



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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

July 2011

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

GARDEN SAFARI

WELL? Didn't you all do well? A BIG cheer and thank-you to the generous residents who opened their enchanting gardens to us over the weekend and of course to the helpers at Tayne Centre, hmm – 'sausage in a bun'. The Churches triumphed with dazzling and very imaginative flower displays and the quilts in the Parish Church were like blossoms in themselves. This year there were more gardens, more visitors and we again managed to raise some money for the parish and also for lots of charities.

Editorial Changes

I am sure I speak for us all in passing on our heartfelt thanks and good wishes to Jean Howard. Jean, who has been Editor of Lyminge Newsletter for many years, has decided to retire. She has handed over a vibrant, busy and very successful publication without which many of us would be lost. So, **THANK YOU** Jean!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Do you remember the Millennium celebrations in the Village Hall on 31st December 1999 ? We are hoping to produce another Audio-Visual presentation to celebrate the Jubilee. We need pictures or memories of what has happened in Lyminge over the past 60 years ? Can you help us ? If you think that you might be able to help please contact Adrian on 862699 as soon as you can ! We also need old photographs of Lyminge over the past 60 years for our Lyminge 2012 Calendar.

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sun 3 rd July	8.00am	Holy Communion (C W order 2)
	10.30am	WOW (World of Worship) with puppets)
Wed 6 th July	7.00pm	NO Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	NO Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer
Sun 10 th July	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 13 th July	7.00pm	NO Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	NO Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer
Thurs 14 th July	2.00pm	Time for Tots
Sun 17 th July	10.30am	Family Communion with Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 20 th July	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer
Sun 24 th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 27 th July	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer
Sun 31 st July	10.30am	Matins (Morning Prayer)
		followed by Holy Communion

Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court Sunday 3rd July

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

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

Wentworth Craft Group – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 5th July

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 July

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

Time for Tots – Thursday 14th July

This is a short pre-school friendly service for babies and toddlers with toys and action songs. Also a chance for their carers to get together and chat. Refreshments provided

For more information contact Vanessa on 862432 or Trish on 862151

Mothers Union

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

Wednesday 13th July - 12 midday Luncheon outing to
Maureen Shevell's

Thursday 28th July - 12 midday Prayer time in St Gabriel's
Chapel at Canterbury Cathedral

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 20th July

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 July

Coach and Horses Pub. - 12.00 for 12.30pm

All are welcome and transport can be arranged,

Please contact Vanessa on 862432

St Nicholas Fayre Craft Group – Tuesday 26th July

This group meets at 68 Silverlands Road every month to organise and create articles for the St Nicholas Fayre Craft Stall.

Anyone is welcome especially if they have some new ideas for us

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 July:-

3rd July – Mrs Val Redding

10th July – Mrs Mary Blanch

17th July - Pastor Richard Blackwell

24th July - Rev. Barry Armson (includes Holy Communion)

31st July – Mr Graham Whistance

Wednesday 27th July 7:30-8:30

'Reflections' alternative worship

Saturday 23rd July 7:30pm

Concert arranged by Dean Hayward

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 July:

July 3 - Rev. Barry Armson

July 10 - Mr. Tim James

July 17 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

July 24 - Rev. Barry Armson (Holy Communion)

July 31 - Rev. Robin Blount

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd July Evensong 6.30pm

Sunday 10th July Family Service 9.30am

Sunday 17th July Holy Communion 8am

Sunday 24th July Family Communion 9.30am

Sunday 31st July No service

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 all churches and added to private prayer life.

Terms and Conditions. Next month's deadline is the 18th of the month

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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
9 Jul	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
16 Jul	Boot Sale	6:00 am Etchinghill Cricket Club	
19Jul	Garden visit to Smeeth	6:30pm Lyminge Car Park	863049 Christine
23 Jul	Postling Sale	2.30pm Postling Village Hall	862238 Andrew
23 Jul	Concert by the HAYWARDIANS	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Church	863832 Peter
30 Jul	Boot Sale	6:00 am Etchinghill Cricket Club	
6 Aug	Concert: "From the Cradle to the Grave"	7:30 Postling Church	863284 Peter
6 Aug	Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show	2:30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865 Daphne
13 Aug	Boot Sale	6:00 Etchinghill Cricket Club	
13 Aug	Gardener's Summer Show	2:00 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863225 Peter
15 Aug	Interclub Gardeners' Competition	7:00 Newington Village Hall	863049 Christine
27 Aug	Boot Sale	6:00 Etchinghill Cricket Club	
10 Sep	Boot Sale	6:00 Etchinghill Cricket Club	
17 Sept	Quiz Night	7:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863333 Lorraine
20 Sept	Talk: Bee Keeping	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863049 Christine
2 Oct	Garage Safari throughout the village	and Lyminge Village Hall	863197 Liz
15 Oct	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
18 Oct	Gardeners' Society AGM	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863049 Christine
5 Nov	Bonfire Night	6:30 for 7pm. Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
18-26 Nov	Play by Lyminge Dramatic Society	Lyminge Village Hall	
3 Dec	St Nicholas Fayre	Lyminge Village hall	
Weekly Events	What?	When and Where?	Contact details
Mondays	Singing for Free (6 weeks from 20 June)	10:30 – 12 Lyminge Methodist Hall	01233 750585 Celia
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	Digital Quandary – Editing Photo's	5:00-7:00 Lyminge School	862972 John
Wednesday	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	07717 500 060 Maddy
Wednesdays	Scottish Dancing	8:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	
Wednesdays	French Conversation	7pm, Korf House. Canterbury Road	862972 Vanessa
Thursdays	Lyminge Art Groups – AM/PM	10am, 2pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	211364 Linda, 862972 John
Thursdays	Rhodes Minnis Toddlers' Group	10am Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	863096 Elaine
Fridays	Women's Circuit Training Fitness	11:30-12:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	07951698008 Katherine
Monthly Event	What?	When and Where?	Contact Details
1 st and 3 rd Mon	Healthwalk	10:15 Lyminge Village Hall	862959 Val
2 nd and 4 th Mon	Healthwalk	10:15 Elham Square	862959 Val
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Council page in Newsletter	239500 Crispin
1 st Tue	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862972 John
3 rd Tue	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863503 Rita
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
4 th Fri	Beetle Drive	7:30pm. Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
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	Coins for Clutter	Lyminge Methodist Hall	862164 Denise
3 rd Sun ¹	Parish Walk ¹	10:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862015 Richard
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7:30pm. Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja

¹ The August Parish Walk is on Sunday 14th



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Alternatively, email admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk and
visit our website www.lymingepreschool.org.uk



Tayne Centre Talks



Tuesday 12th July

At 7.30 pm

In the Tayne Centre (Methodist Hall)
(Refreshments from 7.15 pm)

From Coffins to Corsets, Weird and Wonderful Patents of Invention



A talk by Vanessa Carr

Sponsored by Lyminge Friends

Entrance £3.00

(Including tea or coffee)

Please come and support the renovation of
the Tayne Centre



In Aid of the Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

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BOOT & SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 30th JULY

12 noon - 3.30pm

**Park House Animal Sanctuary
Stelling Minnis, nr Canterbury CT4 6AN**

* Live Music with Burt Butlers Jazz Band *

* Reel Eire School of Irish Dance *

* Layla Acrobelly Belly Dancers *

* Anthea Barnes School of Dance *

Lots of stalls - Tombola and Raffle - Refreshments

Admission by donation - Plenty of free parking

Boots are welcome from 5am:

Cars £7.50 / Vans £10

More Events at Park House

NEW!! Saturday 20th August

- Boot Fayre & 40's Themed Afternoon

Saturday 10th September

- Boot & Autumn Fayre

Saturday 22nd October

- Boot Fayre & Clearance Sale

**For further information telephone
01303 862622**

Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Visit our website: www.lordwhisky.co.uk



FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 2nd July

10.00am - 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings

Bryan - 01303 862832

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Free six week singing course for people over 50

Lyminge Methodist Hall

Monday 10.30 - 12.00

July 4th

July 11th

July 18

July 25th

Just turn up or call Celia at Living Lively on 01233
750585 or email celia@livinglively.org.uk
www.livinglively.org.uk

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Tuesday 19th July

A visit to Malcolm and Pam Woodcock at Sandown, Plain Road, Smeeth, Nr Ashford.

Small and compact Japanese style garden and Koi pond is on 4 levels, with Japanese arbour, tea house/veranda with small waterfall and stream with several places to sit and contemplate.

Be at Lyminge Car Park at 6.30pm or at Smeeth at 7pm.

Tea and coffee
£3.00 for evening

SUMMER MADNESS QUIZ

9th July 2011

Bring a team along and try to beat the questions!

Lyminge Village Hall

7:00 for 7:30pm start

Hot meal, Bar, Tables of 4-8 @ £8.00pp

Hurry - tickets going fast!!

Contact Honor: **862928** or Niki **862530** for details
Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee Reg Charity 281845

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive

FRIDAY, 29th JULY, 7.30 pm

Come along and join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
New players very welcome

Adults' £2.00 – children 50p

Includes refreshments
There will be a raffle

The Rude Mechanical Theatre

A July date for The Rudes in the village
The very popular Rude Mechanical Theatre Co will be back on:

Tayne Field on Sunday, 17th July

(7.30pm start & 6.00pm for picnics).

‘Gentle Harry’s Farm’

The story, another brand new play, goes like this:

"It's a breathless July in 1957. Agnes and Minnie just loved their boarding school, The Gables School for Jolly Nice Girls! But first, before domestic science college - and husbands after that, they would have such a twiffic summer under the blissful blue sky of Gentle Harry's Farm! Then of all things they find some bounders have burst into the bank in Eastbury and nicked the cash! And the place is swarming with coppers! Bliss! Bliss in abundance!

Meanwhile the brown eyed cows chew - and the magpies chatter. It will buzz with hilarity, sigh with tenderness and chirrup with gentle satire."

Tickets on sale soon from **Lyminge Hardware**, or ring **01323-501260**, or from the Company at:

www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk

pushing up daisies

We shall be closing for the
Summer Holidays from 23rd July 2011

HALF PRICE SALE

This Month ONLY

at

TAYNE CENTRE

(the Methodist Church Hall)

Raising funds for conservation and environment
projects throughout the parish.

Our opening hours are:

Wed – Fri: 10am. – 4pm Sat 10am - 1pm

Royal British Legion

To celebrate their 90th anniversary, the Royal British Legion, Elham Valley Branch invite you to an evening with the 1st Royal Gurkha Rifles on **Friday 8th July at 7.15pm in Elham Village Hall**. The evening will include a talk and presentation by an officer recently returned from Afghanistan and an exhibition of Gurkha equipment, also licensed bar and raffle. Entrance is by ticket only, £5 per person. Application forms for tickets can be obtained from Lyminge Library, The Cosy Tea Rooms, Elham and the Kings Arms. All proceeds will be shared between the RBL Poppy Appeal and the Gurkha Help the Wounded Fund.

Etchinghill W.I. Annual Outing

Leeds Castle

Tuesday 6th September

£20.

Lunch etc, available

**** CANCELLED ****

For further information please contact
June Price 862569 or Stella Samuels 862363



The Haywardians in Concert
Lyminge Methodist Church
Saturday, 23rd July at 7.30pm

The Haywardians, led by organist and choir master **Dean Hayward**, will be performing at Lyminge Methodist Church on Saturday, July 23 at 7.30pm.

The mixed-voice choir with special guest, **Peter Naylor**, perform a variety of choral music from Vivaldi to Freddie Mercury and from John Rutter to Lionel Bart.

Entry is £5 on the door. All proceeds go to the

Tayne Centre (Lyminge Methodist Hall) Redevelopment Appeal.

For further details, please phone 01797 362097 or email haywardians@tesco.net



COINS FOR CLUTTER

TABLE BOOT FAIR
SATURDAY 16TH JULY

RAISING FUNDS FOR
 TAYNE CENTRE RENOVATION GROUP
 LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

TO BOOK A TABLE PHONE FLORRIE
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LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY 5TH JULY 2011

Members only visit:

An evening with:

"Canterbury Ghost Tours"

8pm at Allberry's Wine bar

St Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

Call Marian on 01303 862015 for further details

COACH & HORSES

BEER FESTIVAL

15TH – 17TH AUGUST 2011

- ❖ Selection of Real Ales and Ciders
- ❖ BBQ & Hog-roast
- ❖ Live Music

Call 01303 862 694 for reservations,
 and updates on the beers and ciders.

Have a great day with the family sampling the
 best beers, tasting scrumptious ciders
 and chilling out to some great music

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL

WINDMILL FETE

Mill Lane, Stelling Minnis

Saturday, 16th July - 12-5pm

- Live Music with Jazz Omnibus
- East Kent Morris Men
- Hawkinge Flyers Twirling & Pompom Team
- Birds of Prey
- 'Face your Fears' Reptiles & Exotics

CRAFTS * STALLS * SIDESHOWS * DISPLAYS

- Fun Dog Show (entries on the day)
- The Elham Allsorts Obedience Display Team
- Shire Horses & Cart rides
- Steam & Stationary Engines

Vintage agricultural vehicles & machinery

Classic Cars & Motorcycles (booked only)

Bar * Barbecue * Teas

Windmill & Museum Open

Fete Admission: £2 - Under 11yrs: Free

For information, ring 01227 709238

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Lyminge Dramatic Society

The summer months are traditionally rather quiet ones for the Society, so it really gives us this welcome opportunity to thank everyone for your continued support for us. We are a thriving local organisation and we have you, the people of the Elham Valley, to thank for that.

July 17th sees the annual visit to Lyminge of the Rude Mechanicals Theatre Company. They are performing "Gentle Harry's Farm, at 7.30pm on Tayne Field. Tickets are on sale from Lyminge Hardware. However, as usual, "doors" will be open from 6pm for our usual picnic and catch-up with friends and fellow theatre lovers. So do come along early with your supper and fizzie drinks. Don't forget chairs and something warm to wear later on. It has got very cold on occasions. It promises to be its usual very entertaining evening.

Our next production, The Flint Street Nativity, directed by Trevor Gasson, is being read at **7.45pm at Sibton Park Cricket Club, on 6th July**. This is the opportunity to read the play and decide what you want to do to help, be it acting, front of house or backstage. Please come along and tell us how you would like to be involved – we are always on the lookout for new members, who are a very welcome addition to the Society. Do come along though if only just to hear the reading. It is a very, very funny play.



Calling All Broadband Users

The speed of internet response from the Lyminge exchange has fallen overall by about 30% since December 2010.

If the uptake of broadband services continues at its present rate, within a few months reception in the village will drop to an unacceptably slow rate, and watching anything in real time will prove to be impossible.

Grants are available to bring the village telephone wiring system up to a higher standard, and a team is ready to submit a bid, **but your active support is essential** if we are to stand a chance of success in the second round.

TWO ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM ALL WHO HAVE YET TO PARTICIPATE.

PLEASE

1. Submit the survey form available on www.broadband.rdit.co.uk
2. Go to www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk and anonymously record your results on the village map. Visit this site particularly when your reception is low speed.

Thank you in advance for your participation, Philip Hawken, Parish Councillor

LYMINGE YOUTH ACTION

- Do You Want To Get Fit?
- Have you tried Jubilee fields exercise machines yet?
 - These machines are for **ALL** ages.
 - They are free, you can go there anytime, they are easy to use.

The tennis net is now up in the multi-surface area it would be nice to see it being used.

If you want some company to start you off ring Jane 01303 862142

Have some fun and get fit too!
Jane - Lyminge Youth Action

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH ACRISE

Flower Festival

6th and 7th of August 2011
10am to 4.30pm

Come along and enjoy a visit to our Church which will be decorated.

There will also be stalls, games, ploughman's lunches and other refreshments, and lots of fun.

FREE entry and FREE parking

LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour.

Everyone welcome.

- Wednesday 6th July** - Annual Auction and Social Morning
- Wednesday 20th July** - Garden Party at Marian's
- Wednesday 3rd August** - A talk on Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - R. Stichbury then Pub Lunch
- Wednesday 17th August** - Day trip to Walmer Castle -*note change of date....*
- Wednesday 7th September** - A talk on Stained Glass - Judith Lansdell then Pub Lunch
- Wednesday 14th September** - Trip to Little Farthingloe Farm & Women's Land Army Museum

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

Lyminge Bowls Club

There are several home fixtures in July, when a warm welcome will await you if you want to come along and watch. The dates are as follows:-

- Saturday, 2nd July Captains Day – a fun day for all club members
- Sunday, 3rd July Ashford send 5 rinks of men and 1 of ladies to compete against us
- Thursday, 7th July Betteshanger ladies visit to play our ladies
- Friday, 8th July Ladies from New Romney against our ladies
- Saturday, 9th July A mixed team from New Romney play our club members
- Sunday, 10th July A team all the way from Thurrock spend the afternoon with us
- Sunday, 17th July Ron Frankson Mixed Pairs Competition – Starting 10.00 am*
- Saturday, 23rd July A club competition postponed from 5th June when it rained heavily!
- Tuesday, 26th July Pairs of ladies will be competing for the Ethelburga Trophy

All games, apart from the all day one*, start at 2.30 pm. In addition, club members will be found playing on the green on Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings. If you want to have a go, come along and ask. Call 863495 for further information.

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our speaker on the 15th June was Judith Lansdale who, recently broke her ankle and, bravely came along with a leg in plaster to give us a talk on Stained Glass. This has been Judith's hobby for about seven years and she showed us beautiful examples of her work, which she makes for her own enjoyment and for commissions for friends. The competition was won by Daphne Andrews, with Marion Hoare 2nd, Ann Weatherall 3rd, and Molly Walker 4th. Our next meeting is on the 20th July when Tswyoko Page will be giving us examples of the Japanese art of flower arranging. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors are very welcome to join us. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

ETCHINGHILL W.I.

The meeting opened with the President, Barbara Syrett welcoming members and one guest, Margaret Devey, a W.I. member from Etchinghill, Rugeley, Staffordshire who was staying at Rhodes Minnis. Gifts were exchanged, our guest was presented with a cup and saucer and a history of Etchinghill. From her W.I. a cookery book was received printed with members' recipes.

Birthday posies were presented to Eileen Lofty, June Manton and Pauline Nind.

Due to lack of support, our annual coach trip has been cancelled.

Our speaker, David Harper spoke about the history of pub and inn signs which proved most interesting. Julia Tappenden gave a vote of thanks.

Next meeting - Tuesday, 19th July at 2.30pm when Eric Spear will speak about the Victorian Village School. Visitors always welcomed.

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

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

I have written little about the Elham Valley Railway in the past so this month I shall put matters right. A railway, connecting Folkestone and Canterbury, was first proposed in the 1830s but it wasn't until 1861 that the Elham Valley Light Railway Company was sanctioned to build a line. Unfortunately, this company went bankrupt, through lack of support but the South Eastern Railway (S.E.R) took up the idea, after the London, Chatham and Dover Railway proposed a similar line using the Alkham valley. Work began on the double, full size line in 1884 and many labourers moved into the district. This produced an increased demand for beer which was serviced by two pubs in Etchinghill, The New Inn and the Ark Inn. The railway's first stage, between Shornecliffe and Barham was opened on 4th July 1887. A building boom followed in Lyminge because the railway improved connections with the outside world. This increased the village's population and resulted in a new Methodist church opening 1894 which was served, on the day, by a special train service. The railway also resulted in the livestock market opening in 1904.

The second stage of the railway was more difficult to build because of rich landowners who did not like the thought of a railway passing through their land. In particular, Matthew Bell persuaded the S.E.R to build a tunnel under Bourne Park so his view was not spoilt. 'Nimbyism' is not a new phenomenon! The line to Canterbury was completed in 1890. From the start, the railway line was not a great commercial success but during WW1, when the line was taken over by the army, its value increased as it became part of the diversionary route between Folkestone and Dover, after a landslide at Folkestone Warren.

In 1923, when the line became part of Southern Railway, the track north of Lyminge was singled, to save money. During WW2, the army again took over the line. This time, the Royal Artillery established several railway guns on the line. Two 12 inch guns were used on the southern part of the line. I understand they were called 'Winnie' and 'Clem' after the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and his wife. They were stored in different places on the track, including Etchinghill Tunnel, Lyminge Station and Elham Station. It has been said that Lyminge was targeted by the Luftwaffe because of the guns. There was also an 18 inch diameter gun which was stored in the Bishopsbourne tunnel. It has been reported that occasionally it ventured to Lyminge and the Etchinghill Tunnel. It was known as the 'Boche Buster' but locally it was, by some, called 'Big Bertha.'

During the war, a skeleton passenger service was maintained by what was named the 'Elham Valley Military Railway.' The line was handed back to Southern Railway in 1944 and a full freight service was re-established. A shuttle passenger service began between Folkestone and Lyminge but the return to normality was short lived and all services were withdrawn in June 1947. Track removal started soon after, ending the 60 year life of the railway.

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

RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 24TH JULY 2011

FROM 11am TO 4pm

Entrance £1 (children & OAPs 50p)

at Seathwaite, Green Lane, Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XU, Tel: 01303 862243

Masses of Fun from Cakes, Jams, Home-Made Sweets, Meringues, Plants, Reflexology, Bric-A-Brac, Giant Tombola with over 150+ High Value prizes, Books, Toys, Snakes & Tortoises, Novelties, Raffles, Hampers, and of course CATS, CATS, CATS – and a Veterinary Stand MEOW!!

Refreshments all day come and makes friend with our 100+ rescue cats



1st Lyminge Folkestone Division

The Rainbow unit is the junior section of the Girl Guides and takes girls between 5 – 7 years. The unit meets every week during term times .

A wide range of activities is available including art & craft, Physical activities and learning about how we can help other. There are also several events that take place during the year where the Rainbows have the opportunity to meet other Rainbows from local and district units.

We recently attended the celebration for the Royal wedding where we made crowns, puppets of the royal couple and flags and then had a big tea party.

At the moment we have two leaders Yvonne Munford and Sue Luff. However we are looking for help to run the unit. If you are interested it would only involve helping for one hour per week to help with the activities during the session. Alternatively if you would like to be involved but cannot do every week then any help you could give would be great.

If you would like further details please contact Sue 01303 863890 or Yvonne 01303 862765

Etchinghill Update July 2011

The June Farmers' Market raffle prize was won by Mrs Parrish of Canterbury Road Etchinghill. The next Farmers' market will be held on Saturday July 1st 10.00 to 12.30 at the Village Hall.

Etchinghill Village Hall-Petanque Court Following tremendous support received from residents, both financial and by giving of their time, the construction phase of the new Petanque Court commenced on 17th June 2011 and should be completed by Sunday 26th June 2011. The Management Committee are most grateful for all the support received not only from our residents but also from many local companies, who have either provided us with materials and equipment free of charge or at substantial discounts. The official Opening Ceremony of our new Petanque Court will take place on Saturday 30th July 2011. Details of the event are currently being drawn-up and will be circulated in the next few weeks. The format, which will include a traditional formal "Ribbon Cutting" by one of our local dignitaries, will incorporate an Inaugural Competition with other Village Petanque teams and a separate Competition for individual age groups. During the course of the summer months we intend holding a number of training sessions for all age groups and eventually, depending upon demand, start a League Table for the different age groups. Details will be released as soon as possible. So as to minimise any inconvenience to our Regular User Groups specific timings will be introduced for the usage of the Petanque Court but, as the actual siting of the Petanque Court is some distance from the Hall itself, we do not anticipate that these timings will be too restrictive. Graham Barber - Chairman of Etchinghill Village Hall Management Committee

Etchinghill Residents' Association -Big Lunch – June 5th We had a lovely day despite the bad weather, which forced us to retire to the hall. Everyone enjoyed the shared food with the table groaning under the weight. New and old neighbours had a chance to have a proper conversation whilst the children enjoyed themselves playing with the games that had been provided. The face painting of children and adults alike was not to be missed as was the dancing to Bob Langridge and his organ. Many thanks to Anne and Hester for organising the event.

Quiz Night – 17th September We are organising our next event which will be a Quiz Night in September. Our resident Quiz Master, Robert Godfrey, will be hosting the evening and searching for more taxing questions. Tickets, costing £6.00 per head, will be on sale shortly and will include a Ploughman's Supper. Make sure you reserve a seat by contacting Lorraine on 863333.

Etchinghill Cinema Club – 8th October Interest in our new venture seems to be growing, with many residents requesting inclusion on our mailing list. Due to licence restrictions we will need to register anyone who would like to attend the Film Club as a member. Our cinema patrons, who register before the 8th October will be able to pay a registration fee of £7.00, which would entitle cinema goers free entrance to the first two films shown and anyone registering on the day, will be charged a £5 entrance fee for the film showing on that day. For registering early, and for an extra £2, registered patrons have free entrance to two films. Early registration also gives the new member a chance to pick the next film to be screened. All entrance fees to this event include a drink and either ice-cream or popcorn and a raffle ticket. Please contact Barbara on 862873 for further information.

LYMINGE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Calling all parents, grandparents or carers with children under school age at a loose end on Tuesday mornings. We meet every week (during term time) at the Methodist Hall in Lyminge between 10.00am - 12 noon to give the children a chance to play and interact with others the same age.

We offer a wide range of craft and play activities including trikes, bikes and slides to painting books and jigsaws

We charge £1.50 per session (1st session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for both adults and children.

Come and join in the fun.
For further information 'phone Karen
01303 863274

RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall 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

TAYNE CENTRE Hall HIRE

Previously known as the
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall



1 June to 30 September £5.50 per hour
£19.00 per 4 hour session £35.50 full day

1 October to 31 May £8.00 per hour
£26.50 per 4 hour session £46.50 full day
(including heating)

Parlour

All Year £5.00 per hour, with use of electric -
over heaters, if required.

Overnight Stays

1 June to 30 September £33

1 October to 31 May £44

For any enquiries please call **07971 722 401**

Lyminge Village Hall

Lyminge Village Hall, a Hallmark accredited hall offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and can meet a variety of requirements with its small Committee Room, larger Club Room and the Main Hall with bar and servery and of course a large stage. We continue to improve the facilities with upgraded toilets and storage. The Management Committee hold regular fundraising events which are advertised elsewhere in the Newsletter. With the full stage now available, concerts and band bookings can be accepted. With excellent parking, kitchen facilities and plenty of tables and chairs our Village Hall makes a great place for larger celebrations or charity events.

Price example: Friday or Saturday evening £55.00

For full price details and availability just give

Jacqui Storey a call on 862044

CARETAKER WANTED

Lyminge Village Hall is looking for a caretaker to perform light duties on a part-time basis.

For further details please contact:

Dave Hunt-Cooke on 862928

The Village Hall Management Committee

Reg. Charity 281845

Newington Village Hall

Registered Charity No.302812

Themed Bingo

Friday 15th July

For more information please ring:

Kirsty 01303 272056

or

Karen 01303 277950

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES

Occasional Users

Standard weekday rates (08h30 to 23h00)

Hourly rate – up to 4 hours £7.00

1 Session – 4 continuous hours £21.00

2 Sessions – 8 continuous hours £42.00

All-day rate £70.00

Weekend rates (08h30 – 22h00 Sundays) will be
£10.00, £30.00, £60.00 and £100.00 respectively

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

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

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

£100.00 for Residents

£200.00 for non-Residents.

For bookings and enquiries, please contact **Eileen** on
01303 862832.

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

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

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall has the capacity
to take parties of up to 100 and has kitchen
facilities at no extra cost.

Rates:

Sun – Fri £14.00 per session. £34.00 per day

Sat - £20.00 per session. £27.00 evening session

£55.00 per full day.

Session Times:

AM session 8.30am – 12.30pm

PM session 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Evening Session 6.00pm – 11.45pm

A £25.00 returnable deposit is payable in advance.

Electricity will be charged at 18p per unit. Regular
users will be given a special reduced rate.

**For details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on
01303 862616**

Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club

Having a party? Need a local venue?
Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket
Club's lovely pavilion?

We have a bar with club price drinks & friendly
efficient staff.

There is capacity for up to 100 guests. For further
information or to make a booking please

Contact Lesley Kirk, Tel: 01303 862366



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.

Village Fair

Lympne Village Hall and Playing Field.

Aldington Road, Lympne
Registered Charity No.277548

**Sunday 4th September
from 1pm - 4.30pm**

FUN for all the family



Craft Stalls,
Baby Farm Animals,
Honey Bee exhibition,
Children's Fair-ground Rides,
Irish Dancers



**Come and join
in the fun!**

Cream Teas,
Beer Tent,
Karate display,
Gardeners' Tent

plus many more
attractions

Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club

Please make a note of our annual charity **Golf Day** and dinner on Fri 9th September at Sene Valley course.

Our concert with the Railway Swing Band at Elham Village Hall raised approximately £650 and our Easter Egg raffle in local pubs raised £979 for our charity fund.

Many thanks for all those who supported them.

On 15th June we entertained about seventy senior citizens to a Christmas party at Westenhangar Castle.

For more details on the golf day or anything else, please call 0845 601 5212 or visit www.elhamwylions.org.uk

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS - May 2011

Thanks to Mr D. Goddn for these weather statistics and notes. May was notable for three things:

Lack of rain; the driest May in my records which date back to 1969;

Variations in wind direction; 18 changes in the month due to high pressure to the North East;

The last frost was on 3rd May and then only mild; nine years out of ten Lyminge has had hard frosts in the last two weeks of May; nature has been kind to gardeners this year.

	Temperature (°C)	Air Pressure (hPa)	Wind Speed (mph)	Total Monthly Rainfall
Maximum	24.4 (8 May)	1020 (31 May)	27 (1 & 23 May) NW/SW	16 mm (0.63 in)
Minimum	-0.3 (3 May)	1013 (8-29 May)	Highest Daily Rainfall	6 mm (0.24 in) 26 & 28 May



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH

Our next meeting will be on Friday 1st July at 7.00pm, also at the Rose and Crown and we hope to welcome all members and all newcomers who will be made most welcome.

Elham Tennis Club Welcomes New Members

Members can either book and play, or join the friendly club tennis sessions.

Private and group coaching available for adults and juniors.

There are currently nearly 20 juniors taking coaching.

It's great fun! New people always welcome to join the coaching sessions at any time.

Ball machine available for members wishing to practice.

INFORMATION

Chairman: Richard: 3salrich@talktalk.net
Membership: Mike: m.ridley736@btinternet.com
Tournament: Helen: helenbright@btinternet.com
Coaching: Greg: on 07725195039 or greg@adtennis.co.uk

CLUB SESSIONS

Tuesdays 09.30 non competitive:

Sally : 3salrich@talktalk.net

Wednesdays 18.30 :

Scott: scott@jaggercreative.co.uk

Saturday afternoons: TBC

Richard: 3salrich@talktalk.net

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AN OCCASIONAL PUZZLE

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Only one is obscure and a clue to it is, - "... a plant cultivated for its enlarged fleshy turnip-shaped edible stem." (7)

Historical Society Update

The Historical Society has seen had a number of changes this year. First we are sorry to report that Derek Boughton has decided to retire as the Chairman of the Society. He is of course our Life President and we are assured by him that he will still enliven our meetings and periodically enthral us with one of his talks on our local history. We wish him well and thank him for all he has done over the many years he has led the Society. We have other changes on the committee and are hopeful to appoint a new Treasurer and a Minute Secretary at the AGM in December. These vacancies are open to members so if you would like to join the committee please let me know. I can be contacted on 01303 862972, or at Korf House, Canterbury Road, Lyminge or by email to jon@serenitas.co.uk.

John L Carr (Vice Chairman)

POSTLING CHURCH CONCERT

'From The Cradle To The Grave'

All are welcome to a concert at Postling Church on Saturday, 6th August 2011 at 7:30pm.

The programme includes classical and folk music, with Belinda Lewis and Diane Stenning (sopranos), Elvina Davenport and June Woodland (mezzo sopranos), Roger Davenport and Alistair Bailey (guitars), David Lewis and Nikki Bolton (violins), Peter le Fevre (oboe), Sarah Montgomery (recorder), John Mitchell (piano), Peter Naylor (organ/piano)

Refreshments provided

Free entry and retiring collection for church funds

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

Summer Flower Show

at the Village Hall

Saturday, 6th August 2011

(viewing from 2.30pm)

Schedules now available

from Daphne Andrews on 862865

Classes Open to Everyone!

There will be a Raffle, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac

Cake and Produce Stalls

Lots of Fun for everyone

Out and About

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



Lyminge Day with a miniature tightrope walking display in the arena



Lyminge School Fete It may have been wet but the school was packed with people supporting the school. The rain could not stop the nail-biting tug of war !



Mystery Photo

Last month's picture was the date over the entrance to St. Ethelburga's Well. Have a go at this month's picture ...



Lyminge Friends called in to the Six Bells at Woodchurch on their way to visit Smallhythe Place



HELP needed LYMINGE YOUTH ACTION

The young people of Lyminge in association with Lyminge Youth Action are looking at the possibility of setting up a Youth Club.

If you feel you could commit one evening a month to helping run the evening which will be fun and lively for all, please contact: Jane Seymour 01303 862142 or Gary Harrison 07977982185 for further information