

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Alicja of The Coach and Horses on the sad loss of her partner, Kevin.

Lyminge Showerse – Thank you to all those who completed a questionnaire regarding the newsletter which have now been collated and we will be taking some of your suggestions on board.

Garage Safari – Once again this proved to be a popular event. No doubt the weather helped but everyone seemed to have done well.

Nailbourne Stream – You may have noticed a small band of volunteers clearing the Nailbourne in Tayne field recently - see Out & About for pictures. We thought we had done a good job but some people happily threw some rubbish back in! Please support our efforts by reprimanding or reporting the offenders.

GARDEN SAFARI – This will take place on the 25/26th June. We would like more gardens to join in this event. They do not have to be immaculate, just interesting. We produce maps and marker posts to put up on the day to guide visitors round the gardens. Please contact Rod and Fran Davies on 862598.

One final note – I am afraid the time has come for me to retire as Editor so we are looking for someone who is computer literate and who would be prepared to put a newsletter together each month. It is not difficult and there is a lot of support from the Lyminge Association. If interested, please contact me on 01303 862488

THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:

Come to

yminge Day

A Traditional

English Country Fayre

with a 50's Theme

Saturday May 14th

at 1pm

NEXT TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity No: 281845

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Sun 1st May 8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2)

10.30am WOW (World of Worship - with puppets)

Wed 4th Mav 7.00pm NO Holy Communion (short said)

7.30pm Open House (Bible study)

9.15pm NO Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer

Sun 8th May 10.30am Holy Communion

Wed 11th May 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)

7.30pm Open House (Bible study)

9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until10pm

Thurs 12th May 2.00pm Time for Toddlers

Sun 15th May 10.30am Family Communion with Sunday School

6.00pm Evensong

Mon 16th May to Fri 20th May - PRAYER WEEK IN THE CHURCH

9am-4pm every day children from Lyminge School will take part in activities at the church centred around prayer

Every Evening there will be activities as follows for adults centred around 'WAYS IN PRAYER' at which everyone is welcome

Mon 16th May 7.30pm Music. Art & Praver Tues 17th May 7.30pm Subject to be confirmed Wed 18th May Thurs 19th May Fri 20th May **Sun 22nd May** 7.30pm Poetry & Prayer 7.30pm Taize Service

7.30pm Spirituality of Hospitality 8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2)

10.30am Holy Communion

Wed 25th May 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)

7.30pm Open House (Bible study)

9.15pm Time of Silence & Quiet Prayer until10pm

Sun 29th May **ROGATION SUNDAY**

Paddlesworth 8.00am Holy Communion

followed by breakfast and a walk or car ride to

10.30am Matins & Holy Communion Lyminge

followed by a walk or car ride to for a picnic lunch followed at Postling 3.00pm Childrens Service

followed by a walk or car ride to

4.30pm Poetry and Songs of Praise Stamford

followed by Tea

Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court Sunday 1st May

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

If you would like to come but need a lift, contact Sue on 862221 Craft Afternoon - Wentworth Close - Tuesday 3rd May

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 10th May

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 11th May leave Lyminge at 2.00pm for an afternoon trip to Goodnestone Park for tea

Thursday 19thMay – 10.30am

AGM/Market at Westgate Hall, Canterbury

Time for Toddlers - Thursday 12th May

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 18th May
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 19th May

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 May :-

1st May – Rev. Derek Hancock 8th May – Miss Barbara Lunn 15th May – Pastor Richard Blackwell 22nd May – Mr Graham Whistance 29th May - Mr Dudley Shipton (incl. Holy Communion)

Wednesday 25th May 7.30 - 8.30pm "Reflections" Quiet worship time

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

Rhodes Minnis Church

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

Followed by coffee and biscuits A warm welcome is extended to any visitors

Preachers for May :-

May 1 - 3pm Chapel Anniversary Rev. Peter Hills from Tenterden.

PLEASE NOTE: No morning service that

May 8 - Rev. Robin Blount

May 15 - NO service at Rhodes Minnis but

a Valley service at Lyminge Methodist at 11am

May 22 - Mr. Graham Whistance

May 29 - Mr. Dudley Shipton (Holy

Communion)

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1st May Evensong 6.30pm

Sun 8th May Family Communion 9.30am

Sun 15th May Holy Communion 8am

Sun 22nd May Family Service 9.30am

Sun 29th May Childrens Service at 3pm for Rogation Sunday

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.



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
7 May	Boot and Spring Fayre for Lord Whisky S	Sanctuary	Park House, Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
10 May	Talk: Magistrates in the Community		7:15 Lyminge Methodist Hall	862073
14 May	Lyminge Day		1pm.Lyminge Village Hall and Field	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
28 May	Harvest in 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	8632328 Adrian
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
9 Jul	Quiz Night		7 for 7:30pm start Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Nikki
19Jul	Garden visit to Smeeth		6:30 Lyminge Car Park	863049 Christine
23 July	Concert by the HAYWARDIANS		7:30 Lyminge Methodist Church	863832 Peter
6 Aug	Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show		2:30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865 Daphne
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 Lyminge Village Hall and around the village	863049 Christine
2 Oct	Garage Safari	Garage Safari		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
	Weekly Events		When and Where	Contact details
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House		10 am Etchinghill Village Hall	863394 Edna
Mondays	Monday Fellowship		2:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863832 Mary
Mondays	Women's Circuit Training Fitness	Women's Circuit Training Fitness		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	Rhodes Minnis Toddlers' Group		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 Etc	chinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
2 nd S		10:00 Pc	ostling Church	863536 Pat
3 rd S	at Tabletop Sale	Lyminge	Methodist Hall	862164 Denise
4th F	-ri Beetle Drive	7pm. Rh	nodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
Last We	ed Quiz Night	7:30pm.	Coach and Horses	862694 Alicja
3 rd St	un Parish Walk	10:00 Ly	minge P.O. Car Park	862015 Richard
Last Si	un Lyminge Poetry Group	Methodis	st Church Parlour	863474 Dave
3 rd Tı	ue Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etcl	hinghill Village Hall	863503 Rita
Last Mo		+	sh Notice inside Newsletter	239500 Crispin

Copy deadline for next month's Newsletter is the 18th of the month

Call Jean Howard on 01303 862488 or e-mail on Word.doc format to jean.howard@talktalk.net 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 Jean on 862448

Dates for your Diary

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 7th May 10am - 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings Bryan – 01303 862832 Tayne Centre Talks generating funds for Lyminge Methodist Hall Renovation

> Tuesday 10th May £3.00 Admission 7.15pm

Lyminge Methodist Hall
A talk by Gill Monk

Magistrate in the Community

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 3rd May 7.45pm Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about
Poachers and Pickpockets
A look at crime in Victorian Kent
By Helen Allison

AND

Tuesday 7th June 7.45pm Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

> A talk about The Royal Navy in Kent By Derek Smith

Non-members are welcome to join us

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity: 2843483
Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury,
Kent CT4 6AN

Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007 Website: www.lordwhisky.co.uk Email:lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Boot & Spring Fayre Saturday 7th May

Park House, Stelling Minnis 12 noon – 3.30pm

Hythe Town Concert Band ~ Classic Cars Capel Dog Training Club ~ Layla Belly Dancing Hawkinge Flyers

Hot & Cold Refreshments ~ Raffles
Tombolas & more!
Boots from 8am ~ Cars £7.50/Vans £10

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

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

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

For more information and an entry form email:

nickracingsnake@btinterner.com

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

Don't miss our next event: Dog & Owners fun Day ~ Saturday 11th June

The Royal British Legion, Elham Valley Branch,

warmly invite you to come along on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm to St Mary's Hall, Elham

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

Look Out for 1st Lyminge Beavers and Cub Scouts

Litter Pick

On Tuesday 17th May 1st Lyminge Beavers and Cub Scouts will be joining together for a litter pick around Lyminge.

They will be starting from the Scout Hut (by the side of the Village Hall) at 18.00 armed with their picker uppers, gloves and black plastic bags.

Come along and give them hand to clear up the village and do their part for their Community service. Or if you are not able to attend then just watch out for them and give them a friendly wave of encouragement as they go by.

Come to Lyminge Day

A Traditional English Country Fayre With a 50's Theme

Saturday 14th May at 1pm



Next to the Village Hall Registered Charity Number 281845

Wye Beagles – DOG SHOW Sunday 15th May Olantigh Park, Wye, Nr Ashford

Judging commences at 11.30am, Fun Class 1.30pm Entries on ground from 10.30am

Companion Dog show (K.C Licensed) with

Fun classes

Working Terrier Show

Lurcher show

Obedience Classes

Novelty Scurry

Terrier Racing

Enquiries: 07510 667444

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Lyminge Village Hall
Management Committee
will be held on
Tuesday 17th May
In the Village Hall at
7.30pm

Please come along and support your Village Hall and give us your views and ideas

Organised by the Village Hall Management
Committee
Registered Charity No 281845

Newington Village Hall

Registered Charity Number 302812

Beetle Drive

Friday 20th May 7.30pm start

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

For further details phone
Karen on 277950 Or Kirsty on 272056

Railway Swing Band Charity Concert

This year's charity concert will be on May 25th at Elham Village Hall.

As usual there will be a varied programme from this thirty or so talented musicians. Enjoy an evening of live music and help support local good causes at the same time. **Tickets £11, from**

Lyminge Hardware, or ring 01303 862837; also visit www.elhamwyelions.org.uk.

In aid of Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club' Charity Trust Fund.

Lyminge Library

Thursday 26th May

FREE Creative Writing Workshop at Lyminge Library with Author Jane Seaman.

This practical workshop runs from 10.30am – 1pm with a coffee break and plenty of time for questions and answers.

Using the short story as a focus we will explore how and why we write.

Practical exercises and techniques will be employed so that by the end of the workshop, participants will have produced a complete piece of work.

Thursday 23 June

FREE workshop on Getting Published at Lyminge Library with author Jane Seaman

The workshop will run from 10.30am – 1pm with a coffee break and plenty of time for questions and answers.

Jane had her first short story published with OK magazine at age 14. Since then, 30 novels for teenagers plus over 200 short stories, poems and articles have been published internationally and translated into 7 languages.

An award winning writer, Jane delivers writing workshops to schools and adults. She is a member of the National Association of Writers in Education and represented by the Luithlen Agency. Jane works at University Centre, Folkestone and will be teaching on their new BA(hons) Creative and Professional Writing. An accredited coach, Jane has completed training with NAWE and Arvon on Coaching Skills for Writers.

To book a place at the workshops, please contact Jane Pace, on 01303 862180

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive Friday 27th May 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

'Harvest in May'

All are welcome to come to a concert at Lyminge Methodist Church on Saturday 28th May at 7.30pm

A varied programme of classical and light music with Kathy Butcher(violin), Belinda Lewis(soprano/violin), Diane Stenning(soprano), Elvina Davenport & Katy Ruddle(mezzo soprano), Alex Rider(harp), Roger Davenport & Alistair Bailey(guitar), Sarah Montgomery(recorder), Dean Hayward(organ),Peter Naylor(organ/piano).

Refreshments provided. Free entry and a retiring collection in aid of Church funds.

Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary

Registered Charity 262245

Spring Plant Fair Seathwaite, Green Lane, Rhodes Minnis Between Lyminge & Stone Street(B2068) Sunday 29th May 11am ~ 4.00pm

A wide range of
Home grown perennials, annuals & vegetables
plants for sale
Please bring any spare plants of your own to
add to our range
The sanctuary will be open to welcome visitors
all day. Guided tours available

Light refreshments Ample free parking

All proceeds go to support the homeless cats in the Sanctuary

Newington Village Hall

Registered Charity No.302812

Annual summer Fete Saturday 11th June 11.30 – 3.30pm

Fun and games for all – with traditional sideshows 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

The Lyminge Prom

Saturday 18th June Cantores Dominicae at Lyminge Village Hall

An evening prom with music from Les Miserables, the 50's, the Beatles and favourites from the Albert Hall and much more

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

Etchinghill W.I. Annual Outing

Leeds Castle Tuesday 6th September

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

Sibton Park Cricket Club

Sunshine and Sightscreens at Sibton

Fabulous sunshine greeted the 50 or so members who turned up on Saturday 9th April at Sibton Park Cricket Club's CricketForce day to carry out the huge list of jobs needed to freshen up the facilities prior to the start of the season.

Among the tasks was the job of erecting 4 new sightscreens which were needed to meet the ground criteria of the Kent ECB Premier League. The sightscreens were bought with help from Lyminge Parish Council who provided a very generous grant in recognition of the success the club has had over the last few years and to improve safety on the ground.

The members also carried out work on the practice nets, painted the window frames and doors of the pavilion, various grass mowing and all the 'little' jobs that have to be done to make the ground ready for cricket.

1st XI captain Steve Hobbs said "CricketForce day was a success on all fronts".

The 1st XI play their first Premier League home game on the 14th May with Bexley CC the visitors to The Park 12pm start. All support is most welcome!

Elham Tennis Club Welcomes New Members

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

Tournament now started – not too late to join if you are quick!

Private and group coaching available for adults and juniors. There are currently nearly 20 juniors taking coaching.

Ball machine ava

Will you be the lucky person to be offered some Wimbledon tickets this year?

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

Tuesdays09.30 non competitive:Sally : 3salrich@talktalk.netWednesdays18.30 :Scott: scott@jaggercreative.co.ukSaturdayRichard: 3salrich@talktalk.net

To all Runners / Joggers in the Lyminge area.

I'm a runner myself and see loads of you out and about the village and surrounding countryside at various times of the day I'm always looking for more motivation, and encouragement and I am sure you are too; therefore I was wondering if any other runners wanted to socialise, network, share routes, tips & advice, attend race meetings together & create a sort of team spirit

Anybody interested, please visit http://www.lymingerunners.org.uk and voice your interest (I'm not a pro runner. See you out on the trails.

Pete Lindley



Congratulations Debbie, Dion & Louisa

Debbie Dunham ran her first London Marathon on 17th April to raise money for Sands (Stillbirth & neonatal death charity) and completed in an amazing time of 5 hrs 11 mins.

Dion Jenkins also ran and completed in another amazing time of 5 hrs 39 secs raising money for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). Louisa Blunden also competed the 26 miles raising money for Demelza house.

Well-done Debbie, Dion & Louisa.

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

We enjoyed a Quiz at our meeting in April. The competition winners were Jaqui Storey 1st, Ann Wetherall 2nd, Pauline Hodder 3rd and Pearl Furminger and Marie Hambrook joint 4th. **Our AGM is being held on the 18th May**, followed by a fish and chip supper. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome but please let me know in advance if you would supper (£4 per head, members free).

Marion Hoare 862913

Etchinghill Update May 2011

Farmers' Market The winner of the April Farmers' Market raffle was Joan White from Greenbanks, Lyminge. Mrs White has been a regular customer to the market for a number of years. A worthy winner! Next Farmers' market Saturday 7th May, in the Village Hall 10-12.30.

Etchinghill Village Hall Annual AGM – Sunday 8th May 7.30 pm. Find out what has been happening and have a say if you have any suggestions. If you require more info, then call Graham on 863747 **Open House** Every Monday morning 10 – 12 at the Village Hall.

16th May A talk by guest speaker Anne Finney – "Edith Piaf – her life and music".

Friday 20th May, Day Trip to France being organised by Alan – 862277. There are still 1 or 2 remaining seats left for this trip. Cost £25.00 per person.

Next month **6th June** A talk by guest speaker Frankie Janes – "Marvellous Monologues". A humorous morning!

Etchinghill Residents' Association

The new notice board is now in place in the centre of Etchinghill. Should anyone wish to place a notice on the board they can contact Barbara on 8632873. The board was created by local carpenter, Derek Sutton A generous grant from LPC and a donation from a local resident helped towards the cost of this item. The old board has been re-sited at the village hall.

The first St. Mary's Hospital Reunion, held on Saturday 9th April, at Etchinghill was a resounding success. There were displays of memorabilia, photos, a 1970's video of the hospital and patients, a slide show of old photos of the hospital. Lyminge Historical Society was in attendance to copy any memorabilia for their archives. Approximately 50 people attended the event at Etchinghill Village Hall, which was built on the site of the old Nurses' Home. The geriatric hospital was demolished in the mid 1990's to make way for the Meriden Park Estate. The only building remaining is the un-consecrated chapel. A big thank you goes to the unsung heroes who are not committee members but always help out, namely John Newing, Graham Barber, Alan Lloyd, John Carr, Hayley Stupples and young Adam Howard. The ERA held a quiz on the evening of 9th April at the Village Hall, which was full to capacity. The quiz master, Robert Godfrey was ably assisted by Judith Lansdell, who provided a wide range of mind taxing questions. The evening included a chicken and chips supper. Any monies raised will go towards the new noticeboard and the Community Cinema project. Our next project is the Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June. We hope you are all coming and bringing the family. More news on this next month.

Neighbourhood Watch

We have one satisfied customer who has had a lost bike returned. Had it been reported to either Neighbourhood Watch or the police, we could have returned it sooner.

Etchinghill W.I.

On a very warm and sunny day Barbara Syrett welcomed members to the April meeting. Dottie Cross deputized for Rita Warner, Secretary, and read a report about the 90th Annual council meeting held at Margate. Six members attended the conference held at the Winter Gardens, joining hundreds of W.I.ladies for a most interesting day. After the business of the morning Amanda Cotterell, the speaker and member of the Howard family, looking exquisite, wearing an original Tudor dress, spoke about her family going back four hundred years. A very illuminating talk. In contrast after lunch, Sheila Dibnah, widow of Fred Dibnah, the steeplejack, spoke about her three short years of married life with Fred. Another great speaker and very funny.

This month's speaker was Prudence Anderton. Telling us how she joined a dating agency costing £3 forty years ago and after many amusing experiences she eventually found her husband and has been happily married for 39 years.

Tea was then served, the hostesses being Doreen Brown, Sylvia Clark and Alison Jelly. Our next meeting on Tuesday 17th May at 2.30pm is the 'Resolution meeting' when Marilyn Norton will speak about her Rwanda experience.

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

THE TAYNE CENTRE

Over 50 people attended the fund raising launch for the renovation of the Methodist Church Hall held on 22 March. Those attending heard about the new plans and fund raising initiatives for the hall which has been renamed the TAYNE CENTRE. Attendees heard how the original hall was destroyed by a doodle bug during the Second World War and was rebuilt in 1950.

The Renovation Group would like to extend a big thank you to all who attended, helped on the night and offered financial or physical support



for the project. If you were unable to be there on the evening but would like to contribute to this exciting community project, either by volunteering help or by offering financial support, please let Alistair Bailey know (864235 or abailey447@aol.com).

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

I expect all of you realised that last month's article was an April Fool's joke. 'Tattering', the website and the 'Elham Valley Gazette' never existed however the features were all based on real English folk customs. Also the Kentish dialect words were all correct. A similar custom that did occur locally, was 'Hoodening' which occurred to principally to the east Canterbury. The earliest description of hoodening was made in the *European Magazine* of May, 1807,

"At Ramsgate, in Kent, I found they begin the festivities of Christmas by a curious procession: a party of young people procure the head of a dead horse, which is affixed to a pole, about four feet in length; a string is affixed to the lower jaw; a horse cloth is also attached to the whole, under which one of the party gets and by frequently pulling the string, keeps up a loud snapping noise and is accompanied by the rest of the party, grotesquely habited, with hand-bells. They thus proceed from house to house, ringing their bells and singing carols and songs. They are commonly gratified with beer and cake or perhaps with money." [from *Discordant Comicals* by George Frampton, *Faversham Papers*, No 99, 2006.]

Whether a real horse's head was used is uncertain but by the end of the nineteenth century the 'Hooden Horse' was fashioned out of two pieces of wood. Hobnails were nailed to the 'jaws' so that when a string was pulled and the two pieces of wood came together, a snapping noise was made. The 'grotesquely habited' individuals were reported, in later descriptions, as being a waggoner or groom; 'Mollie', a man dressed as a woman who swept the ground or nearby feet with a besom (a broom); a farm labourer; and a boy who would try to jump on the horse's back with varying degrees of success; and finally the musician(s) who played handbells and other instruments.

Its is recorded that there was a group of hoodeners based at Lower Hardres in the nineteenth century which performed extensively around the south of Canterbury. Closer to home, the Lower Hardres group visited Stelling and a Mrs Clayson reported to Percy Maylam that her father talked of going round Elham at Christmas with a horse's head when he was a young man, in the early nineteenth century. Having found hoodening occurring so close to Lyminge it seems likely that hoodeners at least visited the village? Do any older readers recollect their elderly relations telling them of such occurrences when they were young? If you do let me know.

Percy Maylam, a Canterbury solicitor, was the main authority on Hoodening. He wrote *The Hooden Horse-An East Kent Custom,* in 1909 on which this article is based. (It was reprinted and expanded in 2009 as *Percy Maylam's The Kent Hooden Horse* by Maylam, Lynn & Doel, published by *The History Press.*) At publication, the practice was dying out but his interest in the subject prompted a revival which was boosted by the general folk revival after WW2. There are now several Hoodening groups in East Kent which are often seen at folk festivals and public events. Perhaps some readers might be interested in forming a local group of Hoodeners? If you are, contact me and, if there is enough interest, I'll arrange an initial meeting.

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

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS - March 2011

Thanks to Mr. D. Godden for these weather statistics. March was extremely dry, as has the beginning of April. Persistent high pressure has blocked weather fronts bringing rain from the West.

	Temperature (°C)	Air Pressure (hPa)	Wind Speed (mph)	Total Monthly Rainfall
Maximum	19.5 (25 March)	1029 (22-24 March)	35 (4 March)	28 mm (1.1 in)
Minimum	-5.3 (7 March)	1001 (12 March)	Highest Daily Rainfall	9mm (0.35in)15 March

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Tayne Field is a very lovely place. It is safe. It is beautiful. It is a great asset to the village and I am sure I am not alone when I say this.

There are those aliens among us though who seem to think otherwise and treat it as little more than the gutter from which they have crawled. Who are they? Can you identify them from the following photographs of their spoils from the day/night before? I collected all this and more from the middle of the field, all scattered within a 12' radius.

Does your son or daughter shop in Lidl in Hawkinge, buy white rum and diet coke, smoke roll ups (containing goodness knows what), cohort with friends who drink bottled beer and clearly get some sort of kick from playing with expanded foam? Was he/she served by Cashier No.13 at 14:27hrs on Wednesday 20th April? And what is the significance of a clothing label for £24.95 "Denin by H&M" with 'Super Low Waist" and "Super Tight" – is this underwear? Or may be he/she/they been to Wembley recently for 'Amazing Memories' or who know someone who has.

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Let us put our little grey cells to work and find out who these people are and perhaps a visit from our local CPO or bobby would be enough to educate them.

Gillian M Monk JP

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

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

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

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

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

Lyminge Excavations on Tayne Field

Dr Gabor Thomas has sent a very interesting article about discoveries made when excavations took place in Lyminge recently. Unfortunately it is much too large to print in the newsletter but can be found online at http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk/-england - 12997877

Out and About

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



We ran out of space last month and were not able to include this picture of the winning team at the last Village Hall Mad March Quiz - what a surprise - it was Rebels Without a Clue!

EASTER at Lyminge Methodist Church

- the beautiful floral cross set up outside the entrance to the church was made by Mrs. Marilyn Norton who is accompanied in the picture by Hannah Bailey.



Oops! in March we said that the part

road sign was for Wesley Terrace – it was actually Kimberley Terrace. Did you spot that error? Why didn't you write to the editor?!!?

Where would you see this symbol?

Congratulations - to Bert Lewis, President of the Lyminge Association who was 97 last month!

Did you have a **Royal Wedding Celebration**? Send us your photos for next month's Out and About! See top of page for the contact number.

A Crossword for May

Across

 $\label{eq:total provide for from the French map (5)} \textbf{1} \ \text{Provide for, from the French map (5)}$

4 Sharpen a flat stone for sharpening edged tools or knives (9)

9 One who stands for office (7)

10 A pugilist (7)

11 A non-bloodied relation (2-3)

13 A shin bone (5)

15 Has an grammatically, the residual burnt out remains. (3)

16 An oval food - good when boiled (3)

17 A heroic quality (5)

19 A biped traveller (5)

21 A plat (5)

23 An assertion (5)

24 You can find this on a road or even in a computer's motherboard (3)

25 A crowd of plebs (3)

26 An archaic gym shoe - get out the good dictionary for this one (5)

28 A water nymph (5)

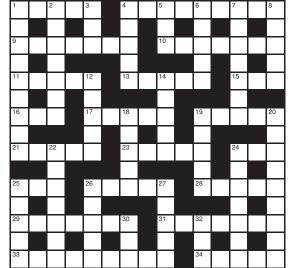
29 Fish who touch you in an unsuitable way (7)

31 Joins at Cairo and produces a Balkan country (7)

33 An athletic training ground - open to the public (archaic) (9)

34 An acronym for dual income no kids (5)

A little cryptic – of medium difficulty



The puzzle was compiled by John Carr. If you have any comments about the style, difficulty or whatever please let him, or the editor know.

John can be contacted on 862972 or emailed on jon@serenitas.co.uk.

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Down

1 Surefooted (9)

2 A delay between sequences (4, 3)

3 Sped (3)

4 Annual or biennial grass having erect flower spikes and light brown grains (5)

5 Mischievous sprite (3)

6 In 18th place come the mixed up Magis - it's all Greek to me. (5)

7 Senior to you and me. (7)

8 At the muddled heart of all worldly things (5)

12 The better halves of men (5)

14 A Muslim form of dress (5)

18 Archaically lawful (5)

19 An abbreviated mother and a hen change sex and become a stud (2-3)

20 Relating to or indicating a remainder (9)

22 Drag in by events (7)

24 Fitted (5-2)

25 Swot (3, 2)

26 Webbed footed guardians (5)

27 An American species of evergreen with stout stems and a terminal cluster of white flowers (5)

30 Evil Egyptian god (3)

32 Upset the lode which is aged and gone east (3)

The Nailbourne - A band of volunteers, organised by the Lyminge Association spent an afternoon in mud and weeds to make the start of the Nailbourne just that little bit cleaner and neater. We would like to continue to work on the area. Do YOU have some ideas on how that area can be improved?

Please write to the Editor with your ideas . . .





Garden Safari in June

Our biennial Safari will take place this summer on 25th and 26th June. Would you like to open your garden? We need gardens of all types, shapes and sizes - manicured or a 'work in progress'. It is always interesting just how many variations can be seen from one garden to another and many smaller gardens pack lots of colour and interest into a relatively small area so please consider taking part. Call 862598 (Rod and Fran Davis)

St. Mary's Hospital Reunion - an event organised by the Etchinghill Residents' Association for ex-employees and The League of Friends of the Hospital personnel was held last month. There were displays of memorabilia, old photos, a video made in the 1970's of the hospital and it's residents,

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as well as a slide show of a collection of old photos of the hospital. Light refreshments were provided all afternoon. Approximately 50 people attended the event at Etchinghill Village Hall, which was built on the site of the old Nurses home. The geriatric hospital was demolished in the mid 1990's and is now the site of the Meriden Park Estate. The old hospital buildings incorporated the original Elham Valley Workhouse which was created on the site in 1835. The workhouse was handed over to the local County Council in 1930, when St Mary's Hospital was created. The only building remaining is the de-consecrated chapel, which is now a domestic dwelling. St Mary's seems to have been a bright and cheerful place which was run by dedicated staff and very active League of Friends, who raised money to provide the many additional comforts for the residents. The exmembers of staff seem to remember the place and patients with deep affection.



LITTER: WHO-DOME-IT?

See page 10 for an article by Gillian M. Monk, J.P.

What a shame that some people have to make a mess in our village,

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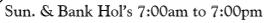
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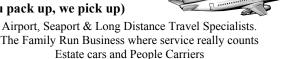
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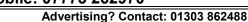
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