

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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

**November 2010**

Produced by  
**THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION**

## LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

**The A.G.M.** of the Association was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately not many people came along to hear a very interesting talk about the newly formed Elham Valley Visitor Group. They now have their own website if anyone wishes to find out more. It was hoped that more villagers would come along to offer ideas and suggestions about holding events to improve village life. However, we are lucky that our dedicated committee are prepared to stand again but we are still open to your ideas and suggestions. These can be sent to our Chairman, Adrian Willcox, or Editor, Jean Howard, or taken to the Lyminge Hardware Stores or Lyminge Library to be collected along with copy for the newsletter.

**We will be asking Father Christmas** to perform the 'Big Switch On' of the lights around the village on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. It is hoped that once again the local traders will join in to make it a festive occasion. We hope to have the Lyminge Handbells and Lyminge Primary School children to sing carols and the snow machine, which was very popular last year. There just might be a few mince pies to be sampled as well! It all starts at 5pm.

**Towards the end of December**, Father Christmas and his Elves will be visiting Lyminge and the surrounding area to deliver some early Christmas presents to the young and old. For those new to the area, gifts can be left at Laing Bennett Estate Agents in Lyminge which will be delivered on 21<sup>st</sup> December after 5pm. We only charge £1 per address for as many parcels you wish to send. We ask that they are wrapped and with the address and name of the recipient clearly written either on each present or on the bag of presents. Young children are clearly delighted and surprised to receive an early gift from Father Christmas. *It is a great idea, more details next month!*

**Plans are already afoot** for events next year, notably the Village Showcase in March, a Village clean-up in April and the Garden Safari in June. Please show your garden to those interested gardeners. It doesn't have to be perfect, all gardens are different and interesting. If you feel you can help in anyway please contact Adrian or Jean. Your help would be gratefully appreciated.

**THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:**

# Saint Nicholas Fayre

## Lyminge Village Hall

**Saturday 4th December 2010 11.00am until 3.00pm**

**Come Along and Enjoy**

**A Traditional Village Christmas Fayre**

**Hog Roast ~ Christmas Stalls ~ Children's Activity Room**

**Cards ~ Decorations ~ Crafts ~ Toys**

**Cakes ~ Puddings ~ Pickles ~ Pies ~ Tarts**



## LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>All Souls Day Service</b> (Commemoration of the faithful departed)
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion (short said)</b>
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW order 2)</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>WOW (World of Worship)</b> (Child friendly family service)
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion (short said)</b>
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
<b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>War Memorial Service of Remembrance</b>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Pram Service</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Short Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial followed by a full service in the Methodist Church</b>
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion (short said)</b>
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> (Child friendly family service)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion (short said)</b>
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW order 2)</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

### Craft Afternoon – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 2nd November

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

### Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November

This is held in the lounge from 3 - 5pm.  
If you would like to come but need a lift, contact Sue on 862221

### Coffee morning – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Mothers Union

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

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Monthly meeting in the Methodist Church Parlour at 10.30am

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Prayer time at 12 noon in St Gabriel's Chapel at the Cathedral

### Pram Service – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

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

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

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 Lunch – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November

These are normally held in the Coach and Horses Pub, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12.30pm.

All are welcome and transport can be arranged,  
Please contact 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

### **Preachers for November:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Nov. - 9.30am** Valley Service at Elham

**14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – United Remembrance Day  
Service conducted by the Rev. Barry Armson

**21<sup>st</sup> Nov.** – Rev. Dr Paul Glass (inc. Holy Communion)

**28<sup>th</sup> Nov.** - Mr Ian Couchman

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November “Reflections”**  
**7.30 – 8.30pm (Informal worship)**

**Monday Fellowship 2.30 – 3.30pm**

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 November:**

**Nov. 7 - NO** service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley service at Elham Methodist at **9.30am**

**Nov.14** - Rev. Barry Armson

**Nov.21** – Dr Paul Glass (incl. Holy Communion)

**Nov.28** - Mrs. Valerie Redding

## POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday 7th Nov. - Evensong 6.30pm**

**Sunday 14th Nov. - Morning Service for Remembrance Sunday**

**Sunday 21st Nov. – Holy Communion 8am**

**Sunday 28th Nov. - Family Service 9.30am**

## 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.

# 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](mailto:page3lym@googlemail.com) by 18<sup>th</sup> of the month.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details
5 Nov	Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display	6-30pm Gates open 7pm Start Jubilee Field	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
	Hypertension Talk by Surgery Nurse	11.00 Age Concern Lyminge	863861 John
13 Nov	Autumn Bazaar for the Lord Whisky	10:00 Lyminge Village Hall	862622 Margaret
24Nov	Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol"	4 nights at Lyminge Village Hall	
28Nov	Parish Walk	10.00 am Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015 Richard
4 Dec	<b>Christmas Lights Switch On</b>	5pm Outside Laing Bennett	862699 Adrian
4 Dec	St Nicholas Fayre	11am Lyminge Village Hall	
8 Dec	Railway Swing Band	7pm for 7:30pm Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
12 Dec	Parish Walk	10.00 am Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015 Richard
21 Dec	<b>Father Christmas Delivery</b>	Around the Newsletter Villages	862699 Adrian
31 Dec	New Year's Eve Party	Etchinghill Village Hall	
31 Dec	Lyminge Friends New Year's Eve Lunch	12 for 12.30 pm China China	862015 Marian
24 Jan	Meet your new PCSO. Surgery and Public Meeting	10am Etchinghill Village Hall	07772226187 Laura Zazo

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 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419 Derek
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Lyminge Friends	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Mothers' Union	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862221 Sue
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913 Marion
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10:00 Postling Church	863536 Pat
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Beetle Drive	7 pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	863096 Elaine
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7.30: Coach and Horses	862694 Ray or Alice
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun <sup>1</sup>	Parish Walk	10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015 Richard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862141 Dottie
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	239500 Crispin

<sup>1</sup> Except November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](mailto: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 CT19 9 NQ

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
**10am – 12.30pm**

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings  
Bryan – 01303 862832

### Xmas Fair at the Plant Centre

Elham Valley Vineyard

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 – 3.00**

**Crafts – Raffles – Plants**  
**Lunches and Cream Teas**

### Lyminge Historical Society

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.45pm**

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

#### Annual General Meeting

And a talk and display from  
The Family History Group  
Non-members welcome

### Newington Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 302812

#### Beetle Drive

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7.30pm start**

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

For further details phone  
Karen on 277950  
Or Kirsty on 272056

### Pilgrims Hospices IN EAST KENT

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Christmas Fayre and coffee morning. All the usual Christmas stalls Christmas cards and Calendars and lots of Christmas goodies. Tombola and Xmas Raffle – cake stall with a selection of Xmas Cakes. Father Christmas – his first outing of the year.

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

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** The Christmas Raffle will be drawn.

### 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](http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk)

Email: [lord.whisky@btinternet.com](mailto:lord.whisky@btinternet.com)

#### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

##### Lyminge Autumn Bazaar at Lyminge Village Hall

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 1pm

‘Ozzy’s Balloon Magic’

Christmas Cards, Decorations & Gifts

Stalls ~ tombolas ~ Raffles ~ Refreshments

Tables available £10 – ring 01303 862622 to book

##### Christmas Celebration & Animal Blessing Service

2pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November

At the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms

Service and Blessing of the Animals by the Rev. Coleman

##### Grand Prize Draw at the Tea rooms

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm

Join us for a glass of wine and a Mince Pie

#### 2011

##### Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition

Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 10am - 4pm

##### Boot & Spring Fayre at Park House

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 12 noon – 3.30pm

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cyclo-sportive at Park House

Bank Holiday Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May from 9am

##### Dog owners Fun Day at park House

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon – 3.30pm

##### Boot & Summer Fayre at Park House

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 12 noon – 3.30pm

##### Boot & Autumn Fayre at Park House

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12 noon – 3.30pm

### LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

#### BONFIRE NIGHT AMMENDMENT

Please note that the gates will open at 6:30pm  
**November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**For food and refreshments**

**Bonfire lighting at 7:00pm**

Organized by the Village Hall Management  
Committee Reg Charity 281845

### Etchinghill W.I.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm**

A warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along to our meetings.

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

**Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary**  
Registered Charity No 262245

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Will be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall  
Sandgate Road, Folkestone

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am – 1.30pm**

Presents for you & your cat  
Cards \* Books \* Cakes \* Jams  
Bric-a-Brac \* Tombola  
Refreshments  
Teas and Coffees  
Entrance Free

## **QUIZ NIGHT** **25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Sandgate Parish Church Hall  
In Aid of Kent Miles of Smiles Children's Charity

Tables of 6 persons  
£5.00 per person

6.30pm for 7.00pm

To book your table call:  
Claire on 07771762003 or 01303 862243  
Light refreshments available

## **ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday, 21 November 2010**

**At 10.30**

**In Etchinghill Village Hall**

**ALL RESIDENTS OF ETCHINGHILL ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND**

## **Rhodes Minnis Village Hall**

### **Beetle Drive**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**

Come along and join us at  
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall  
Adults £2.00 – Children 50p  
Includes refreshments  
There will be a raffle

## ***Lyminge Dramatic Society***

Christmas really is coming to a place near you – well,  
to the Lyminge Village Hall to be precise, from  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, when we stage our  
autumn show,

## **A Christmas Carol**

by Charles Dickens.

Ticket, £5 per adult and £3 per child, can be bought  
at Laing Bennett Estate Agents in Lyminge from  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October. We are also for the first time  
running a telephone booking system Please phone  
Fanny Richmond on 01303 864220 and she will  
attend to you requirements. If she is not there when  
you phone, please leave your name, phone number  
and details of ticket numbers etc. She will get back to  
you. You may occasionally be redirected to a mobile  
number, where the same instructions apply if no one  
answers.

The show begins on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November and  
runs every evening up to and including Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>  
November. There will also be a matinee on Saturday  
afternoon.

We can promise you a lively evening's entertainment.  
Because we want as many of you as possible to  
come and enjoy yourselves, we have slashed our  
ticket prices this year. There is enough doom and  
gloom around at the moment, so lowering our prices  
this winter is our way of combating the recession and  
encouraging everyone to have some fun.

And just one more bit of good news. We are offering  
a £3 concessionary ticket to all our Senior Citizen  
friends for ANY PERFORMANCE, as the usual  
Tuesday Dress Rehearsal will be closed to the public  
this year.

***So do come along. We promise you a good time.***

## **Lympne Village Hall**

### **Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 27th November from 10am-1pm.**

There will be a variety of craft stalls, a cake stall,  
Handmade greetings cards, Face Painting, Tombola,  
Raffle, Refreshments, lots of gift ideas for Christmas.

Come early to avoid disappointment

## **ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8NQ

### **Quiz Night with Supper**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**7.00pm – 10.30pm**

Tables of Six – Good Prizes

Bring your own drinks

Price: £7.00 per person  
(includes supper)

**Please book early for catering purposes  
Tickets from Bryan Webb - 862832**

## **St Martin's Church Acrise**

### **Christmas Fair**

(Held in Elham Village Hall)

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am - 2pm**

To book a table please ring 01303 840202

## Notices and Reports

### **Lympne Village Hall**

**Saturday 4th December: 7.30pm**  
**Lonely Hearts Club Band - Beatles tribute music**

Bring your own food and drink £5.00 per person.  
Bring your friends and join in the fun. 60's dress optional. Tickets on sale at the village shop from 13th November.  
Book early to avoid disappointment.

### **Lyminge Historical Society**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **New Years Eve Party**

**Etchinghill Village Hall**

**8.30pm – 1am**

Everyone welcome

Adult £7.50  
Children 8 – 16 £5.  
Children under 8 yrs FREE

Decorated tables, glasses and tableware supplied  
Disco to suit all tastes  
Dress code casual to posh frocks

Call and reserve your tickets now (limited number)

Call 01303 862488  
Payment in full please two weeks prior to event

Defying the dire predictions of dreadful weather on Sunday 3 October, the Ethelburga Quilters went Guerrilla Bagging! To mark their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary they had made about 100 eco bags to give away. Although the local population had been tipped off that the bags would be given away on Sunday – the locations were kept a secret. If you wanted a bag, you had to find them! Using washing line and lots of string, they were hung around the local hairdressers, a garden wall and alongside Tayne Field. Even as they were being put up people were selecting a bag – and by 10.00am the 100 bags had been grabbed! Everyone loved the concept of a free bag – and one that they could use instead of being given a plastic bag for their shopping. And the weather held off very nicely until about mid-day!

#### Note for Editors

Ethelburga Quilters meet once a month at Etchinghill Village Hall – and normally make quilts and other small quilted items. For further information please contact Liz Coleman on 01303 863197 (leave a message) or [liz.coleman@virgin.net](mailto:liz.coleman@virgin.net)

### **FASTER BROADBAND FOR LYMINGE?**

Would you like this to be a reality?  
If so you can help by voting on BT's special web site.

[www.bt.com/racetoinfinity](http://www.bt.com/racetoinfinity)

Type this link into your web browser and then enter your post code. You do not have to enter any personal contact details.  
Your vote will help the parish be moved up the list to have faster broadband.

**Please VOTE!**

I'm really quite amazed just how far technology has come over the last 15 to 20 years. Who'd have thought that one day we'd all end up with a computer in our home? or that we could have such a thing as an mp3 player, the size of a match box, capable of holding over a thousand songs? or wow!!! a portable DVD player? and, AND!! a digital camera for under fifty quid that can take 500 high quality photos? astonishing when you think about it. Which brings me to my point. Why in an age where it's actually harder to find someone who 'doesn't' own a mobile phone, do I have to go upstairs, stand in the bath, or worse still, on the toilet (if the atmospherics aren't quite right that day), with one arm out the window, being eyeballed by an agitated seagull (that lives up there, on the roof - not in my bathroom) to send and receive a text message or make a call on my Orange network?

Name and address withheld by request

## BOULES, BOULES, BOULES

The game of boules, otherwise known as Petanque, is perhaps the sport that is closest to French hearts. Similar to British lawn bowling, it is played with metallic balls on a dirt surface with a glass of pastis at hand. The object of the game is to throw or lob the metal boules as close to a small ball called a cochonnet (similar to the bowls jack) Points are scored to boules nearest the cochonnet.

Thousands of French citizens play the game but it has now spread worldwide. There is a British Petanque Association with some 300 clubs affiliated.

Games can be played on a flat or “nearly” flat dirt ground but more official games are played on a terrain (court).

Elham boast a three-lane terrain and regular games are played on it. An inter-village competition has been played over the last two years. A team representing Etchinghill played both years.

Enthusiasts from Etchinghill would now like to see a Petanque terrain built in the parish, which would be available to the residents of Lyminge Parish. The skills are simple and families could enjoy playing the game. Equipment is cheap; a set of boules, depending on quality can be bought for some £10/20 upwards.

The residents of Bishopsbourne recently built their own terrain. Using self-help labour they built their terrain for £1400.

The Etchinghill Residents Association and the Etchinghill Village Hall Management Committee have agreed in principle to support the venture.

A possible site for a Petanque terrain might be one adjacent to the Etchinghill Village Hall

A sporting facility available to everyone is the goal of some boules players in both Etchinghill and Lyminge. The views and hopefully support for such a venture would be appreciated. Please contact Colin Manvell (Telephone 862324 or email [colinmanvell@btinternet.com](mailto:colinmanvell@btinternet.com)) with your views, support or otherwise

## **Friends of Kent Churches sponsored bike ride**

This annual event took place this year on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. From 10am onwards, hundreds of cyclists throughout Kent pedalled furiously from their various start points to visit as many churches as possible before 6pm. Most of the 20 or so riders from Lyminge set a more sedate pace due to the impediments such as child-on-back-of-bike, arthritic joints, no-good bikes, etc. However it was great to see several youngsters in our group who intend to carry on the tradition.

Once again, due to the enthusiasm of the riders and their fund-raising efforts, an amazing total was reached. This year it was £837, which I think must be a record! Our thanks go to those who sponsored us and those who sat in church to meet with visiting riders.

One half of the money raised will go to our parish church, the rest goes to the Friends to be added to their central fund. Any church of any denomination can request a donation from the central fund to help with repairs to the fabric of their church building. Last year over £150,000 was raised through this event and distributed to needy churches in Kent.

*Lawrence Lees*

## **THE JUBILEE CENTRE @ EVERIST COURT STATION ROAD, LYMINGE**

We will be holding a Christmas coffee morning on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November between 9.30am and 12pm. There will be handmade cards and gift ideas, homemade cakes, preserves and chutney, Christmas cakes, fresh fruit and vegetables, free range eggs, a raffle and tombola. Please come and support us, proceeds will go towards the Age Concern Lyminge Christmas party.

Our volunteer manned conservatory cafe is now open to **ALL** every weekday morning between 10am and 12pm for refreshments and a selection of homemade cakes. A cup of filter coffee is 40p and a slice of cake is 30p. We host a fresh fruit and veg stall on Monday and Thursday mornings. All proceeds go to the running of services for local older people.

Our over 50's lunches remain popular but we still have some availability. Lunch consists of a small orange juice, main and sweet (all homemade) followed by tea or coffee and costs just £3.90. Space is limited so booking by 9am on the day is advised. You can eat in the main dining room or in the conservatory with views of the Glebe field. It is available to anybody over 50 and our weekly menu is displayed on the parish notice boards in Lyminge. Please call 01303 862364 to book or for additional information.

**THE JUBILEE CENTRE – HOME OF THE CONSERVATORY CAFE AND AGE CONCERN LYMINGE**



# LYMINGE HANDBELLS



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## Etchinghill Update November 2010

Winner of the October Farmers' Market Raffle was Jo Strickland from Farthing Common.  
Next Farmers' Market will be on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 12.30 pm at the Village Hall.

### Open House Diary

Open House is held every Monday morning, 10am to 12.00pm at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Monday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** - no Open House today (see below)

**Monday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Card making session with Edna

### Etchinghill Residents Association

The Race Night held by the **Etchinghill Residents' Association** was a resounding success. A full hall enjoyed the evening's racing together with a delicious fish and chip supper supplied by the New Lyminge Chinese Takeaway. A few fortunes were won and lost but everyone had a fun evening. Big thanks go to Ian Parker. His organisation and preparation ensured a superbly run evening.

**The Etchinghill Residents' Association AGM** will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November at Etchinghill Village Hall at 10.30am. All residents of Etchinghill are automatically members so come along and join in. You can either listen or have your say. We will always welcome any voluntary help. Free refreshments will be available.

**Lighting up ceremony for the Christmas lights on the Christmas trees** will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing all our local families with their children. More information next month.

The Etchinghill Residents' Association is holding a Reunion for staff and friends of St Mary's Hospital, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011. For those of you who would like to join us please ring Barbara on 01303 862873 for more details.

### Monday 11 October

The illustrated talk "Walking across England" presented by Wendy and Rodney Moppett was most enjoyable. They were also the first to utilise the Village Hall's new digital projector, which was acquired through funds donated by one of our erstwhile supporters, Fred Piddock deceased.

### Thursday 28 October

Theatre trip organised by Barbara Collings-Newing [01303-862873] to Wimbledon Theatre to see "Calendar Girls". Cost £36 includes ticket and coach seat.

### Monday 8 November to Friday 12 November

The Village Hall will be closed throughout this period so as to enable contractors to resurface the floor in the main hall. Apologies to all users for any inconvenience caused during this period, which is necessary to maintain the floor in good condition.

### Saturday 27 November

A Quiz Night with Supper, commencing at 19.00 and ending at 22.30, is being organised by Edna Marsh and Bryan Webb. Tables of six with prizes. Cost £7.00 per person. Supper included but bring your own drinks. Contact Bryan Webb for reservations [01303-862832].

### ELHAM VALLEY AND WYE LIONS CLUB

Fifty people enjoyed our golf Day in September and raised about £800. We are donating £500 to the Lyminge lip-reading/hearing aid clinic.

Advance notice of the Lion's **Father Christmas Float** which will be visiting the valley during December, including: Stelling Minnis and Bossingham, Mon 6<sup>th</sup>; Etchinghill and Postling, Tue 7<sup>th</sup>; Hawkinge, 14 to 17<sup>th</sup>; Lyminge, Sat 18<sup>th</sup>; and Elham, Mon 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be raising funds for elderly and other local good causes. In the summer we entertained a party of elderly people to a tea and entertainment at Westenhanger castle which was very well received.

We would welcome help with the float collections. If you are able to help, with collecting on any night, please ring Neil on 01303 862837. You can visit our revamped web-site at: [www.elhamwylions.org.uk](http://www.elhamwylions.org.uk).

### OPEN HOUSE, ETCHINGHILL

#### LYN CALLENDAR WILL TALK ABOUT OPERATION SUNSHINE

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.30 am**

**You are invited to come along** to learn about this amazing charity. There will be no entry fee or charge, but donations of clean clothing, bedding, gardening equipment, or more valuable articles for sale or auction, would be gratefully received. Bring them along on the day, or leave them at Cherry Tree Cottage or Stourbrook House, both on Canterbury Road, Etchinghill. Tel: 862873 for more info.

## Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

Last month's ghost story has resulted in several other local ghost stories being told to me. As it is still very near Halloween, I will pass these stories onto you. Firstly, a local resident has told me the following story,

"A colleague of mine told me ... [what] she witnessed whilst driving through Etchinghill in June 2010. ... [She is] very sensible, not known for telling tall tales or believing in anything supernatural ... . She was driving through the village on Canterbury Road on her way to Lyminge at about 5.30pm. It was still light even though it was raining heavily. As she drove past the entrance to St Mary's Drive she saw a woman in a long rain coat standing on the pavement waiting to cross the road. She slowed down and came to a stop as the lady stepped into the road and started to cross. As she reached the middle of the road she turned to look at my friend and then "evaporated" into thin air.

All the stories, I have heard, seem to relate to Saint Mary's Hospital. There have been several reports of a ghostly matron being seen wandering the corridors of the hospital before it was pulled down. Perhaps the disappearing woman at the entrance to Meriden Park was that old matron. As well as the hospital's staff, ghosts of patients were apparently seen in the old building that was built as the workhouse for the locality. Perhaps, these ghosts relate not to the hospital phase (1947-1990) of the building but to the work house phase (1835-1947). (See [www.workhouses.org.uk/index.html?Elham/Elham.shtml](http://www.workhouses.org.uk/index.html?Elham/Elham.shtml) for more details.) The building complex also included an isolation ward for infectious disease in Westfield Lane and the local spike. That is, there was a department that gave food, shelter and a bed for tramps, in return for menial work. Older villagers tell of stories where the tramps would jump over the walls to avoid the work, having been fed!

Back to the ghosts. Finally, I have two specific stories about happenings that occurred in the wards of the hospital. Both come from the 1980s and the first occurred one night on Harvey Ward. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew along the corridor, opened the swing doors and swept all the posters and notices off the notice board. But the weather outside the hospital was completely calm. What caused this wind? Nobody scientific explanation has been offered. The second story concerns Simpson Ward, when a grey hooded figure was seen rummaging through the laundry in the ward's sluice. It seemed as soon as it realized that it had been seen, it disappeared from view. Who was this person; a former workhouse inmate or staff member; or a nurse from a previous time? Like last month, I hasten to add, that no one has been physically hurt by these ghosts so we should not be unduly frightened by them. Perhaps an explanation is that, certain buildings act like recorders and under particular conditions replay previous happenings?

That's all for now. If you have any questions or observations concerning local heritage then contact me.

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

## LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS – SEPTEMBER 2010

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

	Maximum	Minimum
Temperature (C)	25.1 (8/9/10)	3.9 (30/9/10)
Air Pressure (hPa)	1017 (1,2,12,13/9/10)	1000 (30/9/10)
Wind Speed (mph)	31 (5/9/10)	
Total Monthly Rainfall	78mm (3.07in)	(Highest Day 12mm (0.47in))

**You were right if you thought it was rather wet. Apart from 2008, this was the wettest September since, 2001.**

## LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour.

**Everyone welcome.**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - A talk by Jo Jones of the Alzheimer's Society. Followed by our annual Bring and Share Lunch

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Group Shopping Trip

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Christmas Social with Mince Pies and Secret Santa

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December** - New Year's Eve Lunch in China

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - **NO MEETING** - Group Christmas Lunch  
Entrance to meetings £1.50 inc. refreshments. For more details contact Marian on 862015

## 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.

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Please, please prevent a repeat performance (should I still be with you) on my ninetieth!!!  
From Molly

### **Samuel Jacobs Hair Salon**

As from the 18<sup>th</sup> October we shall be closed on Mondays. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, we will however, continue to give the same friendly professional service for the rest of the week

### **Joe Lester**

**Joe has made it to the Kent Under 18 Football team. Many thanks to Lyminge Hardware and Red Dragon for their sponsorship**

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk) or visit [www.kentmstc.co.uk](http://www.kentmstc.co.uk)

**I am sure the parents of the delightful youths who continued their evening festivities on the roof on my 'Ka' in Barton Field at 1.15am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October are fully aware of their late arrival home.**

**The car sustained costly damage before they fled from an irate pensioner. While I am not expecting either an apology or recompense from this type of perpetrator, may I suggest they try using the excellent new climbing facilities to be found in the village field.**

**S.Ballard**

### **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.

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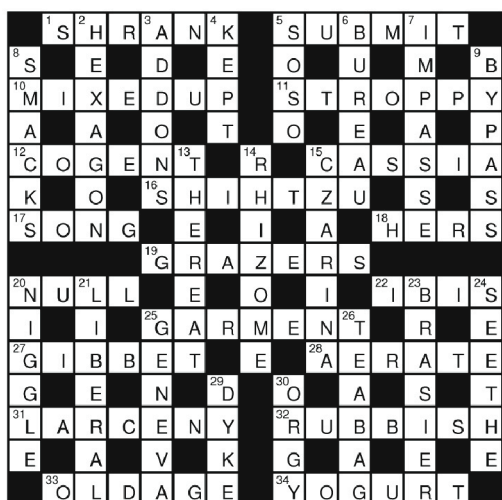
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*A Selection of the photos received of events that have taken place in the last few weeks*



 **The Village Hall Quiz** held in October was won by Rebels Without a Clue with 126 points and a team of only four and a mascot !



A black and white photograph of a theatrical stage set for the play 'Lyminge'. The set features a sign that reads 'LYMINGE' at the top. Several actors in period costumes are on stage, including a man in a top hat and a woman in a long dress. A large, ornate chandelier hangs from the ceiling.

**The Old Time Music Hall Show** put on by the Lyminge Association on 23rd October played to a completely full house. A good time was had by all. Would you like another show ? Would you like to join in next time ? Write to our Editor and let us know what you think !

## VANDALISM IN THE PARISH

Some parishioners will have noticed the recent attacks of graffiti on the play equipment on Jubilee Field and on one or two other sites around the parish. It is particularly disappointing that we have suffered from this after almost three years trouble-free from this kind of selfish vandalism. It is especially sad as the Lyminge Youth Action team, which includes lots of young people, has worked so hard to get the play equipment and the shelter up and into use. The Parish Council will do whatever it can to help clean off the graffiti, and the Police and our Community Warden are increasing their patrols around the area. However, it is unlikely that the mindless vandals will be caught by this means alone. Parishioners, both young and not so young, are requested to keep their eyes open and report any suspicions of, or actual attacks of, graffiti or other anti social behaviour to either Gary Harrison, the Community Warden; the Police through our PCSO; or any of the Parish Councillors who will pass the information on. When caught these vandals will be prosecuted.

# Mystery Photo



Last month's Mystery Photo was of the date on the south wall of the Coach & Horses.

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