

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

January 2017

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION
www.lyminge.org.uk

Happy New Year from

Happy New Year
2017

The Lyminge Association

Beethoven to Broadway - a Concert



Hythe Town Concert Band
Lyminge Village Hall

Saturday 25th February 2017 at 7.00pm

RAFFLE - REFRESHMENTS

Tickets £6 (accompanied children free)
will be available from Laing Bennett at the
beginning of February

Garden Safari

On 24th & 25th June we will be providing the gardeners of our villages with the opportunity to invite visitors into their gardens to enjoy the fruits of their efforts. This event always generates a warm, feel-good factor, engaging a wide cross-section of the community.

The reason for this very advanced notice is to enable people to start planning their own garden ready for this summer show. See P6 for notes and guidance. So rake up the leaves and think about the tasks that need doing from now on. We look forward to seeing **YOUR** garden in June.

Make note: New Year's Resolution - get garden ready for Garden Safari!!

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Year of the Rooster

2017



Restaurant

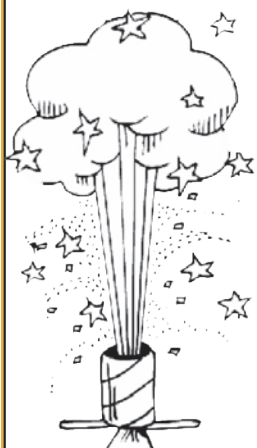
Chinese New Year Special 5 course meal

Come and Celebrate on 24th, 25th or 26th January

£29 per person

see the Lion Dance
and enjoy the Fireworks

Booking essential call 01303 863 288





LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Church Website: www.lymingechurch.co.uk

E-mail: office@lymingechurch.co.uk

SERVICES

Sun 1 st Jan	8.00am	NO Holy Communion
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 4 th Jan		NO Open House Bible Study
Sun 8 th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 11 th Jan	7.30pm	Open House Bible Study
Sun 15 th Jan	11.00am	Family Communion Service with Children's Corner
	6.00pm	Evensong
Wed 18 th Jan	7.30pm	Open House Bible Study
Sun 22 nd Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Joint Service at the Methodist Church to celebrate the start of The Week of Christian Unity
Wed 25 th Jan	7.30pm	Open House Bible Study
Sun 29 th Jan	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist Service with the Methodists to celebrate the end of The Week of Christian Unity

ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Coffee Morning in Wentworth Close Lounge

Friday 6th January from 10.00am to 11.30am

In the lounge at Wentworth Close
(entrance via the car park)

Please contact Lynne on 863010 or Loraine on 863216

Mothers Union

on Wednesday 11th January at 10.30 am
in the lounge at Nailbourne Court

Please contact Sue Rawlings 862221 if you are interested in joining
and/or need transport

Ethelburga Luncheon Club

Thursday 19th January meeting at 12.00 noon
at the Coach and Horses

please contact Lynne 863010 if you are interested in joining
and/or need transport

PADDLESWORTH PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 1 st Jan	NO SERVICES
Sun 8 th Jan	9.30am Morning Prayer
Sun 15 th Jan	NO SERVICES
Sat 22 nd Jan	6.00pm Holy Communion
Sun 29 th Jan	NO SERVICES – Benefice Service at Lyminge at 11.00am

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 January - Rev. Robin Blount

15th January - Mrs. Joy Brumwell

22nd January - Rev. Sam Funnell (Covenant service
incl. Holy Communion)

29th January - Rev. Derek Hancock

5th February - Mr. Tim James

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.

8th January Rev. Robin Blount

15th January Rev. John Lines

22nd January Rev. Sam Funnell (Annual Covenant
Service)

29th January Rev. Derek Hancock

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

8th January **9.30am** Family Service

15th January **8.00am** Holy Communion

22nd January **9.30am** Family Communion

29th January **No service in Postling**



19th January: Ethelburga Lunch Club in the Coach & Horses.

21st January: Saturday Morning Market in the Tayne Centre will resume in March.

22nd to 29th January: Week of Christian Unity
22nd combined service in the Methodist Church.

29th combined service in the Parish Church.

Every Monday afternoon "Knit and Natter" in the Methodist Church.

Lyminge Newsletter

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80's Music Quiz & Disco!

Sat 4th Feb 7.30pm

Lyminge Village Hall

Prizes for **Best Dressed table**
raffle, games and music bingo!

£5pp ~ BYO food & drink

For tickets go to: lymingevillagehall.co.uk or **Laing Bennett**
All proceeds go to refurbish Lyminge Village Hall
Registered charity 28145



ELHAM VALLEY AND WYE LIONS CLUB

If you missed our visit with Santa and Rudolph this Christmas, we do apologise, we didn't run it and our notice warning of this missed the previous newsletter. Thank-you to all those who supported our quiz at Etchinghill VH. It raised £570 net for Headway East Kent. We also provided £500 towards the hurricane relief work in Haiti; British Lions shipped four pallets of water purification tablets.

We are sorry to announce that after a couple of years struggling along with a declining number of members, the club ceased to operate at the end of December and is being wound up. Let's hope someone comes along to fill the gap to support the local and international community. We give sincere thanks to all those local traders, pubs and individuals who have helped us over the last 40 years and from all of us: a happy New Year to all.



ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Etchinghill Cinema Club FILM SHOW

"The Finest Hours" 12A

Monday, 16th January

Etchinghill Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £5 per head

Open to new and existing members

FREE Refreshments and Raffle



www.etchinghill.info



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Lyminge Church of England
Primary School

Requirements:

- Attendance at 6 early evening meetings per school year plus added administration time.
- Excellent organisational skills
- Good IT skills
- Ability to produce proficient minutes
- Awareness of confidentiality

Appropriate training will be available.

Applications to:- Tricia Stewart
Chair of Governors

Lyminge Church of England Primary School

Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA

Closing date: Monday 23rd January

If you wish to discuss this further contact
01303 862 008

Relaunching Lyminge Library's POETRY Group

Starting **Tuesday 24th January 10.30 - 11.30am** on the last Tuesday in the month, initially for three months.

First meeting with local author Jane Buss reading some of her poetry

Lyminge Library

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or call 03000 41 41 31 for more details



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District Councillors Report - January 2017

From your District Councillors

We were very pleased to see the new gateway in place at the entrance to Lyminge (Etchinghill end) with replacement picket fences, new signs and a new tarmac surface to a section of pavement between the village and the doctors' surgery. The funding came from Shepway District Council and the work was done by Kent Highways.

The new gateway was part of our project to improve the appearance of the district and as part of this scheme we have also been able to help Etchinghill Residents Association with their plans for a village sign in the centre of Etchinghill. The design picks up themes from around the village including the golf course and should be an attractive addition to the village.

Shepway's Community Chest recently awarded grants totalling around £90,000 to community projects across the district including one to the Elham Valley Line Trust in nearby Peene for an outdoor learning centre. (If you haven't yet visited the Elham Valley Line Trust please do. Run by volunteers it has remarkable collection of railway memorabilia, the model railway of the Eurotunnel terminal, a duck pond, a café, a playground and a craft centre in the 17th century barn relocated from Danton Pinch when the Channel Tunnel was built. Look on line for opening times.)

Central government funding for local authorities is continuing to reduce as part of efforts to balance the nation's finances and this funding will cease entirely in 2020. Local government will then be entirely reliant on income raised locally from council tax and business rates (subject to a complicated formula to share variations across the country). You can see more details about our budget either on the website or in the latest edition of Shepway Today which you should have received in December. A large chunk of the savings we need to make next financial year will come from automating and streamlining the way we deal with benefit payments. There will be discussion and debate at the council on the budget before it is finally agreed in February (we must by law set a balanced budget).

We both enjoyed the St Nicholas Fayre on 03 December held in St Mary and St Ethelburga church and Jenny attended the Age UK Hythe & Lyminge Christmas Fair on 25 November. Susan performed the Christmas light switch on at Etchinghill on 27 November which is an event that seems to get bigger every year just like the Christmas tree at Meriden Park.

Consultation meetings on Otterpool Park started in December with events in Sellindge, Lymington, Hythe and Folkestone and there will be many more to come over the next few years. There's a special section on the Shepway website where you can see the key public documents about the project or you can contact us. We have written to Alan Kyte of Postling to arrange a meeting and are happy to hear from any other constituents who would like to raise issues with us.

We wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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)



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

Happy New Year Everybody!!

With the arrival of the New Year we hope that everyone will be in good spirits and good health and we would like it to remain that way. But, we must also be prepared for bad weather and we recommend that everyone replenishes their pantries with some longlife milk, some tins and a loaf of bread in the freezer.

If anyone is aware of a neighbour who may be struggling, please let us know so that we can ensure that they are looked after with the necessary care and services in place.

As a New Year starts there is no better time to join our 100 Club. Numbers can be bought for £12 each with regular monthly draws throughout the year for a chance to win £10, £15 or £25 and in December the prize money is doubled. Please pop into the Centre for an application form or email to mfo@ageukhl.org.uk

Forthcoming events:

We shall be holding a Burns Night on Wednesday 25th January at the Hythe Centre. Please keep your eyes open for news on posters which will soon be in place around the village.

Diary Dates:

Seated Exercise sessions are on Fridays at 11am

Communion Service - 11am on the first Thursday. Support and assistance with transport is available.

Singing for Health sessions are now held most Wednesday mornings. The last session this year will be on 7th Dec and they will restart on 11th Jan 2017.

Chairbics re-starts on January 7th and thereafter every Tuesday at 11.15am. Chairbics is a fun and lively chair based exercise programme to music designed to improve your mobility, strength, flexibility, and balance. The cost is £2.60 per session and the service is open to anyone who may benefit.

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

Lyminge Dramatic Society



Lyminge Dramatic Society would like to wish everyone a **Happy New Year**. We are eagerly looking forward to our production of 'The Vicar of Dibley' which Mike Chisnall is directing at the start of April. The cast are ready to start rehearsals, the production team has been assembled and it promises to be a hilarious production - no,no,no,yes!! More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

A group of our seasoned performers read, sang and acted in a Christmas entertainment held at the hospice in Ashford before Christmas. The audience enjoyed it and the performers felt that it was a really lovely way to celebrate Christmas.

Rhodes Minnis Circle

Our speaker in November was **Paul Jarvis** who gave us an interesting insight into Customs and Excise. Based in Dover from 1974 Paul saw many aspects of smuggling and immigration. Border Control, as it is now known, covers overall land, sea and air throughout the country.

The competition was won by Marilyn Norton, with Pat Barnes 2nd, Diane Potter 3rd and Jean Lissenden 4th. There is no meeting in January, but on the 15th February Martin Usher will tell us about "**Catching Lives**" - a Canterbury based charity supporting the homeless.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2pm, and visitors are warmly welcomed. For further details please contact Marion Hoare (862913)

Lyminge Weather Statistics – November 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	20.5 (01/11/16)	1028 (30/11/16)	Gusts 47.0 (19/11/16)	145.50mm
Minimum	-6.3 (29/11/16)	967.0 (19-20/11/16)	Highest Daily Rainfall	41.0mm (19/11/16)

Rainfall for November slightly more than that for combined August/September & October. First frost on 18/11/16 gave us longer than usual 'frost free' season, with last frost on 01/05/16. Good for the garden - my summer bedding plants stayed in bloom until 01/12/16. High gust of wind coincided with lowest barometer reading of this millennium.

Neighbours...what neighbours????

Lyminge and our surrounding villages have a large number of vulnerable people; people who, for whatever reason, find it more difficult to manage on their own.

These difficulties are heightened by the onset of winter - the cold, the ice, the poor light.

In our area we have a terrific community spirit that pops up at all sorts of opportunities. Please think of those who might need your **HELP**...and then do something positive - offer them support to do whatever they can't do for themselves and make their lives just a little easier. We'll all need help at sometime of our lives....**offer help now and remember, the joy you gain is in giving!!**

Maureen Copping

It is with sadness that we announce Maureen Copping, formerly of Haxtons Estate Agents, passed away on 8 November 2016 following a short illness which she fought with bravery and determination.

She will be much missed by her husband, Roy, and her sons, Joe and Matt.

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."

Saint Francis de Sales



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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

VILLAGE HALL NEWS by John White

Village Market will not be held in January.

Open House will be starting again in the New Year on Monday 9th January at 10.00 am (every Monday morning unless notified otherwise). The speaker on 23rd January will be our own John Buss, who will give a presentation on *"The Victorian Workhouse"*. A very apt setting given our location. All are welcome for a chat, activities and company. Refreshments will be available.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION by Geraldine McCombe

CINEMA CLUB on Monday 16th January is showing the film *'The Finest Hours'* (12A) at Etchinghill Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Produced by Walt Disney Pictures, a drama based on the true story of the SS Pendleton damaged during a massive storm, chronicles the true account of the 1952 United States Guard Rescue, after it split apart during a nor'easter off the New England coast. The entrance fee of £5.00 includes admission, refreshments and a lucky draw ticket. For further information, please visit www.etchinghill.info or contact Lorna on 863665

NOTICES FOR ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS by Cllr Colin Manvell

Westfield Heights Deliveries; Confusion is occurring with deliveries of mail and parcels to our new neighbours in Westfield Heights (Bullimore's yard). The confusion is perhaps due to insufficient clarity of addresses when ordering goods or writing letters. This leads to residents in Westfield Lane having mail, goods and parcels, destined for Westfield Heights, and visa versa. Please could all residents help to eradicate the problem by checking the address before accepting delivery? Thanks to Colin, the developer of Westfield Heights has erected a sign denoting the location of Westfield Heights properties, which should help alleviate the problem. Thanking everyone for their co-operation.

Passing Bay, Westfield Lane; It is noted that vehicles are being parked in the passing bay. The passing bay is just past Tolsford Close on the right-hand side. The bay has been sited to allow vehicles using Westfield Lane to wait in the bay to allow other vehicles a free passage. The KCC Community Warden and the PCSO have been made aware of this traffic infringement. Please make your visitors aware.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Your new Neighbourhood Watch Officer for East Kent Division is: Andrew Judd and can be contacted on: Office 01233 896151, Mobile 07980965236, andrew.judd2@kent.pnn.police.uk

GATEKEEPER INN NEWS

Indigo Stone will be playing live on 22nd January from 6.00pm onwards, all are welcome.

To include an entry in the *Etchinghill Update* please contact Barbara on 862873 or barbara.newing@hotmail.co.uk

Things-To-Do in January to Get Your Garden Ready for the Garden Safari, 24th & 25th June

1. Plant your pot grown Christmas tree
2. Buy seeds early - buy anything that takes your fancy before the spring rush.
3. Look out for plug plants - these small bedding plants offer great value for money, and are available early in the year. Pot them up and grow them on before planting outside after the risk of frost.
4. Decide on a colour theme - give your garden a designer look in 2017 by colour theming your containers and accessories. Plan ahead so you can keep your eyes peeled for things that fit in with your scheme.
5. Clean and service tools - get your tools up to scratch so they're in tip-top shape when the gardening season gets in full swing or browse our range in-store. Petrol mowers will benefit from a professional service.
6. Move plants - if you are planning on moving any plants in your garden it's best to do it now when they're fairly dormant, before they put on lots of spring growth.
7. Design new borders - get creative and plan new

borders. Use the traditional method, and take pencil to paper to work out perfect plant combinations for the New Year.

8. Tidy your borders - cut back and clear dead foliage and the last of any fallen leaves. Take care not to damage emerging roots.
9. Check and firm in all newly planted shrubs and trees
10. Check dahlia tubers, gladioli and begonia corms that are being stored and remove any that are rotting
11. Spot water containers, pots, tubs and window boxes if necessary
12. Remove snow from evergreen trees and shrubs
13. Plant new fruit bushes when the ground is not too wet or frozen
14. Check and loosen tree ties, replace any that are broken
15. Check stakes on fruit trees for being loose or broken
16. Keep off lawns in frosty weather
17. Have the lawn mower serviced and the blades sharpened
18. If puddles stay on the lawn, spike with a garden fork or aerator to aid drainage
19. Prune Vines now before sap rises
20. Keep an area of the pond free of ice to help fish to breathe
21. Clean and oil all garden tools

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
 Got the After-Christmas Blues?
 Come and have an Old-Fashioned
 Family Fun Evening at **BEETLE DRIVE**
 on **Friday 27th January at 7.30pm**



Adults £2 – Children 50p



Teas, coffee and juice provided
 There will also be a raffle
 New players very welcome.

BOOK SALE Books Books Books

Friday 20th January
Saturday 21st January

10.00am to 12.30pm

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

Sci-Fi Thrillers Romance Historical Fiction

TEA AND COFFEE
 In aid of church funds



ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE MARKET

Saturday 4th February

10am -12.30pm

Plenty of free parking

Local produce

Local meat

Home made pies & cakes

Free Tea or coffee - just spend £4 or more
 on any one stall

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL. Charity No. 302736



Lyminge Hand Bells

The Lyminge hand bell ringers have been playing in and around Lyminge for well over 25 years. We love to attend fetes and local private celebrations throughout the year so if you think the sound of hand bells would suit a special occasion you are planning, then please contact us. We have an increasingly wide selection of music to choose from or just leave it to us. All we require 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 current charity, the Nepali Children's' Trust. A small contribution to travelling costs is also appreciated if we have to travel more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Please provide plenty of advance notice. Want more info or make a booking? Please call **Ro Edmond** on **863201** or email **welldorm@aol.com**

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Park House Animal Sanctuary

Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN. Tel: 01303 862622

www.lordwhisky.co.uk

Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition

Saturday 25th February - 10am to 4pm

Boughton-under-Blean Village Hall, Nr Faversham

Come and meet some unusual and exotic
 species and have a chat with the experts.

Meet Max the Llama

Craft Stalls ~ Tombolas ~ Hot & Cold
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"Things may come to those who wait, but only the
 things left by those who hustle."

Abraham Lincoln

Lyminge Friends

In **December**, Rosemary Piddock entertained us with her talk on Christmas customs **'Tis the Season to be Jolly** which was followed by our Winter Lunch Party which everyone enjoyed. At the time of writing we are looking forward to the last event of the year, our regular **New Year's Eve Lunch in China China**

In 2017, we start on Wed 4th January when we will hear from **Brian Rumbelow** from **Shepway District Council** on **Why recycling is important and where it goes**. This talk will be followed by the Christmas Lunch in the Coach and Horses.

In **February** the talk will be **Trials and Tribulations of a Public Speaker** on Wed 1st by **Barbara Stevens**.

**Meeting are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Rigden Room of the
 Tayne Centre.** Entry for 2017 is £3.00 which includes

light 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.



Lyminge a history Part Eight Reviewed by Nigel Thomas

Part 1

[The Lyminge Historical Society has published part eight of Lyminge a history – this time in full colour. As with previous volumes, Nigel Thomas has provided an independent review so that you can gain an insight of the volume. The Newsletter has kindly reproduced this review here which will be spread over two issues.]

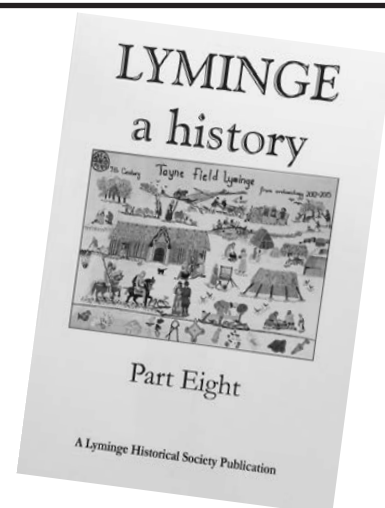
Lyminge seems a perfect mine of recoverable history. Mind you, it needs a dedicated team of accomplished delvers to discover and present it, and part eight of the village history is a superbly complementary testament to both the mine and the diggers. The topics are varied, but the common bonds between them are the loving care that informs the presentation and the determination to make each page interesting. I would love to have eavesdropped on the pre-publication discussions! The experience of the book is greatly enhanced by the use of more coloured photographs and artwork – you turn the pages with a pleasant sense of expectation.

I enjoyed the article on Davison's Mill at Stelling Minnis. In the past, windmills were often the hub of much village life and it was good to see how the working mill has now been made a lively source of historical information.

One of the great skills of the historian is to turn old documents into a lively and relevant read. As someone who knew some of the farming characters along the Elham Valley who were involved in the tithe wars of the 1930s, when some farmers refused to pay the demanded tithes, I found Duncan Harrington's article on Lyminge Tithes fascinating. Reading of the fiendish complications involved in ending the tithes, I was irresistibly reminded of the problems ahead as we unravel our links with the European Union. But that is an undoing of a different history!

The account of the workings of the Elham Poor Law Union by Deborah Collins trolled through a whole range of documents and was equally concerning. It revealed a range of human predicaments and interesting applications of the prevailing patterns of morality. The dominant mode was concern but it was often tinged by the litmus test of "the deserving poor": the ill child who was denied further relief because the character of the mother "was not good", and the delicious report from the Ladies' committee that young children should "be kept in a room apart from the adults and so be saved from the evil of hearing all the conversation that must be necessarily bad for them."

To be continued [The second part of Nigel's Review will appear in a later issue of the Lyminge Newsletter.]



SATURDAY MARKET



**No Market in January and
February.**

Next one is in March.

Happy New Year to you all!!



All are welcome to

Knit and Natter



Every Monday

2.30 - 4pm

Methodist Church/Tayne Centre
Refreshments, Bring and Buy

In aid of Tayne Centre Flat Roof Repairs.



GET ACTIVE IN 2017

Are you an older adult who wants to get moving, have fun and meet like-minded people? Start 2017 right and join us as we launch our 'Active 50' timetable.

Three Hills Sports Park
20th January 2017
10am-2pm

10 - 11.30am: Join us for a **guided walk** around Folkestone.

11am - 12pm: Sample a whole range of activities in our 'Give it a Go Workshop' or simply **enjoy a tea or coffee** as a spectator.

12 - 1pm: **FREE buffet lunch** with a short presentation by **Damian Collins MP**.

1 - 2pm: Try 'Walking Football' with our friendly and qualified coaches.

1 - 2pm: Inspired by Strictly? Join us for a fun **Ballroom Dancing lesson!**

All day: **FREE ACCESS TO THE GYM AT THREE HILLS SPORTS PARK**

You are welcome to join us for the whole day or just drop in for the sessions that interest you.

If you would like to register interest or have an informal chat about our Active 50 programme of events, please contact Jordon Mann
(j.mann@shepwaysportstrust.org // 01303 760677).

Letters to The Editor

"Thank you to everyone in Lyminge who has made such an effort with Christmas lights. No doubt the inspiration has come from the brilliant display at Mount Pleasant and it seems that Station Road has really got into the Christmas Spirit. My kids are loving driving through the village, and for many people this is some much needed light relief from a very challenging year. Well done Lyminge!" **Jane Michotte**

"More tosh and monkey business"....

We have another offering of "tosh" from our district councillors (Lyminge Newsletter Dec.2016) about the virtues of the Otterpool monster...no sweetmeats here, just another serving of "gruel" - equally unpalatable and indigestible. Have they observed the recent massive public protest march that took place by the people who really "ARE" actually concerned about the disappearing countryside? Did Cllr Monk notice?

Also, reading the written drivel (Shepway Today Autumn/Winter 2016) it is vividly illustrated by words; ..."it is for people like you, handsome new homes, tree lined neighbourhood, fabulous public spaces, shops where you can park outside (now that would be a first!) and as I read this poetic description of utopia for "people like you" I enter seemingly into a peaceful trance-like state, humming wistfully, my imagination drifting through blue space with fluffy clouds, seeing pelicans flutter by and otters happily slashing in their pools, but ugh ...I am awakened by reality of the rat-tat-tat-tat of my front door, the rhythm sadly matching in my thoughts, that of Lon-don-o-ver-spill....oh, how strange?

Damian Collins states (Folkestone Herald, Dec 8th 2016) quote; There is no shortage of green space, it's houses we need; unquote. This surely signifies a lack of understanding.... he misses the public feeling - it's the LOSS of green spaces we are concerned with. Of course, there is plenty of green space where Mr. C lives which is not depleting on a scale that anyway matches Otterpool. I can imagine Frankie Howerd might whimsically say ..."no, don't laugh, poor soul, he doesn't know!"

Actually, there ARE a lot of houses and flats available for rent or sale and at great variety of prices, information can easily be located in the high street....they are called Estate Agents!....but for the council house situation (now called social housing) we need to be reminded that regrettably, it was the Conservative government run by Mrs. Thatcher that probably created or certainly worsened the start of the council housing crisis by selling off council house stock....a serious mistake, exacerbated by successive governments ill conceived ideas on immigration.

So, "YOU" the government and councillors of all grades, who profess to work on our behalf, Ho! Ho! Ho! (that's Christmas jollity) I plead = get us out of this housing mess, worsened principally by yourselves, and not by methods so designed to punish the honourable people of Kent by depriving them of the countryside!.....and dare I mention lorry park and Princes Parade, the death of more of the countryside. It is with anticipation your great grandchildren will enjoy playing on concrete!

Eric Hooles

Letters to The Editor

'I have just finished reading the December issue of the Newsletter. As always I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the events that take place in Etchinghill [my old stamping ground as a child] and Lyminge of course, plus the surrounding area.

I hope everyone in the area has a wonderful Christmas and all best wishes for the coming year. I look forward to the 2017 newsletters.'

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Members and guests were welcomed to the Christmas meeting by the President, Barbara Syrett. A birthday posy was presented to the treasurer, Ann Morgan, June Price read items

from the East Kent News. A large group of us visited The Bell Inn at Hythe for Christmas lunch. It was an excellent lunch and a great time was had by all.

We were entertained by Sue Watson who made a welcome return singing folk songs and accompanying herself on the guitar.

Barbara Syrett was presented with two beautiful plants from all the members, a camellia and a rhododendron and Daphne Andrews presented a photo album to Barbara portraying many years of events and people in Etchinghill W.I. June Price was presented with a rose bowl for her long service to Etchinghill W.I. Janet Hooles was the competition winner for decorating a bottle of wine.

It was then time for some very festive tea, the table was full of mouthwatering food which was enjoyed by all, the hostesses being the committee. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th January at 2.30pm in the village hall when Dorothy Douse, the W.I. Federation treasurer, will speak.

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Bookings and Contact: 01303 862694

Think PHARMACY in East Kent during the Winter Months

Local pharmacies can offer a wealth of health support and should be the first port of call for common illnesses such as coughs and colds over the winter months.

Dr Jonathan Bryant, Chair of the CCG, said: "At this time of year, many people get colds, and all they need to do is make sure they have paracetamol."

Pharmacies can provide much more than just a prescription. They can advise on minor ailments and how to use medications effectively and safely.

Dr Bryant said: "Pharmacists are highly trained health professionals, who are qualified to offer health advice and guidance, particularly on common problems such as headache, coughs & colds, tummy bugs, verrucas & warts."

"They will advise you on buying over-the-counter medicine and give advice on prescribed medication. Many pharmacies are open for longer hours than GP surgeries, and you don't need an appointment."

Dr Bryant added: "If a pharmacist can't help you, they will be able to direct you to the right place, whether that is your GP, practice nurse, or a minor injuries unit. Many pharmacies now have consulting rooms people can discuss their problems with the pharmacist in private."

Pharmacies also offer health improvement services such as stop smoking and weight management. The push to use pharmacists comes in the midst of the winter season of coughs and colds. Dr Bryant said: "**The best treatment for a cold is to drink fluids, take paracetamol and rest.** Antibiotics don't work against viral infections such as colds and will not be prescribed by your doctor."

Your nearest pharmacist is:

Lyminge Pharmacy, 21 Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ Tel:01303 862425

MUSIC ON A FRIDAY...



.....wishes to thank all of those performers who sang and played their hearts out, at our CHRISTMAS SPECIAL on 9th December. The evening was supplemented with mulled wine and mince pies, so a good time was had by all. Thank you to for all the helpers, without whom these evenings would not be possible.



LOOK OUT
for details of our
VALENTINES EVENING
performance
17th Feb 2017



From Lyminge Historical Society

Please note, after the Winter Break in January and February the first talk in 2017 will be as below:

Tuesday 7th March in The Tayne Centre
Henry Clifton, a Littlestone Lifeboat Man
Speaker: Rosemary Piddock

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Bumpy Field Gang (Court Lodge Green)

Thank you for all your help over the past 4 months. Please come and join the work party that meets once a month, on the second Thursday of every month at 10.30am for approximately an hour and a half. We meet in the Village Hall car park next to the field. We are trying to support the natural habitat by creating biodiversity for plants and animals and to make the field suitable for the community to enjoy. If you would like to help in one of these practical sessions, please come along and lend a hand. You do not have to commit to this every month.

NB The ground is uneven so wear good footwear and clothes. Bring garden gloves if you have a pair. This project is not suitable for children.

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Lyminge Baby and Toddler Group

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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.
2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	18 March		STREAM CLEAN		863737
7 January	7pm	Invicta Woodwind Orchestra Concert	LMC		29 April		GARAGE SAFARI		863737
20 January	10am	Book Sale	LPC	862073	13 May		LITTER PICK		863737
21 January	10am	Book Sale	LPC	862073	19-25th June		LYMINGE FESTIVAL		863737
4 February	7.30pm	80's Music Quiz and Disco	LVH		24th June		GARDEN SAFARI		863737
17 February		Music on Friday - Valentines Evening	LPC						
25 February	7.30pm	MUSICAL EVENING: HYTHE TOWN CONCERT BAND	LVH	862699					

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed	11.45am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	BC	863177	Wed	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	TC	01233750223	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Choir	LSH	07813071867
Mon	11am	Cookery	JC	269602	Wed	8pm	Scottish Country Dancing	EVH	862761
Mon	2pm	Computer Buddy (need to book)	LL	03000413131	Thur	9.30am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	TC	863049	Thur	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon ⁵	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991	Thur	10am	Art Group - Morning	TC	211364
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thur	11am	Shopping trips to Supermarket	JC	269602
Tues ¹	10am	Baby & Toddler Group	TC	863274	Thur	2pm	Art Group - Afternoon	TC	862972
Tues	10am	Baby Signing	EVH	07800737936	Thur	6pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	10.30am	Art Class	JC	269602	Thur	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	11.15am	Chairobics	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel A Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Tues	11.15am	Feel A Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936	Fri	10am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	11.15am	Baby Signing	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10.15am	Mature Movers (Exercise)	TC	862873	Fri	11am	Seated Exercise	JC	269602
Wed	11am	Singing For Health	JC	862364					

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	2pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	239500	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694
1 st Tues	10.30am	Reading Group	LL	03000413131	1 st Thurs	7.30pm	British Legion, Elham Branch	Age, UK	862779
1 st Tues	11am	Reminiscence	JC	269602	2 nd Thur ⁶	10.30am	Court Lodge Green Clean	LVH	864235
1 st Tues ²	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	862972	4 th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
3 rd Tues	9.45am	Family History	LL	03000413131	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	JC	269602
3 rd Tues	2.30pm	Etchinghill W.I.	EVH	863503	1 st Sat	10am	Village Market	EVH	863819
3 rd Tues ³	7.30pm	Gardening Society	TC	862264	2 nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
1 st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMP	862598	3 rd Sat	8am	Saturday Market	TC	862164
2 nd Wed	10.30am	Mothers Union	NP	862221					

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 ⁶ Starting September

Out and About

*Do you have any photos of local events or local groups in action, please call 01303 862699.
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◀ Sunday 27th November saw the Grand Switch-On of the Christmas Trees in Etchinghill.

Councillor Susan Carey, who performed the Switch-On with Terry Rawbone of the Etchinghill Residents' Association ▶

The Musicians ▶▶



◀ Mike and Nora Chinneck playing at the Christmas Music on a Friday Night in the Parish Church on 9th December



◀ A young customer tries her luck on the Tombola.

St Nicholas himself handed out small cards about how we came to have Father Christmas



A very well attended **St Nicholas fayre** was held once again in the Parish Church.

◀ **The Mount Pleasant Lights** broke all records once again this year with an incredible display with even more homes joining in. As we go to press the total stands at £820 !!

This fantastic figure is to be shared between The British Heart Foundation, MS and Cancer Research.



Mystery Photo

Last month's picture was the steps in Woodland Road opposite the entrance to Palm Tree Way and Silverlands.

If you got that one, this one might be easy !



◀ **Father Christmas** had a busy evening on Thursday 22nd December. This of course was the extra special delivery he does with the help of **The Lyminge Association**.

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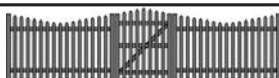
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