

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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

February 2011

Produced by
THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Help Please... We desperately need someone to deliver the monthly newsletter to part of Rhodes Minnis. Mr Roger Goodey has kindly been delivering the Newsletter for some time but will not be able to continue. This is a voluntary position but it keeps people in touch with local activities and news. If there is anyone who is able and willing to take over this job please call Jean on 01303 862488.

Lyminge Showcase 2011 ~ Make a note of the date - Saturday 19th March when the Lyminge Association is holding its second Lyminge Showcase. We have written to over 24 Lyminge organisations, but if you have not received an invitation please call Adrian on 862699 as soon as possible. We do want all our village groups to have the opportunity to promote their activities. Participating groups will be able to have one table or display space free of charge. For more information please see page 12.

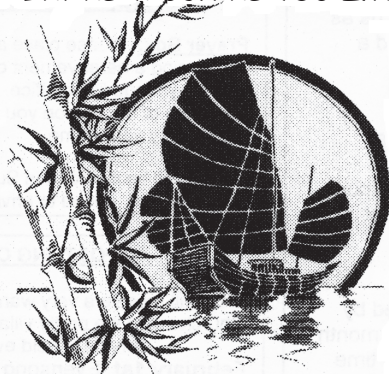
The Spring Garage Safari is booked to take place on Saturday 16th April, this time with the Table Fair at the Methodist Church Hall. More details next month!

THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:

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over £40

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Sunday - Thursday £14.95 per adult & £9.00 per child
Friday - Saturday £15.95 per adult & £9.00 per child

OPENING HOURS

Sunday 12 noon - 2.30pm and 5.30pm - 11.00pm
Monday CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAYS
Tues - Thurs 12 noon - 2.00pm and 5.30pm - 11.00pm
Fri - Sat 12 noon - 2.00pm and 5.30pm - 11.30pm

Open 14th February - St. Valentine's night

For TAKE AWAY and BOOKINGS call 01303 863288

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Wed 2nd Feb	7.00pm	Candlemas
		Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 6th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	WOW (World of Worship – a child friendly family service with puppets)
Wed 9th Feb	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Thurs 10th Feb	2.00pm	Pram Service
Sunday 13th Jan	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 16th Feb	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 20th Feb	10.30am	Family Communion (a child friendly family service with Sunday School)
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 23rd Feb	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 27th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	Holy Communion

Craft Afternoon – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 1st February

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 6th February

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 8th February

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 9th February - 12.00 for 12.30pm

Lunch at the Coach and Horses Pub

Thursday 27th February – 12noon

Prayer time at the Cathedral

Pram Service – Thursday 10th February

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 15th February

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 16th February

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 17th February

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 February:-

6th Feb. - Pastor Richard Blackwell

13th Feb. – Rev. Robin Blount (incl Holy Communion)

20th Feb. – Mr Ian Couchman

27th Feb. – Mr Dudley Shipton

Wednesday 23rd February 7.30 8.30p

“Reflections” – informal worship

Friday 4th Mar. – Women's World Day of Prayer

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 February:-

Feb. 6 - Mrs. Val Redding

Feb.13 - Mr. David Foreman

Feb.20 - Pastor Richard Blackwell

Feb.27 - Rev. Derek Hancock (Holy Communion)

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun. 6th Feb. Evensong 6.30pm

Sun. 13th Feb. Family Communion 9.30am

Sun 20th Feb. Holy Communion 8am

Sun 27th Feb. 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 by 18th of the month.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details
4 Feb	Book Reading and Sale Pushing Up Daisies	6- 8:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863729 Margaret
5 Feb	Pushing up Daisies Book Sale	10-1pm Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863729 Margaret
7 Feb	Talk: The Operating Theatre Revolution by A Ethel	10 am Etchinghill Village Hall	863394 Edna
19 Feb	First Tabletop Sale	Lyminge Methodist Hall	862710 Denise
18-20 Feb	Beer Festival	Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
28 Feb	Talk: Camino de Santiago, a Pilgrim Trail	10 am Etchinghill Village Hall	863394 Edna
5 Mar	Cantores Dominicae Concert	7:30 Smarden Church	257927 Janet
5 Mar	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
11 Mar	Royal British Legion Meeting	2:30 St Mary's Hall, Elham	864255 John
19 Mar	Clubs and Societies 2011 Showcase Event	12 – 4pm Lyminge Village Hall	862699
9 Apr	Rhodes Minnis Spring Flower Show	2:30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865 Daphne
9 Apr	St. Mary's Hospital Reunion		862573 Barbara
16 Apr	Garage Safari	Methodist Hall and around the villages	863197 Liz
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 Field	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
5 Jun	The Big Lunch	Various venues in the Villages	
9 Jul	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
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 villages	863197 Liz
15 Oct	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
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, Barbara
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 2011		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 Methodist Parlour	862221 Sue
3 rd Wed	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913 Marion
1 st Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10:00 Postling Church	863536 Pat
3 rd Sat	Tabletop Sale	Lyminge Methodist Hall	862710 Denise
4 th Fri	Beetle Drive	7pm. Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7:30pm. Coach and Horses	862694 Ray or 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	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 e-mail in word.doc format to jean.howard1@talktalk.net. Money must be received before articles can appear in the Newsletter. A paper copy and money can be left at Lyminge Hardware or the Lyminge Library. For the latest charges please call Jean on 862488

Dates for your Diary

pushing up daisies

Book Sale and Story Telling Evening

at the Methodist Church Hall on
Friday 4th February from 6 – 8 pm
and on

Saturday 5th February – Book Sale

Forthcoming Event:

Saturday 26th March – Jumble Sale

Our shop opening hours are:

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

TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO COINS

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

**STARTING ON THE 19TH FEBRUARY 2011 AND
EVERY THIRD SATURDAY THEREAFTER. DOORS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8 AM TILL 12.00 NOON**

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive

Friday 25th February 7.00pm

(Please note change of day)

Come along and join us at

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Adults £2.00 – Children 50p

Includes refreshments

There will be a raffle

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 5th February

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings

Bryan – 01303 862832

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

Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition

Saturday 26th February, 10am - 4pm

Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall Nr. Faversham ME13 9AH

Come and meet some unusual and exotic species and chat
to the experts

Isle of Thanet Bird Club ~ Kent Mammal Group ~ Chinchillas
Ferrets ~ Alpacas ~ Rabbits ~ Bees ~ Cavies ~ Rats ~ Mice
and much more

Craft Stalls ~ Tombolas ~ Hot & Cold Refreshments

Dates for you Diary

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

2nd Annual Cyclo-sportive at Park House Bank Holiday

Monday, 30th May

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

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

Boot & Autumn Fayre at Park House Saturday 10th

September

Celebrate St Valentine's Night at Lord Whisky

Saturday 12th February

3 courses £15.95

Menu available at the Tea Rooms

Book early to avoid disappointment

Pie and Mash Night

Saturday 12th March

£9.50

Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms & Gift Shop at Rhodes Minnis

Open every day from 10am ~ 4pm Tel: 01303 862349

Delicious Breakfasts, Lunches, Teas and Snacks all prepared on the
premises

Come and try our Monday Specials, Friday Fish & Chip Specials

Or Friday evening Fish & chip Supper (6 pm – 9pm)

Home-Made Cakes, Jams and Marmalades to take home

Good quality Bric-a-Brac and Lord Whisky Gifts

Newington Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 302812

Bingo – Cheese and Wine

Friday 11th February

7.30pm start

Refreshments and raffle

For further details phone

Karen on 277950

Or Kirsty on 272056

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING

**TO RAISE SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRE FOR
DISABLED CHILDREN, NARASARAOPET**

AT POSTLING VILLAGE HALL

ON FEBRUARY 12TH 2011 7.30 – 10.00PM

INDIA IN WORDS AND PICTURES. INDIAN
FOOD AND DANCING, CLASSICAL AND
BOLLYWOOD

No ticket required, but please contact Sarah
Montgomery at Normandy, The Street, Postling CT21
4EU, telephone 01303 863780, or email
plefandsem@doctors.org.uk if you would like to
come.

RSVP by February 3rd

Lympne Village Hall, Aldington Road,

Registered Charity No. 277548

**JUMBLE SALE
SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 9.30 - 11am.**

Come early to snap up a bargain.
The village hall will be staffed on Friday 25th February
from 10-to receive your jumble - **no electrical goods
please**

Lyminge Historical Society

**Tuesday 1st March
At
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall
A talk about
Railways
By John Buss
Non-members welcome**

**LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL
CHALLENGE TROPHY**

SPRING FEVER QUIZ

**on
Saturday March 5th
at
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Tables of 6-8 @ £8.00 per head
Two-course hot supper and bar provided

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

Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee
Reg Charity 281845

**EASTER FAIR
ELHAM VALLEY VINEYARD**

Breach, Barham
CT4 6LN
Phone 01227 832022

FRIDAY 15TH April
11.00 – 3.00

Bedding Plants	Crafts
Shrubs	Cakes
Planted tubs	Raffle
Hanging baskets	Special lunches
Herbs	Refreshments
Perennials	Easter Egg Hunt

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ALL WELCOME

Letter to the Editor.

I am pleased to include this in the February newsletter. It is not my work although the initials are the same!

The poem below is from a book of 26 poems by JH. If anyone is interested in buying the book please send a cheque payable to the Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre and a stamped addressed envelope 8 1/2 " x 6" to The Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, Merton Lane (North), Canterbury, Kent CT4 7BA. The centre can be contacted Monday to Friday on 01227 470876. The website is www.kentmstc.org or infokentmstc.org

An MS Journey

Thirteen, fourteen, teenage years
Twenty four and inner fears
WHAT is the matter, I'm OKAY
But sometime yesterday, now today
Bits don't function as they should
Walking, Talking, Chopping wood,
Cooking, cleaning, shopping too
Children, parents, husband who
All expect for me to BE
STRONG for THEM, the family
Eventually, aged thirty nine
Multiple Sclerosis: in my prime –
I'm labelled, therefore some respect?
And cure? OR HELP? But I was met
With 'Nothing CAN BE DONE FOR YOU'
Alone I cried, feeling so BLUE
And THEN the positives to survive
MUST KICK IN, I AM ALIVE
So parents, in laws, husband, KIDS
Learn strong me, is on the SKIDS
That's inconvenient, frustrating too
For them, and me, the me and you
An M.S. label HAS NO CURE
And nowadays, the FOLK LORE
Is to support the BUSY FIT
It's mode so CLEAR, you're out of it!
Now cancer get loads of support
And people recover, as they ought
Government funding, public too
Endorse, encourage HOPE for YOU
But NEURO stuff like M.S Label
Still hidden closeted in the stable
Behind closed doors rejected such
M.S folk need HELP just as much
Because M.S does not KILL
But slowly inhibits, drains the will
To positively function to survive
We NEED love, laughter, help to live
The M.S Centre is a source
Of many self helps, right on course
But the building is falling to bits
1 1/4 million to raise, for us to HIT
The target, the price, to build a new place
TO OUR HELPERS, OUR THANKS, WE
SING YOUR PRAISE
By J.H

Notices and Reports

News from the Elham Valley Vineyard – 2010 was a good year for the Vineyard Work Centre with the opening by Pam Ferris of our new Nursery and Plant Centre in September. The students love to work in the Polytunnels which are warm all year round where they learn about looking after seeds and plants. They also get the opportunity to interact with our customers who come in for gardening items, logs and birdseed. We held our Christmas Fair in there and it was the ideal venue to display Student work from all departments for sale to the public. The Fairs are popular in the area and well attended.

Our next event is our Easter Fair on 15th April, again at the Plant Centre with our usual stalls, including Cakes, Crafts, bedding plants and an Easter Egg Hunt as well as Refreshments and light lunches in our Teashop. Please put the date in your diary.

Our Charity The Fifth Trust has been tirelessly fund raising, this time to replace our rather dilapidated Woodwork Room which will be finished later this year. We are hoping to get weather girl Kaddy Lee-Preston to open this – watch this space!! The Woodwork team recycle old wood and turn it into items such as Bird boxes, Key holders, Walkers thumb sticks and many other items. These are sold in our Teashop as well as at Farmers Markets and our Fairs. The money made is ploughed back into the Work Centres and enables us to offer people with learning disabilities a range of work-based opportunities and skills.

Sue Goddard
Family Investment Homes Ltd
01227 832022

Etchinghill W.I.

The year started well with a good attendance to the January meeting. Barbara Syrett welcomed members and one new member. Birthday posies were presented to Dottie Cross, Gill Le Cras and Chris Marshall. The Christmas lunch had to be postponed due to bad weather and is to be arranged at a future date.

Our speaker, Kieran Renihan spoke about 'The Chocolution – Chocolate is Your Friend' and explained the history of chocolate with a demonstration making from the raw product with a sample for everybody. Quite different from the mass produced variety. A most enjoyable and interesting talk.

Teas was served by the hostesses being Daphne Andrews, Joy Bartlett and Pauline Wind. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th February at 2.30pm when Lesley Gould will speak about Japanese dolls. For further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Rita Warner on 863503

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

We had a full house at our January meeting when John and Sue Pierce told the poignant story of "Flowers for Emma". John and Sue had researched the tale of Sue's grandmother Emma, and a love lost during the first world war, ending with a visit to the war graves memorial in France. The competition was won by Ronnie Mozley with Molly Walker 2nd, Marie Hambrook 3rd and Ann Wetherall 4th.

On the 16th February we look forward to Ann Sparks returning with "Sparkling Stitches". We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and welcome everyone to an enjoyable evening. Marion Hoare 862913

Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club

This year's **sponsored walk will be taking place on April 17th**. We are inviting **local groups** to enter walkers to raise funds for their group. So if you belong to a local organisation and need to raise funds, this is an opportunity for you. If you would like to know more about the walk, or the local Lions club, visit www.elhamwyelions.org.uk or ring Neil on 01303 862837.

The Christmas float raised £2,500 (including £187 from Etchinghill & Postling), despite having to miss out five nights due to the weather. Thanks to all for your support. Did you know that Lions clubs belong to an international organisation? One year on from the Haiti earthquake, Lions Clubs International have provided 600 homes for some of the homeless who had previously been in Lions' tented accommodation. In addition it is helping to build a new nurse training school to replace the one demolished in the earthquake.

Etchinghill Update February 2011

The February Farmers' Market is on Saturday morning February 4th at the Village Hall, 10-12.30.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

St Mary's Hospital Reunion of staff and friends will be held on Saturday 9th April. Please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in coming but who may not live in either Lyminge or Etchinghill. If they would like to contact Barbara on 010303 862873 for further information, she will send them an invitation.

The Big Lunch will be held on Sunday 5th June on the Amenity Land, Meriden Park. All families and friends will be welcome. More details nearer the time.

If anyone has any information of forthcoming events, matters of interest or photos of local events in Etchinghill that could be displayed on the **Etchinghill website** please contact Matthew at enquiries@etchinghill.org.

OPEN HOUSE

Every Monday morning at Etchinghill Village Hall - all welcome drop in for a coffee, 10-12.00.

Monday 7th February - Talk on 'The Surgical Revolution' by Ann Ethel.

Saturday 26th February – Coach Trip to Bletchley Park. If anyone is interested please contact Anne on 863174

Monday 28th February - Talk by Eileen Jennings on Camino de Santiago - a pilgrim trail

Pasta Lunch - date to be arranged

Luncheon at South Kent College - date to be arranged.

If anyone has any ideas for local speakers please let Edna know on 863394 or Barbara on 862873

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

Farmers Market - Saturday 5th February - contact Bryan on 862832

Scottish Dancing every Wednesday evening at 8 pm - all welcome

Judith Lansdell would like to thank everyone who enquired about her cousin, Alison, in Brisbane, Australia. She is safe, has been evacuated and has gone to stay with friends for a couple of weeks. The flood waters came either side of her property and flooded her neighbours up to the roof but she was very lucky, the water did not reach further than her boundary wall.

Lyminge Dramatic Society

February – such a miserable month to many people! Christmas is behind us and spring seems such a time away. So it's always nice to have something to look forward to and what better than that old favourite, "Dad's Army"

Well the play has been cast and rehearsals are underway, so make sure you make a note of the date - 13th to 16th April. If you would like to help backstage please get in contact – many hands and all that!

We held a voice projection/social evening on 25th January at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road and went afterwards at the Coach and Horses for a finger buffet. Pete Talbot from the Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company ran the workshop and great fun it was.

Lastly, just a reminder that we would really like your help. We are always looking for new shows to do, but of course want to give our audiences what they would like to see, so if you have any suggestions for future productions, why not get in touch. Please speak to Ann Barnes, on 01303 862823 - she will be very happy to hear from you.

Come for Talk Time coffee and chat at Lyminge Library every Thursday 2 – 3

Our Community Warden Gary Harrison will be in attendance most weeks with a different safety aspect - bike safety with FREE spoke reflectors, property marking i.e. laptops, bikes etc

10th Feb Bike safety including FREE bike reflectors 2 – 4

17th Feb Property Marking i.e. laptops, bikes etc

3rd March Internet Scams

Our computer buddy Tony Jarvis is available to help on Friday mornings 9.00 - 11.45 phone the library to book a slot



LYMINGE HANDBELLS



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

Age Concern Lyminge 01303 862364

Charity No. 1128429

Services

Lunches
Laundry
Hairdressing
(Male & Female)
Hearing Aid Support
Information & Advice
Transport to & from the Centre

Activities

Arts & Crafts
Health & Wellbeing
Social History
Seated Exercises
Computer Training
Lip Reading Classes

Chief Officer: Lisa Hodden
Centre Manager: Matthew Martin
Jubilee Day Centre, Everist Court, Station Road,
Lyminge, Kent CT18 8HQ

Email: enquiries@ageconcernlyminge.co.uk
Web Page: www.ageconcernlyminge.co.uk

Free Space Required

Garage if possible, please

Contact 07873 524463

RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall any time between 10 am – 12 noon during term time. Come and have a tea/coffee while having a friendly chat as your child plays. £1.50 per session (first session free)
'Phone Elaine on 01303 863096 if you need more information

LYMINGE FRIENDS

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

Wednesday 2nd February - The work of the Kent Association for the Blind by Caroline Gunter

Wednesday 2nd March - A talk on the Mystery Animals of Kent by Neil Arnold then Pub Lunch

Wednesday 16th March - Shopping trip to Hempstead Valley

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

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

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

After finishing last month's list of local heritage subjects, I realised I had left out one important subject. That is the local woodlands and I have decided this month to introduce this subject. If we start after the Romans had left Britain and the Jutes had arrived from the Continent, the main use of land in Jutish Kent around a 'royal vill' such as Lyminge was: arable land, to supply food; pasture for cattle, sheep and pigs, coppiced woodland, for wood craft supplies such as hurdles; and timber woodland, for larger wood-work such as house building. These were all close-by so that time and effort were not wasted in transport. We can still see this local land usage today. Besides current arable and pasture fields we have West Wood / Lyminge Forest which in Saxon times was part of the large downland Haradun Forest and was used for timber in Jutish times. Postling Wood is an example of coppiced woodland that was used for hurdles and the like.

Further afield in the Weald, belonging to the vill, were dense woodlands for the feeding of pigs, principally on acorns. The land-owner, who, in Lyminge, was originally the King of Kent, gave the right, known as 'pannage', to people to feed pigs in the woods. The pigs were moved in autumn and brought back in spring. These woodlands are known as 'dens' or 'denns' and can often be identified by the suffix '-den' at the end of Wealden place-names. Lyminge was the royal and ecclesiastical centre of one of the divisions of the Kentish Kingdom known as 'lathes'. (Probably, Lympne with nearby Sandtun, near West Hythe, was the trading centre.) This lathe was known as 'Limenwara'. In Jutish times it extended from Elham to Newenden and Rolvenden in the Weald. This reflects the seasonal movement of pigs. (This can also be seen in the other lathes but in a more north-south direction.) A more local example is Archbishop Pecham's survey of his lands (1283-1285), which reveals that woodland dens attached to the archiepiscopal Manor of Lyminge were to be found in the extreme south-west of the county. Ten of twelve have been identified as: Betheringden, East Hernden, Pladshead & Sponden in Sandhurst parish; Iden & Standen in Benenden parish; Forsham & Hole in Rolvenden parish; Heronden in Tenterden and Rempendene in Woodchurch. Two others of unknown location were named as: Chelinden, possibly in Sandhurst and Westryden. The pigs were driven along 'droveways' that were apparently fairly straight and are often still identifiable as roads, bridleways, footpaths and field boundaries on maps. They are said to be frequently 'sunken' trackways indicating how much they have been used over the years. Perhaps some of you might study maps, explore a droveway and re-trace the footsteps of the ancient inhabitants of Lyminge. Let me know what you find.

Similarly, there were marshlands associated with the royal vill of Lyminge that were used seasonally for cattle & sheep pasture. This is indicated by the finding that most of the existing saxon charters relating to Romney Marsh deal with the transfer of land to Lyminge (although there has been some debate recently as to whether the receiving vill should be translated as Lyminge or Lympne). More recent evidence of linkage between the Manor of Lyminge and Romney Marsh is found in Hasted's Survey of Kent where it is noted that, "a court baron is regularly held for this manor, which extends into Romney Marsh, over the culets of Eastbridge and Jeffordstone."

Further reading about this can be found in my sources (besides Hasted's Survey of Kent) for this article: "Denns, droving and danger" by F R H Du Boulay, in Archaeologia Cantiana (Kent Archaeological Society), Vol.LXXVI, pp 75-87; "Woodlands of Kent" by Geoffrey Roberts (Geerings of Ashford Ltd.); and "Romney Marsh" by Jill Eddison (Tempus Publishing Ltd.). That's it for this month. If you have any answers or want to ask any questions about the local heritage then please contact me.

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

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS – DECEMBER 2010

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

	Maximum	Minimum
Temperature (C)	8.2 (11/12/10)	-11.2 (03/12/10)
Air Pressure (hPa)	1025 (14-5/12/10)	985 (18/12/10)
Wind Speed (mph)	23 (24/12/10)	
Total Monthly Rainfall	58.5mm (2.30in)	(Highest Day 12.5mm (0.49in) 1/12/10)

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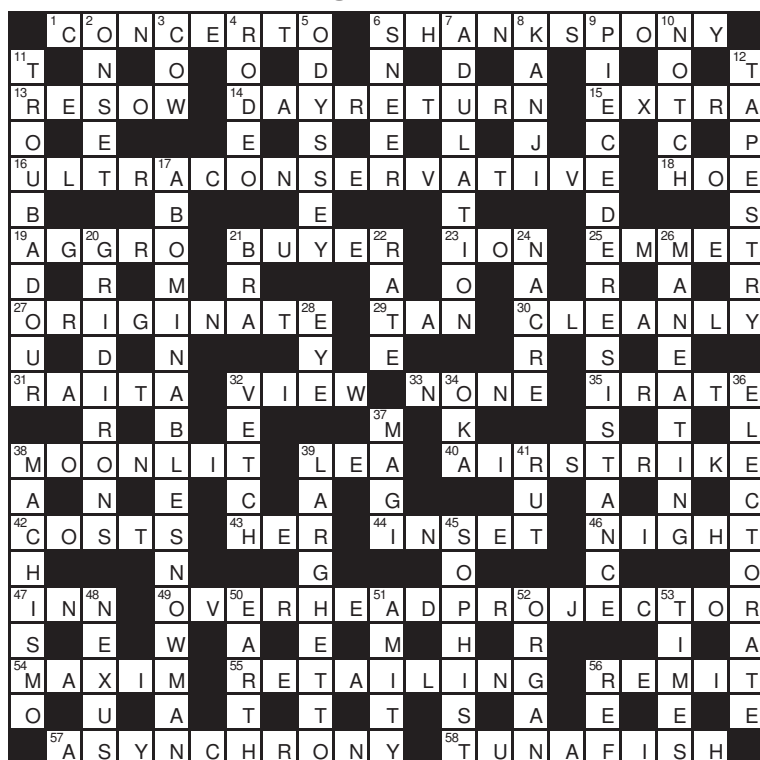


The Winter Blues Quiz held at Lyminge Village Hall on Saturday 29th January was won again by *Rebels Without A Clue* with 118 points but only after a tense tie-breaker question with rival team, *Frugal Fergus*

On 13th November the Lyminge Association held **an Afternoon Tea** for as many of the Newsletter Deliverers who could attend at *Mary Claire's Country Kitchen*. This was to say Thank you to all those who go out every month come rain or shine to get your Newsletter to you.



Solution to January's Crossword



At the Afternoon Tea event there was a special Thank You to Margaret Kedge who has been delivering The Lyminge Newsletter since its very first edition! A great example of the Lyminge community spirit in action! By the way does anyone have a copy of that very first Newsletter ??

This month a symmetrical Sudoku of medium difficulty....

	3	6		7		1		
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		4				8		
		1			4	7		5
4					5			
			2			9	4	
		3		4		6	5	

Comments to John L Carr, by email to jon@serenitas.co.uk or by 'phone to 862972.

Suggestions for future puzzles welcome.

Lyminge Showcase 2011

After the success of the first Showcase two years ago we have moved to the larger Village Hall so that we can accommodate as many Societies and Clubs as possible. It will be open to the public from 12 noon until 4.00pm. Setting-up times and other information will be notified to participating groups nearer the time. To date, we hope to have the two Lyminge Art groups displaying some of their work, some of the lovely costumes used in past productions by the Lyminge Dramatic Society, the recently formed Elham Valley Visitors Group who are promoting the tourism aspect of our beautiful local villages and towns with its wealth of attractions and popular sites, along with suggestions of places to stay for that short break or holiday in Kent. We are hoping to have a Lyminge Association table with a short Questionnaire which it is hoped as many people as possible will take a look at and complete to help us make YOUR Newsletter and Lyminge Association events even better. Tell us what you like, or possibly, dislike or feel is missing - we can't improve or change without your input. For your kind completion of the questionnaire you will automatically gain entry to our free Prize Draw at this event.

STILL AVAILABLE...

The "official" Lyminge Association Calendar is still available at the Post Office, celebrating 40 years of events in Lyminge. We have had one reprint and we can do another !
Still only £4.75 - don't miss out!

Mystery Photo

Last month's Mystery Photo was a lamp on the front of Lyminge Library.

Where would you find the abbreviated road sign ?



Garden Safari in June

Our biennial Safari will take place this summer and we are looking for someone else who would be willing to join our small band who will be organising this popular event. Could you be this person? If you are interested or think you may be able to help, please contact Adrian or Sandra Willcox on 862699



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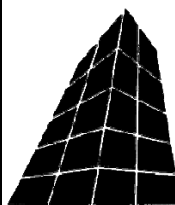
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