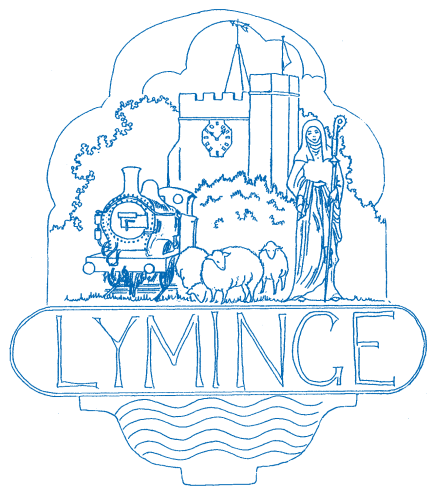




THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

Lyminge Showcase – There was a good response to the 'Showcase' on 19th March and people seemed very interested in the various clubs and activities. One person was heard to say, "I have only just moved to Lyminge and had no idea there was so much going on and everyone is so friendly!" The winner of the box of sweets from the Feedback Draw was Bill Chitty and the winner of the Lions' big Easter Egg was Ann Baker – thank you to all who joined in !

The Spring Garage Safari – 16th April - Another popular event. Don't forget to contact Liz Coleman on 862197 if you wish open your garage in order that your 'garage' can go on the map and appear in the programme. Alternatively if you wish to join in but would prefer a table at the Methodist Church Hall, these are also available at £5 by contacting Liz as above. Make some cash from that Spring Sort-Out !!

Garden Safari – Hopefully plans are taking place in your gardens in order that you can open them in June over the week-end of 25th/26th. We would particularly like some new gardens to look round as well as the well-established gardens. If you are interested in opening your garden please call Adrian or Sandra on 862699

THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:

Lyminge Bowls Club
(Woodland Road)

Bowling for all ages
Why not give it a try?

We have vacancies for beginners and experienced bowlers

We offer beginners a 6 week training course throughout May and into June on Sunday mornings at 10.30. (An alternative day could be arranged if necessary.)
All equipment will be provided, just bring along flat soled shoes.

Have fun whilst keeping fit!

You will be made to feel most welcome

For more information call

Wendy on 01303 863495 or John on 01303 272521

www.lymingebowlsclub.co.uk

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sun 3rd April	MOTHERING SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2) 10.30am WOW (World of Worship – with puppets)
Wed 6th April	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Lent Course – 'Confident Discipleship' 9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sun 10th April	10.30am Holy Communion
Wed 13th April	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Lent Course – 'Confident Discipleship' 9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Thur 14th April	2.00pm Pram Service
Sun 17th April	PALM SUNDAY 10.30am Family Communion with Sunday School 6.00pm Evensong 7.39pm Service of preparation for Easter
Mon 18th April	7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Tues 19th April	7.30pm Agape Meal
Wed 20th April	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thur 21st April	7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper: Washing of feet and one hour watch
Fri 22nd April	GOOD FRIDAY 10.00am Children's Service of Carrying the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns 12 noon Devotions before the Cross 12.45pm Procession with Cross around the village to the Methodist Church
Methodist Church	1.15pm Time of silence or lunch 2.15pm Devotions before the Cross 3.00pm Procession with Cross back to church
Sun 24th April	EASTER SUNDAY 10.30am Easter Day Service with Holy Communion
Wed 27th April	NO Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) NO Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer

Mothers Union

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

Saturday 3rd April - 10.30am at St Mary & St Ethelburga Church

Preparation of posies for Mothers Day

Wednesday 13th April – 10.30am in Nailbourne Court Lounge

Kathryn Druery will talk about being a JP

Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court Sunday 3rd April

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 4th April

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

Coffee morning – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 12th April

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

Pram Service – Thursday 14th April

This is a short pre-school friendly 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

St Nicholas Fayre Craft Group – Tuesday 19th April

This group will meet specifically to make items for the craft stall for the St Nicholas Fayre. Everyone welcome and new ideas appreciated
Contact Lynne on 863010

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 20th April

This group meets in Nailbourne Court Lounge from 2.30 - 4.30pm to knit prayer shawls and pray for the people they are for. 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 & coffee are provided. For more information contact Madelaine Lewis on 863582.

Bereavement Support Lunch – Thursday 21st April

Coach and Horses Pub - 12.00 for 12.30pm

All are welcome and transport can be arranged,
Please contact Vanessa on 862432

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 March:-

3rd April – Mothering Sunday – Mr David Foreman

10th April – Rev Derek Hancock

17th April – Palm Sunday – Mr Ian Couchman
Good Friday – Stations of the Cross from Parish Church to Methodist Church – noon – 3pm

24th April – Easter Day – Mr Dudley Shipton (incl Holy Communion)

1st May – Rev Derek Hancock

Wednesday 27th April 7.30 – 8.30pm

"Reflections" Quiet worship time

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 March:-

3rd April - Mothering Sunday - Mrs. Georgia Reed

10th April - Mr. Dudley Shipton

17th April - Palm Sunday - Rev. Derek Hancock

24th April - Easter Day - joint service with Elham Methodists - Mr. Dudley Shipton (including Holy Communion)

1st May - Chapel Anniversary - 3pm - Rev. Peter Hills from Tenterden (please note NO morning service that day)

Thursdays, April 7 & 14 - Lent Course 2.30pm

Tuesday, April 19 - Holy Week service at 7.30pm led by Dudley Shipton

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

3rd April Evensong 6.30pm

10th April Family Communion 9.30am

17th April Holy Communion 8am *Palm Sunday*

24th April Family Communion 9.30am
Easter Day

During the week beginning **Monday 11th April and including Sunday 17th April**, we will be having a *Monastic Week* in Postling, and there will be brief services in the church every morning at 8am and every evening at 6pm. During the evening service, there will be 20 minutes of silence.

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 by 18th of the month.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details
2 Apr	Gardener's Spring Show	2:00 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863225 Peter
3 Apr	Mothers' Day Lunch	Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
9 Apr	Quiz Night	7:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863333 Lorraine
9 Apr	Rhodes Minnis Spring Flower Show	2:30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865 Daphne
9 Apr	St, Mary's Hospital Reunion	2:00 to 4:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862573 Barbara
12 Apr	Talk on 2011 Triennial	7.45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862073 Mike
15 Apr	Easter Fair	11:00 Elham Valley Vineyard Plant Centre	01233 833022 Sue
16 Apr	Garage Safari	Methodist Hall and around the villages	8632328 Adrian
17 Apr	Lions' Sponsored Walk	10:00 Rose and Crown Stelling Minnis	01227 709105 Julie
19 Apr	Talk: Wildlife in Your Garden	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863225 Peter
7 May	Boot and Spring Fayre for Lord Whisky Sanctuary	Park House, Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
14 May	Lyminge Day	1pm Lyminge Village Hall and Jubilee Field	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
28 May	Concert	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Church	863832 Peter
5 Jun	The Big Lunch	Various venues in the Villages	
25-6 Jun	Open Gardens Safari	Methodist Hall and around the villages	862699 Adrian
21 Jun	Garden visit to Aldington	6:30 Lyminge Car Park	863049 Christine
9 Jul	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
19 Jul	Garden visit to Smeeth	6:30 Lyminge Car Park	863049 Christine
23 July	Concert by the HAYWARDIANS	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Church	863832 Peter
6 Aug	Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show	2:30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865 Daphne
2 Oct	Garage Safari	Lyminge Village Hall and around the village	863197 Liz
Weekly Events		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
Mondays	Women's Circuit Training Fitness	7:30-8:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	07951698008 Katherine
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise Class	10:15-11:15 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862465, 862873 Christine
Wednesday	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	01233503686 Jenny
Wednesdays	French Conversation	7pm, Korf House. Canterbury Road	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
Fridays	Women's Circuit Training Fitness	11:30-12:30 15 Lyminge Methodist Hall	07951698008 Katherine
Monthly Events Dates	What	When and Where?	Contact Details
1 st Tue	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall (Not Feb)	840419 Derek
1 st Wed	Lyminge Friends	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
2 nd Wed	Mothers' Union	10:30 Lyminge Nailbourne 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
3 rd Sat	Tabletop Sale	Lyminge Methodist Hall	862164 Denise
4 th Fri	Beetle Drive	7pm. Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7:30pm. Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
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	863503 Rita
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	239500 Crispin

Dates for your Diary

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 2nd April

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings
Bryan – 01303 862832

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

**Beetle Drive
Friday 15th April**

Come along and join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Adults £2.00 – children 50p
Includes refreshments

There will be a raffle

Lyminge Gardeners' Society

**Saturday 2nd April
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall**

The Spring Show
Staging of Exhibits 8.30 – 10.30am

**Doors open 2pm
Prize giving 4pm**

Lyminge Gardeners' Society

**Tuesday 19th April 7.30pm
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall**

The Kent Wild Life Trust
A talk on Wild Life in your garden

Members £1.00 Non-members £2.00

Raffle and Refreshments

**Mary-Claire's Country Kitchen
Ceramic Painting
with Roseneath Ceramics
Saturday 2nd April 3-5pm.**

Entrance Fee £2.50
Includes refreshment and painting
demonstration.

Many items to paint from £4.00
Space is limited so booking is essential.
Telephone Claire on 01303 864222

Newington Village Hall
Registered Charity no.302812

**Saturday 16th April
Easter Party**

£3.50 per Bunny
Price includes Nibbles & Easter Goodie
Easter Bonnet (Hat/Cap) competition

For tickets and further information please contact
Kirsty 272056 or Karen 277950

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 5th April 7.45pm

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about
Kent in the 19th Century
by Bob Ogley

Non-members welcome

TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO COINS

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE
HOLDING A MONTHLY TABLETOP/BOOT SALE AT
THEIR HALL IN CHURCH RD .

Saturday 16th April 2011

AND EVERY **THIRD SATURDAY** THEREAFTER .
DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8 AM TILL 12.00
NOON

***Pilgrims Hospices* IN EAST KENT**

Wed 6th April

We are celebrating the life of Sylvia Thompson,
who for many years made coffee and helped to
raise a lot of money for our favourite charity.
Our usual coffee morning is being combined with
a Fashion Show. Top quality clothes.
Cakes and Raffle available

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road,
Folkestone. From 9.30am onwards

Newington Village Hall
Registered Charity no. 302812

**Hog Roast
Friday 29th April**

6pm till late (eat at 6.30pm)
Bring your own drinks Live music with
Les Stankovich

Tickets £6.00 (children 10 & under £5.00)
Price includes Hog, salad and dessert

Tickets available from:-
Kirsty 10303 272956 or Karen 01303 277950

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 3rd May 7.45pm

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about

Poachers and Pickpockets
A look at crime in Victorian Kent
by **Helen Allison**

Non-members welcome

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

Boot & Spring Fayre ~ Saturday 7th May

Park House, Stelling Minnis
12 noon – 3.30pm

2nd Annual Cyclo-Sportive Bank Holiday Monday 30th May

Calling all cycling enthusiasts. Challenge yourself to
cycle either 50 or 72 miles

Entry fee £13 in advance or £18 on the day

For more information and an entry form email:

nickracingsnake@btinternet.com

Entry forms are also available at the Tea Rooms or by
phoning 01303 862622

Dog & Owners Fun Day ~ Saturday 11th June

Boot & Summer Fayre ~ Saturday 30th July

Boot & Autumn Fayre ~ 10th September

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.

Send your name and address, along with a cheque,
made payable to Lord Whisky to Park House, Stelling
Minnis, Kent CT4 6AN

Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms and gift shop

Open every day 10am – 4pm Tel: 862349

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

The Royal British Legion, Elham Valley Branch,

warmly invite you to come along on

Monday 9th May at 7.30pm
to St Mary's Hall, Elham

to a talk and presentation by Lt Col T. Y. Griffiths,
Commanding Officer of the No. 2 Training Regiment of
the Army Air Corps based at Middle Wallop, home of the
Army helicopter.

Entry is by donation and there will be refreshments.

Lyminge Day 2011

Saturday May 14th

Gates open @ 1:00pm

Come and join us at the

50's Style Country Fayre

Special Attraction from

Applause Outdoors-

The Tiny Travelling Tightwire Show

+

The Teeny Boppers -

Children's' rock & roll dancing troop

+

**Hog Roast, Vintage Tractors, Sheepdogs
& Ducks**

Craft Fair

Sideshows and Fun

**Put it in your diary NOW and bring the
family for an afternoon of fun!**

For further details contact

Honor- 862928 or Niki- 862530

Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee Reg Charity 281845

WANTED

Please can we have any of your unwanted soft toys
(in good condition) for use on Lyminge Day this year
on **Saturday May 14th**.



Any donations will be gratefully received.

**Contact Honor - 862928 or
Niki - 862530**

Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee Reg Charity No. 281845

Notices and Reports

Etchinghill W.I.

Barbara Syrett, President, welcomed members to the March meeting. Birthday posies were presented to Daphne Andrews, Florence Bull, Stella Samuels and Jacqui Storey.

Our speaker, Helen Kendall-Tobias, made a welcome return to speak about 'Colour an Fashion'. Taking us back to when dye was first used to colour clothes with pleats etc. and bringing us up to the present day and how colour dictates the fashion colour each year.

For the competition members were asked to wear a black or white top with costume jewellery. This was judged by our speaker, the winner being Gill le Cras.

Tea was served by the hostesses, Stella Samuels, Jacqui Storey and Julia Tappenden.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 19th April at 2.30pm when Prudence Anderton will speak about 'My three pound husband'

For further details please contact Barbara Syrett 265229 or Rita Warner 863503

Etchinghill Update April 2011

The next **Farmers' Market** will be held on **Saturday April 2nd** from 10-12.30 in the Village Hall.

The winner of the March raffle was 'Paul' of Teddars Lees Road.

Open House is held every Monday morning, 10-12 at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome to come along for coffee, chat, crosswords/games and occasional speakers. (no meeting on Easter Monday, 25th April.)

Proposed day trip to France Open House is planning a day trip to Boulogne via Calais in May. Date tbc but a possibility is Friday 20th May. We need to fill a 30 seater minibus to keep the price to about £20.00 per head. There is also a possibility of arranging a pre-booked meal. Phone Alan on 862277 to book provisionally and to indicate preferred dates.

Etchinghill Residents' Association

St Marys' Hospital Reunion Saturday 9th April at Etchinghill Village Hall, starting at 2.30 pm. All ex-members of staff and friends of the hospital will be welcome. Bring along your old memorabilia and re-live old memories with colleagues from the past. Light refreshments will be available. Hopefully, we will have the services of a professional interviewer to record some of your recollections, together with an archivist from the Lyminge History Society to scan your memorabilia and photos. For further information please contact Barbara on 01303 862873.

Quiz Night Saturday 9th April at Etchinghill Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Tables of no more than 6. Don't worry if you are on your own. We can always find you a seat, everyone is welcome. Tickets cost £6.00 per head, which will include a light supper. Come along for a fun evening and bring your own drink and nibbles. To reserve a ticket please call Lorraine on 01303 863333.

The Big Lunch - Sunday 5th June at the Village Hall/Amenity Land 11.30 am - 3.00 pm. All will be welcome bring the family, (that includes grans and grandads) and those without a family! Plenty of fun for all ages. For further information contact Ann on 07964 295218

Community Cinema We are looking into the idea of holding an occasional cinema/film showing in the village hall, starting in October this year. If you are interested in being part of this we are looking for a few more willing hands. If you would like to know more please contact Barbara on 01303 862873. All suggestions most welcome.

Christmas Trees Our trees at either end of the village are in need of some TLC, having survived this winter. We are very grateful to Timmy Millet for all his advice on this matter and to a number of committee members for their help. We hope to restore the trees to full glory during the summer.

Village Hall The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 8 May 2011 at 19.00. A leaflet will be circulated to residents as the actual time (not the day) may change slightly.

It is with sadness to announce that **Derek Morris of Dog Kennel Lane** died on **Saturday, 5th March 2011**. He was 88. He had been struggling with an illness for some time, which he and his family had hoped he would overcome.

He was a remarkable man. He led a full and varied life in the RAF, starting as a 36 entry Halton apprentice in 1937, serving with squadrons in East Anglia, India and Burma during the war years, commissioned after the war, and retired in 1977 as a Flight Lieutenant. He moved to Lyminge with his wife Joan. He became Verger of Dover Castle Church until he finally retired in 1987.

The funeral took place at 12 o'clock on 24th March 2011 at St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge.

Donations, if desired, to Demelza House Children's Hospice, c/o Chittendens Funeral Services, Hythe, Kent.

Arts and Crafts Group, Lyminge.

Over the last year our group has been discovering or re-discovering a wide variety of traditional crafts. We have made handmade paper, learned how to plait rag rugs, needle sculpted dolls' faces, made an English patchwork quilt, learned how to dye wool with natural plant dyes, needle felted, knitted cushion covers, learned how to do smocking, made paper maché, learned how to make hooked rugs, had stalls at craft fairs and made patchwork bags. Some of us are painting in oils or watercolours, while others are doing embroidery or upholstering boxes or weaving or model making. One enterprising person has even managed to design and make her own bras while another has made an amazing scaled model of a Viking ship! Wherever possible we make use of salvaged materials, remnants and locally gathered natural ingredients to create our art and craft wares -our aim is to be as original, creative and as eco-friendly as we can. We meet at the Methodist Hall every Friday afternoon between 2 and 4pm (£4 per session). If you would like to join us and have a go at creating something out of the ordinary (anything you choose) and learn new skills and techniques, please phone Helen on 862352.

LYMINGE FRIENDS

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

Wednesday 6th April - A talk on the Salvation Army - Captains Phil and Karen Layton

Wednesday 25th April -Easter Monday Lunch at the Rose & Crown in Stelling Minnis

Wednesday 4th May - A talk on Service in the Royal Household - Peter Hartley

Wednesday 25th May - *Evening trip* - Canterbury Ghost Tour

Wednesday 1st June - A talk on Kentish village life in Victorian times - Helen Allinson

Wednesday 22nd June - Day trip to Smallhythe Place with Pub Lunch

No membership fees - only £1.50 per month. For more details contact Marian on 862015

Lyminge Dramatic Society

No stupid boys in the Elham Valley! If you want an enjoyable, entertaining evening, don't miss our Spring production of "Dad's Army", which is showing from Wednesday 13th April to Saturday 16th April, 7.45pm, at Lyminge Village Hall .

Tickets cost £7 (£4 concessions for children 16 and under and OAPs) and have been on sale from LaingBennett Estate Agents in Lyminge since Saturday 19th March. You can also use a telephone booking system if you prefer. Just call 01303 863393 – there is an answering service for 'out of hours' calls.

There is another treat in store for you as well! We have teamed up with Mary-Claire's Country Kitchen and if you fancy a meal before the show on Thursday 14th or Friday 15th April (Mary-Claire's late opening nights), there will be a 20% discount if you show your play tickets for those nights.

So, hurry up and buy your tickets. After all, no one will want to miss out on a tasty supper and then go on to enjoy the classic comedy and timeless humour of the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard. All in all, it's a week to look forward to!

More dates for your diary as well - The Society's AGM is on 4th May , hopefully at the Coach and Horses in Lyminge – actual venue will be in our May Newsletter. If you are interested in joining us please come along . We are also holding an improvisation workshop in Sibton Park Cricket Club on Thursday 12th May with a finger buffet afterwards. More details of this also in the next newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you in Walmington!

CricketForce & Open Day 9th April 2011 11am

www.sibton.com

2011 is an exciting time at Sibton Park Cricket Club. The 1st XI have achieved back to back championships in the Kent Cricket League meaning that in the forthcoming 2011 season we will be playing in the **KCL ECB Premier League**.

This puts Sibton Park in the top 10 Cricket clubs in Kent and represents the highest level of club cricket that is available. This is a fantastic achievement for our amateur club to be participating in the KCL Premier Division taking on the likes of Bromley CC and Hartley CC, with their Test and County cricket stars set to visit Lyminge this summer.

In preparation for the coming season Sibton Park Cricket Club is holding its CricketForce day on Saturday 9th April 2011 and invites all local residents to come along to the ground in Longage Hill and 'get involved' with your village's cricket club. **NatWest CricketForce** is an England and Wales Cricket Board volunteering initiative aimed at rejuvenating the nation's cricketing facilities.

CricketForce encourages cricket supporters, their friends and families to give something back to their local community cricket club by volunteering to undertake renovations to clubhouses and grounds.

Any local Businesses that would also like to contribute with time or resources in return for publicity in connection with the event, please contact Tim Smith, Club Secretary on 07702 968109 or tim_smith2@tiscali.co.uk More info on CricketForce can be found at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/development/natwest-cricketforce/>

With the cricket season nearly upon us there are lots of events and fixtures coming up at Sibton Park. It would be great for the club to get more local supporters of all ages coming along to watch the cricket and perhaps enjoy a drink from our bar which is open on all match days from 4pm, everyone will be made very welcome. Better still, get involved with the club as we always need more volunteers for various roles. If you are interested come and see us on Saturday 9th April from 11am at our open day at the club and find out how you can help your local cricket club. Players of all ages and abilities are also very welcome to come along and see what the club can offer. During the season there are cricket matches available for all levels, age and gender of cricketer and of course lot of opportunities to watch top class cricket at one of the most beautiful and well-kept grounds in Kent.

1st Lyminge Guides will be 80 years old, Can you help our story to be told?

Lyminge Guides are celebrating our 80th birthday this year and we'd like to share the party with as many people who have been involved in Guiding in Lyminge as possible – were you a Lyminge Guide? Do you know someone who was? Have you a tale to tell? Have you got memories to share?

We will be holding a party on **10th July** and would like to invite anyone with Guiding connections and also anyone in Lyminge who will also be celebrating an 80th birthday this year – is this you? Do you know someone? in the village who will also be 80 this year? If so we'd like to invite them too!

Please contact any of the Lyminge Guides or Guiders Ann Baker, Debbie Marsh or Pam Couchman or email 'ann.lymingeguides@btinternet.com' or phone Ann on 07964 295218.

Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club Raise Funds for your group, charity or society, etc.

This year's **sponsored walk** will be taking place on **April 17th** (please note this date and not as previously advertised). There is still time for your group, to get together to raise funds for itself. Just get in touch, get sponsored forms and off you go! Alternatively, why not walk for the Lions' own local charity fund. The walk will start from the Rose and Crown, Stelling Minnis and will offer either a short (4 miles) or long walk (8-9 miles) through the Spring countryside. Please contact Julie, either e-mail julie.a.osborne@btinternet.com or telephone 01227 709105, or visit www.elhamwylions.org.uk.

Railway Swing Band Charity Concert

Back by popular demand! This year's charity concert will be on May 25th at Elham Village Hall. Not to be missed, this is a really top band firing on all cylinders. Ring 01303 862837, or visit Lyminge Hardware for tickets. Details also on www.elhamwylions.org.uk.

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Jean Mozley was our speaker in March giving us an insight into Bee Keeping. Jean has been keeping bees for 31 years and has more than 40 hives. She told us about the difference between the bees and the role they play in the structure of the hive - a most interesting and fascinating subject. The competition was won by Jacqui Storey with Paula Peers 2nd and Marion Hoare 3rd. Our next is on the 20th April when we are having a Quiz. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

Lyminge Questions and Answers

I came across a fascinating document recently, at www.somefanaticalhistorycreeper.com. It showed the facsimile of an article from the "Elham Valley Gazette" of the 16th March, 1895. This article, headed "Tatterboys roamed the Elham Valley", tells of groups of youths who, many years previously, danced from house to house, along the roads of the Elham Valley, at this time of year. They carried sheep-hooks, around which, each of them danced. Generally, this was a dance called the "Tatterboy jig" and they were accompanied by a few musicians. Outside each house, They sang the following song, to the same tune as the dance, and hoped that this would result in the householder

Giving them food and beer or even money. They called this custom "Tattering".

1. We are thee Tatterboys" from down the way, we sing
and dance, for soon it is May. We laugh and we joke,
with all that we meet, For we hope you will give us a
treat

Chorus: Mallydetat, Tatterdemal.

Mallydetat, Tatterdemal

We go a Tattering all the long day,

With song and mirth, we colour the way.

2. We wear coloured tat, like ragged scarecrows,
Colour our faces so we are not known.
Hammer hobnails in our choppers all round,
Spearken do fly when our feet strike the ground

3. We are going to visit your home if we can.
then we'll amuse and trumpet the land.

The ground is bayer at this time of year,
so we hope amons bring you good cheer

4. We step the ground, so colour it brings,
Cold winter yields and born is the Spring;
Seen are the primroses in woodland glade,
Carpets of bluebells in the deep forest glade
5. "Hooray boys", we haul, for we've won the day
We see the EelBoys/Elvins, and chase them away.
If they come closer we'll garp and we'll pook,
If they stay, each will feel a hook.

Tatterdemal = Kentish dialect for scarecrow, Choppers = workman's boots; Spearken = sparks; Bayer = bare; Amon = A hop, two skips and a jump; Brengs = brings; Haul = to shout; Elvins – elm trees; Garp = to stare; Pook = to glare

There tended to be two main groups of "Tatterboys", one from Lyminge and one from Elham. Each group identified the other by a derogatory name. The Lyminge Tatterboys called the Elham men "Eel Boys" whilst the group from Elham called the Lyminge dancers, "Elvins," suggesting, in Kentish dialect, that they were as static as Elm trees. Groups of young men roaming the countryside presented the possibility that they might fight and this did occur in the 17th century. Later, when one group saw another, they sang the last verse of the song. This seemed to prevent violence; the first to sing the verse had priority and the other gave way. Unfortunately, this practice eventually resulted in the custom's demise. Apparently, about fifty years prior to the newspaper article's publication, two groups were singing at the same time and did not hear each other. They met and a fight ensued. Several bones were broken but fortunately nobody was killed. The authorities took a dim view of what had happened and the practice of Tattering was banned.

Tattering started, each year, on the St Ethelbert's day (25th February). (St Ethelbert was the first Christian King of Kent.) The custom then continued for several weeks, brightening up this cold part of the year. The final day of tattering occurred on the first day of April.

That's all, for this month. Do you have any questions or answers about the local heritage? If you do, then please contact me.

Alistair Bailey (email: abailey447@aol.com tel: 86423

Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club Raise Funds for your group, charity or society, etc.

This year's sponsored walk will be taking place on April 17th (please note this date and not as previously advertised) There is still time for you group, to get together to raise funds for itself. Just get in touch, get sponsor forms and off you go! Alternatively, why not walk for the Lions' own local charity fund. The walk will start from the rose and Crown, Stelling Minnis and will offer either a short (4 miles) or long walk (8-9 miles) through the Spring countryside. Please contact Julie, either email julie.a.osborne@btinternet.com or telephone 01227 709105, or visit www.elhamwylions.org.uk

Railway Swing Band Charity Concert

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Elham Tennis Club Welcomes New Members

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Tuesday morning non competitive club sessions : Sally : 3salrich@talktalk.net

Wednesday early evening club sessions: Scott: scott@jaggercreative.co.uk

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LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS – FEBRUARY 2011

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

	Maximum	Minimum
Temperature (C)	17.1 (24/2/11)	-2.3 (07/2/11)
Air Pressure (hPa)	1027 (28/2/11)	995 (14-18/2/11)
Wind Speed (mph)	31 (3/2/11) SW	
Total Monthly Rainfall	61mm (2.4in)	(Highest Day 10.0mm (0.39in) 10/2/11)

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE THOUGHT IT TO HAVE BEEN COLD, OVERALL A LITTLE WARMER THAN AVERAGE OVER LAST TEN YEARS. HIGH TEMPERATURE - HIGHEST FOR 12 YEARS.

Letter to the Editor

Sibton Park corner is ablaze with daffodils making the entrance to the village a pleasure to behold on these dull days. It is therefore a shame that some children getting off the school bus are uprooting the bulbs and scattering them around the area. Many of the bulbs are naturally occurring but some have been planted by householders to enhance the area, they also help to keep the area looking presentable throughout the year. Perhaps parents whose children arrive home with daffodils should enquire about where they have been obtained from.

Name and address supplied



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The Lyminge Handbell group continue to expand our selection of music and are available to play at private as well as public functions. If you have an occasion where the sound of traditional handbells will add to your celebration we will be more than happy to come along. 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.

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

Lyminge Primary School

The Gardening Club at the school are working hard towards showing off their garden at the Garden Safari weekend of 25th/26th June. We would be grateful for any excess plants you have to spare particularly when you split up any of your perennials. Also if you are getting rid of a garden arch or plastic cloches we would be pleased to receive them. Please contact Janet Fry on 863177

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)
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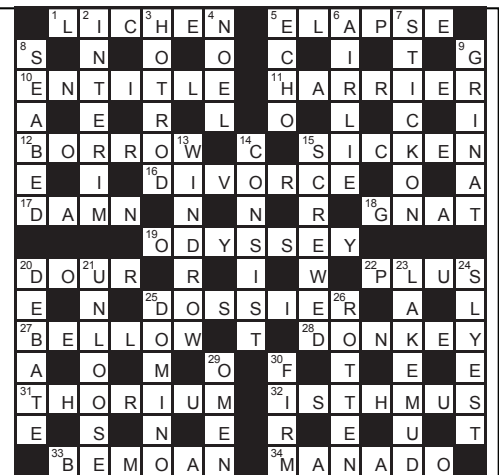
Out and About



Lyminge Showcase 2011 in full swing

Last month's Mystery Photo was the plaque on Lavender Cottage opposite the Coach & Horses

Solution to March's puzzle



Methodist Hall Renovation Group Talk

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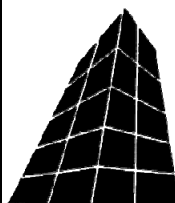
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