

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

Thank You ! What a good response we had to our request for someone to deliver newsletters to parts of Rhodes Minnis. Thank you to all those who responded. We are most grateful.

Welcome to Alicja and Kevin who have been working at the Coach and Horses but have now decided to take it over. We hope all goes well for you.

Lyminge Showcase 2011 – Saturday 19th March. We have had a lot of interest for this event. It is your opportunity to advertise what your group or society offers. Of course, we hope you will be there to chat to those interested. Don't miss the boat if you wish to increase your membership. Contact Adrian on 862699 for further details.

The Spring Garage Safari is on Saturday 16th April. This is always a popular event and a chance for you to either sell unwanted goods or grab a bargain yourself. A perfect opportunity to de-clutter your house. We charge £5 00 towards advertising the event and print programmes with a map for those who wish to know where you are. Contact Liz on 863197.

??? *Can anyone solve a mystery!* An envelope containing some money and addressed to Liz Coleman was handed into the Post Office. Liz knows nothing about this and there was no message to indicate what it was for and from whom it came. Please contact 862488 if you handed it in.

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Wed 2nd March	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 6th March	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	WOW (World of Worship – a child friendly family service with puppets)
Wed 9th March	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
		No Bible Study & No Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer
Thurs 10th March	2.00pm	Pram Service
Sunday 13th March	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 16th March	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 20th March	10.30am	Family Communion (a child friendly family service with Sunday School)
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 23rd March	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm
Sunday 27th March	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 30th March	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15pm	Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until 10pm

Craft Afternoon – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 1st March

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 March

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 March

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

Friday 4th March -11.00am at St Mary & St Ethelburga Church

Women's World Day of Prayer

Wednesday 9th March – 10.30am in Nailbourne Court Lounge

Origins of Ash Wednesday & Lent by Rev Vanessa Ashman

Friday 9th March – 10.30am at St Mary & St Ethelburga Church

Deanery 'Ladyday' Service

Pram Service – Thursday 10th March

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 March

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 March

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 March

Coach and Horses Pub - 12.00 for 12.30pm

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

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

Visitors are very welcome to join us at our weekly Service at **11am** and invited to share fellowship afterwards with a cup of tea/coffee

Preachers for March:-

6th March - Miss Barbara Lunn

13th March – Rev. Barry Armson (incl. Holy Communion)

20th March – Mrs Val Redding

27th March – 9.30 Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis

3rd April – Mothering Sunday – Mr David Foreman

Friday 4th March – 11am Women's World Day of Prayer at Parish Church

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact the Minister, Rev Barry Armson, on 01303 266281

Rhodes Minnis Church

This small Chapel in beautiful countryside surroundings holds a weekly Sunday Service normally at 9.30am

Followed by coffee and biscuits

A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

Preachers for March:-

March 6th – Mr Tim James

March 13th – Rev Barry Armson (incl. Holy Communion)

March 20th – Mr David Foreman

March 27th – Mr Dudley Shipton

April 3rd – Mrs Georgia Reed

A 5 week Lent course will be held in the Chapel commencing on **Thursday March 17th** at 2.30pm to which a warm welcome is extended to all

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun. 6th March Evensong 6.30pm

Sun. 13th March Family Communion 9.30am

Sun 20th March Holy Communion 8am

Sun 27th March Family Service 9.30am

Fri. 25th March Happy Hour in the Church 6 – 7pm, then an evening with *The Stompers* at 7.30pm

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
3 Mar	Quiz Night by the Gardeners' Society	7:30 St. Mary's Hall, Elham	863225Peter
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
8 Mar	Talk on the Leas Lift	7.45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862073 Mike
11 Mar	Royal British Legion Meeting	2:30 St Mary's Hall, Elham	864255 John
7-13 Mar	Pub Pie Week	Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
19 Mar	Clubs and Societies 2011 Showcase Event	12 – 4pm Lyminge Village Hall	862699
22 Mar	Revamp Launch Event	7.45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	864235 Alistair
2 Apr	Gardener's Spring Show	2:00 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863225 Peter
3 Apr	Mothers' Day Lunch	Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
9 Apr	Quiz Night	7:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863333 Lorraine
9 Apr	Rhodes Minnis Spring Flower Show	2:30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865 Daphne
9 Apr	St. Mary's Hospital Reunion	2:00 to 4:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862573 Barbara
12 Apr	Talk on 2011 Triennial	7.45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862073 Mike
16 Apr	Garage Safari	Methodist Hall and around the villages	863197 Liz
19 Apr	Talk: Wildlife in Your Garden	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	863225 Peter
27 Apr	Lions' Sponsored Walk	10:00 Rose and Crown Stelling Minnis	01227 709105 Julie
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
28 May	Concert	7:30 Lyminge Methodist Church	863832 Peter
5 Jun	The Big Lunch	Various venues in the Villages	
25-6 Jun	Open Gardens Safari	Methodist Hall and around the villages	862328 Adrian
Weekly Events	What	When and Where	Contact details
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	10 am Etchinghill Village Hall	863394 Edna
Mondays	Monday Fellowship	2:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863832 Mary
Mondays	Women's Circuit Training Fitness	7:30-8:30 Lyminge Methodist Hall	07951698008 Katherine
Wednesdays	Gentle Exercise Class	10:15-11:15 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862465, 862873 Christine
Wednesday	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	01233503686 Jenny
Wednesdays	French Conversation	7pm, Korf House. Canterbury Road	862972 Vanessa
Thursdays	Lyminge Art Groups – AM/PM	10am and 2pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	211364 Linda and 862972 John
Thursdays	Rhodes Minnis Toddlers' Group	10am Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	863096 Elaine
Fridays	Women's Circuit Training Fitness	11:30-12:30 15 Lyminge Methodist Hall	07951698008 Katherine
Monthly Events	What	When and Where?	Contact Details
1 st Tue	Lyminge Historical Society	7.45 Lyminge Methodist Hall (Not Feb)	840419 Derek
1 st Wed	Lyminge Friends	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
2 nd Wed	Mothers' Union	10:30 Lyminge Nailbourne Parlour	862221 Sue
3 rd Wed	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913 Marion
1 st Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10:00 Postling Church	863536 Pat
3 rd Sat	Tabletop Sale	Lyminge Methodist Hall	862164 Denise
4 th Fri	Beetle Drive	7pm. Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7:30pm. Coach and Horses	862694 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	863503 Rita
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	239500 Crispin

Dates for your Diary

Pilgrims Hospices **IN EAST KENT**

Wed 2nd March 2011

Come and help us celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Ashford Hospice. Our usual coffee Morning with all the stalls and Raffle

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Coffee morning on the 6th April 2011 will include a Fashion show, with clothes from the Hospice shops

Newington Village Hall
Registered Charity Number 302812

Beetle Drive

Friday 4th March 7.30pm start

Bingo Night

Friday 25th March 7.30pm start

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

For further details phone
Karen on 277950 Or Kirsty on 272056

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Quiz night with Elham Gardeners on
Thursday 3rd March
St Mary's Hall, Elham, 7.30pm

You do not have to have a team, we will make up teams on the night if you want to come along on your own. Ring Chris on 863049 for any information or if you want a lift for the night.

The Spring show
Saturday 2nd April
Lyminge Methodist Hall

(Staging of Exhibits 8.30 – 10.30am)
Doors open 2pm

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

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

Saturday 5th March

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings
Bryan – 01303 862832

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

Coach & Horses

Beer Festival on hold until the summer..
New Restaurant Now Open!

Pie Week 7th-13th March

Book early for Mother's Day - 3rd April
01303 862694

Talks for the Methodist Hall Revamp

THE LEAS LIFT

The History – The Restoration – The Future
Tuesday 8th March

Refreshments 7.15 Talk starts 7.45

£4 (concessions £3)

Lyminge Methodist Hall Renovation Group

An Evening of ***Wine & Wisdom***

19th March

Lyminge Village Hall

7.30 pm for an 8pm start

Tables of 4–8

Tickets just £6 to include:

- **Bottle of red and white wine per table**
- **Delicious cheese board**

Bring and share other refreshments!

For tickets contact:

Clare on 863983 or Karen on 894290

A fundraising event organised by Lyminge
Pre-School. Registered Charity: 1029226

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive

Friday 25th March 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

Also at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Spring Flower Show **Saturday 9th April**

Schedules now available from
Daphne Andrews on 962865

pushing up daisies

JUMBLE SALE

at the Methodist Church Hall on

Saturday 26th March
from 10 – 12 noon

(All donations welcome – please bring to the
Hall

between 6 – 8pm on Friday 25th March)

Our shop opening hours are:
Wed – Fri. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat 10 am – 1pm.

TRADITIONAL BARN DANCE

at
**BLANDRED FARM
ACRISE**

Saturday 26th March
7.30 until 11.00pm

Bring your supper

Follow the signs from Macfarlanes Nursery
(A260 at Swingfield)

**Tickets £6.00 available at Elham Valley
Stores**
Or phone Tim or Christine 01303 863146

e-mail timallard@atlas.co.uk
www.stmartinsacrise.co.uk

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity: 2843483

Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury,
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Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007

Website: www.lordwhisky.co.uk

Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2nd April ~ Swalecliffe & Whitstable Spring
Fayre 9.30am – 12.30pm

Sunday 3rd April ~ Mothering Sunday Lunch at the Lord
Whisky Tea Rooms. 2 courses for £11.50. For further
details or to book, phone 01303 862349

Sunday 9th April ~ Indoor Boot Fair at The Village
Centre, Alpha Road, Birchington 9.30am – 12.30pm
Ring 01843 847734 to book

Sunday 24th April ~ Easter Sunday Lunch at the Lord
Whisky Tea Rooms. 2 courses for £11.50. For further
information or to book, phone 862349

Saturday 7th May ~ Boot & Spring Fayre at Park House,
12 noon – 3.30pm

Friday 20th May ~ Valuation Evening at the Lord Whisky
Tea Rooms 6pm ~ 9pm Why not have a Fish & Chip
Supper too.

Monday 30th May ~ 2nd Annual Cyclo-sportive at Park
House, from 9am

Saturday 11th June ~ Dog & Owners fun Day at Park
House, 12 noon – 3.30pm

Saturday 30th July ~ Boot & Summer Fayre at Park
House 12 noon – 3.30pm

Become a Friend of Lord Whisky

For a minimum donation of £10 (or £60 to become a
Friend for Life) you will receive quarterly newsletters
packed with news and information about our work. Your
support will help us care for the many animals we receive
into the sanctuary every year. If you would like to
become a friend, please send your details and a cheque,
made payable to Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund, to the
above address

Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms & Gift Shop

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

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

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

Good quality Bric-a-Brac and Lord Whisky Gifts

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

GET WALKING! – New Elham Valley walk.

An opportunity has arisen to get out in the fresh air, improve your health and sense of well-being and make new friends. The walk (part of the East Kent Health Walks scheme) will take place on a Monday morning. All you have to do to take part is turn up at the start point and a trained walk leader will guide you around the route. No need to book, and the walk is **FREE**. The walking group intend going for a social tea / coffee and chat on completion of the walk.

Details

Start date - Monday 4th April
Meeting location - Lyminge Village Hall (1st & 3rd Monday of the month)

The Kings Arms, TheSquare, Elham (2nd & 4th Monday of the month)

Meeting time - 10.15 for a 10.30 start.

Walk length - Approximately 90 minutes

For any further information on the walk please contact:

Betty (Elham) on 01303 840547 or Val (Lyminge) on 01303 862959.

For information on other walks in the scheme (over 70 in East Kent) ring 01304 367917

or e-mail healthwalks@nhs.net

Wanted

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



Any donations will be gratefully received

Contact Honor – 862928 or
Nikki – 863530

Organise by the Lyminge Village
Hall Management Committee
Reg. Charity 281845

Notices and Reports

THE JUBILEE CENTRE @ EVERIST COURT STATION ROAD, LYMINGE EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE OVER 50'S CAN YOU HELP?

We will be taking delivery of a new 9 seater minibus in early March and require volunteer drivers Tuesday am and pm, Thursday pm and Friday pm. You would be helping in providing a vital service to older people in our area. Full induction and training is provided and a support worker will act as escort on the journeys. Mornings 9am to 10.30am and afternoons 2.30pm to 4pm. A CRB check is required. Please contact Matthew Martin on 01303 862364 for more details.

We are in the process of applying for funding to turn one of our rooms into a 1950's lounge. The lounge will be used by our staff to hold reminisce sessions and as a room of reflection and memories for our clients. To mark Her Majesty's diamond jubilee next year we hope to invite local schools and children's clubs to come and see what life was like in the period and to discuss the era with the generation who remember it well. If you have any unwanted items from the period that would have been in an average persons lounge, parlour or dining room such as pictures, curtains, furniture, ornaments or even a wireless please contact the centre on 01303 862364, your donation would be very much appreciated.

The Jubilee Centre offers local people aged 50 and over a wide range of services and activities, these include: art classes, cookery sessions, information and advice, seated exercise classes, laundry service, internet access, hairdressing, chiropody, a 2 course lunch for £3.90, volunteer manned conservatory cafe, hearing aid clinics and a wide range of social activities. We host a fresh fruit and veg stall on Mon & Thur mornings. There is no membership; you are welcome to access just the services you wish when you wish and for as long as you wish. We are also able to offer transport if needed. Our trained support workers are on hand to offer discreet assistance to those who need it and one of our vehicles is adapted to carry disabled passengers. Please contact Matthew Martin (centre manager) for more information.

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

A big "Thank You" !

We must take this opportunity to share with you all the wonderful work of Age Concern Lyminge, particularly their meals service. During the recent long cold spell our mother, like many others, became isolated by the ice and snow. When roads were impassable by car, Matt and his team continued to provide hot meals to her, and to others, trudging through the snow regardless. We are so grateful.

Val and Gerry Darnley

Notices and Reports – cont.

Lyminge Dramatic Society

Don't panic! Don't panic! You have not missed our Spring production of "Dad's Army", which is showing from Wednesday 13th April to Saturday 16th April, 7.45pm, at Lyminge Village Hall .

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

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

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

Lyminge a history part 2 – an update and an appeal

Thank you to everyone who has bought, encouraged and indeed provided a contribution to the publication of *Lyminge a history part 1*. The sales achieved so far are very encouraging having reached 178 at the last count. Another reason for me writing this is to make an appeal to anyone who has copies or even negatives of pictures taken in or around the parish during the Second World War. We will need these to supplement the chapters in *part 2* of the history. We would like to copy any original photographs and will provide the donor with digital copies or as prints as a thank-you on returning their photographs. Should anyone have photographs of Italy during the period, these also would be of great assistance.

We are always looking for memories, stories, facts, snippets, pictures and maps etc. for the history. So if you can help please let John Carr know, he can be contacted on 01303 862972, at Korf House, Canterbury Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HU or by email on jon@serenitas.co.uk.

Thank you all once more.

John L Carr 17 February 2011

Elham Tennis Club Reg. Charity No. 1024757

Situated next to Elham Village Hall, we welcome new members.

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

Tournaments and social events.

Costs/year: Family - £80 (£70); Single - £50 (£45); Junior £20. Discounts (in brackets) for those who pay by DD.

Weekly coaching for ages 4-18 (different times to suit different ages and abilities). Private and adult group coaching also available.

If you join now, you get the chance to be entered into a draw for Wimbledon 2011 tickets.

Membership information : Mike : m.ridley736@btinternet.com Coaching information : Greg on 07725195039

Tuesday morning club sessions : Sally : 3Salrich@talktalk.net

Saturday afternoon club sessions : Lillian@environomics.co.uk

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our speaker on the 16th February was Ann Sparkes who gave us a most enjoyable evening with "Sparkling Stitches". Ann told us about her career into textiles which began at the Embroidery Guild in Canterbury. She showed us beautiful examples of her work including cards, books, cushions, bags and dolls. Ann has held an exhibition at Lyminge Library, and we look forward to seeing some more of her work in the future. The competition was won by Molly Walker with Margaret Chambers 2nd, Jacque Storey 3rd and Gillian Taylor 4th. Our next meeting is on the 16th March when Jean Mozley will tell us about Bee Keeping. This should be a very interesting talk and visitors will be made very welcome. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

The Royal British Legion, Elham Valley Branch

In order to raise funds and awareness of the 90th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion, we are currently circulating a quiz sheet which can be bought for £2, with the chance of winning first prize of £50. These can be obtained from Lyminge Library or by 'phoning Susan on 01303 862779. We hope you will support this very worthy cause.

Have you ever considered joining us? Our local branch holds its meetings in Elham six times a year with other fundraising events which include coffee mornings, dinners and guest speakers at various intervals throughout the year. We are currently trying to revitalise our meetings and would welcome all new members. You do not need to have been in the services – simply an interest therein and a will to help is enough.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 11th March at 2.30pm in St Mary's Hall, Elham. All members and visitors will be made welcome.

The Royal British Legion are encouraging Individuals and groups to hold a "Great Poppy Party Weekend" across the nation over the weekend of 10th – 12th June in celebration of the royal British Legion's 90th birthday. A registration form and a copy of the "Great Poppy Party Weekend" brochure is available at www.thegreatpoppypartyweekend.org.uk

Etchinghill W.I.

Members were welcomed to the February meeting by Barbara Syrett, President. Birthday posies were presented to Alison Jelly and Barbara Syrett. Rita Warner, secretary, read correspondence and reports. June Price deputised for Ann Morgan, treasurer. Barbara Syrett spoke of several events being planned for the future, the first being a Ploughman's lunch at the Elham Valley Vineyard.

Lesley Gould made a welcome return, bringing with her a delightful array of Japanese dolls, explaining the history, customs and superstitions of each doll, which we found most interesting and entertaining.

Members then enjoyed the usual W.I. tea prepared by the hostesses, Doreen Brown and Janet Hooles. The winner of the competition for a small Valentine's posy was Sheila Green.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th March at 2.30pm when our speaker, Helen Kendall Tobias, will speak about colour and fashion.

For further details please contact Barbara Syrett on 263229 or Rita Warner on 863503

Etchinghill Update March 2011

The March Farmers' Market raffle prize was won by Mrs. William-Gravener from New Barn.

Next Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday March 5th 10-12.30 in the Village Hall.

Open House Diary

14th March Talk by Samantha Davis from Dogs Trust

21st March Pasta lunch prepared for us by Edna Marsh

Open house is held every Monday morning, 10-12 at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Etchinghill Residents' Association Update

Lyminge Showcase - Saturday 19th March at Lyminge Village Hall. The ERA will be promoting all the activities that happen in Etchinghill, no matter who organises them. If you would like some additional publicity for your local event/activity please contact Judith on 01303 862498.

St Mary's Hospital Reunion - Saturday 9th April 2.00 - 4.30 pm at Etchinghill Village Hall. Light Refreshments available. Anyone who worked at the hospital, or was connected to the hospital in any way, is most welcome. Do spread the word to those outside of the Lyminge Parish. Come along and meet old work colleagues and friends and reminisce. Please bring along any memorabilia you may have. For further information please contact Barbara on 01303 862873.

Quiz Night - Saturday 9th April 7.30p pm at Etchinghill Village Hall. All welcome do come along for an evening of light hearted banter and fun from our own local quiz master Robert Godfrey. To reserve a table (maximum 6 per table) ring Lorraine on 01303 863333. Tickets £6.00 per head to include a light meal.

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

Community Cinema - The ERA are looking for a local Film Buff or anyone who is interested in Community Cinema. Please contact Barbara on 01303 862873

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

Thank you to Katharine Barber who sent me the following enquiry, "On a visit to the museum at Maidstone this month, I noticed in the Anglo Saxon sections a note stating 'a charter exists dated 689 for an iron mine in Lyminge' - can you tell me any more about this?"

The Anglo-Saxon charter in question was translated, in 1867, from Latin by Canon Robert Jenkins of Lyminge and says, "A.D. 689 (July). Oswine, king of Kent, to St Peter's Minster (St Augustine's, Canterbury) and Abbot Hadrian; grant of one sulung (aratrum) of iron-bearing land, formerly belonging to the royal vill at Lyminge, Kent." (See www.esawyer.org.uk/content/charter/12.html)

A "sulung" was a unit of area, found only in Kent and derived from ploughing vocabulary, "sulh" being the Old English word for a plough. The sulung (about 240 acres) appears normally to have been twice the area of the customary "hide" (about 120 acres). A hide was customarily the amount of land that an eight oxen plough team could plough in a year. But, it cannot be assumed that this iron-bearing land was definitely 240 acres in size, since a sulung was also a 'monetary' area in that it was also the amount of land that supported a peasant household for a year. In arable land this was quite possibly the work of two plough teams in a year but if the iron-bearing land was worth more than arable land its acreage would be less. (For more information see www.domesdaybook.net/helpfiles/hs3210.htm) Incidentally, I wrote previously about the origin of Brady Road perhaps being named after the mediaeval unit of land, a "brady". This was equivalent to a "yoke", which relates to our present discussion as this was the area of land that a four oxen plough team could plough in one year. That is half a hide or a quarter of a sulung.

As I understand it, the 'iron-bearing' land, mentioned in the charter, either relates to Lyminge's land in the Weald (a well known area of iron rich land) or land on top of the local downs. As we saw last month, Lyminge had land in the Weald where pigs were taken to forage, at a certain time of the year. Apparently, there is also a thin layer of iron ore on top of the chalk at the Down's highest points. It is interesting that last year's archaeological excavations revealed possible evidence of smelting in Court Lodge Green, (the field between the Parish Church and Lyminge Village Hall.) Could this evidence, suggestive of Lyminge being an iron-working centre, be supported by the charter? I have written to Gabor Thomas, the archaeology project director, to see if he has any thoughts on this charter in view of the archaeology and will report his response in due course.

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)

You are invited to
The Launch of the Lyminge Methodist Church Hall Renovation
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Lyminge Methodist Church Hall Renovation Group has been set up to organize the renovation of the church hall, including the kitchen, parlour, toilets and corridor. Fundraising has already begun and a start is being made on the work. Come and see what is planned for this community facility which is available for you to use. If you have: any ideas concerning the renovation; any suggestions or help in fundraising; or any questions then please come to the launch or contact Alistair Bailey (01303 864235 or abailey447@aol.com).

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS – JANUARY 2011

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

	Maximum	Minimum
Temperature (C)	13.4 (19/1/11)	-3.6 (09/01/11)
Air Pressure (hPa)	1029 (21-22/01/11)	995 (05/01/11)
Wind Speed (mph)	28 (07/01/11) SW	
Total Monthly Rainfall	141mm (5.60in)	(Highest Day 37.0mm (1.46in) 06/01/11)

WANTED Clerk to the Governors of Lyminge CE Primary School.

The main responsibilities are attending 6 meetings a year each lasting about 1½ hours and recording detailed minutes. Minutes of these meetings and sub committee meetings are then to be distributed to all members of the Governing Body. Training is available and support and advice from the previous clerk, who is moving out of the area, and myself are always available. The rate of pay is £60 per meeting.

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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 Primary School

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

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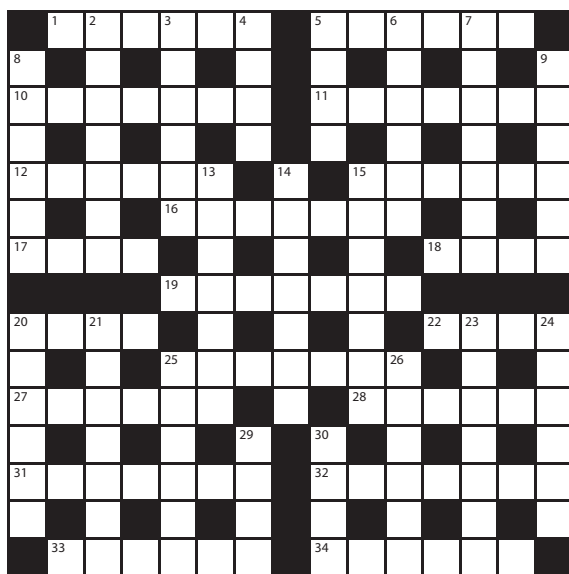
Folkestone Division Girl Guides celebrated Thinking Day at Folkestone School for Girls on Sunday 20th February with a vast array of activities, ranging from making fruit kebabs to constructing outdoor shelters and work with pulleys and ropes ! Thinking Day is actually on 22nd February when all Guides think of their sisters around the world. The was was the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell who founded the Scouts and his wife Olave who was the first Chief Guide.

The Lyminge Poetry Group is now up and running and meets on the last Saturday of every month in the parlour of Lyminge Methodist Church, between 11am and midday. They aim to be a focus for all poetry lovers, at all levels... Contact Dave Sheppard on 01303 863474



Across

- 1 Crusty patches on rocks (6)
- 5 Become later by the passage of a given amount of time (6)
- 10 Give the right to a privilege (7)
- 11 a Diunal Hawk (7)
- 12 Acquire temporarily (6)
- 15 Upset (6)
- 16 Put asunder (7)
- 17 Curse (4)
- 18 A midget sort of tang (4)
- 19 Penelope waited whilst her affianced wondered (7)
- 20 A disposition said to be related to the Scots (4)
- 22 Positive addition (4)
- 25 Written record (7)
- 27 A taurine shout or cry (6)
- 28 Looks like an ass (6)
- 31 Isotope232 (is used as a power source in nuclear reactors) (7)
- 32 A narrow causeway connecting two areas of land (7)
- 33 Lament (6)
- 34 The capital of the North Sulawesi province of Indonesia (6)



Down

- 2 Time lapse (7)
- 3 Jazzed up vehicle (3,3)
- 4 Yuletide (4)
- 5 Say again (4)
- 6 Scotland, Canada and the .S. have one and there's also an Earl, (6)
- 7 Affix (5-2)
- 8 A salty version of 23 Down (6)
- 9 Rating, creates a smirking expression (4,2)
- 13 Arranging hay in lines when newly made produces this (7)
- 14 Composition (7)
- 15 Turned and twisted (7)
- 20 Putting two sides of an opinion (6)
- 21 Release (7)
- 23 Mad Luke turns to silt from the bottom of the water (4,3)
- 24 Styles turning most cunning (6)
- 25 A piece in a spotted game (6)
- 26 Decayed (6)
- 29 A foretelling (4)
- 30 Resolute (4)

Solution to February's Sudoku

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

Mystery Photo

Last month's Mystery Photo was part of the road sign for Wesley Terrace near the School. Where would you see this particular plaque ?



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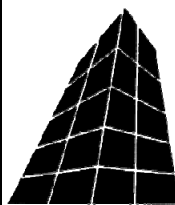
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