



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

Lyminge Association News

By the time you receive your first newsletter of 2010 it will all be over. We hope you have all enjoyed a very merry Christmas and we look forward to a peaceful New Year. We would like to thank the huge gathering who came to the 'Switch on' performed by Father Christmas. They then enjoyed Carols sung by Lyminge Primary School and music by the Lyminge Hand Bell Ringers. To finish, mince pies and mulled wine were served by The Lyminge Association with sweets for the children, although I did hear that one little girl had consumed 7 mince pies! Snow was produced by Adrian Willcox and was a great hit with the children, seeing who could get the most on their hat. Hot soup went down very well provided by Lyminge Hardware Stores and tea, coffee and nibbles were enjoyed at the Library.

A big THANK YOU to Laing Bennett for their cooperation in allowing us to have the 'switch on' at their premises. Thank you to all who participated in any way, particularly the local businesses who had their own special offers.

This year see the 40th Anniversary of The Lyminge Association and we would like some ideas on how to celebrate and make it a special community occasion. All and any ideas will be welcomed and if feasible will be used so please put on your thinking caps and either email or 'phone the editor, or contact any member of the committee.

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday 3rd January | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am WOW service |
| Wednesday 6 th Jan | 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) |
| | 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) |
| | 9.15pm Wednesday Silence |
| Sunday 10th January | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 13 th Jan | 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) |
| | 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) |
| | 9.15pm Wednesday Silence |
| Thursday 14 th Jan | 2.00pm Pram Service |
| Sunday 17th January | 10.30am Joint service with the |
| | Methodists for Week of |
| | Prayer for Christian Unity |
| | 6.30pm Evensong |
| Wednesday 20 th Jan | 7.00pm Holy Communion |
| | 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) |
| | 9.15pm Wednesday Silence |
| Sunday 24th January | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 27 th Jan | 7.00pm Holy Communion |
| | 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) |
| | 9.15pm Wednesday Silence |
| Sunday 31 st January | 10.30am Matins |

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court – 3rd January

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

Craft Afternoons - 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday 5th Jan - Wentworth Close Lounge

Tuesday 12th Jan - Nailbourne Court Lounge

Tuesday 26th Jan - Ceramic Painting at Rhodes Minnis

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

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - Tuesday 12th January

Coffee mornings are now held on the second **Tuesday** of the month from 10.00am to 11.30am in the lounge.

Please note the change of day.

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

Mothers Union – 13th January

This month we will be meeting for lunch at the ‘Rose and Crown’ Stelling Minnis at 12.30pm.

For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Pram Service – 14th January

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

Bereavement Support Lunch – 21st January

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 – 28th January

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

Preachers for January:

3rd Jan – Rev. Derek Hancock

Annual Covenant Service

10th Jan – 10.45 for 11am Café Worship

Led by Mrs M Blanch

17th Jan – Rev. Robin Blount

24th Jan – 10.30am United Service at Parish Church

31st Jan – Mr Dudley Shipton

Monday Fellowship 2.30 – 3.30pm weekly

From 11th January

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

Rhodes Minnis Church

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

Followed by coffee and biscuits

A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

The Preachers for January:

Jan.3 - Rev. Derek Hancock

Jan.10 - Rev. Barry Armson (annual covenant service)

Jan.17 - Rev. Ian Hamilton

Jan.24 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

Jan.31 - Mr. David Foreman

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd Jan Evensong 6.30pm

Sunday 10th Jan Family Communion 9.30am

Sunday 17th Jan Holy Communion 8am

Sunday 24th Jan Family Service 9.30am

Sunday 31st Jan No Service in Postling

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 John on 862972

Are you planning an event this year ? Please use this diary to help avoid clashes

| One Off Events In Forthcoming Months | | When and Where? | Contact Details | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 8 Jan | 'pushing up daises' Book Fair & Story telling | 6.00 Lyminge Methodist Parlour | 863729 | Margaret |
| 6 Feb | 'pushing up daises' Boot Fair | 10.00 Lyminge Methodist Hall | 863729 | Margaret |
| 18 Jul | Rude Mechanical Theatre Company | 7.30 Tayne Field | 862743 | Mike |

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

| Monthly Events Dates 2009 | | When and Where? | Contact Details | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 st Tue ² . | Lyminge Historical Society | 7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall | 840419 | Derek |
| 1 st Wed. | Lyminge Friends | 10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour | 862427 | Mavis |
| 3 rd Wed. | Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle | 7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall | 862913 | Marion |
| 1 st Sat. | Farmers and Craft Market | 10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall | 862832 | Bryan |
| 2 nd . Sat | Coffee Morning | 10:00 Postling Church | 863536 | Pat |
| 4 th Sat. ¹ | Beetle Drive | 7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall | 862616 | Mick |
| 3 rd Sun. | Parish Walk | 10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park | 862015 | Richard |
| 3 rd Tue. | Etchinghill W. I. Meeting | 2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall | 862141 | Dottie |
| Last Mon. | Parish Council Meeting | See Parish Notice inside Newsletter | 239500 | Crispin |

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

Call Jean Howard on 01303 862488 or email in word doc. format to jean.howard1@talktalk.net. Money must be received before articles can appear in the newsletter. A paper copy and money can be left at the Lyminge Newsagents or the Lyminge Library. Charges are as follows: Business adverts - £8.00 per month or £80.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Charity adverts - £1.50 per month or £15.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Please make cheques payable to The Lyminge Association

¹ Beetle Drive will be held on 4th Sat.

² Except Jan & Feb.

Coach and Horses

Under new ownership

Pj and Ray welcome you.

Customers wanted - apply at the pub.

We will be offering a full menu starting the 2nd week in January.

Below is a sample of our menu...

Starters

Stuffed filled mushrooms

•

Prawn and poached salmon cocktail

•

Homemade asparagus and cherry tomato tart

Mains

Classic sausage and spring onion mash

•

Slowly braised lamb shanks

•

Spaghetti con gambretti e rucola

•

Also steaks and light bites

And

Great beer and coffee

Ring for reservations

01303 862 694

Dates for your Diary

Line Dancing

Beginners Line dancing classes will commence on Monday 4th January at Etchinghill Village Hall

Pilgrims Hospices IN EAST KENT

January 2010

Wednesday 6th January

Meet last years friends and make new ones at our first coffee morning of the New Year. Enjoy a piece of fruit cake or a scone, all served by Silvia and her band of happy helpers.

Usual stalls, cakes and raffle

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

Pushing up Daisies

A WINTER'S EVENING

BOOK FAIR &

STORYTELLING

Friday January 8th from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

in the Methodist Church Parlour

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Lots of beautiful second-hand books for sale

with short readings from favourite classic stories and poems to entertain throughout while you shop.

Mince pies, hot drinks and glögg will also be on sale.

Raising funds for local conservation and community projects.

ELHAM FARMERS' MARKET

10AM – 12PM, ROSE AND CROWN
COURTYARD

Next Markets: Sunday 10th and 24th January

Your Healthy New Year Starts Here...

If you've vowed to eat more healthily in the New Year, our January markets are the place to shop for fresh, seasonal and locally sourced fruit and vegetables, traditionally made cheeses, local meat and game, as well as free range eggs, home bakes, chutneys, and wholesome, freshly baked bread.

All are more nutritious, much tastier and often cheaper than the supermarkets. So give us a try. And please visit us for our February 14th Valentine's Day market – we'll have heart-shaped cakes, Breakfast in Bed gift packs (honey, tea etc), logs for a cosy winter fire and much more.

We hope to see you there!

PS. Many thanks to all who supported our Christmas Market and helped make it such a festive occasion despite the appalling weather.

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive

Saturday 23rd January

Come along and join us at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Starts at 7pm,

Adults £2.00 – Children 50p

Includes refreshments

There will be a raffle

SHEPWAY & DISTRICT U3A

You are invited to an

Open Day

Tuesday 2nd February 2010

10.30am – 3pm

Methodist Church Hall

153 Sandgate Road, Folkestone

Come and meet us and enjoy some complimentary refreshments

What is U3A? It is a worldwide network for older people where we can share knowledge, interests and skills with others, learn from them, and enjoy the experience in friendly surroundings.

We currently have over 20 interest groups which meet regularly, including Art/Bird Watching/Music/Card and Board Games/Poetry/ Walking/Computers/ Handicrafts/Local History/Discussion Groups/Sunday Lunches/Coffee Mornings and meetings with guest speakers

Pushing up Daisies INDOOR BOOT FAIR & WINTER STOCK CLEARANCE SALE

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Saturday 6th February at the Methodist
Church Hall

Doors open from 10.00 a.m. until
lunchtime

To book a table phone Helen on 862352

WINTER BLUES QUIZ

6TH FEBRUARY 2010

Time to come out of hibernation and start living again!!

**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

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT19 9 NQ

6th February 2010

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings

Bryan – 01303 862832

On **Saturday 20th February** The Counterfeit Beatles will be performing at the Leas Cliff Hall. The tribute group will be supported by local duo, Twice as Nice. Supper is included as well.

Tickets are just £35 each and can be purchased from www.eventbook.org.uk – the website gives you the information you need or call 01303 891001 if you don't have web access.

There will be prizes for the best dressed person and best dressed table so book early to avoid disappointment.

This is a valley event, promoted by North Downs West, North Downs East, Elham and Stelling Minnis branches of the Folkestone and Hythe Conservative Association. Don't worry though – this is not a rally so all are welcome to come along and perk up a dreary winters evening!

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

Fundraising Events in 2010

Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition – Saturday 27th February
Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall, Faversham. 10am – 4pm
Come and meet some more unusual and exotic species and chat to the experts

Craft Stalls ~ Tombolas ~ Hot & cold refreshments served all day

Boot & Spring Fair ~ Saturday 1st May
Dog & Owners Fun Day ~ Saturday 12th June
Boot & Summer Fayre ~ Saturday 31st July
Boot & Autumn Fayre ~ Saturday 11th September
All held at Park House, Stelling Minnis 12 noon - 3.30pm

Become a Friend of Lord Whisky

For a minimum donation of £10 (or £60 to become a friend for life) you will receive quarterly newsletters packed with news and information about our work. Your support will help us care for the many animals we receive into the sanctuary every year. If you would like to become a Friend, please send your details and a cheque made payable to Lord Whisky, to the above address.

Come and visit the Lord Whisky Tearooms & Gift Shop

Come and try our home-made Monday Specials, only £5!!
Breakfasts, Lunches, Teas and Snacks, all freshly prepared on the premises. Delicious Home-made Cakes, Jams and Marmalades to take home.

Good quality Bric-a-Brac ~ 'Beauty without Cruelty' Products

Responsible, loving homes sometimes needed for young and elderly dogs and cats. Also ponies, horses, rabbits, guinea pigs etc.
Please contact us if you could offer a loving home to an animal in need

Notices and Reports

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our members Christmas party was held on the 9th December when we enjoyed a buffet supper followed by the Christmas Raffle. The competition was won by Paula and the collection was given to

"Help for Heroes" which is our charity for this year. We ended the evening with Daphne playing carols for us to sing-a-long to before wishing each other a very Happy Christmas.

Our next meeting is on the 20th January when Chris Tutton will return with "RAMBLINGS". We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7-30pm and everyone is welcome.

Marion Hoare 01303 862913

Etchinghill W.I

The meeting opened with Barbara Syrett asking all members to stand for one minutes silence in respect of Daphne Melrose, a long standing W.I member who will be sadly missed.

Birthday posies were presented to Ann Morgan and Denise Stewart. At the finish of the afternoon's business John Pearce entertained us with nostalgic music past and present. He played the guitar and sang many popular old songs with members joining in with great enthusiasm. We also participated in a quiz which was great fun.

A very delectable party tea was served and prepared by the committee. Each table looked very festive with every member receiving a small present and a bag of sweets.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 19th January at 2.30pm. Sarah Grazebrook will speak about working class suffragettes.

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

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.

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 from 10 am – 12 noon during term time.

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

'Phone Elaine on 01303 863096 if you need more information

Abbeyfield Vacancy

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

Ideal residents should enjoy independence, friendship and support yet find the burden of managing their own property too demanding. Our mission is to help an increasing number of older people enjoy a high quality of independent living through our range of services:

Housing support, or care combined with local community involvement.

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

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

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

For further information, a brochure or an informal chat please call our house manager Rosemary 01303 864564 or visit www.abbeyfield.com

LYMINGE FRIENDS

Happy New Year everyone. Come and join us as we look forward to another busy year.

Wednesday 6th January 2010 - NO MEETING.

Christmas Lunch in the Rose and Crown in Stelling Minnis.

On **Saturday 9th** we will see Aladdin at the Tower Theatre.

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

Wednesday 3rd March 2010 - Our speaker will be Nikki Kimble on the work of the Dogs Trust. Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour.

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

Cycle Cuba

Kent Air Ambulance is looking for people who like a challenge!
To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the life saving helicopter being operational in Kent, the charity is organizing a sponsored bike ride in Cuba.

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

The Kent Air Ambulance is available to every person living, working and travelling through the county each day. We receive no Government assistance or other funding towards the annual cost of running the service, £1.7 million pa, all of which is raised through donations and fundraising by the people of Kent.

For more information visit www.kentairambulance.co.uk or contact Emma emma@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk or 01303 862996 for a registration pack.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

I have pledged to raise £3750 for Marie Curie and will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania in September. Please help me reach my total by supporting me at

www.justgiving.com/sophiamoffattwhite or by donating at the Marie Curie collection tins in China China and The Lyminge Food and Wine
Thank you Sophia Moffatt-White

The Valley's Got Talent! – Lyminge Dramatic Society

*Have you got a talent which will entertain people?
Do you want to win £250?*

If so, then read on! The Lyminge Dramatic Society is holding a show in March to showcase local talent, although we will welcome competitors from anywhere in Kent or even beyond. Talented individuals or groups of 16 years plus are invited to enter - singers, dancers, comedians or any entertainment skills are welcomed. Acts which include animals will not be accepted.

The auditions will be held on the weekend of the 20th and 21st March at Lyminge Village Hall and successful acts will go forward to the final on Saturday 27th March, also at the Village Hall. There will be a panel of judges for the auditions, who will take feedback from the audiences to help them decide which acts should go to the final, but the winner will be decided by the audience at the final on the 27th.

Entry will be free and the February newsletter will contain details of ticket sales and where you can obtain entry forms including an email address you can write to. However, the panel will not decide the winner - the audience will!

The competitors will need an audience! This is a new event for the area and it looks like it will be very popular - so come along and support it, either on stage or in the audience!

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

Happy New Year. I have been contacted by Kirk Alexander who works for the White Cliffs Countryside Project and lives in Lyminge. He wrote about the environmental project question (**Q/A19** *Are there any environmental projects in progress in the locality?*):

"I am the project manager for the White Cliffs Countryside Project which has helped carry out a range of environmental projects in Lyminge and the Elham Valley over the last twenty years. The WCCP was involved in the creation of the Elham Valley Way which was officially opened in 1994... [and] was established in 1989 to help maintain and enhance the special coast and countryside of Shepway and Dover. We are perhaps best known for our large programme of guided walks and the Green Gang activities for children and their families during the school holidays. ...

The WCCP is helping manage the Kent Free Tree Scheme in Shepway and Dover and I can tell you that there have been a number of successful applications for free trees in Lyminge and elsewhere in the Elham Valley.

We have been working with Forest Enterprise to develop some walking and cycling routes for Lyminge Forest which together with a leaflet and information panel in the car park will be launched in the spring 2010. In the meantime local people are invited to test the proposed routes and make suggestions. I hope to be able to post the proposed routes on the WCCP web site in the near future (www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk). I could also print off the routes for those who do not have web access. In addition, the WCCP proposes to launch an Elham Valley Ranger scheme to involve local people in the protection and management of Lyminge Forest and the Elham Valley Way. Further information will be posted on the web site or details can be obtained from me."

Kirk is happy to advise and assist in any environmental project in Lyminge. His telephone numbers are: 07885 599182 and (01303) 862938 and (01304) 241806 (tel/fax).

Peter Lanes has contacted me about the ducks in Station Road, Lyminge (**Q/A22**). He told me that they have been living in the pond and stream that lie to the left of Station Road as one approaches Lyminge. Apparently there were twenty four born there this summer but some moved on and now there are thirteen. He said that when the water dried up, in the summer, the ducks started to land on his lawn which was a rather comical sight as they seemed to think the grass was water and so tumbled head over heels on landing. This jogs my memory. I remember hearing that when there was a petrol station on the corner of Station Road and Mayfield Road, the ducks regularly had to be herded out to avoid being flattened by petrol tankers. Ducks must have been resident in that area for many years.

Peter Gay phoned me and told me that he has regularly seen weasels (**Q/A18**) crossing the roads to the west of Elham. He also said that he has seen stoats on the army land near Arpinge and that he understands that there are feral ferrets living at the top of Teddars Leas Road. Presumably, these were originally escapees. This reminds me that I have seen coloured rabbits living wild between Teddars Leas Road and Tan Barn. They were brown, black and white. Again, these presumably escaped from a cage in the past.

Here are the Etchinghill weather statistics for November 2009:

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| Maximum Temp | 15.1 °C (1/11/09) | Minimum Temp | 1.6 °C (10/11/09) |
| Maximum Wind Speed | 25.7 mph (14/11/09) | Beaufort Scale 5 | Strong Breeze |
| Max. Rainfall in 24h | 124.3 mm [4.9 in] (14/11/09) | Monthly Rainfall | 630.8 mm [24.8 in]. |

The rainfall was quite exceptional in November but I still have some doubts about the rain gauge. As well as observing weasels and stoats Peter Gay has been collecting weather data in Elham for about ten years. He told me that the November rainfall was surprising but that his record for the month was about half mine. He also said that he has been in contact with a weather data recorder in Sellindge and they have noticed that there tends to be more rainfall in Elham than in Sellindge. Presumably this is because the North Downs push air upwards which then results in rain falling. This might, then, result in more rainfall here in Etchinghill than in both Elham and Sellindge. Whatever, I am now going to try collecting the rain figures manually as well as electronically to see if there is much difference.

That's all for this month. Can you provide any information about the locality's heritage? If so then please contact me.

Alistair Bailey

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

JANUARY ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

FARMERS MARKET

Congratulations to the winner, Mrs June Price of Etchinghill, who won the Christmas Hamper at the December Farmers Market. The next Farmers' Market will be on **Saturday 6 February 2010**, and on the first Saturday in every month thereafter. There will be no Farmers Market in January.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The talk on the role of the PCSO, in December, given by Richard Fowler, was very illuminating and well attended. We were pleased that our Community Officer, Gary Harrison was also able to be present. This gave a greater insight into how the two roles interact with one another. A lively question and answer time afterwards led to some interesting points being raised, with both the speakers agreeing to look into some issues that had been raised.

Monday 8th February - David Brocklehurst, Chairman of Kent Battle of Britain Museum Trust is giving a talk on the Elham Valley during the Battle of Britain. Do come along at 10.00 - 12.00 all welcome.

ETCHINGHILL FOOTBALL TEAM

Are you an armchair expert or would you like to get out a bit and give others the benefit of your knowledge? Before we can form a village team, we need a team manager and coach. Is anybody prepared to give a little time and effort to the young people in the village? If so, please phone Alan on 862277.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Christmas Tree Project has been completed successfully. The lights were switched on by Richard Chubb, Chairman of the Lyminge Parish Council on Saturday 12th December. Thank you to all those who supported the event. Afterwards, they adjourned to the Village Hall for mulled wine and mince pies. Special thanks go to Jamie Weatherley at Auto Economy Centre for designing the lighting system and to John Newing for the lighting housing.

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

After a number of years, Rodney Watts has resigned as co-ordinator for the Etchinghill Update for the Lyminge Newsletter. Anne Lloyd has very kindly offered to take over. Any information or copy concerning Etchinghill can be sent to her by the 17th of every month by e-mail at annealanlloyd@gmail.com or by telephoning her on 01303 862277

Additional information to record the amount of the work involved to enable the trees and lights to succeed.

Barbara Collins-Newing, Judith Lansdell and Wendy Preston, started on this project in February 2009

Judith was responsible for researching which species of tree would be the most suitable. This involved visiting several garden centres and checking out facts given. The trees finally chosen are Norwegian Spruce. We are assured they will grow only moderately each year.

Barbara had the onerous task of tackling the source of power for the lights. She had long and difficult conversations with representatives of EDF Energy - each time she phoned the person she spoke to had a different view of the situation than the last person she had spoken to! The high cost of going through EDF Energy and the aggravation involved, led Barbara to seek an alternative method of providing an electrical supply for the lights. This is when battery power came into the picture. She has learnt an amazing lot along the way - about different batteries and different lights - but it has all come to fruition in the end.

Wendy's part was mainly administrative. Firstly to establish the ownership of the two areas where we planned to plant a tree. She then had to deal with the bureaucracy thrown at her by Shepway District Council. We had to pay £125 for a licence to be drawn up for us to plant a tree on their land and then, having agreed the licence, (with amendments to acknowledge the insurance involvement of the Lyminge Association) we have had to pay £25 rental for the year - with £25 due every year thereafter. With advice from those who knew what was required, Wendy drew up a specification, with illustrations, for the housing needed for the batteries, so that we could ask for competitive quotations.

We have to thank Jamie Weatherley of Orchard Garage for all his help and the help of his staff in finding the right batteries and doing tests for us. Also to John Newing who has done a brilliant job of building the housing for the batteries, working in torrential rain in order to finish the job on time.

We also have to thank the Lyminge Association, Lyminge Parish Council and KCC for grants towards this project. Although we - the ERA - raised a significant sum through our Quiz/Bingo evening and Race Night, this would not have been anywhere near enough to complete the project.



LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The Lyminge Handbell ringers had a most successful festive programme of engagements that nicely rounded off a good fundraising year so will be taking a short break in the New Year. If you are planning a special event, where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration, why not consider handbells? A large selection of popular and classical music is available; all we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. A contribution to travelling costs is asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. To request a booking please call Ro Edmond on 863201.

To bee or not to bee

BRITAIN'S 1ST BEE KEEPING ACADEMY

Local lady, Jean Mozley, from Newington near Folkestone has got a bee in her bonnet about the declining bee population in the UK and is starting her own business to help stem the decline.

A self employed bee keeper for the last thirty years, Jean suffered a painful condition in 2008; acute pancreatitis causing inflammation of the pancreas and severe abdominal pain. The condition forced her to stop work while she received treatment and required a radical change to her health, diet and fitness.

With the condition under control, diet, Jean wished to return to employment, but in a new direction. She sought the help of the Royal British Legion which provides employment, training and support for people, including those with disabilities. They referred her to Enham's Self Employment team and their Business Ability Programme, which helps disabled and disadvantaged people to start their own business. The programme is a free and confidential service designed to help clients to make their business ideas happen and progress towards self employment. It includes information, advice and guidance from a team of professional business advisors across eight counties in the South of England, with help in areas such as business planning, market research and PR.

Jean's idea was to start a bee keeping academy and, in her words, to teach the 'gentle art of beekeeping'. Jean's course will be the first bee keeping academy in Britain. The first course kicks off across three Sunday afternoons, one per month in January, February and March 2010, where students will be able to learn how to keep bees, studying in the picturesque village hall in Jean's home village of Newington.

For details contact Jean on 07952 739795

Dear Editor

This week I'm saying thank you that I live in a village like Lyminge and thank you that we still have a Post Office at the centre of our community.

Late on Saturday I could not find my driving glasses and thought that I must have mislaid them at the Post Office earlier in the day, when I needed to swop to a near-vision pair.

On Monday morning, enquiry at the Post Office determined that, although they were not there, the finders had kindly reported the find there. They were to be found a bit further along, at number 27, where they had also posted a sign about the find.

Glasses restored; driving again possible. Thank you kind people.

Yours sincerely,

Fronika Heath

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1st Lyminge Beaver Scouts

This term 1st Lyminge Beaver Scouts have been working on their Friendship Challenge. They had a visitor from Foxwood School who came to teach the Beavers Makaton sign language. They can now all sign many of the commonly used words, their Beaver Promise and their name.

Part of the Challenge is understanding about emergency response to fire which involves knowing how to phone for the fire and rescue service, what to do if their clothes catch on fire, evacuation practice from the Scout building, as well as a trip to Folkestone Fire Station.

12 of the Beavers have also completed their Air Activities badge this term. They had to make a working paper plane and helicopter and find out about different types of craft that fly.

Later this term the Beavers will be off on a night hike and of course there will be the Christmas party.

The Tuesday night colony is currently full and cannot take any more Beavers until the summer. However in order to get those on the waiting started, a temporary second colony has been started on a Wednesday evening. This will merge back into the Tuesday night colony next year.

The Beavers meet up every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for an hour from 17.30 to have fun and make friends. Beavers are open for boys and girls aged 6-8 years. If you want your child to be put on the waiting list or if you would like to help, please contact Janet Fry on 863177.

The Lyminge 2010 Calendar

The Lyminge Association has produced a calendar for 2010 using a selection of photographs from the Photographic Competition held in the summer. The winners of the adult and children's section are included in the calendar. These are now available from Lyminge Hardware for £4.75 or call 862328/862699 and have been selling well before Christmas. They will still be available in the New Year.



Out and About

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



Lyminge Christmas Lights Switch On was performed by Father Christmas on the evening of the 21st November with several of our traders participating fully in the event.

◀ The tree itself outside Laing Bennett.



A selection of nibbles and soup provided by Lyminge Hardware



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who put up lights and decorations on their homes to make our villages look so welcoming this Christmas.

◀ Lyminge Handbell Ringers in action once again outside Laing Bennett's adding to the festive atmosphere



What a show ! Who could forget the Wicked Sheriff and his Guards performing the ABBA song "Money, Money, Money". What about Nurse Bonjela? The panto had everything including the obligatory 'ghost' sketches, the audience participation, the corny jokes and even a slapstick wallpapering sketch and what a colourful Finale! A really great show. Watch out for news of "The Valley's Got Talent" coming up in March.

Babes in the Wood



If you have any photos of your group in action or a local event and can add a few words about it, please call 862328. There is no charge for entries in Out & About, but space is limited!



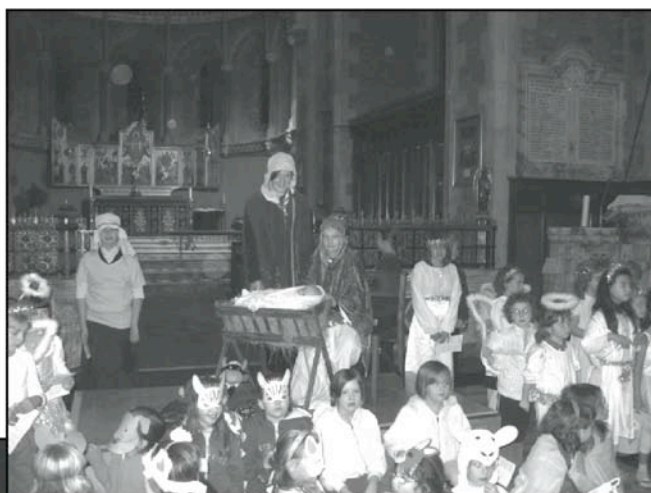
The Railway Swing Band

Once again the Village Hall was the venue for another crowd pleaser with the Railway Swing Band who came to perform their Christmas Concert on 9th December. We were very lucky to get them as they usually perform just one Christmas Concert. They have been booked again for Wednesday 8th December 2010



The Guide Carol Service

was held at Holy Trinity Church on 7th December and was attended by Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members. Despite an appalling downpour the church was packed with Leaders, parents, friends, members of the Trefoil Guild and Guiding Ambassadors. Mary and Joseph were cast from Lyminge Guides (if you look carefully you may see 'Gladys' the cow mascot beneath the crib!) The seasonal readings and carols made this a delightful evening for all.



Etchinghill Christmas Lights were turned on at a ceremony performed by Richard Chubb, Chairman of Lyminge Parish Council on Saturday 12th December. There is more about the Lights and Trees in the Etchinghill Update on page 9.



▲ The Age Concern Christmas Party - Ninety clients from Age Concern were served a Christmas dinner prepared by staff, at Etchinghill Village Hall.

▲ Father Christmas and some the Elves preparing, at Lyminge Scout Hut, for his Special Lyminge Delivery with the Lyminge Association. Thanks to Lyminge Guides for providing the Elves. Over 50 different addresses were visited on the night of 22nd December and the faces of the recipients was a joy to behold. Put it in your diary for next year to join in with this wonderful event - grown-ups are just as happy to receive a surprise present!!

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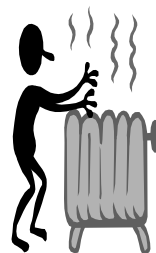
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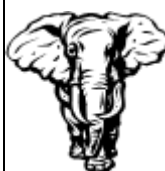
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