

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

May 2016

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION
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Church Website: www.lymingechurch.co.uk
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Sun 1st May	Rogation Sunday
	8.00am at Paddlesworth - Holy Communion followed by breakfast at the Cat & Custard Pot PH
	11.00am at Lyminge - WOW (Ways of Worship)
	3.00pm at Postling - Meditation
	4.30pm at Stanford - Choral Evensong
Wed 4th May	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm Open House Bible Study (tea/coffee served from 7.20pm)
Thurs 5th May	Ascension Day
	7.00pm Holy Communion
Sun 8th May	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
	11.00am Sung Eucharist
Wed 11th May	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm Open House Bible Study (tea/coffee served from 7.20pm)
Sun 15th May	Pentecost
	11.00am Family Communion
	6.00pm Evensong
Wed 18th May	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm Open House Bible Study (tea/coffee served from 7.20pm)
Sun 22nd May	Trinity Sunday
	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
	11.00am Sung Eucharist
Wed 25th May	NO Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm Open House Bible Study (tea/coffee served from 7.20pm)
Sun 29th May	Benefice Service – No services at Lyminge
	10.30am at Stanford - Sung Eucharist

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Coffee Morning in Wentworth Close Lounge

Friday 6th May from 10.00am to 11.30am

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

Mothers Union

Wednesday 11th May at 10.30pm

Quiet Morning at the Rectory

Curtis Lane, Stelling Minnis

Please contact Sue 862221 for further details

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Wednesday 18th May 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 19th May at 12.00 noon at the Coach and Horses

Please contact Trish 862151 if you are interested and/or need transport

PADDLESWORTH PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1st May	8.00am Holy Communion - followed by Breakfast at Cat & Custard Pot PH
Sun 8th May	9.30am Holy Communion
Sun 15th May	NO SERVICES
Sun 22nd May	6.00pm Evensong
Sun 29th May	NO SERVICES

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

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

8th May - Mr. Richard Blackwell

15th May - Mr. Dudley Shipton

22nd May - 9.30am Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis

29th May - Rev. Kevin Taylor (incl. Holy Communion)

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.

1st May - 3pm Chapel's 128th Anniversary service -
Deacon Carys Woodley, followed by tea in
the hall.

8th May - Mr. Richard Blackwell

15th May - Mr. Dudley Shipton

22nd May - Mr. Paul Missin (Valley Service)

29th May - Rev. Kevin Taylor (inc. Holy Communion)

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

1st May 3pm Short meditation for Rogation Day

8th May 9.30am Family Service

15th May 8.00am Holy Communion

22nd May 9.30am Family Communion

29th May No service in Postling



CHRISTIANS IN LYMINGE



You are warmly invited to the following events:

20th May: Music on Friday at the Parish Church
starting at 7.30

21st May: Saturday Morning Market in the Tayne Centre

Lyminge Newsletter

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Further details from Peter (editor) on 01303 863737

News from The Lyminge Association



Lyminge Fun Day - 16th July



Plans are coming together at a pace and we encourage you to be thinking about the Cart Race - an opportunity to dress up your old pram, wheelbarrow, box cart, etc. not forgetting yourself and your team. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated and constructed cart, best dressed teams and the fastest team. There will be two categories - those Under 13 and those Over 13. Further information can be got from Derek by email: derek@well-field.co.uk or phone (862508).

We also plan to decorate Station Road, Lyminge and Canterbury Road, Lyminge making use of the Christmas Tree holders. If you would like to be included and haven't had a holder in the past, then please contact Adrian (862699) who will make arrangements for their installation for 4 June.



Thank You...

The Lyminge Association would like to thank everybody involved in both the Stream Clean in March, and the Garage Safari held in April. Both events proved to be extremely successful, primarily through the significant support received by our friends in the villages.



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

Queen's 90th birthday party

On Sunday 12th June we are holding a party at the Tayne Centre in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. 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.

Local Hair and Chiropody Services

Age UK in Lyminge tries to provide for all your needs locally. Not only can you drop in for a drink, snack and chat in our welcoming café but you can also get your hair done with one of our two fully trained hairdressers or book an appointment with our chiropodist. The salon is open on Mondays, Tuesday and Fridays. The chiropodist is in the centre on Wednesday mornings (or he can visit you at home). Call 01303 269602 for more information.

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.

And finally, please help our fundraising – and enjoy a great family day out in Folkestone...

Do It Together! / A Tribute to the Musicals

Sat 7th May, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

Do It Together! (10am – 4pm, Channel Suite) Explore over 30 organisations, clubs and companies who provide activities and entertainment for all ages. Get the whole family to take part in singing or ukulele workshop, play mini-tennis or giant chess or have a go at our traditional games, including hook-a-duck and hoopla.

A Tribute to the Musicals (from 7pm, main hall) – the I'm A Performer Group sing all your favourite songs from *Our House*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Blood Brothers* and *Hairspray* plus guest performances from Kevin Daly, Wayne Conyers, Maddie4Music and many more. Compered by the inimitable Bob Drury. Tickets £6.75 / £5.25 from the Leas Cliff Hall.

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 - May 2016

One of the most important duties we have as a district council is deciding where houses can be built. It is hugely controversial as generally people don't welcome new development near them yet we also know we need new homes. More of us are living longer and more people live on their own so there are more houses needed even before you take into account new people moving here.

The whole basis of planning controls is to make sure that new houses go where there are already facilities for them and don't get dotted about the countryside and any large developments are expected to fund the provision of new facilities such as schools, roads and health clinics.

Shepway's Core Strategy Local Plan (Local Plan for short) was last revised in 2013 and sets out how many new homes we believe we will need and where the major new developments will be as well as our planning policies. It's a great task to bring this all together, go through all the necessary consultations and almost as soon as it is agreed it's time to update it. Last year there was a 'call for sites' where landowners were asked to put forward sites they wanted to develop so they could be assessed by our officers against national and local policies before we councillors, then you the public have the chance to comment on the proposals. It's a lengthy and meticulous process which has to be right or developers can challenge it and build on sites we think unsuitable.

In our district we have three major developments under way at Martello Lakes (the old Nickolls Quarry site to the West of Hythe), the Folkestone Seafront and the Shorncliffe Garrison site in Folkestone. These major sites go a long way to helping us meet our housing targets and resist major building in areas such as Lyminge. The other advantage to major sites is that the developers have to provide funding for social housing and infrastructure which the individual or smaller developments don't.

There should be more news on housing announced by the time you receive your newsletter and we will keep you updated on plans and how you can see what's proposed and have your say.

We both attended the official opening of the Folkestone Harbour Arm on 18 March. It was perishingly cold but great fun. There are snack bars and restaurants, wonderful views both to sea and to land and live music at the weekends. We particularly enjoyed a ride in one of the bicycle rickshaws for those who prefer not to walk. Access to the Harbour Arm is free and you can find out more at www.folkestoneharbourarm.co.uk

Other events we attended locally include Lyminge parish council meeting on 21 March and the Renovation Celebration at the Tayne Centre on 16 April where we jointly cut the ribbon to mark the opening and Susan helped unveil the wonderful Archaeology Tapestry created by the ladies of Lyminge.

Another great Lyminge event is the annual race night at the Lyminge Scout hut on 22 March where Susan joined the scouts in racing her model car (in KCC colours) and on 05 April she joined the local Speedwatch volunteers to help stop racing along our residential roads in Lyminge (the overwhelming majority of drivers did indeed keep to the limit).

Jenny would like to hear from anyone with a youth football team as youth workers from Boulogne are organising a football tournament to celebrate France's hosting of the European Cup 2016. It will take place in "Chemin Vert", a suburb of Boulogne-sur-Mer which is an area similar to Folkestone Central and East Folkestone. They are keen to invite youth teams from their twinned town Folkestone and the Shepway district to participate in the tournament which will take place on 19th and 20th June. If required, accommodation will be provided along with food.

And for everyone (not just football fans) Boulogne and Shepway are supporting a £10 return trip by coach from Folkestone to Boulogne every Saturday. A Crosskeys coach departs at 7 am from The Grand Burstin Hotel and returns at approx 7 pm.

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee Ward councillors for North Downs West, Shepway District Council
Jenny Hollingsbee (Jenny.hollingsbee@shepway.gov.uk 07887918458) Susan Carey (susan.carey@shepway.gov.uk 01303 670561)



Lyminge Friends

In April we had a visit from Roger Swan who inspired the members to create pastel portraits of a Tiger, and some very good paintings were produced. Just goes to show, there is an artist in all of us! We were also looking forward to our visit to the Walpole Bay Hotel in Cliftonville for a Cream Tea and a look around the living museum.

On 4th May we will have a talk called Kent's Living Seas - A Marine Officer's Tour of Kent by Fiona White from Kent Wildlife Trust and on 18th we are going to the Dover Transport Museum and will have lunch in the Café at Langdon Heights. The June meeting is on the 1st when the talk is on the Origins of Choral Singing and this meeting is followed by a group lunch at Etchinghill Golf Club - make sure you book your place with Marian.



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 AGM is on the 18th May at 7.30pm. Visitors are very welcome but please let us know if you would like to join in with the fish & chip supper which will follow the meeting.

Please note - On June the 15th Rhodes Minnis Circle will meet at the new time of 2pm at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall. For further details please contact Diana Bennett on 862134

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).



*Etchinghill Residents' Association
cordially invites Lyminge Parish Residents
and Guests to a Tea Party at Etchinghill Village Hall
in celebration of Our Queen's 90th Birthday*

Sunday 12th June 2016

2.30 pm

Please bring your own picnic hampers and some bubbly to toast Her Majesty. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided.

There will be spot prizes for the winners of our *Crowns & Coronets* fancy dress competition for children and adults and a raffle will be held to raise funds on behalf of the Etchinghill Community.

There is no charge to attend.

RSVP to **Geraldine: gpmccombe49@gmail.com** or **01303 863164**

Etchinghill Update May 2016

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The **ERA** 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.

CINEMA CLUB

Sadly, on behalf of the Etchinghill Residents' Association committee, we must announce that Lorraine Rawbone, our much loved friend, neighbour and committee member, passed away suddenly on the 1st April 2016. Lorraine worked hard on the Residents' Association committee for several years and was a key figure in the running of our very successful Cinema Club, organising films, licencing and working at front of house signing in new members and collecting monies. In memory of Lorraine's hard work and dedication to the Cinema Club the committee have decided to continue with the selection of films that she had previously arranged. This month's film on Monday 16th May will be "THE INTERN" (12a). This is a comedy, starring Anne Hathaway and Robert De Niro. Ben Whittaker, a 70 year old widower, who becomes a senior intern at an on-line fashion company!

Queen's 90th Tea Party

Etchinghill Village Hall Sunday 12th June 2.30 pm onwards. Games and activities for young and old so please come along and celebrate. For more details please go to www.etchinghill.info or email gpmccombe49@gmail.com, or telephone on 863164 after 15th May.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

All residents are invited 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

The next Village Market will be held on Saturday 7th May, starting at 10.00am. Plenty of stalls selling local produce and refreshments will be available.

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 16th May, will be Brian Rumbelow of Shepway District Council, who will give us a talk on "Recycling". Come and find out what happens to the rubbish you put in your bin!

If you wish to include an article in the Etchinghill Update please contact Barbara on 01303 862873.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Barbara Syrett welcomed members to the April meeting. Birthday posies were presented to Rosemary Piddock and Jacqui Storey and items from the East Kent News were read by June Price. A group of members attended the East Kent Federation W.I. AGM held at the Leas Cliff Hall last month. The hall was packed with ladies from many W.I.'s and it was a very good conference, Jan Leeming being the guest speaker who gave an excellent talk.

Jennifer Van Lens, our speaker, spoke about "A Glimpse of My Life at NATO HQ Brussels" where she worked for many years and gave us a little insight into what it was like to be employed in such a large important organisation.

The competition winner was Rosemary Piddock. Tea was then served by the hostesses, Doreen Brown, Gill LeCras and Julia Tappenden.

Next meeting will be our resolution meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 2.30pm in the village hall. For any further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 01303 265229 or Rita Warner on 863503



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**

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Beetle Drive



Friday 27th May

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

RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP

COFFEE MORNING

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY

19TH MAY 2016

10.30AM

**RAFFLE AND CAKE STALL
EVERYONE WELCOME**

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Etchinghill Cinema Club

FILM SHOW

"THE INTERN" 12A

Monday, 16th May

Etchinghill Village Hall at 7.15pm

Entrance fee £5 per head

Current members only please
FREE Refreshments and Raffle

www.etchinghill.info

Ballroom & Latin Dancing

at

Etchinghill Village Hall

Thursdays

and from 8th May 2016

at

Lyminge Village Hall

Sundays

Adult Beginners 7.30-8.30pm £6.00

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lynn.chapman0127@btinternet.com
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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

6th May - Mexican

13th May - Italian

20th May - Indian

27th May - Polish

Quiz Night - Wednesday 25th May

Live Music!

Saturday 21st May: The Elbeats from 8.30pm.

Bank Holiday Monday's - 2nd & 30th May

Bookings and Contact: 01303 862694

Farm Shop Open

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 7th May

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 7th May from 10am

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

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BOOT & SPRING FAYRE AND FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday 7th May

**Park House Animal Sanctuary, Stelling Minnis
CT4 6AN**

Boot Fair from 8am (cars £6.50/vans £10)

Farmers' Market Bookings 01303 862622

Entertainment from 12 noon

Live Music with The Hythe Town Concert Band
Dizzy O'Dare's Giant Balloon Show (in association with Applause Outdoors) Sheep Shearing, Arena Displays, Display of Classic Cars and much more!

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Lyminge Library Opening Hours



Monday	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00am - 12.00noon
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.00am - 6.00pm
Friday	9.00am - 12.00noon
Saturday	10.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday	Closed

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www.lordwhisky.co.uk

GoingGoing.....Gone? Elham Valley & Wye Lions Club

We have previously warned that the Lions' **Christmas Float** and other activities are in danger of ceasing. Well, we are currently planning to wind up the club at the end of June, unless we get some new blood. So this year's **Christmas party for elderly people** in June will be the last, no more donations to local groups, no more **collections for Marie Curie (this year we raised £1950)**, no more **sponsorship of school projects**, no more **Message in a Bottle**, etc. New members would shape future activities.

If you might enjoy getting out of the house and doing things for your local community, don't delay, please call **Neil** on **01303 862837** or visit us on facebook or twitter at <https://www.facebook.com/Elham-Valley-Wye-Lions-Club-789305201196832/> or twitter: https://twitter.com/Lions_Elham_Wye or www.elhamwylions.org.uk.

Postling Gardens Open

29th and 30th May 2016

1pm to 4:30pm

Every two years we open a number of our gardens to the public, to raising money for the upkeep of our lovely church.

There will be a plant sale.

Tea and cakes in our village hall.

Free parking in 'Churchfields'.

Entry by donation with all proceeds will go to our church.

CANTORES

- Your local choir

Charity no: 1087409

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016

EVENING CONCERT

(Part of Sandgate Music Festival)

Wednesday 8 June 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Sandgate Church

LYMINGE PROM CONCERTS

Saturday 2 July 7pm

Lyminge Village Hall

and

Wednesday 6 July 7.30 pm

Sibton Park

REMEMBRANCE CONCERT

Saturday 12 November

(details TBA)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CHORAL EVENSING

Sunday 13 November 6.30 pm

Canterbury Cathedral

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Friday 16 December 7 pm

Sibton Park

and

Wednesday 21 December

(details TBA)

on all these events.

www.cantoresdominicae.co.uk

ELHAM Scarecrow Competition

Take part in our fun new
competition and let your
imagination run wild!

Make a scarecrow, display it in your front garden,
and the winner will receive a family prize from
Pam Ferris at the Elham Summer Food & Craft
Festival on Sunday 5 June.

Event organised by Elham Farmers' Market
with the support of the Rose and Crown, Elham.

9 May to 22 May: Register your scarecrow at the Rose & Crown

23 May: Deadline for displaying scarecrows in your garden

24 May to 4 June: Voting opens: the public to collect and return
voting forms and maps from the Rose & Crown

5 June, 12.00: Scarecrow parade and prize giving in Elham Square



For more information:
Julie Woodgate, Elham Farmers' Market manager, 01303 840044
elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk

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A huge thank you to everyone who supported our production of Quartet last month. It was an excellent production and we have had many very positive comments about it. By the time you read this we will have elected a new committee who will work hard to run our society.

Advance notice! We are putting on a play by Alan Ayckbourn in the autumn more details to come in the next newsletters. If you would like to join our society please contact Liz our secretary on 01303 862748 or visit our website: lymingedramaticsociety.co.uk

Anyone for Tennis?



Would you be interested in helping to start up a Lyminge Tennis Club this summer (to play on the tennis court on Jubilee Field)?

Would you be interested in joining a club once it was up and running?

Please ring Dennis Huntley on 01303 862343 or email dennis.huntley@talktalk.net

BUZZLINES JUNE HOLIDAYS

DATE	TOUR	DAYS	PRICE FROM
MON 6 JUNE	LOVELY LINCOLNSHIRE	5	£399pp
SAT 11 JUNE	HARROGATE & YORKSHIRE	5	£409pp
SUN 12 JUNE	MYSTERY TOUR	3	£199pp
SAT 18 JUNE	LONG SUMMER DAYS IN THE WESTERN TYROL	9	£595pp
SUN 19 JUNE	SCOTTISH BORDERS	8	£645pp

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SATURDAY MARKET



SATURDAY 21st MAY

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- **Lyminge Guides & the Methodists** for serving drinks and the cakes
- **Jazz Omnibus** for providing us with a lovely atmosphere
- **The 100 or so attendees:** dignitaries, members of the community and our hall users
- **Lyminge Art Groups** for a cheque in their continued support

Lyminge Bowls Club

Would you like to learn to bowl? On Sunday mornings throughout May and into June we will be coaching new bowlers to enjoy the delights of the game. Come along and give it a try. (Another day could arranged if necessary.) All you need to bring along are flat-soled shoes. Call 863495 for further information.

All welcome to come along and watch home matches, which for May are as follows:-

Sunday, 1 May 2.30pm

Saturday, 7 May - 2.30pm

Sunday, 8 May - 2.30pm

Saturday, 14 May - 10.00am

Tuesday, 17 May - 2.30pm

Thursday, 19 May - 2.30pm

Tuesday, 24 May - 2.30pm

Thursday, 26 May - 2.30pm

Monday, 30 May - 9.30am

Members from Cheriton give us a game

A Club competition - the Webb Trophy

A mixed game with members from River

An all day Club competition - the Wright Shield

Ladies from River pay our ladies a visit

We have a game with a touring team from St Chads

The ladies have a game against Wear Bay ladies

Ladies and Gents from Sellindge come to play

Our all day OPEN MIXED TRIPLES Competition



Lyminge Gardeners' Society



Presents

'The Gardens of Sissinghurst'

A talk by Joshua Sparkes

Tuesday 24th May, 7.30pm

(Please note change of date)

The Tayne Centre

Members £2, non-members £4

Teas, homemade cakes & raffle

More information from Veronica on 01303 862264



Lyminge Gardeners' Society



'Hampton Court Flower Show'

Thursday 7th July 2016

Coach travel and entry to show
Leaving Age UK Lyminge, Station Rd
at 8am

Members £30, Non-members £40

Tickets available from Age UK Lyminge



Tuesday 10th May

10.00 – 12.00

**Coffee Morning and
Bring and Buy**

Parish Church

in aid of the

**Beam Restoration
Fund**

Elham Valley Walking Festival



www.elhamvalleywalkingfestival.co.uk

4th & 5th June 2016

The Elham "*Walkers are Welcome*" team are launching their first Walking Festival on the weekend of 4th and 5th June 2016. Walks will centre on our beautiful valley and have been arranged with the help and support of other local communities. The walks will vary in length and difficulty from a short 1 mile historical walk around Elham, to a 22 mile walk along the length of the Elham Valley Way. The festival will also feature a Childrens Walk suitable for families with children aged 5 upwards. For more information visit our website or contact **Peter Corkill**, 840269, pgcorkill@yahoo.co.uk.

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Christian Aid Week will be running from 15th - 21th May and there will be door-door collections during this period.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY, as this is the ONLY annual nationwide charity collection. This year the focus is on "We love every neighbour".

Christian Aid believes in 'life before death' and works hard to transform people's lives NOW and inspire lasting hope for the future. Like it or not, we are now a global village and cannot ignore our less fortunate neighbours.

For more information, please contact **Norah Chinneck** on 863911 or at Lanfranc, High Street, Lyminge.



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12.00pm – 5.00pm

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Lyminge Weather Statistics – March 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	16.2 (31/03/16)	1023 (12-13/03/16)	51.0 SE (07/03/16)	91.5mm (3.74 in)
Minimum	-2.6 (07/03/16)	975 (12-13/03/16)	Highest Daily Rainfall	20.3mm (0.80in) (08/03/16)
This month gave us only four frosts, these being quite light. Rather windy, with gale force on several days. Rainfall below average.				

Rhodes Minnis
Cat Sanctuary



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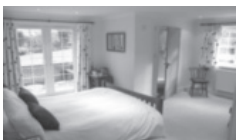
Can YOU help ?

Some of you may have noticed that for the first time there are daffodils blooming next to the path leading down to St. Ethelburga's Well. These were planted last autumn by the Lyminge Association as part of our plans to improve the area. If anyone has a spare plant or two of the small evergreen shrub or ground cover variety please call Adrian or Sandra on 862699, so that we can continue to improve and stabilise the area.

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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 provided. 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

We are back on Thursday 7th January 2016, 10am -12 noon

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For all bookings or enquiries please contact:

The Duty Manager on 07514-758936

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Charity No.800345

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Rates

Mon to Fri £15 per session £40 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

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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.
7 May		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787	2 July	7pm	Cantores Prom Concert	LVH	07813071867
10 May	10am	Coffee Morning/Bring&Buy	LPC	862073	16 July	11am	LYMINGE FUN DAY	Tayne Field	863737
19 May	10.30am	Coffee Morning	RMVH		16 July		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
20 May	7.30pm	Music on Friday	LPC		30 July		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
21 May		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787	13 Aug		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
29/30 May	1pm	Postling Gardens Open			27 Aug		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
29 May		Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary		862243	10 Sept		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
4 June		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787	24 Sept		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
4/5 June		Elham Valley Walking Festival	See Ad	840269	8 Oct		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787
8 June	7.30pm	Cantores - Sandgate Festival	See Ad		24 November	5pm	Christmas Lights Switch On	LB	863737
12 June	2.30pm	Queen's Birthday Party	EVH	863164	3 December	10am	St Nicholas Fayre	LPC	
18 June		Boot Fair	ECC	07896717787	16 December	7.30pm	Cantores Christmas Concert	Sibton Park	07813071867

Weekly Events									
Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Open House	EVH	863394					
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	BC	863177	Wed	11.45am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	TC	01233750223	Wed	6pm	Karate for Juniors	EVH	07554004526
Mon	11am	Cookery	JC	269602	Wed	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	2pm	Computer Buddy (need to book)	LL	862180	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Choir	LSH	07813071867
Mon	2.30pm	Monday Fellowship	TC	862164	Wed	8pm	Scottish Country Dancing	EVH	862761
Mon	5.45pm	Lyminge Youth Drama Group	TC	862602	Thur	9.30am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	862180
Mon ⁵	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991	Thur	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thur	10am	Art Group - Morning	TC	211364
Tues ¹	10am	Baby & Toddler Group	TC	863274	Thur	11am	Shopping trips to Supermarket	JC	269602
Tues	10.30am	Art Class	JC	269602	Thur	2pm	Art Group - Afternoon	TC	862972
Tues	11.15am	Chairrobics	JC	269602	Thur	6pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	6pm	Football Training	JF	07967342226	Thur	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	10am	Talk Time	LL	862180
Wed	10.15am	Mature Movers (Exercise)	TC	862873	Fri	11am	Seated Exercise	JC	269602
Wed	11am	Singing For Health	JC	862364	Fri	5pm	Hawkinge Flyers (Lyminge Branch)	Katrina	07881457994

Monthly Events									
When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
3 rd Mon	7.30pm	Etchinghill Cinema	EVH	863333	3 rd Wed	7.30pm	RM Evening Circle	RVH	862913
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	239500					
1 st Tues	10.30am	Reading Group	LL	862180	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694
1 st Tues	11am	Reminiscence	JC	269602	4 th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
1 st Tues ²	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	862972	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	JC	269602
3 rd Tues	9.45am	Family History	LL	862180	1 st Sat	10am	Village Market	EVH	863819
3 rd Tues	2.30pm	Etchinghill W.I.	EVH	863503	2 nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
3 rd Tues ³	7.30pm	Gardening Society	TC	862264	3 rd Sat	8am	Saturday Market	TC	862164
1 st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMP	862598	Last Sat	11am	Poetry Group	LL	862180
2 nd Wed	10.30am	Mothers Union	NP	862221	1 st Thurs	7.30pm	British Legion, Elham Branch	Age, UK	862779

¹ In term time only ² Except Jan, Feb, July and August ³ Except Jan, Feb, Aug ⁴ Except Aug and Dec ⁵ Except Bank Holidays

Out and About

Do you have any photos of local events or local groups in action, please call 01303 862699.
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Richard Chubb, Mike Chinneck and four Lyminge Guides atop the church tower with the special beacon to mark the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 21st April.

The bellringers joining in with the celebrations.



Winners of the **Lyminge Gardeners' Society's** Spring Show held at the Tayne Centre on 4th April. Congratulations!



Gill Broadley with her prize winning entry at the **Rhodes Minnis Flower Show** on 16th April

James Heywood who came all the way from Brockley to visit the **Elham Valley Line Trust's Easter Bunny Hunt** collecting his chocolate bunny prize in front of the loco at the Museum. Well done, James for spotting all the bunnies!



Lyminge Dramatic Society's superb production of "Quartet" was very well received - even a sell out on the Thursday evening! Only four members in the cast but what characters they were. With a bit of a surprise at the end!



The beautiful set for "Quartet" showed great attention to detail. See page 9 for more information about Lyminge Dramatic Society.



Councillors Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee cutting the ribbon at the Tayne Centre Renovation Celebration on 16th April. After the ceremony everyone shared two special cakes

A unique tapestry made by the team that had done much of the cleaning of the finds during the recent digs was unveiled. It depicts a view



of Tayne Field in Saxon times



Mike Foxon who had co-ordinated the project was presented with a special Tayne Centre memento by Pam Couchman



Mystery Photo

Last month's picture was the corner of the roof of the bus stop opposite Mayfield Road. Where would you see this one? There is a clue in the background!





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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.

To benefit from these services patients are encouraged to give their mobile phone number to their practice.

The phone scheme has resulted from a partnership between the CCG and the British digital health innovation company iPLATO Healthcare.