

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

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

March 2014

Produced by THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

Lyminge Association News

Spring Garage Safari ~ Congratulations to everyone who spotted the incorrect Roman numerals for the date last month! The date is of course, as you spotted from the Event Planner page, Saturday 26th April. As Spring approaches it's just the right time to turn those unwanted items into CASH! Registration forms will be available from the middle of March from Sunny Cottage, Canterbury Road.

First World War Presentation on June 14th at the Village Hall. Thank you to all those who have offered us information and items towards this event. We still need more photographs and stories of what life was like in Lyminge a hundred years ago. Were your grandparents living and working here then? Perhaps you have some old photos that you might like to lend us, or do you have a photo of farming or other occupations being carried on in the area? Please call Sandra or Adrian on 862699.

Lyminge Calendar 2015!

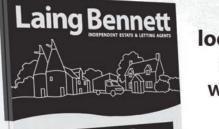
Spring is on the way! Now is the time to take pictures of "Lyminge Through the Seasons" views or events - ready for a competition in the Autumn. For further information call 862699.

Flooding Issues - turn to page 3 for information and warnings.





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01303 863393 **Lyminge Office**

With our excellent local knowledge, service and two local offices we will get you moving

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Church e-mail: office@lymingechurch.co.uk Church Website: www.lymingechurch.co.uk

8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2)

11.00am WOW (Ways of Worship)

Wed 5th March **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.30pm Holy Communion

with Imposition of Ashes

Sun 9th March 8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2)

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Wed 12th March 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)

7.30pm Lent Course – Building on a Rock

Coffee available from 6.50pm

Sun 16th March 11.00am Family Communion

with Children's Corner

6.00pm Evensona

Wed 19th March 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)

7.30pm Lent Course – Building on a Rock

Coffee available from 6.50pm

Sun 23rd March 8.00am Holy Communion (CW order 2)

11.00am Sung Eucharist

3.30pm to 5.30pm Messy Church – this is aimed at kids

& their parents and will involve crafts of all kinds, messy or otherwise. There will also be a short 10 min service followed by afternoon tea.

Wed 26th March 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)

7.30pm Lent Course – Building on a Rock

Coffee available from 6.50pm

Sun 30th March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

10.30am Benefice Sung Eucharist

followed by refreshments

Coffee Morning - Tues 11th March - 10.00am to 11.30am

In the lounge at Wentworth Close - everyone is welcome Contact Lynne on 863010 if you would like to come but need transport

Mothers Union - Wed 12th March - 10.30am

A talk about Women's Refuge in the lounge at Nailbourne Court Contact - Sue Rawlings 862221

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group - Wed 19th March - 2.30pm

This group meets once a month in the lounge at Nailbourne Court to knit prayer shawls & pray for our world Tea and coffee are provided

Contact Madelaine Lewis 863582

Ethelburga Luncheon Club - 20th March - 12.00 for 12.30pm

at the Coach and Horses Public House

Everyone is welcome and transport can be arranged, Please contact Lynne Lane - 863010

CHURCH MEMORIAL BOOK & CANDLES

We invite anyone interested in having their departed loved one's name entered in the church memorial book to forward names and relevant dates to: The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Lyminge, Kent please enclose £5 per entry to cover the calligraphy costs involved. There are also vacant slots for a lighted memorial candle above the Aumbry which remain lit for a week at a time please contact Lynne on 863010 if you are interested

PADDLESWORTH PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 2nd March No Services Sun 9th March 9.30am Holy Comm Sun 16th March No Service Sun 23rd March 6.00pm Evensong 9.30am Holy Communion No Services

Sun 30th March 10.30am Benefice Sung Eucharist

at Lyminge Parish Church

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.

2nd March Rev. Dr. Philip Luscombe

9th March Mr Dudley Shipton 16th March Rev Kevin Taylor (incl. Holy

Communion)

23rd March **9.30am** Valley Service at Elham 30th March Mrs Val Redding (Mothering Sunday)

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.

2nd March Rev. Derek Hancock 9th March Mr. Dudley Shipton

16th March Rev. Kevin Taylor (includes Holy

Communion)

23rd March NO service at Rhodes Minnis but a

Valley service at Elham Methodist at

9.30am

30th March Mrs. Val Redding

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

2nd March 3.30pm Evensong 9th March 9.30am. Morning Prayer **16th March** 8.00am Holy Communion 23rd March 9.30am **Family Communion** 30th March No Service in Postling

L.E.T. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team) **Lent Lunches at the Tayne Centre**

Enjoy a lunch of soup, roll, cheese and fruit for £3.00, every Friday during Lent

Starting on Friday 7th March from 12.30 to 1.30pm All profits go to the charity "Water Aid".

Lyminge Newsletter

Terms & Conditions. Copy deadline is 18th March

Please email your copy in word.doc format to the editor (pb@pbarnes20.plus.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

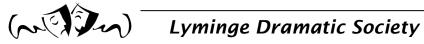
Business adverts cost £9.50 per month or £95.00 per year. Personal and charity adverts and articles from £1.50 per month, or £15.00 per year depending on size. The annual rate offers 12 entries for the price of 10. Please make cheques payable to 'The Lyminge Association' If you do not have email, a typed paper-copy can be left with the payment. Further details from Peter (editor) on 01303863737.

Editor: 01303 863737

WET WEATHER ISSUES

The recent rain and flooding have caused a few issues of which to be aware:

- Altered Bus Routes: As a result of severe flooding at Kingston the 17 service is being diverted and is not running a full service. This position is likely to continue for several weeks as the fields at Kingston that should take the water from the road are under water themselves. Therefore:
 - The only through services from Folkestone to Canterbury (including a diversion around Kingston) are the 7.10; 7.14; 738; 16.40; 17.40; 19.40; and, the 21.40. All other services will run from Folkestone and will turn round at Elham Vineyard.
 - The only through services from Canterbury to Folkestone (with the detour) will be the 09.00; 15.45; 16.10; 16.40; 17.40; 18.40; 20.40; and, the 22.40.
 - The 16 service from Folkestone to Canterbury is unaffected and Lyminge residents may wish to travel from Lyminge to Canterbury via Folkestone.
 - Details are on the Stagecoach website at: http://www.stagecoachbus.com/tisservice-update-details.aspx?id=1062
- Untreated Sewage in Nailbourne: filtered sewage is being discharged into the Nailbourne. This can lead to increases in diseases associated with this practice in both pets and humans. The advice is for pets, children and adults to avoid contact with the Nailbourne for the foreseeable future. Notices are being posted along the river warning the public of the risks.



Our new Spring Production 'Pack of Lies' by Hugh Whitemore, directed and produced by Barbara Harris, is on from Wednesday 9th April to Saturday 12th April at Lyminge Village Hall at 7.45. Tickets are £7.50 with concessions for senior citizens at £5 on the Wednesday and Thursday nights. They are available from Laing Bennett, Lyminge (01303 863393) from March 15th.

The Jacksons are an ordinary, pleasant, middle aged English couple and their very good friends are their Canadian neighbours, the Krogers. All is well in their world until a detective from Scotland Yard contacts them; he asks to use their house as an observation point in an attempt to foil a Soviet spy ring operating in the locale. When the detective reveals that the spies are the Krogers and he asks the Jacksons to help set a trap for the Krogers they are really put to the test. The big question is should they betray their very close friends? Come and see this memorable, tense thriller and how the issues are finally resolved.

Lyminge Youth Theatre has a full programme this month and meet every Monday at the Tayne Centre, behind the Methodist Church from 5.45pm. For more details contact Catherine on 862602.

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our next meeting is on the 19th March when Leslie Gould will give us a talk on The Life of a Japanese Lady. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome. For further details contact Diana Bennett on 862134.



Lyminge Friends

We celebrated our 6th Birthday in February with a great demonstration from Roger Swan - truly inspirational! Roger promised us something different and exciting and it was just that!

On Wed 5th March we have a talk by John Long on the D Day Landings. Afterwards we are going to the Walnut Tree in Aldington for Lunch. Make sure you let Marian know you are coming!

In April, on Wed 2nd our talk is on the Folkestone Winter Shelter and we will also be arranging our Easter Monday Lunch on 21st and the group trip to Chartham Garden Centre on 30th

Meeting are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre. We don't have membership fees, only the monthly entry fee, currently £2.00, which includes refreshments. We are a friendly social group and always welcome new members. If you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 863500 or 862044



The Jubilee Centre, Everist Court, Station Road, Lyminge

Tel: 01303 269602

News from the Jubilee Centre.....

The Charity Shop will be Open every Saturday from 1st March - 9.30am to 12.30pm. Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept donations of electrical items. Thank you for not leaving your donations outside when we are closed. The Clothes Sale continues on the first Monday each month.

Have you tried our Hand-care yet? Treatments include: cut, clipped, filed or painted nails and hand massage - the cost is £4.00. Call the Centre and ask for Sue.

Lunches are available in the Dining Room or the Conservatory Cafe for £4.35. Lunches consist of a fruit juice, main course and dessert and are followed by tea or coffee. The Menu changes daily and there is always an alternative available for specific dietary needs. Refreshments are available in the Conservatory Café where you can buy snacks or cakes with your tea or coffee.

Thank you to Kamal at the Post Office for sponsoring Lunches during the week leading to Mother's Day on March 30th - see our separate entry below for information and how to book.

We are collecting stamps to sell to raise funds. Please donate your unwanted stamps: new, used, old, foreign - whatever you have. Please put them in the box which is on the Conservatory Café counter.

Room Hires in the Centre, in addition to the Dining Room and Café that are available for hire in the evenings, we have a small meeting room that can be hired, even when the centre is open, for £4 per hour. The room holds up to eight people and is perfect for a small group as a meeting venue. Come and check it out.

We have a special offer on the hire of the upstairs activity room - on a Thursday or Friday morning - the room is available free if a minimum of six people stay for lunch afterwards.

We are still looking for a Quizmaster. Our Quiz Nights will be starting soon and we need a volunteer to be the quiz master. We hope to run 3 per year on a Saturday evening, please contact Matthew.

- **Diary Dates:**
 - Chairobics are on Tuesdays at 11.15am
 - Seated Exercise sessions are on Fridays at 11am
 - Singing for Health sessions are on the last Wednesday at 11am the next one is on 26th March.
 - The **Communion Service** will be at 11am on the **first Thursday**. Support & assistance with transport available.
 - Our Fun Bingo nights are in the Hythe Centre on Stade Street 7.30pm on the first Thursday.

For more information 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?



Age UK Hythe and Lyminge with Lyminge Post Office and **Convenience Store**

would like you to join them for a FREE lunch at the Age UK Centre, Everist Court

Kamal, the new owner of the Post Office, has very generously offered to buy lunch for everyone. This will happen every day during the week **24**th – **28**th March. We have a limited number of places; our regular clients will have first priority, but if you would like to come to try our lunch and see our other facilities you will be more than welcome.

Lunches consist of orange juice, main meal & dessert followed by tea or coffee. The menu for the week is as below:

Monday 24th March: Roast lamb, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, vegetables and cherry, coconut sponge & custard. Tuesday 25th March: Chicken and ham pie, mashed potatoes, vegetables and summer berry cheesecake.

Wednesday 26th March: Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, vegetables and mandarin trifle. **Thursday 27th March:** Pork steaks, potato bake, vegetables

and rice pudding and jam.

Friday 28th March: Fish and chips, jam sponge and custard.

We expect a quick take-up of this wonderful offer from Kamal so please don't delay in booking your place by ringing Matthew or Sue on 01303 269602.

We are sure you will join us in thanking Kamal for his exceedingly generous offer and he would love to welcome you to the Post Office too, where you can see the improvements and changes he has made.

Come and celebrate

St. Ethelburga Day Saturday 5th April

A chance to visit your 7th century church St. Mary & St. Ethelburga, Lyminge

Open 9.00 to 11.00 for morning coffee & guided tours

MUSIC on a FRIDAY and ST. **MARY'S AND ETHELBURGA CHURCH**

Lyminge.....

..... would like to thank all of those who braved the dreadful weather on Friday 14th February to join us for as most enjoyable evenings entertainment.

Thank you to Joskins Duo, Mike and Nora Chinneck, Rebecca Allen, Katherine and Roger Goody, Angela Scott-Smith and Ben Lock for giving of their time to sing and play for us and also those who helped with the refreshments.

16th May is the next Music on a Friday and the ukulele is back, but if you would like to sing or play for us on this Friday, please call Roger on 01303 862979

Lyminge Bowls Club



There has been a bowls club in Lyminge since 1933. The club is owned and run by its members and the current membership is about 80 players, more or less equal numbers of men and women. Many members live in Lyminge and Etchinghill but they also come from further afield, including Hawkinge, Folkestone and Ashford.

We play lawn bowls from our home green in Woodland Road, by the village hall. During the season (April to September) we play club competitions, friendly matches against other clubs, Shepway League and County and National competitions. Bowlers can be as involved and competitive as they wish or simply come along to the twice-weekly club games.

As well as a busy schedule of matches in the summer months, the club also has many social events. Out-of-season events include short-mat bowls, bingo, quizzes, darts and lunches.

We welcome people to come and watch the games; hopefully they will like what they see and think of joining us. We are always pleased to accept new members, both experienced and beginners. We offer beginners a 6-week training course in May and June. Watch out for our advert in the Newsletter in April giving full details.

You can find more information about club activities on our website at www.lymingbowlsclub.com or you can telephone Roger on 01303 862979 or Wendy on 01303 863495.

"Michael Lunts is a rare combination of accomplished writer, fine actor and talented pianist and, on stage, he both acts and performs the music." JOHN WADDINGTON, MEDIEVAL HALL, SALISBURY

Just one of the testimonials from literally hundreds of venues that have hosted performances of Michael Lunts' shows over the past decade; theatres and arts centres, stately homes and music societies, cruise liners and even embassy residences. From Canada to the Middle East, Germany to Australia and all over Britain and Ireland Michael's performances, combining drama and live music, have offered audiences a unique insight into the music and minds of these fascinating composers.

He is coming to Lyminge, don't miss him! The Tayne Centre on Friday 28th March (see advert)

'Tickling the Ivories'

a musical romp through one hundred years of comedy song performed from the piano by Michael Lunts. www.michael-lunts.co.uk

Don't miss this widely travelled and accomplished musical entertainer in a one-off show in this area!

Friday 28th March
7.30 pm - Tickets £10
The Tayne Centre, Church Rd, Lyminge,
CT18 8JA

Tickets from Laing Bennett Estate (
Agents, Lyminge

Phone 862073 for further information

Hall Redevelopment Fundraiser

Lyminge Handbell Ringers



Lyminge has its very Hand Bell group who enjoy playing a wide range of music throughout the year. Although we play for fun we also love to perform at local celebrations, fetes and family parties. You can come and hear us play before booking if you wish to select your own choice of music. We have an increasingly wide selection of music to choose from. All we need at the venue is a large table for our bells and music, room for up to 11 players and a minimum donation of £40 for our charity, the Nepali Children's Trust. A small contribution to travelling costs is also much appreciated for bookings more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice is helpful. Want more info or make a booking?

Simply call Ro Edmond on 863201 or email welldorm@aol.com

Lyminge Weather Statistics - January 2014

With thanks to Mr D. Godden for these weather statistics and notes.

| | Temperature (°C) | Air Pressure (hPa) | Wind Speed (mph) | Total Monthly Rainfall |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Maximum | 11.7 (12-13/01/14) | 1012 (12-14/01/14) | 49.0 SE (03/01/14) | 388.5mm (14.88in) |
| Minimum | -3.2 (07/01/14) | 976 (02-03/01/14) | Highest Daily Rainfall | 30.600 mm (1.20in) (31/01/14) |

January 2014 was warmer than average. This was lucky for us all, as the equivalent in snow to the rainfall could have been almost fifteen feet of snow if we received the bad weather experienced in North America earlier. However the Gulf Stream and associated winds kept us warm, as opposed to the arctic flow experienced in North America.

Etchinghill W.I.

Barbara Syrett welcomed members and one visitor to the February meeting and a special welcome back was given to Evelyn Holt after several months of infirmity. Rita Warner presented birthday posies to Alison Jelly and Barbara Syrett. Invitations were received from Barham and Folkestone W.I's for their birthday meetings and names were sought for a team to take part in the annual Top Team quiz in May. The speaker, Paul Beard from the children's charity, Barnardo's, gave an excellent presentation on its work and history. Dr. Thomas John Barnardo, the founder who was born in Dublin in 1845, had a vision to help vulnerable children. In 1867 he had set up a Ragged School where poor children could be educated and a year later he opened up a home and Mission Church in Stepney Causeway. By the time of his death at the age of only 60, the charity he founded had opened 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 children and today it helps 200,000 vulnerable children. The last home to close was in 1989 but schools still exist. Paul went on to tell a very poignant account of the time he and his wife fostered a small boy until his late teens and all the difficulties they experienced with him but he now doing well, has his own flat and has kept in touch.

The tea hostesses were June Price, Jacqui Storey and Chris Marshall who served a delicious tea and Gill Le Cras made and presented the President, Barbara Syrett with a birthday cake, which everyone enjoyed a slice of. The competition for a favourite children's book was won by Julie Tappenden, 2nd was Mary Hickmott and 3rd Doreen Brown. Daphne Andrews won the flower of the month competition. Next meeting is on Tuesday, March 18, 2.30pm in the village hall when Helen Kendall-Tobias will speak on make up for the 'Forever Forty Woman'. New members and visitors will be made most welcome. If you wish to know further information, contact Barbara 01303 265229 or Rita 863503

Etchinghill Update March 2014

Etchinghill Village Market The next Village Market will be held on Saturday 1st March at Etchinghill Village Hall from 10 to 12.30pm.

Open House is held every Monday morning in Etchinghill Village Hall from 10 to 12. Everyone is welcome. **Open House Diary:**

10th **March** Nikki Barratt will give a demonstration of Watercolour Art. There may be an opportunity to have-a-go! *Advance notice for April:*

7th April Eileen Jennings' talk is entitled 'Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro'.

28th April Italian Pasta lunch-another of Edna's Specials.

Cinema Club The next showing from the ERA Cinema Club will be held on Monday 17th March in Etchinghill Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The film will be: SUMMER IN FEBRUARY starring Dan Stevens (Downton Abbey), Dominic Cooper and Emily Browning.

Etchinghill Village Hall

Volunteers needed on Friday 5th April to help with annual Health and Safety checks and spring clean. Can you spare an hour or two between 9.00 and 4.00pm? Join in the fun: make a day of it: share lunch with us. Contact Rodney on 862028 for details.

What would YOU do if .

friends were enemy spies?

This question has been posed by Lyminge Dramatic Society



Lyminge Village Hall 100 CLUB RESULTS

The monthly winner of the Village Hall 100 Club

was drawn at the Coach & Horses in January 2014

The winner was

Selwyn Nichols ticket number 8
If you would like to join our the club then
please contact

Niki - 812651 or Sue - 862696

AQUAGOO



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

Harold Coppins RIP

It is with deep regret that we have to inform you that Harold Coppins, a long time and well known resident of Etchinghill, has passed away peacefully at the Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford. All are welcome at his funeral which will be held on **Tuesday 4th March** at 11.00 am. at Hawkinge Crematorium. Harold requested no flowers but that any donations should be given to the Hospice for all their good work. Tel: 01303 862873



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Coach & Horses



Sunday Carvery - £8.95

Friday Food Theme Nights 6-9pm

7th March - Mexican

14th March - Italian

21st March - Indian

28th March - Polish

26th March - Pub Quiz - 7.30pm startTeams up to 6 people - £2pp entry

29th March – THE BLAKEYS acoustic band Live Music – 9pm Start

Bookings and Contact: 01303 862694

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall



Beetle Drive

Friday 28th March 7.30pm



Bring and share food. Teas, coffee and juice provided. There will also be a raffle



Adults £2 - Children 50p



Everyone welcome to this family fun evening.

FREE RANGE EGGS Bridge Farm, Lyminge

Small £1 per dozen Medium £2 per dozen Large £3 per dozen



Also Duck Eggs
Can deliver – 1 dozen minimum
Call 01303863625

Friends of St Martin's, Acrise

present

An Evening of French Music, Food & Wine !!

Our very talented performers will entertain you with a wide variety of popular French accordion, harp, French horn, saxophone, flute, piano & vocal music.

Enjoy a wide range of French delicacies & scintillating wines!

Sunday 13th April 2014 5pm

St. Martin's Church, Acrise tickets only £15 including food & wine !!

(soft drinks available)

Following our previous successful events here's another opportunity to enjoy a great extravaganza of music & fun in the beautiful surroundings of our lovely church, but don't delay . . . tickets are limited so ring or email now !!!

01303 893931

acriserob@gmail.com

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Spring Flower Show Saturday 12th April 2014

All entries will be accepted on the day from 09.00 - 10.30

Schedules and entry forms are available from

- Daphne Andrews 862865
- Janet Fry 863177
- Online at www.rmvh.org.uk
- Lyminge Library

Show starts at 14.30 - Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Refreshments, raffle, tombola

All Welcome

For more information please contact:

Janet Fry - show@rmvh.org.uk or phone 01303 863177 Reg. Charity 800345

Helping To Keep Our Village And Countryside Tidy

This is Joe and his great uncle Robert. In late January they went out and did a circular route up Woodland Road and round Skeete Lane with 2 black sacks collecting all the rubbish in the hedgerows and on the road. Joe is 7 years old. He is always eager to go litter picking.

They live on the lane that looks so pretty in the summer. Unfortunately it seems to be a thoroughfare for delivery and car drivers and a seemingly suitable place to throw their rubbish out of their vehicle windows. They are hoping that if they continue to keep the lane clean, it will deter people from doing this!

We need more people like this – thank you Joe



Lyminge Village Hall

SPRING FEVER QUIZ

on Saturday 26th Apríl at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Bound down to the village hall for a fun packed evening

Tables of 6 - 8 persons £8.00 per person Two course hot supper Licensed Bar To book your table call: Honor 862928 or Niki 812651

Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

ST JOHN AMBULANCE HYTHE AND FOLKESTONE UNIT

SAVE A LIFE COURSE

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF OUR **SAVE A LIFE COURSE**HELD IN ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL IN NOVEMBER WE HAVE
BEEN ASKED FOR A REPEAT IN AN AFTERNOON. THIS HAS
BEEN ARRANGED FOR:

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH 2014 1.45pm for a 2pm start until 3.30pm

At Hythe St John Headquarters, Albert Lane, Hythe, CT21 6BY (Albert Lane is the turning next to The Hope public house, Stade Street, Hythe). Please wear trousers and flat shoes You must book a place for this free course by telephoning: Manager John Horn 07771 541522 or emailing: Maureen Lewse at

maureenlewsey btinternet.com

Etchinghill Village Market

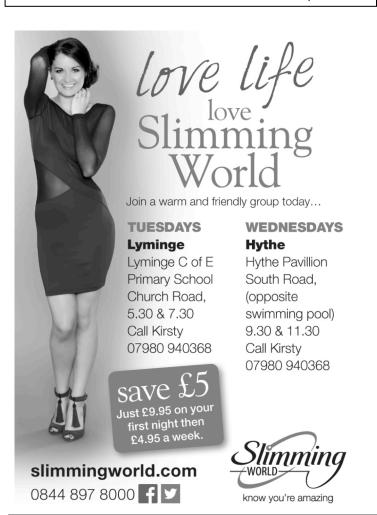
1st Saturday of each month

FRESH LOCAL PORK, BREAD BAKED ON THE DAY, HOME MADE CHUTNIES AND JAMS, LOCAL VEGETABLES, HOME MADE PIES AND CAKES, TOP QUALITY LOCAL CRAFTS, SPEND OVER £4 ON ANY ONE STALL AT THE MARCH MARKET AND HAVE A CUP OF **TEA OR COFFEE ON US.**

ETCHINGHILL THE LOCAL MARKET

For further details phone John 863819

For more information contact John White 01303 863819 Charity No 302736



LYMINGE ECUMENICAL TEAM

"SINGING AWAY YOUR WINTER BLUES"

WITH THE **CHERITON WARBLERS** TAYNE CENTRE CHURCH RD LYMINGE 22ND MARCH 7.15PM

EVERYONE WELCOME A FUN NIGHT FOR ALL NO CHARGE

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In aid of the

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 ~ Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms

at Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY Open daily from Ioam – 4pm. Also open Friday evenings 6pm-9pm Beautiful, peaceful setting and friendly staff Mothering Sunday Lunch - Sunday 30th March

See our website or call 01303 862349 for more details

Boot & Spring Fayre Saturday 3rd May at Park House Boots from 8am - Entertainment from 12noon

Creative Places

Creative Places provides a wide range of art and craft workshops in the local area, using local experienced artists as tutors, for people wanting to learn new skills and have a fun social experience.

Our 2014 Spring/Summer programme taking place at Barham Village Hall is now available!

Take a look at our 30 exciting creative courses and workshops taking place from February through to July:

Basket Making · Stained Glass · Still Life Drawing · Needle Felting · Skirt Making · Lip Balm & Bath Bombs · Candle & Soap Making Screen Printing · Upcycling · Dress Making Top Down Knitting · Curtain Making Lampshade Making · Pottery · Paper Cutting Lino Printing · Crochet · Yarn Spinning Quilting Traditional Framing Silver Clay **Photography**

Details from:

www.creativeplaces.org.uk or contact Tamasin@creativeplaces.org.uk / 07990 543397 Creative Places CIC

JUMBLE SALE



MARCH 29[™] 2PM



TAYNE CENTRE CHURCH RD LYMINGE RAISING MONEY FOR TAYNE CENTRE RENOVATION JUMBLE PLEASE CALL 01303 862710

SATURDAY MARKET WILL START APRIL 19TH



Lyminge Pre-School



'OUTSTANDING' - in every category Ofsted Feb 2011

We are now open between 8am and 6pm 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 lymingepreschool@gmail.com and visit our website 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

ETCHINGHILL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly toddler group which caters for babies and children from 0 to school age. Tea/coffee and healthy snacks are provided.

In dry weather there is outside access for the children. Crafts and a music session are provided each week. We meet on Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm

If you have any queries please contact

Kathy Robinson 07930919340

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 iigsaws.

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it is time to step down and will be doing so
during the next AGM in May. This will leave
several vacancies. In order to keep this
valuable village asset we need new blood to
continue where the "old (er) uns" have left
off.

It is not too onerous with currently only 6 main committee meetings per year. The fundraising has been kept separately so there's no need to commit to that as well unless of course you want to. Please consider yourself as a potential trustee. Can you spare 12 hours per year to keep (or improve) the hall so it remains an integral part of village life?

Please come to the AGM (20th May 2014) or for further information contact our chairman Dave Hunt-Cooke on 862928

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Lyminge Gardeners' Society



Saturday 5th April 2014

The Spring Show

The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Show starts at 2pm, prize giving at 4pm

Programmes and entry forms available

Programmes and entry forms available from:

Lyminge Post Office

Age UK Lyminge Centre

Veronica on 01303 862264

Classes include: flowers, veg, cooking, poetry, photography, and a child only class

Entries from new members, visitors and children most welcome; help available for 1st time exhibitors

Lyminge Gardeners' Society



Our new season of events begins with

'VEGETABLE

GROWING FROM SCRATCH'

A talk by Mr Dusty Miller

Tuesday 18th March, 7.30pm, The Tayne Centre

Members £2, Visitors £4

Followed by

BARNSDALE - PART 2

A talk by Nick Hamilton

A chance to find out what has happened at Barnsdale since Geoff passed away in 1996, plants also for sale Tuesday 15th April 2014, 7.30pm, The Tayne Centre Members £3, Non-members £5 (tickets in advance) Tickets are available NOW from The Age UK Lyminge Centre

Cantores Dominicae

Musical Director: Adrian Bawtree

Spring Concert

Saturday 22 March 7.30pm

Church of St. Mary & St. Ethelburga, Lyminge

Programme to include classical favourites, such as extracts from Vivaldi's "Gloria", & some folk songs.

Tickets £7.50

Available from Laing Bennett Estate Agents, or on the door on the night.

A donation will be made to the Church Maintenance Fund.

reg. Charity No. 1087409

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- Confucius

Swimmers Challenge

A team of swimmers from **Broadstreet House Residential Home** for Adults with learning disabilities will be completing the **Sports Relief Swimathon** at Folkestone Sport Centre on Sunday 16th March 2014.

The team hopes to complete **200 lengths** of the pool. The money they raise will go to various sports relief charities, including Marie Curie cancer care. Some of the residents will be walking The Mile.

Any donations or sponsors would be greatly appreciated. Please drop all donations into Broadstreet House, Broadstreet, Lyminge, Kent

We thank you for your support

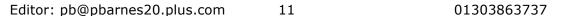
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ELHAM VALLEY & WYE LIONS CLUB



www.elhamwyelions.org.uk

You may have seen our plea last month for new members in order to keep the Christmas Float on the road. Well it's good news - we have had an encouraging response with some prospective new members coming along to a meeting in February. We are keen to build on this success and we are again asking you to consider joining us. We badly need new members to rejuvenate the club so that we can continue to support local community activities. What we do is decided by all members, so you can help shape our future activities. If you are male or female, any age, but young at heart and if you would like to get out of the house for a few hours each month, please call us: 0845 6015212, or call Roger Osborne on 07788 583335.

In March we will be running collections for the **Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal** at Ashford Tesco stores. Can you please help us beat last year's figure of £1,987? Could you do just a couple of hours on 20^{th} or 21^{st} March? **Please call us.**

Also, please support our Easter-Egg Raffle, coming soon to a pub near you!



Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday, 1st April 2014 7.30pm at

THE TAYNE CENTRE

An ILLUSTRATED TALK by Dick Bolton

on

The Battle of Bossenden Wood 1838 "...the last Battle on English Soil"

New members and visitors are welcome.

Refreshments will be served. Donations appreciated.

Lyminge Historical Society Mobile Tel.
No. 07759 260816

We are still looking to copy WW1 Memorabilia! Please contact John Carr on 862972 if you can help.

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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.

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ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES

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Sylvia Williams on 01303 863547

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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 by email to pb@pbarnes20.plus.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; **JC**Jubilee Centre; **JF:** Jubilee Field; **LB:** Laing Bennett; **LL:** Library; **LMC:** Lyminge Methodist Church; **LPC:** Lyminge Parish Church; **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. **PVH:** Postling Village Hall; **RVH:** Rhodes Minnis Village Hall; **RMC:** Rhodes Minnis Church; **SNL:** See News Letter for info; **TC:** Tayne Centre.

| ONE OFF or IRREGULAR EVENTS | | | | | ONE OFF or IRREGULAR EVENTS | | | | |
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| Date | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. | Date | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. |
| 22 March | 7.30pm | Cantores Spring Concert | LPC | 863992 | 13 July | | The Rudes Mechanical Co. | TF | |
| 28 March | 7.30pm | 'Tickling the Ivories" Concert | TC | 862073 | 18 July | 9.30am | Summer Fair | JC | 269602 |
| 5 April | 9-11am | St.Ethelburga Day Coffee Morning | LPC | 862073 | 2 August | | RM Summer Flower Show | RVH | |
| 5 April | 2pm | Lyminge Spring Flower Show | TC | 862264 | 9 August | 2pm | L'ge Summer FlowerShow | TC | 862264 |
| 12 April | | RM Spring Flower Show | RVH | | 19 August | 9am | Summer Outing, RHS Hyde Hall | TC | 862264 |
| 26 April | | Garage Safari | TC | | 25 August | | Pétanque/BBQ/Picnic | EVH | |
| 26 April | 7.00pm | Spring Quiz | LVH | 862928 | 13 September | | Ladies Pamper Evening | LVH | 862928 |
| 10 May | | Lyminge Day | LVH | 862928 | 14 September | | Garage Safari | LVH | |
| 10 May | | Youth Bake Off | EVH | 07521 372477 | 4 October | | Quiz | EVH | |
| 20 May | 7.30pm | Lyminge Village Hall AGM | LVH | | 5 October | | Combined Harvest Festival | LPC | |
| 1 June | | The Big Lunch | EVH | | 11 October | 7.30pm | Autumn Quiz | LVH | |
| 14 June | | WWI – Down Memory Lane | LVH | | 14 October | 7.30pm | Lyminge Gardeners' AGM | TC | 862264 |
| 21 June | | Midsummer-Evening Concert | LßPC | | 21 November | 9.30am | Christmas Fair | JC | 269602 |
| 28 June | 7.30pm | Summer Quiz | LVH | | 6 December | | St Nicholas Fayre | LVH | |
| 12 July | 7pm | Cantores Choir Prom | LVH | 863992 | | | | | |

| | WEEKLY EVENTS | | | | | WEEKLY EVENTS | | | | | |
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| Day | Time Event Wh | | Where | Tel. No. | Day | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. | | |
| Mon | 10:00am | Open House | EVH | 863394 | Wed | 6pm | Karate for Juniors | EVH | 07554004526 | | |
| Mon | 10.30am | Lyminge Larks (Singing) | TC | 01233 750223 | Wed | 7:00pm | French Conversation Grp. | KH | 862972 | | |
| Mon | 11am | Cookery | JC | 01303 269602 | Wed | 7:30pm | Cantores Domincae Choir | LSH | 01233 840961 | | |
| Mon | 2:30pm | Monday Fellowship | TC | 862164 | Wed | 7:30pm | Circuit Training | TC | 07951 698 008 | | |
| Mon | 5.45pm | Lyminge Youth Theatre | TC | 862602 | Wed | 8:00pm | Scottish Country Dancing | EVH | 862761 | | |
| Mon | 6.30pm | Judo Club | LVH | 862946 | Thu | 10:00am | RM Toddler Group | RVH | 863096 | | |
| Mon | 7:30pm | Circuit Training | TC | 07951 698 008 | Thu | 10:00am | Art Group – Morning | TC | 211364 | | |
| Tue ¹ | 10.00am | Baby and Toddler Group | TC | 863274 | Thu | 11am | Shopping Trips to Local Supermarkets | JC | 01303 269602 | | |
| Tue | 10.30am | Art Class | JC | 01303 269602 | Thu | 2:00pm | Art Group – Afternoon | TC | 862972 | | |
| Tue | 11.15am | Chairobics | JC | 01303 269602 | Thu | 6.00pm | Ballroom & Salsa Dancing | EVH | 07967979610 | | |
| Tue | 6pm | Football Training | JF | 07967342226 | Thu | 6.45pm | Short Mat Bowls | LVH | 862293 | | |
| Tue | 6.45pm | Short Mat Bowls | LVH | 862293 | Fri | 9:10am | Circuit Training | TC | 07951 698 008 | | |
| Wed | 10:15am | Mature Movers (Exercise) | TC | 862873 | Fri | 11am | Seated Exercise | JC | 01303 269602 | | |

| MONTHLY EVENTS | | | | | MONTHLY EVENTS | | | | | |
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| When | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. | Day | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. | |
| 3 rd Mon | 7.30pm | Etchinghill Cinema | EVH | 863333 | Last Wed | 7:30pm | Quiz Night | C&H | 862694 | |
| Last Mon | | Parish Council Meeting | SNL | | 4 th Fri | 7:30pm | Beetle Drive | RVH | 862616 | |
| 1st Tues | 11am | Reminiscence | JC | 01303 269602 | Last Fri 4 | 11am | Singing for Health | JC | 862364 | |
| 1st Tues ² | 7:30pm | LHS Talk/Event | TC | 862972 | Last Fri | 1.30pm | Team Quiz | JC | 269602 | |
| 3 rd Tues | 2:30pm | Etchinghill W.I. | EVH | 863503 | 1st Sat | 10:00am | Village Market | EVH | 863819 | |
| 3rd Tues ³ | 7.30pm | Gardening Society | TC | 862264 | 2 nd Sat | 10:00am | Postling Ch. Coffee Morn. | PC | 863536 | |
| 1st Wed | 10:30am | Lyminge Friends | LMP | 862427 | 3 rd Sat | 8:00am | Saturday Market | TC | 862164 | |
| 2 nd Wed | 10:30am | Mothers' Union | NP | 862221 | Last Sat | 11:00am | Lyminge Poetry Group | LL | 863474 | |
| 3 rd Wed | 7:30pm | RM Evening Circle | RVH | 862913 | 3 rd Sun | 10.00am | Parish Walk | Richard | 862015 | |

¹ In term time only ² Except Jan, Feb, July and August ³ Except Jan, Feb, Aug ⁴ Except Aug and Dec

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Out and About

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At the last Village Hall Quiz, held on 1st February, the team Frugal Fergus won the guiz with a high score of 110. Skeete Scribblers

pictured

here - came in last with a very respectable score of 76. The next quiz at the Village Hall quiz is on 26th April.



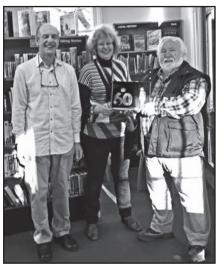
Anotherpictureofvolunteers enjoying themselves! The Lyminge Association committee held its annual dinner at the Coach & Horses at the start of February.



Members of Folkestone Division GirlGuiding, including Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from Lyminge, celebrated Thinking Day at Pent Valley Leisure Centre on Sunday 23rd February. The day marks the birthday [22nd February] of both Robert and Olave Baden Powell, who founded the Scouts and Guides over 100 years ago. It is also a time when the girls remember other people around the world.

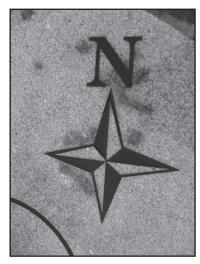


Sibton Park Cricket Club pavilion at the edge of the 'lake'. Let's hope that is as far as the water comes!



The hand over on 10th January of Library's the copy of the Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Photograph Album of Lyminge. This produced was Digital the by Quandary Group and was sponsored by the Lyminge **Historical Society**

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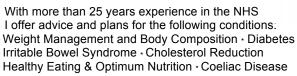
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The usual cause of CHD is a build-up of fatty deposits on the walls of the arteries that surround the heart. This can make coronary arteries narrower and restrict the flow of blood to the heart, which increases the risk of heart attack. People are at higher risk if they:

- smoke
- have high blood pressure (hypertension)
- have a high blood cholesterol level
- do not take regular exercise
- have diabetes

Other risk factors for developing atherosclerosis include being overweight and having a family history of CHD. This risk is increased if someone has a male relative with CHD under the age of 55 or a female relative under the age of 65.

People from an African Caribbean background have a higher risk of high blood pressure than all other ethnic groups in the UK. Coronary heart disease rates are at their highest in South Asian communities.

The good news, however, is that there are many ways of reducing the risk of CHD and lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels. These include:

- Eating a balanced and healthy diet and reducing salt
- Avoiding eating too much food that contains saturated fat, such as cakes and biscuits, cream and hard cheese
- Being more physically active
- Keeping to a healthy weight
- Quitting smoking
- Reducing alcohol consumption and sticking to recommended guidelines
- Keeping blood pressure under control
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