

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

April 2016

Produced by THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION www.lyminge.org.uk

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

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

Sun 3 rd April		Holy Communion (said) WOW (Ways of Worship)			
Wed 6 th April	•	Holy Communion (short said)			

7.30pm Open House Bible Study (tea/coffee served from 7.20pm)

Sun 10th April 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 11.00am **Sung Eucharist**

Wed 13th April 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House Bible Study

(tea/coffee served from 7.20pm)

Sun 17th April 11.00am Family Communion 6.00pm Evensong

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Wed 27th April 7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)

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ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Coffee Morning in Wentworth Close Lounge Friday 1st April from 10.00am to 11.30am

In the lounge at Wentworth Close (entrance via the car park) Please contact Lynne on 863010 or Laraine on 863216

Celebrating St Ethelburga's Day *'BISHOPS, ARCHBISHOPS & PRIESTS'*Saturday 2nd April at 10.30am in the church

An illustrated talk on the religious men who help to tell the story of St Ethelburga and her family

£3 including tea/coffee and biscuits

LYMINGE CHURCH APCM Tuesday 5th April at 7.00pm in the church

This is your chance to vote for your Church Wardens, Synod Representatives, Sidesmen, PCC members etc.

If you care about your church please come to this meeting

<u>Mothers Union</u> Wednesday 6th April at 2.30pm 'The Blessed Virgin Mary'

A talk at All Souls Church, Cheriton

Saturday 23rd April at 11.00am

Triennial Service at Canterbury Cathedral Please contact Sue on 862221 for details

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Wednesday 20th April from 2.30pm at 26 Nailbourne Court

This group meets to pray and knit shawls for those suffering from ill health or bereavement Please contact Madelaine 863582 if you are interested in joining

Ethelburga Luncheon Club

Thursday 21st April at 12.00 noon at the Coach and Horses Please contact Lynne 863010 if you are interested and/or need transport

PADDLESWORTH PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 3rd April **NO SERVICE**

Sun 10th April 9.30am Holy Communion

Sun 17th April **NO SERVICES** Sun 24th April 6.00pm Evensong

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.

3rd April - Local arrangement

10th April - Rev. Robin Blount (including Holy

Communion)

17th April - Mr. Colin Pearson 24th April - Mr. David Smith 1st May - Rev. Derek Hancock

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.

3rd April - Mr. Colin Hancox

10th April - Rev. Robin Blount (incl. Holy Communion)

17th April - Mr. Colin Pearson 24th April - Mr. Tim James

1st May - 3pm Chapel Anniversary - Deacon Carys Woodley followed by tea (pre-book please on 862865) in the village hall.

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

3rd April Evensong 6pm 10yth April 9.30am Family Service 17th April 8am Holy Communion 24th April 9.30am Family Communion

CHRISTIANS IN LYMINGE



16th April Saturday Market also at the Tayne Centre Rogation Walk starting at 8am St Oswald's Church, Paddlesworth followed by breakfast at the Cat

and Custard Pot, a walk to the Parish Church, Lyminge for 11am service, and so on to Postling and Stanford for services there.

Lyminge Newsletter

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Further details from Peter (editor) on 01303 863737

Editor: pb@pbarnes20.plus.com Tel: 01303 863737

News from The Lyminge Association



Garage Safari

April - 9am

Booking Forms available from Claire's Country Kitchen, Canterbury Road. For further information please contact 863537

Garage Safari





Lyminge Fun Day - 16th July

..to Celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday in Tayne Field

Some of the enjoyment is based around

- a dog show with a difference it's time to start sprucing up and training Fido to sit!!
- a fancy dress competition for all ages (inc adults) theme "Anything Connected to Royalty",
- a cart race some form of transport based on at least two wheels and designed to carry a person around Tayne Field

...along with music, fun, laughter.... hope you have started your planning and look forward to seeing you there.



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

News from Age UK Lyminge...

We like to think our Centre in Everist Court is an important part of Lyminge life – even "the hub of the village" as one of our volunteers commented. Our shop and café are open to all and offer a great place to meet friends. Recent discussions with our volunteers and Centre-users have shown that the chance to socialise and have some fun are the main reasons people come. Plus, of course, we have a great range of activities every week, from art group to seated exercise. And, for anyone wanting to stay all day, we can provide transport. Find out more by calling 01303 269602. Tell us what you need or want and we'll do our best to oblige.

Hire the Centre - The Centre offers great facilities for anyone who is looking for a meeting room or a comfortable place to host an event. Please call Cleo on 01303 269602 for details of how to hire the Centre.

Reaching more people - If you don't currently come to the Centre, could you spare a little time to tell us why? We're having a meeting at the Centre on Wednesday 27th April at 3pm for people who don't use our services. You will have the chance to look around, hear about what we do and, most importantly, tell us what is missing. If you would like to come along, please call Cathy on 01303 269602 or email her on mfo@ageukhl.org.uk to reserve a place. Refreshments will be served!

Information and Advice Drop - In at Lyminge Library first Monday of the month, 2.15pm - Come and meet our Information and Advice Officer, Nathalie Austin, for an informal chat about any practical issues which may be worrying you. She can help with form-filling, benefits applications, adapting your home and much, much more. If you need a longer conversation, she will be able to book a follow-up meeting with you.

Fundraising events - Our Friends group is working hard on our next big fundraising event which at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Saturday 7th May. In the day-time Do It Together! will be in the Channel Suite with lots of activities for different generations. In the evening, in the main auditorium, the members of the I'm A Performer group will be raising the rafters with **A Tribute To The Musicals**. The daytime event is free (£1 minimum donation encouraged!) and tickets for the evening show are available from the Leas Cliff Hall. (We still have stalls available if your organisation would like a chance to promote your work.)

We are planning more fundraising events in Lyminge – starting with a **fashion show** in September. More details coming soon. If anyone is interested in joining the Friends team to help organize events, please call Cathy on the usual number - 01303 269602.

Summer celebrations - Looking forward to the summer, a reminder about the Queen's 90th birthday party we are holding on Sunday 12th June at the Tayne Centre. There will be a buffet lunch with entertainment and all are welcome. It's a free event for our regular centre users and £3 for visitors. All places MUST be booked – please contact Matthew (01303 269602). We'd appreciate any help anyone can give us with transport.

For more information about any of our events or services call 01303 269602, email co@ageukhl.org.uk or come and say hello in person - we are at Everist Court, Station Rd, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ. Full information available at www.ageuk.org.uk/hytheandlyminge (including daily menus for the next two weeks – see Services: Meal Services) and you can find us on Facebook (AgeUkHytheandLyminge) and Twitter (@ageukhl)

District Councillors Report - April 2016

March saw plans for the world's first multi-storey indoor sports park approved by Shepway District Council. Jenny was a member of the Development Control Committee which gave the green light to plans for the park which will have three levels of space for skateboarding, freestyle scootering, a climbing wall, boxing, a shop, café and offices and function space. The park will also include a room for bouldering - a style of rock climbing that does not need ropes. The new centre has been designed on behalf of The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust which is funding the £10 million project. The park will be built on the site of the former bingo hall at the junction of Tontine Street and Dover Road in Folkestone and it is expected to be completed by the next Folkestone Triennial in 2017.

Continuing with the good news on 16 March the Folkestone Harbour Company presented councillors with an update on its programme for the long awaited Seafront Development at Folkestone. A grant of £5.1m of public funds (via KCC) will help put in the place the extra sea defences and other preparatory work needed with the building works starting in early 2017. We were invited to see the harbour arm before it opened to the public last year and were impressed with the standard of the renovation work and the views both out to sea and of the town. The harbour arm was open for 12 weekends last year and proved very popular and will open permanently on 18 March. More on this next month.

You may have seen press reports on plans for a 'super district' joining together Shepway, Dover, Thanet and Canterbury. We are indeed looking at whether joining together could save money but we have not seen all the figures yet and it's far too early to make a decision. We will keep you informed.

Locally Susan joined the Speedwatch volunteers at Etchinghill on 04 March and on 05 March helped with the 'Clean for the Queen' litterpick in Etchinghill. 'Clean for the Queen' is a national campaign to clear up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th birthday which will be officially celebrated in June 2016. A quarter of a million people took to the streets, parks and beaches for the biggest anti-litter campaign the UK has ever seen. The result was a massive 300,000 bags of rubbish containing enough litter to stretch from Land's End to John O'Groats. Here in Shepway 227 people collected 379 bags of rubbish plus dozens of traffic cones, wheel trims and chairs. These volunteer efforts have been supplementing the normal street cleaning in Shepway for years and it's a great shame it's needed. Your litter is your own and those who are too careless or lazy to take their litter home or use a bin spoil life for everyone and cost a fortune to clear up after. We are very grateful for the efforts of our volunteers as no doubt is the Queen. Happy birthday Ma'am.

One of the worst stretches we know for litter is just outside Shepway on the A20 between Hawkinge and Dover port. The burden of cleaning the A20 and A2 falls on Dover District Council and the cost on their taxpayers. The council has to apply to Highways England for lane closures to protect the workforce and because it is such a busy road these are only ever allowed at night. Booked slots are often lost at the last minute if the weather is bad or if there are traffic problems. Each clear-up costs Dover District Council £2,000. Three nights have been booked to clean the A20 on 21-23 March, and four nights for the A2 on 4-7 April.

A problem we share with Dover District is overnight lorry parking. Shepway District Council introduced restrictions on known hotspots last November and has recently added more locations. Since the ban was introduced there have been 1,116 penalty charge notices issued and over £9,000 in fines collected. As the overwhelming majority of the offending vehicles are from Eastern Europe, foreign bailiffs have been engaged to pursue unpaid fines. Do let us know if lorries start parking on verges or other public areas in this parish so that you can also be protected by parking restrictions. Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee Ward councillors for North Downs West, Shepway District Council Jenny Hollingsbee@shepway.gov.uk 07887918458) Susan Carey (susan.carey@shepway.gov.uk 01303 670561)



Lyminge Friends

In March, Alan Haines took A Swipe at the Seventies and gave us all lots of laughs. We were also looking forward to our Lunch in the Coach & Horses on Easter Monday.

On 6th April we have a visit from an old friend who promises Something Different and on 20th we are off to the Walpole Bay Hotel for a lovely Cream Tea. On 4th May we will have a talk entitled Kent's Living Seas - A Marine Officer's Tour of Kent by Fiona White and on 18th we are going to the Dover Transport Museum and the Café at Langdon Heights.

Meeting are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre. Entry is currently £2.00 and includes refreshments. We are a friendly social group and welcome new members so just drop into one of our meetings, or, if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 863500.

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our March meeting was well attended when John and Jane Buss gave us a talk on Jane Austen. Jane was brought up in Hampshire but loved Kent as she was a regular visitor to her brother's home at Godmersham. This provided her with rich material for her novels as she wrote regularly to her sister with all the local events and gossip. Next year will be the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen' death.

On the 20th April Don Wilks is going to take us on 'A South African Journey'.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and visitors will be made very welcome. For further details please contact Diana Bennett (862134).



Saturday 2nd April The Tayne Centre

Open to view from 2pm, prize giving 4pm
A free afternoon for all the family
Over 40 classes including, flowers, veg, craft, poetry, cookery, photography and child only
Teas, homemade cakes & raffle
Schedules & entry forms available from
Lyminge Post Office & Age UK Lyminge
Staging of exhibits 8.30am-10am,

help availableMore information from Veronica on 01303 862264



Saturday 16th April Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Entries on the day between 9am and 10.30am Show starts at 2.30pm Schedules available from Lyminge Library or Janet Fry (Show Secretary) 01303 863177 Refreshment and Raffle available





Lyminge Gardeners' Society



Presents

'The Gardens of Sissinghurst'

A talk by Joshua Sparkes
Tuesday 19th April, 7.30pm
The Tayne Centre
Members £2, non-members £4
Teas, homemade cakes & raffle

More information from Veronica on 01303 862264

FAMILY HISTORY - WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Are you interested in your family history, but lacking the time or expertise to do the research?

If yes, then I can do this for you at no more than the price of a good gardener, and at a pace driven by you. Call, or email, me, to arrange a free (other than a cup of coffee), no pressure, consultation.

CLIVE STANYON - GENEALOGIST 01303 840820 / 07771 922192 stanyonc@aol.com

Etchinghill Update April 2016

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

Etchinghill Village Hall invites all residents in the parish to the Annual General Meeting and Open Evening on Sunday 15th May 2016 at 7.30pm. This event will enable you to find out about everything that goes on in the hall and have your say about what else you would like to see. Join us for refreshments and friendly discussions."

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE MARKET

Congratulations to Chris Barnett for winning last month's raffle prize. The next Village Market will be held on Saturday 2nd April, starting at 10.00am. Plenty of stalls selling local produce and refreshments will be available.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ETCHINGHILL CINEMA CLUB is showing the film "SUFFRAGETTE" (12A) on Monday 18th April, at the Etchinghill Village Hall, doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 pm start. Starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham-Carter and Meryl Streep, this powerful drama is about the women who were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality in early 20th Century Britain. All welcome, membership is free and you can join on the night. The entrance fee is £5.00 per head and includes admission, refreshments and a lucky draw ticket. For further information contact Lorraine on 01303 863333.

OPEN HOUSE held every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 10.00am -12.00 pm. Come and join us for a chat, good company, and refreshments plus various activities. This month's speaker, on Monday 18th April, will be John Barber, who will give us a light hearted talk on "Why we dislike the French"!

THE ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND VILLAGE HALL YOUTH COMMITTEE will be holding a joint venture and have organised a Fun Spring Quiz at the Etchinghill village hall on Saturday 7th May. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start. Tables are for 6 persons at £3pp. There will be a prize for the winners and a raffle will also be held to raise funds for the ERA. Raffle prize donations will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to book a table please contact Geraldine by email preferably gpmccombe49@gmail.com or phone 01303 863164. We look forward to seeing you. If you wish to include anything in the Etchinghill Update please contact Barbara on 862873.



Barbara Syrett, President, welcomed members to the March meeting. A birthday posy was presented to Daphne Andrews. Members are looking forward to attending the annual general meeting at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone when Jan Leeming will be the guest speaker.

Eileen Jennings spoke about her extraordinary holiday "canoeing down the Orinoco" which was most interesting and very amusing and enjoyed by all. The competition for a holiday souvenir was won by Rosemary Piddock. A great tea was then served by the hostesses, Gill LeCras and Janet Hooles.

Next meeting is on Tuesday, April 19 at 2.30pm in the village hall when Jennifer Van Lens will talk about "A glimpse of my life at NATO HQ Brussels". For any further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 01303 265229 or Rita Warner on 863503

"The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude."— **Oprah Winfrey**

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Beetle Drive Friday 22nd April



at the Hall 7.30pm Adults £2 – Children 50p Teas, coffee and juice provided There will also be a raffle Come and join the family fun

New players welcome to come and join

LHS

Lyminge Historical Society

The next talk will be on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre

Folkestone Camera Club's 'Folkestone and District' in video during WW1 Speaker: Arthur Bailey

New members and visitors are welcome.

Members: £10 per annum inclusive of talks
Visitors: £4 per person payable on the door.

Tea and biscuits will be served.

Please note: Lyminge: a History books
Are still available as a bundle of all 7 books for just £30!!*
To take advantage of the offer please call 01303 862865
This offer is not available from the shops.
*Postage and packaging extra for postal deliveries

Lyminge Historical Society
Mobile Tel. No. 07759 260816
Website: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

TABLE TOP FAIR

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL 2016

10AM-2PM (STALL HOLDERS FROM 9AM) TABLES AT £5 (PAYABLE IN ADVANCE) TO BOOK, CALL 01303 863660

Standford-with-Postling WI

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 23rd April 2016 Sellindge Village Hall Doors Open 1pm-3pm

Jumble maybe left at hall from 10am No electricals - thank you





Pastel Pet PortraitsFrom £25 For Mounted Picture

Painted From Photographs

Please contact Roger 01303 621822 - 07768 977420

OUTDOOR THEATRE THIS SUMMER

Those of you who are fans of The Rude Mechanical Theatre Co will be pleased to hear that they will be returning to Lyminge this summer. It will be a brand new play called **'Macbyrd'**, and is a comedy thriller - and sixteen of the characters are birds! Don't miss Inspector Seed, a pigeon, as the detective!

It is set in 1940 and is about the changes to a small village in rural Sussex brought about by the threat of invasion and its impact on relationships. Pete Talbot, the writer and director, says, "There are, it has to be admitted, a few echoes of a certain Shakespeare play. *Macbyrd* is told by the 'gypsy magpies' that his time has come, that 'sleek birds, black against the sky' will rule. In fact change to the village is because a momentous event is going to happen – and I'm not going to tell you what!" The comedy is partly in the absurdity of the birds' world, but also in the ways of 'country folk'. So there's a bit of Foyle's War about it and a bit of 'The Archers' – plus quite a bit of The Rudes, too.

Sunday 31st July - Tayne Field - 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from **Laing Bennett**, or **Mike Chisnall** (01303-862723). Adults £15, Seniors £14, Students £12, Children £8, Families £38. Special large group rate (10 or more people come together for £13 each) contact the Central Box Office on 01323-501260 or therudes@btinternet.com

Coach & Horses



Senior Citizens 2 course lunches available Monday - Saturday £7.50

Friday Food Theme Nights Hot Buffet £9.95pp

1st April - Mexican 8th April - Italian 15th April - Indian 22nd April - Polish

Quiz Night - Wednesday 27th April

Live Music!

Saturday 9th April: Mr Lazy from 8.30pm. Saturday 23rd April: The A Tees from 8.30pm

Bookings and Contact: 01303 862694

Farm Shop Opening

Saturday 2nd April

Bridge Farm, Lyminge CT18 8EA (turning near New Lyminge Surgery)
Supplying:

Free range chicken, duck and goose eggs
Table ducks (frozen) * Seasonal fruit and veg
Cut flowers * Plants and water plants

THE ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE MARKET

Saturday 2nd April

Plenty of free parking

Fruit - Vegetables
Local Reared Pork - Local Jams - Pickles
Home Made Pies - Cakes

Or Just Enjoy A Bacon Roll.

All Here In Etchinghill Village Hall
We Look Forward To Seeing You.

Saturday 2nd April from 10am

For further details contact John on 863819. Charity No. 302736

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at Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY Open daily from 10am – 4pm. Also open Friday evenings 6pm-9pm

Boot & Spring Fayre and Farmers' Market Saturday 7th May at Park House

Boots from 8am – Entertainment from 12 noon Hythe Town Concert Band ~ Sheep Shearing ~ Classic Cars ~ Meet Lucy our Donkey ~ Tombolas, Raffles & more! Hot & Cold Refreshments

7th Annual Cyclo-Sportive Bank Holiday Monday 30th May

From 9am at Park House

Email lord.whisky@btinternet.com for further details

Lyminge Weather Statistics – February 2016

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

	Temperature (°C)	Air Pressure (hPa)	Wind Speed (mph)	Total Monthly Rainfall		
Maximum	13.6 (04/02/16)	1025 (15-16/02/16)	38.0 S (07/02/16)	65.7mm (2.59 in)		
Minimum	-3.6 (24/02/16)	978 (07/02/16)	Highest Daily Rainfall	12.3mm (0.48in) (07/02/16)		

Warmer than average for this month. Rainfall average, but no snow, thank goodness.

The Cinnamon Trust "Peace of mind and practical help for people - love, care and safety for pets"

The Cinnamon Trust is the national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. We seek to keep owner and pet together for as long as possible with the help of a national network of volunteers who assist when day to day care poses a problem.



Our aim is to relieve the

owners of any worry concerning the welfare of their pets both during and after their own lifetime making us unique amongst charities.

All volunteers help in the ways that are most appropriate to them. Teams take it in turn to visit housebound owners, to take dogs for daily walks, volunteers foster pets as one of their family when owners face a spell in hospital, they take pets to the vet, clean the budgie's cage out. We take any problem posed in day to day care of pets. Contact Sally direct on 01736 758707 or email sallycollins@cinnamon. org.uk.

The volunteers can gain access to our volunteer page on our website or www.cinnamon.org.uk or by emailing us at volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk

Any help you are able to give will be very gratefully accepted.

Sally Collins, The Cinnamon Trust 01736 758707



LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Lyminge Pre-School: You may already have heard of the recent successful OFSTED achieved by our village pre-school. In fact, it wasn't only successful but it has been awarded 'Outstanding' in every category, making it amongst the best settings for pre-school children in Kent. The criteria for achieving this standard becomes ever more difficult and the Village Hall Committee would like to give them a huge congratulations for working so hard to bring excellence to such a vital village facility. You have done us proud once again!

There are two dates for your calendar:

15TH APRIL is our 'ALL FOR THE HALL' quiz night. The details can be found in the ad below - 'ALL FOR THE HALL - GAMES NIGHT'

1ST OCTOBER will be the **OKTOBERFEST** which should be a great evening. A foot stomping band is booked and we hope you will enjoy the fun in true Teutonic Style! The Committee hope you are all enjoying the prospect of some longer daylight hours and possibly some warm sunshine!

Your Village Hall Committee

Music, quiz, music bingo, raffle and lots more...

ALL FOR THE HALL QUIZ & GAMES NIGHT!

Friday 15th April 7.30pm Lyminge Village Hall

Tickets £5 per person from Laing Bennett or lymingevillagehall.org.uk

Bring your own food and drink and get to know other people and groups in the village.

Prizes for best Fancy Dress

All proceeds go to fund refurbishments of your Village Hall

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Reasonable Rates ~ All dogs must be fully inoculated
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www.lordwhisky.co.uk

"Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best."

- Theodore Isaac Rubin



Lyminge Dramatic Society

QUARTET. You've seen the film – now see the play.......

Quartet is a funny and moving story about four elderly opera singers in a retirement home. Filmed in 2012, it starred such famous names as Billy Connolly and Maggie Smith. But it is actually based on a 1999 play by Ronald Harwood. Is the play better than the film? Come and see it to find out.

Director Pete Raine said: "The play deals with difficult issues such as getting old and losing our faculties, but manages to do it in a way which is both entertaining and touching. The four central characters are marvelously observed"

Lyminge Dramatic Society will be performing **Quartet** in Lyminge Village Hall from Wednesday April 6th to Saturday April 9th. Tickets are on sale now at Laing Bennett or on-line at www.lymingedramaticsociety.co.uk., priced at £7.50 with concessions at £5.00 for Wednesday and Thursday only.

Lyminge Bowls Club

A new season of outdoor bowls starts on 23 April 2016, by which time we hope the spring will definitely have sprung! As usual, on **Sunday mornings throughout May and into June we will be offering to coach new bowlers on the delights of the game.** Come along and give it a try. (Another day could be arranged if necessary.) Call 863495 for further information.

You would all be welcome to come and watch any of the following:-

Saturday, 23 April, 2.00 pm
Sunday, 24 April, 2.30 pm
Saturday, 30 April, 2.30 pm
A club game – to remind us how to play!
A very social game involving club members
Wear Bay Bowls Club visit for a friendly game



SATURDAY MARKET



SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

TAYNE CENTRE

CHURCH RD LYMINGE

9am - 12 noon

Preserves, Jewelery, Cakes, Crafts,....
.....and much, much more
Bacon or Sausage-in-a-Roll, Teas and Coffee

PHONE 01303 862710 FOR ENQUIRIES

BUZZLINES APRIL HOLIDAYS

DATE	TOUR	DAYS	PRICE FROM
SUN 10 APR	OXFORD & ADAM HENSON'S FARM	2	£130pp
FRI 15 APRIL	VOICES OF SPRING - WALES	4	£345pp
MON 18 APR	WARNERS HOLME LACY	5	£399pp
THU 28 APR	CHESHIRE'S RIVERS, HOUSES & GARDENS OF DISTINCTION	5	£429pp

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THE TAYNE CENTRE



To celebrate the end of the renovation project, you are invited to join us:

'Renovation Celebration' 16th April 2016

from 3.00 to 5.00pm

3.00pm Welcome reception

3.30pm Official Ceremony which includes the unveiling of the Archaeology Tapestry

4.00pm Entertainment by the Jazz Omnibus

4.15pm Refreshments will be served until 5.00pm

Lyminge Historical Society

Commemorating Lyminge's Archaeology

The ladies who washed the finds during the recent archaeological digs have, over the winter, designed and stitched an embroidered panel tapestry depicting:

"Anglo-Saxon Life on Tayne Field in the 7th Century"

As part of the Tayne Centre's *Restoration Celebrations* it will be unveiled on Saturday 16th April. Come along from 3.30pm onwards. The Tapestry will thereafter be permanently displayed in the Tayne Centre.

We look forward to seeing you.



Lyminge School is seeking a new co-opted governor to join our dedicated team. We are especially looking for someone with a commercial or business background who is able to take a strategic view of the development of the school. Experience of performance management and Health and Safety would be an added advantage. School governors are vital to the life of the school and must be able and willing to give sufficient time to fulfill the responsibilities of the role.

If you would like to apply, please write to our Clerk, Dion Jenkins, at Lyminge School or by email at djenkins@lyminge.kent.sch.uk. Please enclose a brief (not more than 100 words) personal statement outlining why you would like to become a governor and contact details for two referees. An informal meeting to discuss the responsibilities and answer questions will then be arranged.

The closing date for applications is: 15th April 2016

Lyminge Preschool...



by Ofsted and received a rating of

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This is a fantastic achievement, attaining the rating of *Outstanding* AGAIN. Changes in legislation have made it even harder for the Preschool to achieve this rating and reflects the high standard of staff and management, and the huge amount of hard work they put into the care of local children. This gives local children a great foundation for life, and many go on well-prepared for our excellent local primary schools.

This rating is particularly difficult to achieve in a shared building where the setting must be able to be packed away each evening. It is only possible to maintain such high standards of care and education with the huge support of the local community. We would therefore like to extend a huge thanks to all of the regular users of the Village Hall, The Village Hall Committee and everyone who supports our outstanding school.

We look forward to continuing to welcome the littlest people in our community into our preschool for care and cuddles, as well as meeting many more of the surrounding village communities at our frequent and varied events. Look out for our new, monthly coffee and chat mornings for parents, babies and toddlers offering friendly chat, excellent coffee and expert advice on all things related to little ones! - **Jane Michotte**

A Tribute to the late Margot Hendrick

Margot was a Founder Member of the Association joining the 'Steering Committee' formed during 1970 with the idea of forming a Village Association. From this 'The Lyminge Association' was formally created in September 1970,

Margot became a very active member; helping to ensure the association was a success.

From the 'Lyminge Association' there came 'The Lyminge Historical Society', formed in 1971, of which Margot was also Founder Member.

She was also a Founder Member of the 'Lyminge Cinema Club'. As usual Margot was extremely active in ensuring that this was another success story. This is now defunct, overtaken by modern technology. The projector and accompanying equipment being donated to Lyminge Primary School.

Another offshoot of The Lyminge Association was 'The Lyminge Wine Circle' which ran very successfully for many years. Once again Margot was one of the founders and did so much to ensure another success.

However, both the 'Lyminge Association' and the 'Lyminge Historical Society' have gone from strength to strength. These are all part of Margot's legacy to the village.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everybody who, on the death of my wife, Margot, sent their thoughtful tributes and condolences. These kind words have been a great comfort at this difficult time.

Ray Hendrick

In Memory of Amelia D'Agostino - "Auntie"

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to all who attended Auntie's funeral; and an extra special 'thank you' to those of you that gave help and support. A further special mention is for Claire and her team at Balgowan Nursing Home, Saltwood, who were absolutely amazing and provided superior levels of care.

After 10 years living in Lyminge, its quite remarkable to see how many friends of all ages Auntie had made. She could be found enjoying a toatsie and coffee in the coffee shop (founding member of the Saturday breakfast club) or a sambuca at the Coach and Horses (member of the Church bereavement club she wanted to rename as Youth Club!!)...along with many other funny stories and fond memories.

A lasting note from Auntie "When we come through the white gates into Lyminge, its like driving into Heaven".

We can be certain that the years spent in Lyminge were truly happy ones and we are so lucky to have enjoyed so many wonderful times with Auntie. **Christine Esposito**

"A good leader can engage in a debate frankly and thoroughly, knowing that at the end he and the other side must be closer, and thus emerge stronger. You don't have that idea when you are arrogant, superficial, and uninformed."

Nelson Mandela

Letters to the Editor.....

.....From Lyminge Pharmacy, 21 Station Rd, Lyminge

Dear Resident,

The future for your local pharmacy

We want you and future generations to enjoy all the benefits from Lyminge Pharmacy. Unfortunately, local pharmacies are under pressure from NHS funding cuts and from Government policy, which currently favours on-line pharmacies rather than your local pharmacy.

Your local pharmacy has been around since 1958. Helping you, your parents and your grandparents and your children.. If you want your local pharmacy to be there to help the generations, then please

- Sign the petition
- Write to our MP, Mr Damian Collins at House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

Questions and Answers

What is this all about, in a nutshell?

The Department of Health (DH) has indicated it believes that there are up to 3000 too many pharmacies in England. At the same time, they have proposed a series of policy measures which would divert investment from local pharmacies to other care settings or to online suppliers of medicines. Beyond this, there is little detail about the Government's plans. Nevertheless, it is easy to see that the current direction of policy, if not challenged, will lead to the closure of YOUR PHARMACY

Why are people saying that the Government's proposals are wrong?

The Government is conducting a dangerous experiment which will see pharmacies close, thereby reducing people's access to medicines and healthcare advice, and putting extra pressure on GPs and hospitals. The proposals put at risk a part of the health system that holds the key to solving many of its problems. Patients would be the biggest losers. There are particular concerns about the risks to the most vulnerable people and the most deprived communities, where local pharmacies are often (literally) a lifeline.

What's wrong with getting my medicines online?

People should be able to have a choice about where they get their medicines. Online supply is convenient for some. But your local pharmacy is more than just a place to get medicines and should not be put at risk. We already offer an app for patients to order online and we deliver in person to you.

Everyone is facing cuts. Why should pharmacies be any different?

This is about much more than funding cuts. The Department of Health recently announced substantial cuts to the funding of community pharmacies in England and more cuts will follow – but that is not really the full story issue. This is actually about the vision for pharmacy in the long term. For pharmacists, it's about keeping the 'community' in community pharmacy.

What's the answer?

Ministers and officials should pause and reflect, and not rush to implement policies that may have unintended and irreversible consequences for local pharmacies and the people they serve. There should be an opportunity for more patient input and also for expert analysis of how the plans could affect patient care. In particular, the Government should consider whether the proposals are safe, maintain consumer choice, safeguard the most vulnerable patients, and maximise pharmaceutical care in the most deprived communities.

What can I do about it?

You can help in a number of ways, including by writing to your local MP Thank you for your support

Jas - Pharmacist at Lyminge Pharmacy

.....From Singing at AGEUK, Lyminge.

THANK YOU LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

After the monthly singing sessions at AgeUK were stopped in July 2012, due to funding cuts and change of structure of the Health Authority, I tried to find money to continue the sessions as I knew of the huge health benefits singing has for everyone, especially for those with dementia, isolation, blood pressure, breathing problems and depression, all of which become bigger hurdles as we get older.

The Lyminge Association responded in January 2013 with a grant as "seed corn" to get it started. And it worked!

There were donations from local people, which kept us running until the new Health Administration was in place and another grant could be sought. Initially, this was a grant to cover monthly sessions, for 2 years from April 2014. Now, this year, we have been awarded enough to run WEEKLY sessions throughout most of the year.

Recent research has shown that weekly sessions are most beneficial. These sessions are open to anyone, of all ages, who would like to come along for an hour's singing of old favourites, from the 30's to the 90's, with words provided.

We meet on Wednesdays from 11am till 12 noon at AGEUK, Everist Court, Lyminge

Its good for your health and its free! ..and none of this would have happened if the Lyminge Association had not given us the first grant. Thank you.

Gillian Heywood MBE

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We meet on Wednesdays between 10am -12noon at Etchinghill Village Hall. We charge £2 per family, 1st session is free. Tea/coffee and healthy snacks are

If you have any queries please contact

Julia Tesoro 07809705309

Lyminge Baby and Toddler Group

We'd love you to bring your little ones along to our informal and friendly group for lots of fun. Come along and join us for craft, singing and lots more. We meet every Tuesday morning at the Tayne Centre 10.00-12.00, term time only. Cost: £2.00 per session, including refreshments for all.

Call: Any enquiries – **Jenny 0756 4130569** Sarah 0798 4939220.

E-mail: lymingetoddlergroup@yahoo.co.uk

Rhodes Minnis Toddler Group

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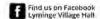


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NEW dedicated booking line on 0749 7625 741 where Kate Kellett or Pippa Hamilton will be delighted to discuss your individual requirements.

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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.

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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.

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The Duty Manager on 07514-758936

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Charity No.800345

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall is located 2kms (1¼miles) from Lyminge and just off Longage Hill and Whitehorse Lane in Chapel Lane

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Rates

Mon to Fri f15 per session f40 all day

Sat & Sun £20 per session

£30 for evening session and £60 all day

Sessions

AM session 08.30 - 12.30 PM session 13.30 - 17.30 Evening session 18.00 - 23.45

There are special rates for regular users.

For all bookings and enquires please contact:

Martin Fry 01303 863177 or 07849217793 or e-mail: book @rmvh.org.uk

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This page is printed to give readers and organisers the opportunity of planning events without clashing with existing ones, which are PLANNER 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. already in the 'diary'. It is not intended as a means of advertising and we take no responsibility for errors or omissions. Acceptance 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; LBC: Bowls Club; LL: Library; LMC: Lyminge Methodist Church; LPC: Lyminge Parish Church; LSH: Lyminge School Hall; LVH: Lyminge Village Hall; LW: Lord Whisky; 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									
Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
2 April	9am	Farm Shop Opening	Bridge- Farm		30 April	10am	Table Top Sale	RMVH	863660
2 April	10.30am	St. Ethelburga Talk	LPC	862073	7 May		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
2 April	2pm	Lyminge Gardeners' Spring Show	TC	862264	20 May	7.30pm	Music on Friday	LPC	
6-9 April	7.30pm	Quartet	LVH	863393	21 May		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
9 April		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787	4 June		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
9 April	7pm	Race Night	Elham VH	840822	12 June ??	TBC	Queen's Birthday Party	EVH	
15 April	7.30pm	Quiz and Games	LVH		18 June		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
16 April	9am	Garage Safari		863537	2 July	7pm	Cantores Prom Concert	LVH	07813071867
16 April	2.30pm	RM Spring Flower Show	RMVH	863177	16 July	11am	Lyminge Fun Day	TF	863737
16 April	3pm	Renovation Celebration	TC	862073	24 November	5pm	Christmas Lights Switch On	LB	863737
23 April	1pm	Jumble Sale	Sellindge VH		3 December	10am	St Nicholas Fayre	LPC	
23 April		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787	16 December	7.30pm	Cantores Christmas Concert	Sibton Park	07813071867

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Day	Time		Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	0	pen House	EVH	863394	Wed	11.45am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10am	В	ridge Club	ВС	863177	Wed	6pm	Karate for Juniors	EVH	07554004526
Mon	10.30am	Ly	yminge Larks (Singing)	TC	01233750223	Wed	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	11am	С	ookery	JC	269602	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Choir	LSH	07813071867
Mon	2pm	Co	omputer Buddy (need to book)	LL	862180	Wed	8pm	Scottish Country Dancing	EVH	862761
Mon	2.30pm	М	londay Fellowship	TC	862164	Thur	9.30am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	862180
Mon	5.45pm	Ly	yminge Youth Drama Group	TC	862602	Thur	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon	6.30pm	Ju	udo Club	LVH	862946	Thur	10am	Art Group - Morning	TC	211364
Tues ¹	10am	В	aby & Toddler Group	TC	863274	Thur	11am	Shopping trips to Supermarket	JC	269602
Tues	10.30am	A	rt Class	JC	269602	Thur	2pm	Art Group - Afternoon	TC	862972
Tues	11.15am	С	hairobics	JC	269602	Thur	6pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	6pm	F	ootball Training	JF	07967342226	Thur	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	6.45pm	SI	hort Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	10am	Talk Time	LL	862180
Wed	10.15am	М	lature Movers (Exercise)	TC	862873	Fri	11am	Seated Exercise	JC	269602
Wed	11am	Si	inging For Health	JC	862364	Fri	5pm	Hawkinge Flyers (Lyminge Branch)	Katrina	07881457994
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Whe	n Tin	ne	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	e Event	Where	Tel. No.

3rd Mon 7.30pm **EVH** 3rd Wed 863333 7.30pm **RM Evening Circle RVH Etchinghill Cinema** 862913 SNL Last Mon Parish Council Meeting 239500 1st Tues 10.30am Reading Group LL 862180 Last Wed 7.30pm Quiz Night C&H 862694 1st Tues JC 269602 4th Fri **RVH** 862616 11am Reminiscence 7.30pm Beetle Drive TC 1st Tues² 7.30pm 862972 Last Fri 1.30pm JC 269602 LHS Talk/Event Team Quiz LL 3rd Tues 9.45am 862180 1st Sat 10am **EVH** 863819 Family History Village Market EVH PC 3rd Tues 2.30pm 863503 2nd Sat 10am 863536 Etchinghill W.I. Postling Ch. Coffee Morning 3rd Tues3 TC 862264 3rd Sat TC 862164 7.30pm **Gardening Society** 8am Saturday Market LL 1st Wed 10.30am Lyminge Friends LMP 862598 Last Sat 11am Poetry Group 862180 2nd Wed NP 862221 1st Thurs 862779 10.30am Mothers Union 7.30pm British Legion, Elham Branch Age, UK

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Out and About

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

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Chairman of Lyminge Parish Council, Richard Chubb raising the Commonwealth Flag for Commonwealth Day. This is held on the second Monday in March every year.

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Patients living in Deal, Dover and Shepway will also be able to access information about local health services via smartphones. Smartphones, including Android and iPhones account for more than 70 per cent of all mobile phones in use in the UK. This percentage is rising, and offers a new way for GP surgeries to interact with their patients beyond traditional text messaging services.

Text messages are free to receive for the patient. If patients choose to respond or access the smartphone service, they will be charged standard operator rates depending on their individual contract.

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