

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

GARDEN SAFARI – This will take place on Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th June. We would still welcome more gardens, particularly from Etchinghill. We are all having problems with the lack of water this year and many plants are not growing to their full potential. However, it is still interesting to see how other gardeners are managing especially those with larger gardens. So come on, join in!

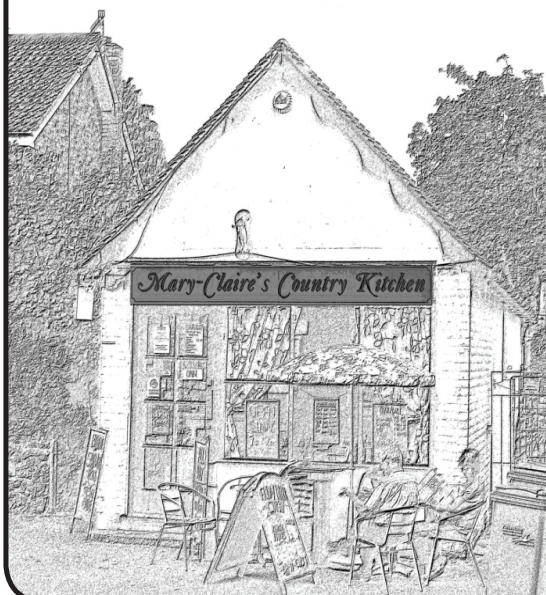
As well as the Garden Safari there will be other interesting things to see. **The Methodist Church** is hosting the Flower Festival. They will be open on Saturday from 10.00am – 4.00pm and on Sunday 12noon – 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available on Saturday only. **The Parish Church** will host a display of quilts made by **Ethelburga Quilters** and the tower will be open for those with a head for heights. There will be a charge of £1.00 to climb the tower but the views from the top will be well worth it. Cream Teas will be available as well!

Passports will be on sale for £3.00 per adult from Lyminge Hardware Stores during the week leading up to and including the Saturday, the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday and the Methodist Church Hall only on Sunday. These will contain a map to guide you round the area and a little information about each garden. You must have a Passport to gain entry to the gardens. Refreshments will also be available at various locations including the Coach & Horses and Mary Claire's Country Kitchen.

Finally, there will be a **Garden Art Competition** – it could be a decorated flower pot, a flowerpot man or a piece of garden sculpture. Entry Forms will be available soon from Lyminge Hardware - where you may also be able to buy what you need for your Garden Art !!

THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:

Mary-Claire's Country Kitchen



For breakfast, lunch and afternoon teas.

All freshly prepared on our premises.

Monday – Saturday 9am to 4:30pm

Party Bookings available in the Café.
Outside Catering for Parties, Charity Events,
Weddings and Wakes - at times to suit you.

Call Claire on 01303 864 222

Canterbury Road, Lyminge, Kent CT18 8HU

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Wed 1st June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Thurs 2nd June	Ascension Day 7.00pm Said Holy Communion
Sun 5th June	8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2) 10.30am WOW (World of Worship – with puppets)
Wed 8th June	7.00pm NO Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm NO Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer
Thurs 9th June	2.00pm Time for Tots
Sun 12th June	Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 10.30am Holy Communion (Joint Service with the Methodists)
Wed 15th June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sun 19th June	Fathers Day 10.30am Family Communion with Sunday School 6.00pm Evensong
Wed 22nd June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sun 26th June	8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2) 10.30am Holy Communion
Wed 28th June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm

Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court Sunday 5th June

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 7th June

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

Time for Tots – Thursday 9th June

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

Coffee morning – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 14th June

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 8th June- 2.30pm

Fundraising Cream Tea at Sue's house

Thursday 24th June – 12 midday

Prayer time in St Gabriel's Chapel at Canterbury Cathedral

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 15th June

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 16th June

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 28th June

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 June :-

5th June – Mr Dudley Shipton

12th June – Pentecost: Mr David Foreman

19th June – Trinity: Mr Colin Pearson

26th June – **9.30am** United Valley Service at **Elham**

Sat/Sun 25th/26th June – Flower Festival

(Part of the Garden Safari)

Wednesday 29th June 7.30 – 8.30pm

"Reflections" Alternative 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 June :-

June 5 - Mr. Terry Preston

June 12 - Mr. David Foreman

June 19 - Mr. Colin Pearson

June 26 - **NO** Service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley Service at **Elham** Methodist at **9.30am**

July 3 - Rev. Barry Armson

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	5th June	Evensong 6.30pm
Sun	12th June	Family Communion 9.30am
Sun	19th June	Holy Communion 8am
Sun	26th June	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
11 Jun	Mothers Union – Fundraising Cream Tea	2.30 at Sue Rawlings House	862221 Sue
18 Jun	Tabletop Sale	Lyminge Methodist Hall	862164 Denise
18 Jun	Boot Sale	6:00 Etchinghill Cricket Club	
18 Jun	Lyminge Prom Concert with Cantores Choir	7:30 Lyminge Village Hall	01233 503686 Jenny
21 Jun	Garden visit to Aldington	6:30 Lyminge Car Park	863049 Christine
20 Jun	Talk: Info: Fundraising by Michael James	10.00 Etchinghill Village Hall Open House	863394 Edna
25 Jun	Book Sale by "Pushing Up Daisies"	9:00 Methodist Church Grounds	863729 Margaret
25-6 Jun	Open Gardens Safari	Methodist Hall and around the villages	862598 Fran and Rod
2 Jul	Boot Sale	6:00 Etchinghill Cricket Club	
2-3 Jul	Petanque: Opening Ceremony & Competition	14.00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862324 Colin
9 Jul	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
19Jul	Garden visit to Smeeth	6:30 Lyminge Car Park	863049 Christine
23 Jul	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
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
20 Sept	Talk: Bee Keeping	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863049 Christine
2 Oct	Garage Safari	Lyminge Village Hall and around the village	863197 Liz
15 Oct	Quiz Night	7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
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 Niki
Weekly Events		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	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	01233503686 Jenny
Wednesdays	Scottish Dancing	8:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	
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	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
4th Fri	Beetle Drive	7pm. Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7:30pm. Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
3 rd Sun ¹	Parish Walk	10:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862015 Richard
Last Sun	Lyminge Poetry Group	Methodist Church Parlour	863474 Dave
3 rd Tue	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863503 Rita
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Council page in Newsletter	239500 Crispin

¹ Note: The August Parish Walk is on Sunday 14th

Copy deadline for next month's Newsletter is the 18th of the month
Call John Carr on 01303 862972 or e-mail on Word.doc format to jon@serenitas.co.uk

Money must be received before articles can appear in the Newsletter.

A paper copy and the money can be left at Lyminge Hardware or the Lyminge Library. For the latest charges call John on 862972

Dates for your Diary

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL
St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 4th June
10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings
Bryan – 01303 862832

The Parents and Friends of Lyminge School
Would like to invite you to our

Summer Fete

On Tayne Field on Saturday 18th June
11am – 2pm

Tug of War ~ Lots of stalls with fun and games,
Pony rides, bouncy castles, tractor rides,
Music and dancing from the Teeny Boppers,
BBQ refreshments and much more

(Registered Charity No 1021083)

Newington Village Hall
Registered Charity No.302812

Annual Summer Fete

Saturday 11th June
11.30 – 3.30pm

Fun and games for all – with traditional side-
shows

Coconut Shy, Craft stalls
Smash'a'plate, B.B.Q.
...plus much more

Free entry, Free car parking

For more information please ring:-
Kirsty 01303 272056 Karen 01303 277950

Bossingham Pre-School

Open Day

Saturday 18th June 2011
10am – 3pm

- Come and have a look around our new Pre-School
- See the children learning through play
- Meet the staff and committee
- Explore our fantastic new facilities
- Tea and coffees

Everyone welcome!
We look forward to seeing you!

For more information
'phone Amanda on 01227 709122

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

DOG & OWNER'S FUN DAY & BOOT FAYRE

Saturday 11th June
12 noon – 3.30pm

Park House Animal Sanctuary
Stelling Minnis, Nr Canterbury CT4 6AN

Everyone welcome to come and join in the fun

COMPANION DOG SHOW

With Pedigree & Novelty Classes
(held under Kennel Club Regulations)

Capel Dog Training ~ Stockbury Dog Club
Gefion Dog Training

Lots of stalls ~ Tombola and Raffle ~
Refreshments ~ Admission by donation ~ Plenty
of free parking ~ Boots are welcome from 8am:
Cars £7.50/ Vans £20

Dates for your diary

Saturday 30th July ~ Boot & Summer Fayre
Saturday 10th September ~ Boot & Autumn Fayre
NEW!! Saturday 20th August ~ Boot & 40's
Themed Afternoon
For further information telephone 0303 862622

Cantores Dominicae with
The Lyminge Village Hall Committee

The Lyminge Prom

June 18th 2011 7.0pm
Lyminge Village Hall

Les Miserables and TV hits, all the Albert Hall Prom
favourites and a few surprises!

Tickets £7.50 under -5s free
From Laing Bennett, Station Rd, Lyminge or at the
door
(proceeds in aid of Lyminge Village Hall)

Living Lively

Free six week singing course for people over 50
Lyminge Methodist Hall

Monday 10.30 – 12.00

June 20th
June 27th
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 21st June

A visit to Mrs Chris Older at
Wyckhurst, Aldington.

1 acre cottage garden in romantic setting with
unusual topiary, fine views across Romney
Marsh, continually developing garden.

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

Tea/coffee and cake
£3.50 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 24th June 7.30pm

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) with their new
play, '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 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's website –
www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk

pushing up daisies BOOK SALE

on 25th June

at

the Methodist Church Hall

Raising funds for
conservation and environment
projects throughout the parish

**DONATIONS OF CLOTHES & BRIC-A-BRAC
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

Our opening hours are:

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

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

Departs Etchinghill (opposite New Inn) 9.15am
Lyminge Station Road (opposite Mayfield
Road) 9.30am

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

News and Views

LYMINGE FRIENDS

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

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

Wednesday 6th July - Annual Auction and Social Morning

Wednesday 20th July - Garden Party

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....***

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

Discover Your Voice - Free singing sessions for people over 50.

Do you sing in the bath, shower or car but would never admit it? Would you like to sing but are put off by the idea of reading music and formal choirs? Are you over 50 and free on Monday mornings?

If the answer to these questions is yes and you are looking for a fun and challenging new activity then we have just the thing for you.

Living Lively is a local organisation which specialises in running singing activities for people over 50. We have been given funding to enable us to run a 6 week project in Lyminge for people who are interested in trying singing in an enjoyable, informal and relaxed atmosphere. **Sessions will take place from 10.30 - 12.00 at Lyminge Methodist Church Hall on June 20th, 27th, July 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.**

We will help you learn about breathing, posture and making a good sound and the sessions will include a wide variety of music to meet all tastes. There is no charge and refreshments are included.

You can just turn up on any of the days or if you require more information or want to book a place please call Celia on 01233 750585, celia@livinglively.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you and helping you to 'Discover Your Voice'

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our A.G.M. was held on the 18th May followed by a Fish and Chip Supper. Marion thanked the Committee for their hard work and support, and Daphne gave the Treasurer's report. Jacqui was voted onto the Committee, and Molly was presented with the Competition Cup. Kent Air Ambulance was voted as our Charity for the coming year. Our next meeting is on the **15th June** when Judith Lansdell will be giving us a talk on Stained Glass. The members' competition is a picture or photograph of a stained glass window. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm, and visitors will be made very welcome. Marion Hoare 862913.

Etchinghill W.I.

Members were welcomed to the Resolution meeting by Rita Warner who deputized for the President. Birthday posies were presented to Gladys Harris, Anne Lloyd, Maggie Tappenden and Rita Warner. Dottie Cross then read the first resolution regarding mega factories for intensive farming of cows and pigs. Members voted unanimously against this proposal and planning permission should not be granted for this scheme.

Julia Tappenden then read the planned proposal of the closure of local libraries and members voted to urge H.M. government to keep this very valuable amenity open.

Our speaker was Marlyn Norton, a W.I. member, who spoke about her 'Rwanda Experience' when she visited the country last year which was very interesting.

Tea was then served, the hostesses being June Manton, Maggie Teppenden, Julia Tappenden and Pat Kent.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st June at 2.30pm** when David Harper will speak about 'The Romance of Pub and Inn Signs'.

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

Lyminge Dramatic Society

Well, what a great time we had with our latest production of Dad's Army! We played to full houses every single night- a first for the society we think- and everyone there, cast, backstage, front of house and audience had really fun evenings at "Wilmington-on-Sea". Our only sadness is that we had to turn so many would-be theatre goers away as we simply had not got room for them.

Marie-Claire's tea room, for the first time, put on a pre-show dinner. They were full every evening and provided a great start to the entertainment, with tasty food and a good old sing – song. Hopefully this will be the case for future productions as well.

So a big thank you to all who came along to support us. We hope you had as good a time watching the play as we definitely did putting it on.

Our AGM was early last month and Mike Chisnall was voted as Chairman of the society for a second year, ably assisted by Barbara Harris as his deputy. Well done, Mike and Barbara. You are doing a great job!

A few dates for the diary:

Play Reading -16th June, 7.15pm, Methodist Church Parlour, Lyminge, and afterwards at the Coach and Horses for a chat and a £5 a head buffet. We shall be reading Alan Bennet's "Lady in a Van". This is just a fun evening. There is no acting involved and you can come along just to listen and enjoy if you wish to.

November - Our winter production is to be "The Flint Street Nativity". We are sure that many will know of the play. It was written by the man who wrote "Calendar Girls", is very funny and a cool look at how children morph into their parents.

Again, thanks for your encouragement and support and we hope to see you in June sometime, someplace!

Your village has an "OUTSTANDING" Pre-School!

Lyminge Pre-School has received the rare and prestigious award of 'Outstanding' in every, single judgement area in their latest OFSTED inspection, this being the maximum any Pre-School can achieve.

This is truly an amazing achievement and the staff are all thrilled and proud. The OFSTED inspector was very impressed with the "enthusiastic, knowledgeable and highly skilled staff" and that the children were "happy, confident learners who make excellent progress towards the Early Learning Goals". Fantastic! A huge well done to the whole staff team at Lyminge Pre-School and a thank you to all the lovely children and families who helped to make this happen.

Bossingham Pre-School **New Building Opens**

On Tuesday 26th April, Bossingham Pre-School opened their new purpose-built premises in the grounds of Stelling Minnis School.

As the doors were officially opened for the first time, the children were able to run into their new play area. Some discovered the wooden pirate ship and other outdoor play equipment, others explored inside, finding a welcoming entrance hall, role play area, a quiet room, and designated areas for number work, writing and craft activities. The low level toilets and hand basins were just right for little people. The adults were also able to admire features such as the fully equipped kitchen, designated office, security entry system and safety play surfaces.

Bossingham Pre-School are holding an **Open Day on Saturday 18th June** from 10am to 3pm. Everyone is welcome to see for themselves what all the hard work and fundraising has been about.

Bossingham Pre-School is now open Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm for children aged 2 to 5 years.

For more information, please phone Amanda Porter on 01227 709122 or the Pre-School on 07900 964597.

**Amanda Porter – Secretary,
Bossingham Pre-School Committee**

Lyminge Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those villagers and friends who visited this year's Lyminge Day on Saturday 14th May. The turn out was fantastic and the weather behaved just long enough for all to enjoy the event and we think we will have raised between £2,200 and £2,300 for your village hall. We would also like to take this opportunity to offer a special thanks to the three local companies who helped us by sponsoring some of the attractions, namely **Laing Bennett Estate Agents, The Auto Economy Centre (Orchard Garage) and The Lyminge Pharmacy**. And thank you to **Mighty Meaty** for donating a meat voucher. A special thanks to all of you who came this year as you do every year to help make some of the stalls and set up the field, without you Lyminge Day would not be possible.

David Hunt-Cooke, Chairman of the Management Committee, Lyminge Village Hall.

Coach and Horses

With the introduction of our new head chef please come and try our new restaurant menu with regular changing seasonal options.

We are currently preparing for a busy summer and will be looking for a part-time kitchen porter and waiting staff. Please enquire within the pub with a C.V,

Lyminge Bowls Club

On a warm afternoon why not stroll along to Lyminge Bowls Club and sip a cool drink whilst watching members enjoying their sport. Home fixtures for June are as follows:-

Saturday, 4 June – 2.30 pm Hythe Bowls Club visits to play a friendly game
Sunday, 5 June – 2.30 pm – we have a club competition – the Glasgow Shield
Saturday, 11 June – Men and women from Tilmanstone visit us for a friendly game
Tuesday, 14 June – Ladies from Ashford Rail come to play our ladies
Friday, 17 June – A small bowling club, Leaveland, sends two teams to play us
Saturday, 18 June – A mixed match against visitors from Dover
Sunday, 19 June – We are honoured to host the Lincolnshire EBA Vice Presidents Match.
Tuesday, 21 June – Ladies from Canterbury play our ladies
Sunday, 16 June – Gateway members play us in a club friendly

As usual, on Sunday mornings throughout May and into June we are offering to coach new bowlers on the delights of the game. Come along and give it a try. (Another day could be arranged if necessary.) Call 863495 for further information.

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

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH

The Royal British Legion, Elham Valley Branch would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those of you who supported our recent Number Challenge. The lucky winner was Stephanie Scofield of Folkestone who scored an excellent result of 88 out of 90 questions and so won the £50 prize. Entries were received from as far away as Scotland, Lancashire and Herefordshire and we were delighted with the £435 which the quiz raised, which will go towards this years Poppy Appeal.

We would also like to say thank you to everyone who attended the recent talk by Lt Col Tom Griffiths about the Army Air Corps. It was a very interesting evening which gave a fascinating insight into the technological developments of warfare in the air, along with a very humane perception of the Army personnel involved. At the beginning of the month we held our first evening meeting in the Rose and Crown, Elham. 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.

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

A few days ago I was watching the gulls circling on the thermals over Etchinghill when I noticed another solitary bird soaring in a similar way, over the North Downs escarpment, close by the Tolsford Hill tower. This looked like it might have been a buzzard; it certainly was a large bird and had finger-like wings but rather than being brown in colour, it appeared to be pitch black. I wonder if it could have been a Raven. Ravens have recently started nesting on the White Cliffs of Dover and I have read in the Folkestone Herald that they have been seen over Romney Marsh. It seems quite possible that the bird I saw was a Raven but because of the distance I cannot be certain. Ravens were wiped out, except from the highland areas of Britain, by the beginning of the twentieth century; gamekeepers saw them as a threat. Since then, they have gradually returned to their old haunts and now seem to have established themselves in East Kent. Has anybody else seen a Raven locally (Q25)?

I thank Mrs Margot Hendrick for putting me straight concerning Brady Road and the mediaeval unit of land, the yoke. I said that a 'brady' was another word for a 'yoke' (the area of land that had the financial value of a piece of land that a four oxen team could plough in one year). What I should have said was that 'Brady yoke' was the name of one of the mediaeval yokes of Lyminge. Apparently, the origin of 'Brady' probably is 'broad hedge.' Likewise, Mrs Hendrick, suggests that 'Longage' (as in Longage Hill) originally was 'long hedge' and was, and still is, the boundary between Lyminge and Elham.

Mrs Hendrick has studied Archbishop Peckham's Manorial Survey of the late 13th century and reports that Lyminge had a blacksmith's yard. She wonders if this might have been at the bottom of Court Lodge Green (the field between the Parish Church and Lyminge Village Hall), where iron slag was found by the archaeologists last summer. Incidentally, Dr Gabor Thomas and his team also found a 7th century iron plough coulter during their excavations, last year. A coulter is the small blade at the front of a plough that digs a groove in the ground; the plough share fits into this and the turns the soil over. This find is interesting because previously, this type of plough was thought to have been reintroduced, in Britain, in the 10th-11th century (having been known in Roman Britain but then forgotten). Gabor Thomas has said, "With this technology in place, Anglo-Saxon landowners could maximise profits from their estates by bringing new land under cultivation and increasing the productivity of existing fields. This 7th century wealth may have been invested in the establishment of England's earliest Christian monasteries as represented at Lyminge."

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

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS - April 2011

Thanks to Mr. D. Godden for these weather statistics and notes. April was notable for the lack of rain, high temperatures and a long period of high pressure..

	Temperature (°C)	Air Pressure (hPa)	Wind Speed (mph)	Total Monthly Rainfall
Maximum	29.6 (20 April)	1019 (7-21 April)	22 (1 April) - SW	8 mm (0.31 in)
Minimum	-1.4 (12 April)	1005 (22 April)	Highest Daily Rainfall	3 mm (0.12 in) 5 April

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

Yvonne 01303 862765

Etchinghill Update June 2011

Farmers' Market

Next Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday morning June 4th 10-12.30 at the Village Hall.

Etchinghill Village Hall Petanque Terrain

You may have already heard on the grapevine that we are intending to self-build our own Petanque Terrain [French Boules] in the grounds of the Village Hall. Petanque is an unsupervised simple all weather open air game suitable for all ages and abilities and the aim is to provide an alternative facility for all residents in the Parish. We are looking for volunteers and for any equipment you might be able to lend to us during the construction phase, consisting of: Mechanical chain saw and safety gear, Heavy-duty electric drill, Long shank timber drill bit [12mm diameter], Bolt cutter, Sledge hammer, Heavy-duty paint brush with paint kettle for applying timber preservative, Heavy-duty shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows, Dumpy level for setting out site, Trowels and grout gear.

Would you be able to spare a couple of hours or more over two weekends to help with the construction of the Petanque Terrain? If you were able to commit your time over the weekends of 18/19th June 2011 and 25/26th June 2011 or lend us any equipment please contact Colin Manvell on 01303-862324. As this is a community led project, you may alternatively wish to make a financial donation, which if Gift Aided would increase your donation by a further 25%. All donations, no matter how small, would be much appreciated. Please contact Graham Barber for this purpose at 10, St Mary's Close, Etchinghill, Kent, CT18 8NX. Graham Barber, Chairman - Etchinghill Village Hall Management Committee - Tel: 01303-863747

Open House Diary

6th June - A talk by guest speaker Frankie James – "Marvellous Monologues". A humorous morning **20th June** - A talk by Michael James, Community Projects Advisor for Shepway. Among other things he will cover information on possible sources of funding, guidance on completion of funding applications, advice on governance issues, information about starting a social enterprise, etc.

Neighbourhood Watch

So that we can update our list of interested neighbours please contact Judith: judith@rditmail.co.uk ; (862498) or Alan: annealanlloyd@gmail.com (862277) with your e-mail address or phone number.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ~ BIG LUNCH

Our annual Big Lunch will be held on the Amenity Land on Sunday 5th June, from 11.30 – 3.00 pm. All Etchinghill Residents and their families are welcome. Music, Kite making, Face Painting, Quiz, Rounders and Football matches have been organised. Bring along a dish to share. Light refreshments and tea and coffee will be available in the Village Hall. If you have a Space Hopper (yes they are making a come back), bring it along with you – all will be revealed. For further information please contact Ann on 07964 295218.

ETCHINGHILL FILM CLUB

Our exciting new venture is the new Etchinghill Film Club Event which will screen its first film on Saturday 8th October. Put this date in your diary! We hope to screen 6 films a year. The Cost, times and title of film will be advised. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will include a glass of wine, tea or coffee, free popcorn or ice-cream and raffle ticket. If you would like to register an interest and be included in our mailing list please contact Barbara on 862873 or send an e-mail to enquiries@etchinghill.org. This is real Flicks in the Sticks and we hope you will support us as we try to bring something different to the village

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jamie Weatherley at the Auto Economy Centre on being voted Garage of the Year by AutoCare Group. Those of us in the village that use the garage already know what a great bunch of people work there. Nothing is ever too much trouble and they will always go that extra mile. It is great that their achievements have been recognised.

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 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



Lyminge Pre-School

**Passionate about
providing excellent childcare**

We're proud of our latest Ofsted report which stated that our 'Partnership with parents and carers is outstanding'

We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic highly qualified staff
We offer:

- Range of flexible sessions
- Breakfast club
- Outdoor play area with sensory garden
- Spacious indoor facilities

Did you know...?

KCC will fund up to 15 flexible hours per week for children 3+ years. Also we are a provider for the governments initiative 'free for 2' to provide free hours for 2year olds.

To discuss your requirements, or to arrange a visit and meet the team. Call 01303 863149/862634.
Alternatively, email admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk

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.

Out and About

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

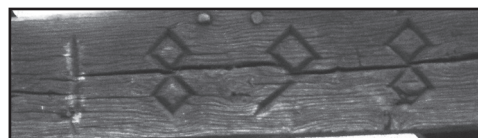


Lydinge Beavers and Cubs all geared up for their Lydinge Litter Pick in May as part of the new National Scout Week

Mystery Photo

The symbol pictured last month was the logo on the sign outside F.A. Dumont's works in the High Street.

Have a go at this month's picture ...



On the subject of cleaning and tidying ...

Nearly 20 people tidied up, scrubbed cupboards, washed walls and windows inside and out to help make the **Tayne Centre (Methodist Hall)** cleaner for all community users. Their next fundraising talk is at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 12th July by Vanessa Carr called 'Coffins to Corsets' about unusual Patents.



If you would like to offer your help and support the project please contact Alistair on 864235 or by email to abailey447@aol.com.



Not much space this month ! Hopefully we'll fit a puzzle in next month

Solution to May's Crossword

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