper is held, for permission to reproduce the following,

“On Friday afternoon a sad accident occurred on the new Elham Valley Railway, which is in course of construction at Lyminge, near Folkestone. The men were at work in a cutting when a slip took place from the top of the embankment, and a huge lump of stone fell on the head of a labourer ... He was removed to the workhouse close by and attended by Drs Bishop and Robinson, but help was of no avail [and he died].”

Kelly's Directory of 1882 gives “Wm. Bishop L.R.C.P. Edin.” as the Surgeon of the workhouse as well as the Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for the Elham district of the Elham Union. He is also listed as “Inspector of Nuisances” for the Rural Sanitary Authority (What might those duties entail?). “M.K.Robinson M.D. [of] Dover” is given as the Rural Sanitary Authority’s Medical Officer. This directory also shows the interesting fact that, at that time, the local Police Station was in Etchinghill and was staffed by Sergeant Benjamin Cordery and two constables.

Mrs Joan Tugwell has been in contact and told me that the unit for the tramps was near the corner between Canterbury Road and Westfield Lane in Etchinghill. She also said that after discharge from the unit they would be given a wrap of tea, a wrap of sugar, a cheese roll and a shilling to support them until they got to the next spike which was in Bridge. She also remembers that one particular tramp would gather watercress from the Nailbourne and sell it for a penny a bunch. Another of her memories is that the tramps would hide their valuables in the hedgerow of Westfield and that no matter how hard her and her friends looked they never found them.

Another story from Mrs Tugwell’s childhood is about a playground ‘roundabout’ that stood between the footpath that opens onto Chuch Road (from Silverlands) and the Methodist Church. She remembers after school, the children on their way home would swing the roundabout. It would make a loud noise. On one occasion the noise annoyed Mr Clayson, who lived next door, so much that he rushed out and told the children off. Can anybody else remember this roundabout?

That’s it for this month. Please contact me if you have any questions or answers about the local heritage. May you all have a very happy Christmas.

Alistair Bailey (email: abailey447@aol.com

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS – OCTOBER 2010

THANKS TO Mr. D. GODDEN for these weather statistics and notes.

	Maximum	Minimum
Temperature (C)	23.3 (03/10/10)	-1.6 (21/10/10)
Air Pressure (hPa)	1018 (26/10/10)	992 (29/10/10)
Wind Speed (mph)	45 (01/10/10)	
Total Monthly Rainfall	146mm (5.70in)	(Highest Day 36mm (1.24in)

WAS IT JUST A COINCIDENCE, OR DID THE CHANCELLOR AFFECT THE WEATHER. THE NIGHT FOLLOWING HIS BUDGET WAS THE COLDEST OF THE MONTH, AND SINCE MARCH 4 2010.

Police are reminding drivers that during frosty conditions leaving your vehicle to defrost, with the keys in the ignition, can affect your car insurance validity.

This is intended for people who start their vehicle, on their drive or on the road, to warm up the engine and defrost the vehicle.

People often return in to their house, for whatever reason, and that can result in the theft of or the theft from a vehicle with the result being that drivers are then not able to claim for any loses, from the insurance company, again due to the keys being left in the ignition.

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Discounted rates are available for **Etchinghill Residents** who are occasional hirers and for **Regular Users** after 12 months' hiring.

The Committee Room costs £6.00 per session for **Regular Hirers**, £6.00 per hour for **Non-Residents** and £5.00 per hour for **Residents**.

All-day hire for **Weddings, Banquets and Commercial Functions:**

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Are you looking for a hall in which to hold Practice sessions, private party/function or Meeting?

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Rates:

Sun – Fri £14.00 per session. £34.00 per day
Sat - £20.00 per session. £27.00 evening session
£55.00 per full day.

Session Times:

AM session 8.30am – 12.30pm
PM session 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Evening Session 6.00pm – 11.45pm

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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

India Bike Ride 3-12 November 2011

Join us on a trip of a lifetime and cycle for 5 days through rural Rajasthan along with other like minded people and raise funds for the Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Canterbury (KM Charity of the Year 2010). This will be the 2nd major fundraising event for the Centre which provides therapies, advice and support for people with MS in Kent. We are looking for over 30 people to take part in the event which finishes with a visit to the Taj Mahal.

For more information and a registration pack call 01303 862 996 or e-mail info@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk or visit www.kentmstc.co.uk

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 (1st session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for both adults and children.

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Out and About

Do you have any photos of local events or local groups in action, please call 01303 862699

What a show!

Lyminge Dramatic Society

presented their version of Charles Dickens **A Christmas Carol** adapted by Mike Parrish and directed by Barbara Harris at the end of the month to packed houses. The show was a great mixture of comedy, pathos and good triumphing in the end. A really great start to the Christmas period. Congratulations to all those involved in the production.



Mystery Photo



Last month's Mystery Photo was of the date on the south wall of Lyndon Hall in Canterbury Road.

Where would you see this shiny lamp?

It is in clear public view somewhere in Lyminge



CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	24th Dec	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	27th Dec	28th Dec	29th Dec	30th Dec	New Years Eve	1st Jan 2010	2nd Jan 2010
Chemist	9 – 1pm 2.30 – 5.30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 – 1pm 2.30 – 6.30	9 – 1pm 2.30 – 6.30	9 – 1pm 2.30 – 5.30	Closed	Closed
Hardware	9 – 5.30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 – 1pm	9 – 5.30	9 – 5.30	Closed	Closed
Laing Bennett	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10 – 2pm	10 – 2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hairdresser	9 – 4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 – 7pm	9 – 5.30	9 – 5.30	Closed	Closed
Library	9 – 12	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 – 6pm	9 – 12	Closed	Closed
Food & Wine	7 – 7pm	12 – 1.30	8 – 3pm	7 – 9pm	7 – 9pm	7 – 9pm	7 – 9pm	7 – 7pm	8 – 3pm	7 – 9pm
Newsagents	7 – 5	Closed	7 – 11	7 – 12	7 – 12	7 – 12	7 – 5	7 – 5	7 – 12	7 – 12.30
Post Office	9 – 12.30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 – 1pm	9 – 1pm 2.15 – 5.30	9 – 1pm 2.15 – 4	Closed	Closed
Stennings	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
Wholistic	Open Am only	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open Am only	Osteopath Only	Open Am only	Closed	Closed
Red Dragon	9 – 3pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
China China	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30	Closed	Closed	Closed	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30	12 – 2pm 5.30–11.30
Lyminge New Chinese										
Marie Clare	8.15 – 9pm	11 – 2pm	Closed	Closed	8.15 – 4pm	8.15 – 4pm	8.15 – 9pm	8.15 – 4pm	10 – 3pm	10 – 3pm
Auto Economy Centre	8 – 1pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 – 6pm	8 – 6pm	8 – 6pm	Closed	Closed

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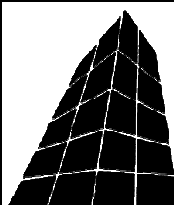
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