



# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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

**December 2012**

Produced by  
**THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION**



**The Lyminge Association wishes everyone  
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !**



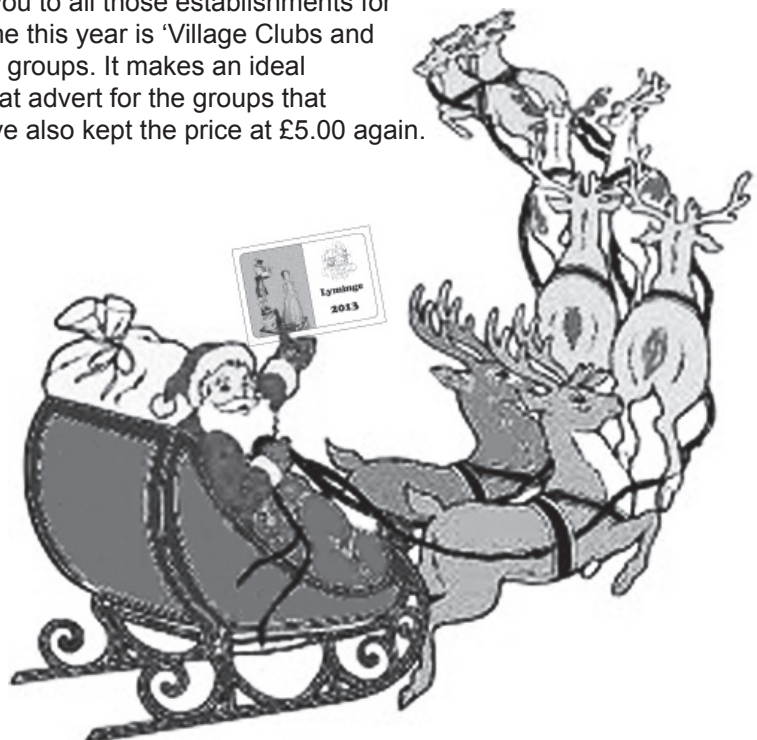
**St Ethelburga Well and the Nailbourne** ~ On Wednesday 14th November you may have seen a group of 16 volunteers working in the Nailbourne and the area around St. Ethelburga's Well. This was in response to our appeals for help in Improving this area. Thank you all those who came along and helped; special thanks go to Geoff Baldock for his assistance with his tractor. The stream now looks great and it is hoped that further major improvements will be carried out in the spring. We are still seeking specialist advice about the project. If you can help with advice please contact Adrian on 862699. See the **Out and About** page for photos.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS DELIVERY SERVICE** ~ Once again the Lyminge Association has arranged with Father Christmas to help him deliver parcels around the villages on Thursday 20th December, between 5pm and 7.30pm approximately. As in past years if you wish to send a special present to someone in the Newsletter area please wrap it up securely, put the name and address on the outside and take it to Laing Bennett by 4pm on Wednesday 19th December. We will then do the rest. Thank you to Bill, Ian and Staff for helping us once again with this service. The cost is £1 per delivery address – as many parcels as you like per address. For more information please call Adrian on 862699. The joy of receiving a surprise present is wonderful !

**The Lyminge 2013 Calendar** ~ is now available at Lyminge Newsagents, Claire's Country Kitchen and The Coach & Horses. Thank you to all those establishments for helping the Lyminge Association. The theme this year is 'Village Clubs and Societies' and features at least 18 different groups. It makes an ideal Christmas present to end and is also a great advert for the groups that we have thriving in our community. We have also kept the price at £5.00 again.

**This Month's  
front page  
is sponsored  
by father  
Christmas**

**Happy  
Christmas !**



## LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

**Church e-mail:** [office@lymingechurch.co.uk](mailto:office@lymingechurch.co.uk)

**Church Website:** [www.lymingechurch.co.uk](http://www.lymingechurch.co.uk)

Rev Vanessa Ashman will be leaving us in the new year to take up the post of Assistant Curate in Charge at Eythorne. We would like to say a big thank you for all she has done for this village, she will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her new post and pray that the years ahead will be happy ones for her.

Any enquiries about this please contact Lynne & Bob Lane - 863010

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	WOW (World of Worship child friendly service)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Family Communion with Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Lyminge School Christmas Concert
	7.00pm	Carol singing around the village starting in Wentworth Close car park
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	7.00pm	Candlelight Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec		CHRISTMAS EVE
	3.00pm	Children's Nativity with Blessing of the Crib
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	Toys and Joy – a Christmas Day Celebration (No Holy Communion)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Farewell Service for Rev. Vanessa Ashman (this replaces the normal Matins Service)

### Please note that there will NOT BE any Holy Communion or Open House Bible study during December

Instead we will be joining Postling in a Christmas Meditation on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec & 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at Postling

### Mothers Union Advent Carol Service

In the Cathedral on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.00am

### Wentworth Close Lounge Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10.00am to 11.30am**

Do join us as we meet with the residents for coffee and a chat  
*If you are interested contact Vanessa on 862432*

### Mothers Union – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - 10.30am

A talk by Dudley Shipton in Nailbourne Court Lounge  
*Please contact Sue on 862221 for further information*

### Bereavement Support Christmas Lunch – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Coach and Horses Public House - 12.00 for 12.30pm

All are welcome and transport can be arranged,

*Please contact Vanessa on 862432*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Group - Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2.30pm to 4.30pm

This group meets in Nailbourne Court Lounge to knit prayer shawls and pray for the people they are for. Everyone is welcome to join in whether you can knit or not. Tea & coffee are provided.

*For more information contact Madelaine Lewis on 863582*

### St Nicholas Fayre Craft Group

There will be no meetings until January 2013

## PADDLESWORTH PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec		No Services
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm	Christingle
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Christmas Holy Communion (CW order 1) followed by refreshments
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec		No Services

## 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 coffee/tea.

2<sup>nd</sup> December Mr Richard Blackwell

9<sup>th</sup> December Mr Dudley Shipton (incl. Communion)

16<sup>th</sup> December Mr Colin Pearson

23<sup>rd</sup> December Mrs Joy Brumwell

**5pm** Carols by Candlelight: Rev Kevin Taylor

Christmas Day Family Worship: Rev Kevin Taylor

30<sup>th</sup> December Rev Robin Blount

## RHODES MINNIS CHURCH

This small Chapel in beautiful countryside holds a weekly Sunday Service normally at 9.30am followed by coffee and biscuits. A warm welcome is extended to any visitors.

**Dec. 2** - Rev. Robin Blount (includes holy communion)

**Dec. 9** - 6pm Carol Service - Mr. Dudley Shipton

Please Note: No morning service that day

**Dec.16** - Mr. Ralph Bradshaw

**Dec.23** - Mr. Richard Blackwell

**Dec.30** - NO Service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley Service at Lyminge Methodist at 11am

## POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

**Sunday 2nd December** Evensong 3.30pm

**Sunday 9th December** Family Communion 9.30am

**Wednesday 12th December** Advent Meditation 7.30pm

**Sunday 16th December** Holy Communion 8.00am

**Tuesday 18th December** Advent Carol Service by

Candlelight with the Shepway Singers 7.30pm

**Wednesday 19th December** Advent Meditation 7.30pm

**Monday 24th December** Blessing of the Crib 11.30am

**Tuesday 25th December** Family Communion 9.30am

**Sunday 30th December** Christingle Service 3.30pm

## Lyminge Newsletter

### Terms and Conditions. Copy deadline is 18th December

Please email your copy in word.doc format to the editor (PBarnes20@aol.com). Your payment must be received before your article or advert can appear in the Newsletter. Please leave your payment in a sealed envelope at the Lyminge Post Office or at the Lyminge Library. Your name, organisation and telephone number must be included on the envelope and with your advertisement or copy.

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## **Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle**

Lynn Callander gave an inspiring talk on Zambia at our meeting in November. Lynn travels each year to visit various schools, as well as a Cheshire home, which have been helped by Operation Sunshine. Some schools in our area have donated uniforms which the Zambian children really appreciate. Members donated items for Operation Sunshine instead of a competition, including warm hats which are very welcome as night temperatures can reach freezing. Our Christmas party is on the 12th December at 7pm when we welcome back Mike Chisnall as our guest. We wish all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.



## **The Royal British Legion, Elham Valley Branch**

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone in the Elham Valley for your overwhelming support of this year's Poppy Appeal. Together you have raised the tremendous total of £6152.48 which will help to provide invaluable help to our service personnel and their families.

In Lyminge itself, the total raised is £1431.91 with a contribution from the United Remembrance service held in the Methodist Church of £139.80.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November a Remembrance Service led by the Rector Peter Ashman was held at the Lyminge War Memorial, when the children from Class 6 at Lyminge Primary School laid crosses to mark the individual villagers who lost their lives in the two World Wars. We would like to thank Headteacher Mrs Steele and Mrs D'Cruz who enabled this to take place. This was followed on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> by a visit to the schoolchildren by Alan Boughton, Henry Shackleton and Mrs Joan Tugwell who spoke of their wartime experiences.

Thank you so much to all of you and we hope for your continuing support throughout 2013. Susan Foster Poppy Appeal Organiser, Elham Valley T: 01303 862779 E: sjfos@fsmail.net



## **Seasonal Greetings from the Lyminge Historical Society**



The Historical Society wishes all of this year's members and visitors a Merry Christmas with a Happy and Prosperous 2013. Thank you for your support during 2012 and we look forward to seeing you at the last of this year's talks on the 4th December which is by the much respected Derek Boughton on his "Favourite Kent Books," so maybe some good ideas for Christmas presents then? We will also hold the 2012 AGM. Come and enjoy some seasonal fare whilst you listen to Derek.

### **A call for help**

You will be pleased to hear that the Society is in the midst of creating our own website. We are being ably supported in this by Mark Slayford an experienced internet site developer. Part of the content of the site will eventually be an online copy of the archive documents and photographs.

To achieve this we are looking for help to catalogue the items. Full guidelines will be available and surprise, surprise, you will not have to know how to use a computer! Something of a coup in these technical times? All that will be involved is to look at a document or picture and referring to its content fill in a form. We are also calling on the senior and longer standing members of our community to help. We would like you to cast an eye over some of our pictures to see if you can identify places and people or events. If you want to help please let me or a committee member know at one of the meetings, or call me on 013030 862972

### **Next year's programme**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the talks start again and we are lucky once more to have John and Jane Buss presenting and this time it is a talk on "Churchill and Chartwell."

We are looking forward to seeing you at the December talk – where there will never be a better time to renew your membership or join the Lyminge Historical Society. **John Carr - November 18<sup>th</sup> 2012.**



## **Lyminge Dramatic Society**

**Hurry and book** your tickets for our fabulous Beauty and the Beast pantomime, they are selling fast! This is a traditional panto suitable for all the family - from toddlers to grandma - complete with singing, dancing, an outrageously dressed Dame, a Principal Boy, a lovely heroine, a collection of baddies and terrible jokes!

The performances start at 7.30pm on the evenings of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December we also have a matinee at 3.30pm. Tickets are available from Laing Bennett (01303 863393) or online at [nodaboxoffice.co.uk](http://nodaboxoffice.co.uk).

If you would like to become a member of our happy and thriving Dramatic Society please contact our new member's secretary- Gill Colao on 01303 863648.



## **Lyminge Friends - Merry Christmas to all our members and friends**

We had a great time shopping in Westwood Cross in November and on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Melanie Gibson-Barton told us all about Bruges. The talk was followed by a delicious **Bring and Share Lunch**

Our **Christmas Social** is on **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> December** and there will be laughs, games, Fran's mince pies and a gift in the Secret Santa. Don't forget on **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> December** we'll meet in China China for our New Year's Eve Lunch - the booking is for 12 noon - please let Marian know if you are coming!

We have a great new Programme for **2013** and it starts with our **Christmas Lunch** on **9<sup>th</sup> January**, in the Coach and Horses. Then on **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> January** there's a talk about Jack the Ripper.

We don't have membership fees, only the monthly entry, but because of rising speaker fees and fuel costs we have to increase the entry fee to £2.00 from January, which includes refreshments.

Meeting are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Tayne Centre Parlour. We are a friendly social group and always welcome new members; so why not give us a try. If you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 862427



**The Jubilee Centre, Everist Court,  
Station Road, Lyminge  
Tel: 01303 269602**

## **Merry Christmas to all our Clients, Volunteers and Friends**

December brings its own special activities to our mix and here are some of the dates you may want to take note of: There is a **Carol Service** at 11am on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Lympne School** will be visiting to sing carols at 1.30pm **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

The centre will be **closed** on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** due to functions elsewhere.

**Christmas Lunches** are available on **3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December**.

Make sure you check the notices in the Centre for other events as they are added.

### **Christmas opening hours:**

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Open 9am to 1.30pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Open 9am to 1.30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Open 9am to 1.30pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Open 9am to 1.30pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2013	Closed
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Open as normal 8.30am to 3.30pm



**Meals on Wheels are available everyday over the festive period at only £5.75**

For more information or to talk about any of our activities or services please call **01303 269602** and ask for **Matthew** or **Sue** or why not just pop in and see us?

## **ETCHINGHILL UPDATE NOVEMBER 2012**

**THE VILLAGE MARKET** The winner of the November raffle was Mary Hickmott. Next month's market will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 10 to 12.30 in Etchinghill Village Hall.

**OPEN HOUSE** is held every Monday from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along for coffee and a chat or to listen to a speaker. Please note there will be no Open House meetings on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **OPEN HOUSE DIARY EVENTS**

**Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** A Brush with Wildlife" by Ken Stroud. This is a talk with slides and paintings about the process of selecting subject matter, composition and materials to achieve the finished picture. Inspiration for many of his wildlife paintings has come from trips Ken made to Africa and America with some wonderful results.

**Monday December 31<sup>st</sup>** New Year's Eve Family Party 8pm to 12.30 am – bring and share – just £1. Tickets and info from Wendy Moppett 863531, or Sylvia Williams 863547

### **ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Cinema Club** There will be no Cinema Club meeting in December. The next film showing will be held on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm when the film showing will be **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen**.

### **ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

#### **The Big Fat Christmas Quiz-Saturday 1st December 2012**

We had a very successful Diamond Jubilee Quiz in June and our Quiz Master (John White) is organising this event. The Quiz starts at 7pm at a cost of £3.00 per head, including crackers and mince pies. Do bring along your own refreshments and enjoy the build up to Christmas. Tables of 6 can be booked with Sylvia Williams on 01303-863547.

**New Year's Eve Family Party Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December in the Village Hall-see above.**

Please note that in future if anyone has something that they would like to be added to the Etchinghill Update, in the Lyminge Newsletter, please email it to me before the deadline of the 16<sup>th</sup> of the previous month, in order to avoid duplication. Please keep your item as brief as possible. Many thanks, Anne Lloyd: [annealanlloyd@gmail.com](mailto:annealanlloyd@gmail.com)

## Etchinghill WI

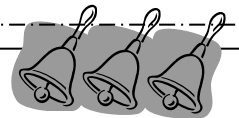


Barbara Syrett welcomed Dorothy Douse, W.I. Adviser, Jean James from Hawkinge W.I. and members to the annual general meeting. Birthday posies were presented to Joy Bartley, Mary Hickmott, Evelyn Holt, Joyce Knapton and Muriel Childs. Ann Morgan, treasurer, read the yearly financial statement and Rita Warner, secretary, reported on the many interesting speakers at the afternoon meetings, with outings and activities enjoyed during the past year. Dorothy Douse spoke about the W.I. nationwide and praised Etchinghill for fund raising in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice, a rise in membership and altogether a very successful year.

Barbara Syrett, president, thanked everyone for supporting and helping her during the past year. Dottie Cross and Stella Samuels retired from the committee after many years service. The remaining committee agreed to serve for a further year with two new committee members being elected. Barbara Syrett was unanimously elected for a further year. The competition cup was presented to Sylvia Clark.

After the afternoon's business was completed we played bingo and a quiz. The competition to make a Christmas cracker was won by Sylvia Clark. We then enjoyed a very nice tea, the hostesses being Sheila Green, Mavis Hodson and Joan White.

Next meeting will be our Christmas party on Tuesday, 11th December at 2.30pm when Colin Breed will speak about "Royal visits to Kent". For any information, please contact Barbara Syrett on 01303 265229 or Rita Warner on 01303 863503



## Lyminge Hand Bells

Do you have a special celebration planned but can't think what to do to make it extra special? Would hearing well known tunes played on hand bells fit the bill? We are fully booked now for Christmas but if you are thinking ahead to next year why not give us a 'ring'? We are more than happy for you to come along to a rehearsal to hear us play and select your choice of music. We just need a large table for the bells and music, room for up to 12 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Nepali Children's Trust. A contribution to travelling costs is appreciated for bookings more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and we do need plenty of advance notice. Want more info or make a booking? Just call Ro Edmond on 863201 or email welldorm@aol.com

## Protecting and serving the people of Kent

### From your Police Community Support Officers

The main news this month is that Gavin Dodwell, Patrick Wise and Debbie Bishop have merged together to cover all of the wards from Hythe West through to Hythe East and all rural areas. New surgeries will be popping up in some of the areas. These are now all advertised on the Kent Police Web site along with their pictures! They would like to thank you all for your support with the closure of the station in Hythe. Now operating from Folkestone, nothing will change in their role to serving the general public. **For any information or non-emergency crime please contact 101.**

LYMINGE - in the area of West Wood there have been break-ins into cars left in the car parks. If you are a regular dog walker in that area please be vigilant and also do not leave anything on display in your vehicle. Crime prevention posters are now being displayed in the area. Any information can be passed on to the Warden Gary Harrison in Lyminge or Kent Police 101.

Surgery this coming month: **Monday 3 December 10.45-11.45 Venue: Etchinghill Village Hall**

**PCSO Gavin Dodwell, Shepway West, Neighbourhood Policing Team Email: [gavin.dodwell@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gavin.dodwell@kent.pnn.police.uk)**



## Lyminge Charity Shop

A big thank you to everybody who has supported the new shop, it has proved to be a great success. The shop is generating very valuable income which is all spent locally supporting older people. A big thank you must also go to our volunteers; the shop would not be able to operate without them.

We have collected a large variety of gifts and Christmas items which will be on sale throughout December. Don't forget our café is open to all so please stay for a coffee and homemade scone. We also sell homemade preserves, fresh fruit, vegetables, tinned foods, biscuits and local free range eggs in our grocery section.

We are open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm (please see our main Age UK article for Christmas opening times). If you have any good value items you would like to offer please contact us on 01303 269602. Please think of us if you wish to pass on any surplus Christmas presents! We are able to collect donations from Lyminge and the surrounding villages or you can bring them to the Jubilee Centre Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm. **Please do not leave donated items at the doorway when the centre is shut.**

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH CLUB



The Christmas Day  
making Christmas

Lunch Club was set up last year and is dedicated to  
Day alone in the Elham Valley a thing of the past.

We know that for many older members of our valley community that Christmas Day is no longer the family get together it used to be and that the best gift for many would be the chance to once again celebrate the day with good food in good company in a friendly social setting.

The Christmas Day Lunch club is about bringing people together whether they may be alone or a couple in fact anyone who's day would be enriched by the opportunity to share it in a festive home like setting with others.

The emphasis is on quality with the provision of a superb home cooked traditional Christmas Lunch combined with entertainment and good company, all brought together at the Lyminge Village Hall which we deck out with full Christmas regalia to set the atmosphere. But it doesn't end there because all guests are given a pack up tea to enjoy back at home and if required transportation can be provided. Last year the occasion was likened to a 5\* hotel but at home which is exactly what we believe Christmas day should be like.

### The Rhythm of Life

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Email [info@the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk](mailto:info@the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk)

## Zumba

Lyminge Methodist Hall

Monday's 6-7pm, £4

Come join the party!

Last one before Christmas is on 17th December,  
resuming 7th January.

For further details contact  
Jo Darby on 07594334778



Hythe Aqua Swimming Club is expanding its  
nationally accredited learn-to-swim  
programme and now has vacancies in its  
lessons that are held on Tuesday & Thursday  
evenings at Hythe Pool.

**To book your place**

Tel: 01303 862353 or checkout our website:

[www.hytheaqua.org.uk](http://www.hytheaqua.org.uk)

**Elham Valley & Wye Lions Club** will be  
visiting Lyminge on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December,  
Etchinghill on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December .....



..... & Elham on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. So  
we look forward to seeing you!!!



## Lyminge Weather Statistics – October 2012

Thanks to Mr D. Godden for these weather statistics and notes.

	Temperature (°C)	Air Pressure (hPa)	Wind Speed (mph)	Total Monthly Rainfall
Maximum	21.6 (05/10/12)	1014 (22-30/10/12)	29 S (16/10/12)	189.5 mm (7.43 inches)
Minimum	-1.4 (28/10/12)	999 (13-19/10/12)	Highest Daily Rainfall	20 mm (0.79 inches) 2/10/12

More rain and cloud than is usual for October.

## Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

Following last month's discussion about the nissen huts on Tayne Field, I have received some information that the huts were all used for cooking services. One was a cookhouse and the rest were used as storerooms for food. Also, my informant has told me that the Parish Church Hall (which stood in Rectory Lane until the 1980s) was used as a dining room for those soldiers billeted in the locality. Another person has contacted me and let me know that some soldiers were billeted in the High Street.

In summary, it appears that during WW2, soldiers were billeted in empty rooms and houses throughout the village. They may also have slept in the nissen huts on Tayne Field. Who were these soldiers living in this locality? Alan Boughton has provided me with a chronological list of the regiments. This list starts in 1940 and ends in 1944, prior to D Day:

1. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
2. London Rifles
3. 46<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Corps
4. Possibly a Fusilier regiment
5. Reconnaissance Corps again
6. Staffordshire Regiment
7. Canadian regiment.

This list is not complete and Alan has some doubts about its accuracy. If anyone can add to this list please let me know.

Now on to a different subject, I have been told of foxes and badgers being seen around the Parish Church. There maybe nothing unusual in this, I recall seeing them when I lived in that locality, but one of the foxes seen recently was a large dog fox which was completely black with a white tip to his tail. Apparently, black foxes are a genetic variant of the common Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*). They are rare in the UK because in the past they were hunted for their unusual fur pelt to make fur coats. In the North America, meanwhile, twenty per cent of Red Foxes are the black variant. This is thought to be because they have not been hunted as much. Have you seen any black foxes locally? Let me know.

Another unusual fauna sighting in the locality is an albino badger. This all white creature has been sighted several times in the locality of Loughborough Lane, the road from New Barn Cross to Farthing Common. Likewise, if you have seen the albino badger let me know where and when you saw it. Incidentally, I recently saw a map of Lyminge from 1760. New Barn Cross was labelled Cross in Hand. So, we now know the name of this cross roads prior to the new barn being built after the old one was razed to the ground by arson in the Swing agricultural riots of 1830.

If you have any questions or answers about the locality's heritage please contact me. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. **Alistair Bailey (email: [abailey447@aol.com](mailto:abailey447@aol.com) tel: 864235)**

## Lyminge News reaches into the heart of Canada....

"I would like to say how much I have enjoyed reading the November Newsletter. As a child I lived in Upstreet Cottages in Etchinghill and children from this village used to walk across the fields to Lyminge School which was located close to the Parish Church. I started at the school in 1937 and Miss Gaskell was the "infants' class" teacher, Mr Nash Brown being the headmaster.

I am now living in Canada and have done so for over 50 years but when we come to England to visit family my husband and I, and sometimes our son, make a "pilgrimage" to Etchinghill and Lyminge. It always brings back some amazing memories. It is lovely to see that you are so dynamic"

**Anne Robinson. [nee Hatton]** Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

## Cleaning out the Nailbourne

On behalf of the Lyminge Association and the Parish Council, a big thank you to the 16 volunteers, who joined together to clear out the Nailbourne in Tayne and Well Fields.

On Wednesday 14 November they turned up and did such an excellent job of clearing weed, grass, wood, stones and bricks out of the Nailbourne. The stream now looks infinitely better and it is hoped that it will stay clear well in to next summer.

Thanks again to all the volunteers

**Lyminge Association**

**Lyminge Parish Council**



## Have a safe and happy Christmas .....

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is urging residents to stay safe this Christmas and ensure that the festive season doesn't end in tragedy. Head of Community Safety Stuart Skilton said: "In all the excitement of Christmas it's easy to overlook potential fire hazards in the home. Many of the things we enjoy during this festive period, such as the fairy lights, candles, wrapping paper and decorations can all be fire hazards when proper care is not taken. Christmas can be a distracting time too, with a greater risk of leaving cooking unattended, and with many enjoying a Christmas tippie (or two), so make sure this doesn't lead to disaster."

Follow these festive safety tips to keep your family and home safer from the increased risk of fire:

- **Ensure you have a working smoke alarm installed on all levels of your home.** Test your smoke alarms weekly and never remove batteries to power presents!
- **Never leave cooking unattended** - stand by your pan - and avoid cooking after drinking. The majority of fires start in the kitchen.
- **Never leave candles unattended.** Keep decorations, cards and wrapping paper away from candles, fires, lights and heaters.
- **Ensure you switch off fairy lights** and unplug them before you go to bed, or leave the house. Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598).
- **Always use an RCD (residual current device)** on outdoor electrical equipment (a safety device that can save lives by instantly switching off the power if there is a fault).
- **Don't overload sockets** - ensure there's only one plug per socket and always turn off plugs when they are not in use.
- **Make sure cigarettes are extinguished** properly and never smoke in bed.
- **Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.**
- **Plan and practice your fire escape route** making sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an emergency.
- **Check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas**, as they are at greater risk from fire.
- **And finally, in the event of fire: get out, stay out and call 999.**



Kent Fire and Rescue Service offers free fire safety advice. If needed, it's community safety team can arrange a free home safety visit, which takes about 30 minutes and includes, if needed, the fitting of free smoke alarms. For further information contact KFRS on 0800 923 7000 or visit [www.3breaths.info](http://www.3breaths.info). Please note: All our staff carry identification to prove they work for Kent Fire and Rescue Service and will be more than happy to wait at the door if any resident feels they need to check they are genuine employees.

### ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE MARKET

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.00AM - 12.30PM**

**AT THE ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**Local crafts and decorations for the festive season**

Etchinghill Market will take its annual break in January, and return on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013. Would you like to be part of your local market? Tables are available from February at £10. Try it for one month, or book in advance for a discount. Earn yourself a few pounds selling whatever you have a surplus of, and help support the upkeep of the village hall.

Etchinghill Village Market will be back next year on  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February 2013**

**A happy new year to everyone, and we look forward to  
your support during 2013.**

Charity No 302736

For more information contact John White - 01303 863819

### M & T BRITTON FARMS

Jubilee Farm, Gate Lane,

Rhodes Minnis CT4 6YA

### Jubilee Christmas Farm Shop

Open from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012

stocking our own meat, our own pork chipolatas and sausage meat, seasonal local vegetables, local crafts, gingerbread houses and lots of other Christmassy things.



### Christmas TURKEYS

Our own Free Range Organic Bronze Turkeys

[www.brittonfarms.co.uk](http://www.brittonfarms.co.uk) Office Tel: 01303 862317  
(answer phone)



## Christmas Day 2012



**Will you be spending it on your own?**

If so, you may be interested in coming to the

### **The Christmas Day Lunch Club**

We provide a superb home cooked traditional 3 course Christmas Lunch with entertainment, in a friendly festively decorated setting and even a pack up tea to take home.

### **Who Qualifies?**

Elderly singles, couples or groups of friends in the Elham Valley who deserve a 5\* Christmas Day in good company.

Guest contribution £5 each,

**bookable by 22 December**

For full details phone

**Sam on 01303 863256**

Transport available

## **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* [now known as the *Tayne Centre*] 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 (1<sup>st</sup> session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for adults and children.

For more information 'phone Karen 01303 863274

## **LYMINGE GARDENING SOCIETY**

The first event in our busy 2013 programme will be

### **"BARNSDALE –**

### **The Television Years"**

A talk by Nick Hamilton; son of the late Gardeners World presenter Geoff Hamilton.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7.30pm,

The Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge

Members £3 Non-members £4

Tickets are available **NOW** from the Age UK centre, Station Road, Lyminge. Ticket numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. New members and

visitors always welcome

For more information please call Veronica on

01303 862264



## **LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL**

Proudly Presents

### **THE RAILWAY SWING BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Wednesday 12 December at 7:30pm

Tickets now available from Laing Bennett

£10.00 per person

DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:30pm

Raffle, Licensed Bar

Teas & Coffees, Mince Pies

Organisers: Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

## **Folkestone Rainbow Centre and The Stompers .....**

....would like to thank all of those people who helped, aided and supported their fun night at Lyminge Village Hall on the 3rd November.

They raised an incredible **£770.00**

Special thanks go to the following companies who donated prizes for the grand draw: Laing Bennett, Samuel Jacobs, National Paint Ball, Leeds Castle, Go Ape, Obidoshy Hythe, AEC, A.Simmonds Folkestone, Roseneath Ceramics, Bannatynes, Portraits by Roger, Brampton Lodge, Dental Care Folkestone, Etchinghill Golf Club, China China.

***Many thanks - Roger Goody***

## **Coach & Horses**



*Wishing You Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*

### **Christmas Gifts Sale**

Thursday 6th December 6.30pm start

**New Years Eve Party \*\*\*\*\*Disco\*\*\*\*\***

Tickets available from 1<sup>st</sup> December

### **Christmas Opening Times:**

Christmas Eve: 12noon - 11pm (Kitchen open as usual )

Christmas Day: 12noon - 2pm (Food served for pre-ordered Christmas Lunch only)

Boxing Day: 12noon - 6pm (Kitchen closed - Bar only)

New Years Eve: 12noon - late (after 8pm - Tickets only)

New Years Day: 12noon - 6pm (Food served 12noon - 3pm)

**Contact: 01303 862694**



## Lyminge Pre-School



**'OUTSTANDING' - in every category**  
**Ofsted Feb 2011**

**We are now open between 8am and 5pm**  
**ALL YEAR ROUND**

We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic and highly qualified staff passionate about providing the highest standards of childcare.

To arrange to meet the team, please call:  
01303 863149 (day) or 07709420736 (eve).

Alternatively, email [admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk) and visit our website [www.lymingepreschool.org.uk](http://www.lymingepreschool.org.uk)

## 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 for more information

## Samuel Jacob Hair Salon

We can't believe its that time of year again; it has flown by. So Helen, Sue, Tracey, Kara, Terri and Gina would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

01303 863732

## In Aid of Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity: 283483  
Park House, Stelling Minnis, Kent CT4 6AN  
Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007  
Website: [www.lordwhisky.co.uk](http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk) ~ Email: [lord.whisky@btinternet.com](mailto:lord.whisky@btinternet.com)

### Bring your pets and join us at our Christmas Celebration & Animal Blessing Service

Saturday 8th December at 2.30pm  
At the Lord Whisky Centre, Rhodes Minnis  
Service led by The Revd Coleman

### The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms 3-course Christmas Lunch

£15.95pp  
Wednesdays 5th and 12th December  
Please phone 01303 862349 for further information and bookings.

## Shuttlesfield Barn – 4 Star Gold – Self Catering

Rural location. Two bedrooms, ensuite bathroom and wetroom. Disabled facilities. Short and longer stays.



Families, dogs, horses welcome. Located on walking, cycling, riding routes. Heated outdoor pool in summer.



Info@shuttlesfieldbarn.co.uk Tel: 01303862729  
[www.shuttlesfieldbarn.co.uk](http://www.shuttlesfieldbarn.co.uk) CT18 8LB



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**Fitness Finally Fun with Kate!!**

**Classes start on 21 September at Etchinghill  
Village Hall**

**Fridays: 5.45-6.45pm**

**Meet new friends, get into shape and have  
bags of fun!!!**

**For more information call Kate on  
07590845366**

## Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

### Christmas Beetle Drive 7.30pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**Adults £2 – Children 50p**



This will be Bring-and-Share refreshments, with tea/coffee provided. Raffle. Come and enjoy a family fun evening. New Players very welcome

## Brampton Lodge Residential Home

4 Dixwell Road, Folkestone

### Social Day

Every Wednesday 10am-4pm

Tailored for the "Young at Heart"

Massage therapy, Music for Health, Arts & Craft, Quizzes,  
Board Games, Bingo, Wii and much, much more

Please ring Brampton Lodge 01303 258227

or Katherine Goody 01303 862979

## YOGA & RELAXATION CLASSES



Local friendly classes suitable  
for all ages & abilities

Mon 1.30-3.30pm Elham Village Hall

Mon 7-8.30pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Wed 6.30-8pm Elham Village Hall

Thurs 9.30-11.00am Etchinghill Village Hall

Tel: Christine Yorke on 01303 863196 or email

yorkes@yoga4freedom.co.uk or visit [www.yoga4freedom.co.uk](http://www.yoga4freedom.co.uk)

## Lyminge Village Hall

### 100 CLUB RESULTS

The monthly winner of the

New Village Hall 100 Club

was drawn at the Coach & Horses

in October 2012

The winner was

**Verity Thompson**

If you would like to join our the club then please contact

**Niki - 862530 or Sue - 862696**

Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

## LymingeRunners.org.uk

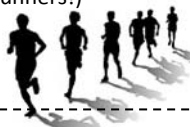
Friendly running group in your village. We meet every Saturday at 09:00 outside Lyminge Village Hall whatever the weather. We run different routes depending upon how we feel on the day. The terrain is both on and off road, distance is about 5 – 7 miles and takes about an hour and a half. All speeds catered for. No age limit. Cost is **free**.

In addition to our Saturday runs, we travel away to compete in various race meetings. (But we are by no means professional runners!)

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

See you online and out on the trails.

Pete Lindley



## SATURDAY MARKET

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Last Minute Gifts

15 Dec 9am to 1pm

Cakes, Infused Oils, Mulled Wine,

Fruit, Veg, Pork, Preserves

**Tayne Centre**

**Church Road, Lyminge**



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EVENING  
OF

**CHRISTMAS  
'ENTERTAINMENT'  
AT  
THE TAYNE CENTRE,**

**7-30PM, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012.**

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT FOR YOUR  
ENLIGHTENMENT & ENTERTAINMENT;

FEATURING, BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT,

**THE LYMINGE LARKS,**

SUPPORTED BY

MEMBERS OF THE

**LYMINGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

**& OTHER PERFORMERS OF QUALITY.**

THE PRICE OF A TICKET IS **£5.**

(REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.)

TICKETS FOR THE EVENING WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM  
1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER AT THE ESTATE AND LETTING AGENTS,

**LAING BENNETT** IN STATION ROAD, LYMINGE AND  
BY TELEPHONE ON **862073.**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE TAYNE CENTRE.

## Notice to Business Advertisers

As from 1st January 2013, the business ads at the back of the newsletter will appear on the web version of the **Lyminge Newsletter** ([www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter)). To help to facilitate this additional form of advertising the **monthly fee will increase to £9.50 and the annual charge to £95 (two months free).**

**Peter Barnes Editor 01030863737**

## Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Booking Secretary Required

If you feel you would like to do

this job, please contact

Roger Goody 01303862979

## Lyminge Historical Society

**THE TAYNE CENTRE**

on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**7.45pm.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Followed by a talk by

**Derek Boughton**

Entitled

**"My Favourite Kent Books"**

New members and visitors are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you.

Cantores Dominicae  
invites you to a  
**(CHRISTMAS CAROL  
CONCERT**

**Wednesday 19 December 2012  
at 7.30pm**

at  
**St Mary &  
St Ethelburga Church, Lyminge**

**Musical Director: Adrian Bawtree**

Tickets £6.00 on the door on the night  
or from Box Office - Laing Bennetts  
Call 07717 500060 for more details

# WINTER BLUES QUIZ

**26<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

We hope you enjoyed Christmas.  
Now unwind with our friendly quiz at

**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 Rea Charity 281845



**TUESDAY  
Lyminge**

C of E Primary School  
Church Road  
5.30 and 7.30

**WEDNESDAY  
Hythe**

Hythe Pavillion  
(opposite swimming pool)  
9.30

For both groups call  
Kirsty 07980 940368

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## Christmas Joke:

Mary said to Joseph: "Put the rubbish out love." "I can't," he replied. "It's Christmas - there's no room in the bin."

## The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity No: 283483  
Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6AN  
Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007  
Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com  
[www.lordwhisky.co.uk](http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk)

**Come and visit The Lord Whisky Tea Room  
at Rhodes Minnis**

Open every day from 10am-4pm  
for delicious breakfasts, lunches, teas and snacks

**3-course Christmas Lunch  
£15.95pp**

Wednesdays 5th and 12th December  
Please phone 01303 862349 for more information  
and bookings.

We are also open the last Friday of the month from  
6pm-9pm

All meals £5.50

*Cod, Chips & Peas*

*Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes, Chips & Peas*

*Ham, Egg & Chips*

*Vegetable Quiche, Chips & Salad*

*Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese & Salad*

*Puddings available from the chilled cabinet*

**Why not stay for the GAMES EVENING?**

Bring your favourite board game or discover something  
new.

A fun evening suitable for over 12s. £5 to include  
tea/coffee

For further details ring Jenny on 07803 037471

## TAYNE CENTRE Hall HIRE

Previously known as the  
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall



**Clayson Hall 1 June to 30 September** £5.50 per hour  
£19.00 per 4 hour session  
**1 October to 31 May** £35.50 full day  
£26.50 per 4 hour session £8.00 per hour  
(including heating) £46.50 full day

### Rigden Room (Parlour)

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

**Burren Room** All Year £4.00 per hour, with use of electric-over heater, if required.

### Overnight Stays

1 June to 30 September £33; 1 October to 31 May £44

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



**for buses from Lyminge Post Office to  
Folkestone Town Centre via Etchinghill & Cheriton High St.**

**MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Bank Holidays**

There are route 17 buses at 0705 (not Saturdays), 0749, 0912, 0939 (not Saturdays), 1004, 1104, 1204, 1304, 1404, 1504, 1614 (1619 on schooldays), 1629 (schooldays only), 1654 (schooldays only), 1719, 1819, 1919, 2113 and 2313.

There are also route 18 buses to Sandling Stn & Hythe - for times see our website or call the number below.

**SUNDAYS & BANK HOLIDAYS**

There are route 17 buses at 0947, 1147, 1347, 1547, 1802 and 2002.

**for buses from Lyminge (opposite Samuel Jacob) to  
Canterbury City Centre via Elham, Barham & Bridge**

**MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Bank Holidays**

There are route 17 buses at 0727 (schooldays only), 0732, 0752, 0904, 0944, 1044, 1144, 1244, 1344, 1444, 1559 (Saturdays and Mondays to Fridays during school holidays only), 1614 (schooldays only) 1704, 1804, 2001 and 2201.

There are also route 18 buses to Canterbury via Stelling Minnis and Bossingham - for times see our website or call the number below.

**SUNDAYS & BANK HOLIDAYS**

There are route 17 buses at 0827, 1027, 1227, 1427, 1642 and 1842.

These times will operate from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012.



**timetable information 0871 200 22 33**

Calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras

**www.stagecoachbus.com/eastkent**

## Lyminge Village Hall

Lyminge Village Hall, now one of only 14 Hallmark Level 2 accredited village halls in Kent, offers an excellent venue for up to 160 people. The Hall meets the needs of a wide variety of activities with its small Committee Room, larger Club Room and Main Hall with its bar, servery and large stage. The Management Committee organise regular fundraising events including Quiz Nights, annual Firework Display and the very popular Lyminge Day each May. With a full stage available we welcome concerts and bands. Excellent car parking, full kitchen facilities and plenty of tables and chairs make Lyminge Village Hall a great local venue for larger celebrations or charity events. Wednesday evenings will soon be available for hire. Rooms can be booked individually for smaller activities. We remain a very competitive local venue with examples of prices being: Friday or Saturday evening £65.00  
Weekday evenings £20.00 All day Saturday £135.00

**For full price details and room availability please give our booking secretary Jacqui Storey a call on 862044**

## ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES

The next time you are thinking of holding a function you should try Etchinghill Village Hall, which holds the highest Hallmark accreditation level, with its excellent facilities, including ample parking space.

The standard hire charge for the main hall and kitchen are:

Weekdays	£10.00 per hour
Saturdays	£12.00 per hour
Sundays	£12.00 per hour

During the winter months (1 November to 31 March) a Winter Supplement of £1.00 per hour is added to the above rates.

Special rates apply for weddings and all day events with a range of discounts on the above rates applying to all lettings of more than three continuous hours and additional discounts are available to Etchinghill Residents and Regular Hirers.

The use of a separate Committee Room is also available.

For all bookings or enquiries please contact:

**Sylvia Williams on 01303 863547**

## 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 21p 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**



# EVENT PLANNER

This page is printed to give readers and organisers the opportunity of planning events without clashing with existing ones which are already in the 'diary'. It is not intended as a means of advertising and we take no responsibility for errors or omissions. Acceptance is at the discretion of the editor. Please send your updates either by email to [Page3lym@aol.com](mailto:Page3lym@aol.com) or via methods outlined on Page 2. Location and name codes follow:

**C&H:** Coach & Horses; **ECC:** Etchinghill Cricket Club; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES:** Elham Square; **JF:** Jubilee Field; **KH:** Korf House; **LB:** Laing Bennett; **LL:** Library; **LMC:** Lyminge Methodist Church; **LPC:** Lyminge Parish Church; **LPO:** Lyminge Post Office; **LSH:** Lyminge School Hall; **LVH:** Lyminge Village Hall; **LW:** Lord Whisky; **NP:** Nailbourne Parlour; **NVH:** Newington Village Hall; **PC:** Postling Church; **PH:** Lord Whisky, Park Hse. **RVH:** Rhodes Minnis Village Hall; **RMC:** Rhodes Minnis Church; **SNL:** See NewsLetter for details; **TC:** Tayne Centre.

ONE OFF or IRREGULAR EVENTS					ONE OFF or IRREGULAR EVENTS				
Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1 Dec	7pm	Big Fat Christmas Quiz	EVH	863547	19 March	7.30pm	Gardening Club	TC	862264
4 Dec	7.45pm	Historical Soc AGM and speaker	TC		30 March		Easter Egg Hunt	LVH	
5,6,7,8 Dec	7.30pm	Beauty and the Beast	LVH	863393	27 April		Spring Quiz	LVH	
8 Dec	3.30pm	Beauty and the Beast	LVH	863393	11 May		Lyminge Day	LVH	
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Railway Swing Band Concert	LVH	862928	13 July		Summer Dance	LVH	
15 Dec	7.30pm	A Christmas EnterTAYNEment	TC	862073	14 September		Autumn Quiz	LVH	
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Cantores Domincae Christmas Concert	LPC	86221	5 November		Bonfire Night	LVH	
22 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	Lyminge Parish Carol Service	LPC		16 November		Christmas Quiz	LVH	
25 Dec	Noon	Christmas Day Lunch Club	LVH	863256					
21 Jan	7pm	ERA Cinema Club – Salmon Fishing in the Yemen	EHV	862873					
26 Jan	7pm	Winter Blues Quiz	LVH						
1 March		Ladies Pamper evening	LVH						

WEEKLY EVENTS					WEEKLY EVENTS				
Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10:00am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed	7:30pm	Cantores Domincae Choir	LSH	01233 503686
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	TC	01233 750223	Wed	7:30pm	Circuit Training	TC	07951 698 008
Mon	2:30pm	Monday Fellowship	TC	862164	Wed	8:00pm	Scottish Dancing	EVH	
Mon	7:30pm	Circuit Training	TC	07951 698 008	Thu	10:00am	RM Toddler Group	RVH	863096
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thu	10:00am	Art Group – Morning	TC	211364
Tues <sup>1</sup>	10.00am	Baby and Toddler Group	TC	863274	Thu	2:00pm	Art Group – Afternoon	TC	862972
Tues	6pm	Football Training	JF	07967342226	Thu	6.00pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Wed	10:15am	Gentle Exercise Class	TC	862465	Fri	9:10am	Circuit Training	TC	07951 698 008
Wed	7:00pm	French Conversation Grp.	KH	862972					

MONTHLY EVENTS					MONTHLY EVENTS				
When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	7.00pm	Etchinghill Cinema	EVH	862873	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	10:00am	Village Market	EVH	863819
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	10:00am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morn.	PC	863536
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues <sup>2</sup>	7:45	LHS Talk/Event	TC	862972	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	8:00am	Coins For Clutter	TC	862164
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	2:30pm	Etchinghill W.I.	EVH	863503	Last Sat	11:00am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	863474
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	10:30am	Mothers' Union	NP	862221	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10.00am	Parish Walk	Richard	862015
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	10:30am	Lyminge Friends	LMP	862427					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	7:30pm	RM Evening Circle	RVH	862913					
Last Wed	7:30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694					
4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	7:30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616					

<sup>1</sup> In term time only <sup>2</sup> Except Jan, Feb, June and August

# Out and About

*Do you have any photos of local events or local groups in action, please call 01303 862699. Give your group a FREE plug !*



... Most of the day is used in setting up the huge number of fireworks arranged ready to be fired to match the music tracks, preparing all the food and drink to be ready for the evening and setting up the sound system for the music. A big Thank You to everyone who gives their time for this village event.

**The Village Hall Committee** put on yet another spectacular firework display complete with music and a lovely clear night !

◀ A lot of work goes on in the background for this event. ...



**Remembrance Day** was marked with a very large gathering at the village War Memorial on a beautiful, crisp, sunny morning. This year several extra names were added for those who had fallen in recent conflicts - a sad reminder of the troubles in the world. See the poem overleaf for a thoughtful take on Christmas 2012 written and sent in by Jacqueline Andrews.



◀ **St. Nicholas Fayre** at Lyminge Village Hall on 24th November. St Nicholas himself opened the Fayre and then Lyminge Primary School Singers sang two delightful carols to set the proceedings going. All the stalls were beautifully decorated with fresh greenery and a vast range of produce was on sale.

## Mystery Photo

Last month's picture was the top of the China China sign outside the restaurant. How about this one ?

Keep looking upward !







▲ **St. Ethelburga's Well and the Nailbourne** What a difference ! Further work and improvement to the area is planned for next year. ▼



▲ Father Christmas managed to fit in a quick visit to Lyminge to press the big button to switch on the **Christmas Tree Lights**. In spite of miserable weather a large group came to see Father Christmas and once again the Primary School Singers turned out to sing for everyone. Many had already performed at the St. Nicholas Fayre. We even managed a quick snowstorm to set the scene!

*By the way it's not too late to have a bracket, tree and lights to join in the display in Station Road or Canterbury Road. Call 862699 for more information.*

*Thank you to all those who have the trees and lights that make Lyminge look so good at Christmas. Also thanks to Laing Bennett for helping the Lyminge Association once again and to Lyminge Country Store for joining in with the event.*

## A World-Wide View of Christmas 2012

Jacqueline Andrews, Lyminge

The season of goodwill is again upon us,  
Hear the joy-bells ring out far and wide,  
And let us once more all come together,  
To heal the differences that do us divide

But what of all the war-torn countries,  
Leaving thousands to live in mortal fear,  
Should we care how many are slaughtered  
If it be somewhere else and not here?

What of all the very small children,  
Done unto death by a bomb-laden plane,  
Not for them the joy of a Christmas tree,  
Or a toy received in His Name.

What of all the grief-stricken mothers,  
So soon parted from their beloved newly born,  
Will they not have a lifetime to shed their tears  
And behind closed doors sadly mourn?

What of all the brave-hearted soldiers  
Called to arms in distant lands far away,  
But does not violent strife or the wanton loss of life  
Profit none at the end of the day?

What now of all the elderly people,  
Who so often are discouraged by neglect,  
For who could deny the answer did lie,  
In the erosion of compassion and respect.

What too of all the homeless beings  
With very little to ever call their own,  
But an indifferent street or a hard park-bench seat,  
And at night a cold slab of stone.

What of they who undaunted swell their coffers  
At the cost of a big divide between rich and poor,  
And what too of they who eat well everyday  
Whilst others go cold and hungry all the more.

What too of all the mindless savage cruelty  
Suffered so by all creatures great and small,  
For should we not care if their cries of despair  
Do forever on deaf ears fall.

So yet again let all the faithful come together,  
Let the Spirit of Love freely flow,  
And rejoice fully, in thanksgiving, sing our praises,  
For the Christ child born to Mary long ago.



# Lyminge Businesses' Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

	Mon 24-Dec Christmas Eve	Tues 25-Dec Christmas Day	Wed 26-Dec Boxing Day	Thur 27-Dec	Fri 28-Dec	Sat 29-Dec	Sun 30-Dec	Mon 31-Dec New Year's Eve	Tues 01-Jan New Year's Day	Wed 02-Jan	Thurs 03-Jan
<b>Age Concern</b>	9am-1.30pm 9am-1pm 2.30-5.30pm	Closed	Closed	9am-1.30pm 9am-1pm 2.30-6.30pm	9am-1.30pm 9am-1pm 2.30-5.30pm			9am-1.30pm 9am-1pm 2.30-6.30pm	Closed	8.30am-3.30pm 9am-1pm 2.30-6.30pm	9am-1pm 2.30-6.30pm
<b>Chemist</b>						9am-1pm	Closed				
<b>China China</b>	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
<b>Claire's Country Kitchen</b>	9am-2pm 12noon-11pm Kitchen open	Closed 12noon-2pm Ordered Lunch	Closed 12noon-6pm Kitchen closed	Closed 12noon-11pm Kitchen open	Closed 12noon-11pm Kitchen open	Closed 12noon-11pm Kitchen open	Closed 12noon-11pm Kitchen open	Closed 12noon to late After 8pm tickets	Closed 12noon-6pm Food 12-3pm	7.30am-4pm 12noon-11pm Kitchen open	7.30am-4pm 12noon-11pm Kitchen open
<b>Country Barn</b>	9am-1.30pm	Closed	Closed	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	9am-2pm	10am-12noon	10am-12noon	Closed	8.30am-1pm	8.30am-7.30pm
<b>Country Store</b>	9am-1.30pm	Closed	Closed	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	9am-2pm	10am-12noon	10am-12noon	Closed	8.30am-1pm	7.30am-7.30pm
<b>Food &amp; Wine</b>	7am-8pm	12noon - 2pm	8am-6pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	9am-12noon	7am-9pm	7am-9pm
<b>Four Candles</b>	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm	Closed	9am-5pm	10am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Green Insurance</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm
<b>Laing Bennett</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm
<b>Library</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-6pm	9am-12noon	10am-2pm	Closed	2pm-4pm	Closed	Closed	9am-6pm
<b>Newsagents</b>	7am-7.30pm	9am-3pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-5pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-7.30pm	7am-7.30pm
<b>Post Office</b>	9am-12.30pm	Closed	Closed	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	9am-1pm	Closed	9am-5.30pm	Closed	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm
<b>Red Dragon</b>	9am-1.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8am-6pm	8am-6pm
<b>Samuel Jacobs</b>	9am-1pm	Closed	Closed	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm
<b>Wholisticworks Clinic</b>	9am-12noon	Closed	Closed	9am-1pm	Closed	Emergency osteopath	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-12.30pm	

*"Merry Christmas; thank you Lyminge, for all your support"*