

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

November 2007

*Produced by*  
The Lyminge Association

## **News just coming in**

We've just heard from our correspondent at the North Pole that once again, Father Christmas has been able to snatch a moment out of his busy schedule to visit Lyminge in person just before Christmas Day. Yes, the news is that he will be here on Thursday 20th December so that he can deliver your presents around the Parish of Lyminge.

So, if you would like Father Christmas to deliver parcels to your friends and family, all you have to do is wrap your gifts and label them clearly (so that the elves can see the labels in the dark!) with the name of the recipient and the address. Take your parcels to Haxtons in Station Road (or Sunny Cottage, Canterbury Road in the evenings) and the elves will ensure that Father Christmas delivers them on the 20th. For each address you send to (limitless numbers of parcels to the one address!) there is a charge of £1.00. Father Christmas delivers to children of all ages up to 100 - or even older - so this is your opportunity to surprise and thank a neighbour etc. The last date for delivering your parcels to Haxtons or Sunny Cottage is 19th December.

Father Christmas' tour of Lyminge (accompanied by his elves and helpers) starts at about 4.30pm. If there are small children to be delivered to, whose bedtime might be early, please leave a message on 863197 and we will see what we can do. Any queries, please ring 863197. Oh - and a plea from Rudolf- please, no huge parcels - the sleigh is only small!

## **Lyminge Association News**

Having problems with street rubbish, street lights etc.? Recently, Shepway District Council sent every household a copy of their blue pamphlet of contact numbers. Lost yours? Not to worry there is a supply in the Village Library. Within the pamphlet you will find an index to the relevant departments and 'phone numbers to contact them. If the problem is not Shepway's responsibility they should be able to give you the relevant authority and telephone number.

When you call the authority they will log the call and give you a reference number. It is important that you make a note of the date, the authority, telephone number and the reference number. They should also advise you of the time scale in which they hope to fix the problem. If, after this time has elapsed, the problem has not been fixed please call them back for an explanation. If the explanation is not satisfactory, and you have done all that is reasonable, or a further time period elapses and the problem is not fixed then let the Lyminge Association know.

We will log the details of the call, time scales and the reference number and take up the monitoring of the case on your behalf. We may call you back and check on progress - if any, or hopefully with news on action. If you wish to avail yourself of our help then once you have mustered the details 'phone John Carr on 862972 or pop round the Korf House, (opposite the Lyminge Food & Wine Store) and discuss the matter."

***How was it for you? I refer of course to the Garage Safari and Charities' Table Top Sale.***

We had a great day, the sun shone, browsers came and went and some bought and of course the garage got sorted out. We discovered the colour of the walls and that Uncle Bill, missing since 1958, must have gone off to the Congo and had not gone to look for the nail tin in the garage, as Aunt Bertha had always claimed!

We would like to thank the map sponsors free distribution proved very successful. By the end of the day most legitimate participants had sold at least some of their nick-knacks and the Village Hall had to send out for more supplies as the hungry browsers descended like locusts. Hmm, those Bacon Butties!

The only sour note to the day, from the organisers' point of view, was the person who opened her garage and rode on the back of the advertising but refused -quite abusively, to pay on the day.

Next year we are planning to hold two more safaris and for each we also want to incorporate a Table Top Sale in the Village Hall along with their catering miracles. For those who like plenty of notice we are planning one for early April and the other for early October. There will be some tables in the Hall for private individuals in addition to the Charity Tables. If you have any ideas of how we can improve the advertising, organisation or anything else please drop a note in at the address at the end of this piece\*. For instance, would you prefer a Saturday or Sunday safari?

For pictures of the day please [click here](#).

Well we have had the AGM and the Chairman's report and I think I speak for most when I say it was a successful year. Now want to do something that will help bring neighbours together and will benefit everyone in the village. So, we are planning clean up days on 24th and 25th November. Based on this experience we will organise others next year. We have a list of volunteers and their approximate location in the village all of whom will be contacted in November to arrange groupings and assign areas - hopefully close to your houses. If anyone else wants to join in, but was unable to let me know in the past that you are available, please contact me at the address below.\*

Who likes painting? We have - as I am sure you are all aware, two bus stops in desperate need of care and attention. One is opposite Silverlands Road entrance and the other opposite Mayfield Road. Would you like to organise or participate in a painting project? If so please let me know - see below.\*

I understand from the Post Mistress and the Community Warden that the post offices in Lyminge and Elham are all safe from closure - news that will cheer everyone in the village.

Got to go - Uncle Bill has 'phoned from Gatwick to say he's back and wants picking up so to bring the pony and trap!

\*Korf House, Canterbury Road - (opposite the Food and Wine Store), or email me on [jon@serenitas.co.uk](mailto:jon@serenitas.co.uk)

## **ETCHINGHILL UPDATE**

### **Farmers'/Craft Market**

The next market at the village hall is on 10th November and the last one this year is on 1st December. Hope to see you there.

### **Multi Sports Court**

The opinions of the residents of the village were sought last month before spending large amounts of grant, promised or donated money. The results of the 260 households approached was 25 returned forms, 18 in favour, 6 against, 16 people would use it and 4 offered help (two of which were already helping). The fASC sub committee therefore felt that this response did not warrant the investment of £212,000 and agreed not to proceed with the project. The committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the project over the years and to advise those who have donated time and money that all grant monies will be returned to the sponsors and the remaining money will be spent as decided upon at the next MSC committee meeting, Please let us know whether you think the money should be spent on a teen shelter for the youth, which was part of the original planning application, or some other project that the village will benefit from. Please let Barbara know on 862873

### **Residents' Association AGM**

The AGM has been set for 11th November at the Village Hall starting at 3.00pm. All residents are welcome to have their say as to how and by whom the village social events are organised. Maybe you could spare time to be on the committee or help with events? Nominations will be taken from the floor. The agenda, plus accounts and minutes of 2006 AGfA, are displayed on the village notice board. Hope to see all 260 households there.

### **Village Hall AGM**

Over 50 people attended the Village Hall ASM in October and elected a new Management Committee. The new committee has already convened two meetings and are looking at two of the issues of concern namely CCTV and vandalism. They are also seeking advice on amendments to the constitution to ease the election and management process. The committee will keep you abreast of progress. Since the ASM the committee wish to clarify that the costs associated with Gardening in the summary of accounts -2006, included a large cost for new works and was not purely maintenance. Should you wish to hire the hall contact Eileen on 862832 and for all other matters contact Rodney on 862028

As a result of the AGM it became obvious we need to raise money to support the Village Hall and to this end we are holding a Quiz on Sunday 2nd December. Please see our advert in the 'Dates for your Diary' section

### **Dog Faeces**

Following on from the request from the EYE to clean up after your pet on the amenity land there has been a spate of defecation on the front gardens of residents' property within the

village. Please ensure that your pets keep off other people's gardens and clear up after them if they do perform there.

### **Parent and Toddlers Group**

Phoenix Cards and Osborne Books are at the village hall on 7th November and Marshall Arts Photography is there on 14th November. The group hold their sessions between 10.00 and 12.00 every Wednesday morning.

### **FUTURE EVENTS - ETCHINGHILL RECOLLECTIONS**

Why not come along on SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 3.0 pm to find out what Etchinghill was like in the 1800s? Why not bring your own memorabilia? All are welcome - please contact Barbara on 862873

### **Letters to the Editor**

LYMINGE FC(11 a-side) With reference to the article in October's Newsletter regarding Lyminge FC (11 a-side) - we were very saddened to read the possibility of the team having to play home matches outside the Village. Could someone enlighten us as to why? Surely with Jubilee Field being such a good pitch in the heart of the village this would be a great shame. It is important to support and encourage our local sportspeople and our village amenities.

I would like to bring your attention to the speed of traffic in Westfield Lane, Etchinghill. The Residents Association has long complained about the speed through the Village but apparently nothing can be done about it. Now drivers (mostly locals and not only the younger generation) are treating Westfield Lane like a race track. There are many children living in this area and people frequently walk their dogs to the top in order to reach the many footpaths. Westfield Lane is a fairly narrow road with a few parked cars which makes it difficult to see children or pets from crossing it. A much loved cat was recently killed by a car - next time it might be a child!

Can you PLEASE keep your speed down now that the lane is so much busier.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS**

Last Thursday I put a message out to the Folkestone area regarding a distraction burglary - bogus caller that had taken place at lunch time. A male was purporting to be a Police Officer. Since then we have had a further 5 incidents within the Shepway area.

On Friday evening between 2030 & 2100hrs a male broke into a property in Tolsford Close, Etchinghill. When challenged he claimed he was a Police Officer.

On Saturday between 1050 & 1110hrs a male posing as a Water Board official stole cash from a property in Greenfields, Sellindge.

Again on Saturday between 1130 & 12 noon 2 males posed as builders at a property in Cobden Close, Hythe and stole cash.

Somewhere between 1855 & 2200hrs on Saturday evening a window was forced at a property in Bartholomew Street, Hythe. The IP was out at the time.

Again on Saturday evening between 1900 & 2000hrs a male broke into a property in Blackhouse Hill, Hythe and when challenged by the elderly victim he stated that a neighbour had asked him to pop round and check on her.

Kent Police are asking you to be very vigilant and not to let any unknown callers into your property. Only open the door if you have a chain in place. If you are offered ID take it, shut the door tight and read what is on the ID. If you are unsure ring the Police to check on 01303 850055. Under no circumstances should you let them into your property.

Please make sure that your elderly and vulnerable neighbours are aware of this advice and also make them aware of the Nominated Neighbour scheme. Details can be obtained from Sally Coleman, your PCSO or KCC Community Warden.

If you have any information that would help Police solve this crime please ring on 01303 850055.

More than 200 young people in Folkestone, Dover and Deal were stopped and spoken to by police officers and community support officers (PCSOs) during the first weekend of the Safer Autumn campaign (Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 Oct).

Alcohol was confiscated from 42 young people including:

On Friday night three youths with bottles of lager were stopped outside Sainsbury's in Deal and six youths with a crate of lager were stopped in the car park at Walmer Castle later that evening. All the alcohol was confiscated.

Again, on Friday police were called to Marine Parade in Hythe to disperse up to 50 youths who had congregated and were drinking alcohol.

A 14-year-old girl was intoxicated in Lower Road River. Police had to call her mother to come and take her home. A 15-year-old boy was stopped in Ladywell with 13 bottles of Stongbow Cider.

A group of youths were dispersed from Connaught Park, Dover and a large quantity of alcohol was seized and poured away including vodka, alco pops, Lambrini wine and Jack Daniels.

The Safer Autumn initiative has been launched to target anti-social behaviour and alcohol-fuelled crime and disorder over half-term, Halloween and Bonfire night.

Extra officers are on the streets as analysis shows this is historically a period when anti-social behaviour goes up and they will be maintaining high visibility and will deal swiftly with offenders.

Officers are also enforcing the Firework Regulations that make it an offence for anyone under 18 to be in possession of a firework.

Chief Inspector Luke Dodson said: "These high visibility patrols will continue throughout the next few weeks, so I would urge parents to make sure they warn their children about the dangers and consequences of drinking alcohol."

"We will also be focusing on people using Halloween as an excuse to cause a nuisance and those who breach the firework regulations."

### Forthcoming Village Events

We would like you to give us details of your future events for this page, to help us all plan for our events and spread them throughout the year.

There is no charge for entries on this page.

For entries into the next issues please call **Gillian** on **863232**

3-Nov	CANTORES CONCERT	SANDGATE CHURCH	01233 503686	JENNY
5-Nov	BONFIRE NIGHT	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	DAVE
6-Nov	AGM LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY	METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
9-Nov	ANTIQUE VALUATION EVENING	LORD WHISKEY TEA ROOMS	862622	
9-Nov	AN EVENING WITH KENTISH WRITERS	ELHAM VILLAGE HALL	863927	THERESA
10-Nov	CRAFT & FARMERS' MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
12-Nov	LYMINGE ASSN.MEETING	TBA	863197	LIZ
16-Nov	PLAY YOUR QUIZ RIGHT	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	DAVE
16-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AGM	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
17-Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR	PEACE ROOMS, STOWTING	812201	AUDREY
17-Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR	RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY	267 858	CHRISTOPHER
17-Nov	CHARITY DARTS TOURNAMENT	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
18-Nov	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10AM	862015	RICHARD
19-Nov	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
24-Nov	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
24-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
24-Nov	VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY	LYMINGE	862972	JOHN
25-Nov	VILLAGE CLEAN UP DAY	LYMINGE	862972	JOHN
26-Nov	"CINDERELLA" PANTO WEEK	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	863393	HAXTONS
26-Nov	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	METHODIST CHURCH HALL		
27-Nov	JUMBLE SALE	NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL	272056	KIRSTY
30-Nov	LIVE MUSIC: LOADED UK	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
1-Dec	CRAFT & FARMERS' MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
2-Dec	ETCHINGHILL RECOLLECTIONS	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862873	BARBARA
2-Dec	QUIZ EVENING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862488	JEAN

4-Dec	HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK: DEFENCES IN EAST KENT	METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
8-Dec	ST. NICHOLAS ' FAYRE	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	863	SHAWN
8-Dec	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
8-Dec	GARDENERS' XMAS BARN DANCE	NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL	272056	KIRSTY
8-Dec	CHRISTMAS ANIMAL CELEBRATION	PARK HOUSE ANIMAL SANCTUARY	862622	MARGARET
10-Dec	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
12-Dec	INFANT PRODUCTION	LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	862367	MICHELLE
14-Dec	JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE	LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH	862367	MICHELLE
16-Dec	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
16-Dec	CAROL SERVICE	NEWINGTON CHURCH		
28-Dec	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, INCLUDING LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL	862367	MICHELLE
31-Dec	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL	272056	KIRSTY
20-Jan	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
4-Feb	MUSICAL EVENING & SUPPER	"SNOWDROP" SELLINDGE	863803	GILL

YOU ARE OFFERED A WARM  
WELCOME  
TO  
14, MOUNT PLEASANT CLOSE  
LYMINGE  
7th and 8th November 2007  
11am -7pm  
**CHARITY CHRISTMAS SALE**  
A LARGE SELECTION OF HIGH  
QUALITY,  
TRADITIONAL, HOMESPUN  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATIONS. TOYS & GIFTS.  
ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO  
MENCAP and DEBra (Epidermolysis  
Bullosa)  
ANY ENQUIRIES: 863029

**Pilgrims Hospices**  
**IN EAST KENT**

Wed. 7th November  
10am until 12.30pm

**Christmas Fayre and Coffee Morning.**

Usual stalls. Many Christmas items.  
Get ready for the festive season with our  
greetings cards and calendars.

In aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund  
Registered Charity No. 283483

**Diary Dates for 2008**  
**Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition**

Saturday 23rd February  
at Boughton Under Blean Village Hall  
Further details to follow

**Boot & Spring Fayre**

Saturday 3rd May at Park House  
12 noon ~ 3.30pm

**Dog & Owners Fun day**

Saturday 7th June at Park House  
12noon ~ 3.30pm

**Boot & Summer Fayre**

Saturday 26th July at Park House  
12noon ~ 3.30pm

**Boot & Autumn Fayre**

Saturday 6th Sept. at Park House  
12noon ~ 3 .30pm

**PLAY YOUR QUIZ RIGHT!**

Friday 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7PM  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

A special quiz night brought to you by the  
Lyminge Village Hall Management  
Committee

Enjoy our mince pies and Christmas cake.  
Father Christmas will greet you.  
Holy Trinity Church Hall,  
Sandgate Road, Folkestone.

**RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP**

We are holding a coffee morning with raffle  
on Thursday 8th November in aid of  
Demelza House Childrens Hospice  
Marion Hoare will be there selling  
cards/small gifts and calendars. Everyone  
welcome  
10.00-11.45am

In aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund  
Registered Charity No. 283483

**VALUATION EVENING**

with Sandwich Auction Ltd

Friday 9th November

Do you have anything valuable tucked away  
in your cupboards? Not sure? Then bring it  
along to the Tea Rooms to be valued.

No valuation fees - please make a donation  
to the Secretary

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2pm**

at Park House, Stelling Minnis

Join us for a short service with the Revd  
Cole, Crib Scene and carols.

In the event of bad weather this will be held  
in the Tea Rooms

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Peace Room

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**Saturday 17th November**

**10.30 am-1.00pm**

Christmas eats, Unusual preserves,  
cakes, crafts and books

Raffle with super prizes

Good refreshments

In aid of The Peace Room refurbishment

**NOVEMBER BEETLE DRIVE**

Come & Join us at

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Saturday 24 November

Starts at 7.00 pm.

Adults £2.00, Children 50p

Enjoy a Quiz with a Bingo Twist  
Play Your Cards Right  
Bar

Tickets £5.00 obtainable from Lyminge  
Post Office For details call Niki on 862530

All funds raised are for the Village Hall  
Extension Fund

**YOUR VILLAGE HALL IS GETTING  
BIGGER**

Registered Charity No:281845

**RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY**

Registered Charity No 262245

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Will be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall,  
Sandgate Road, Folkestone

On Saturday 17th November

10.00am-1.30pm

Presents for you & your cat

Cards \* Raffle \* Tombola \* Books\*

Bric a Brae \* Cakes & Jams

Refreshments

Teas & Coffees

Entrance Free

All proceeds go to feed the homeless cats at  
the Sanctuary over the Christmas period

**ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

In conjunction with

Etchinghill Residents Association

**Sunday 2nd December 2007 from 3pm**

A FREE afternoon of

Etchinghill Recollections

With Tea/Coffee and Cake

An informal afternoon to share information  
about local history and view literature,  
memorabilia and photographs. All welcome.

For information 862873

**? A Quizzical Night ?**

Not too tricky!

**Sunday 2nd December 7pm**

An evening of fun and frivolity ~ Prize for  
winning team

Raffle drawn on the night

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tea and Coffee supplied

Teams of up to 6 people but please come  
along and make up a team.

Entry £3 per person

includes refreshments  
There will be a raffle

Children welcomed if accompanied by an  
adult

Contact 862488 for further information

**GIGANTIC BOOK SALE**

at Newington Village Hall  
on Saturday 1st December  
10am – 12 noon  
20p entrance

**LYMINGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

*Cinderella*

**A Magical Family Pantomime!**

Lyminge Village Hall - 28th November to 1st December at 7.45 pm

Matinees at 4.45 pm Friday and 4 pm Saturday

Senior Citizens free on Tuesday 27th November at 7.45 pm

Tickets from Haxtons Estate Agents, Lyminge 01303 863393 from 3rd November

**LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**  
**NOVEMBER 2007**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 7.30pm All Souls Day Service for the  
Faithful Departed

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am 'World of Worship'

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Holy Communion  
7.30pm Open House - Bible Study and  
discussion  
9.15pm Wednesday Silence

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Remembrance Day service in the  
Church followed by a service at the War  
Memorial at 10.50am.  
6.30pm Healing Service

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
7.30pm Open House  
9.15pm Wednesday Silence

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> **NO Holy Communion, Open House or  
Wednesday Silence**  
**[7.00pm CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT THE  
CATHEDRAL]**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Sunday Silence

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
7.30pm Open House  
9.15pm Wednesday Silence

**RHODES MINNIS**

**METHODIST CHURCH** This

small Chapel in beautiful  
countryside surroundings holds  
a weekly Sunday Service  
normally at 9.30am

Followed by coffee and biscuits  
A warm welcome is extended to  
any visitors

The Preachers for November  
are:

4th Nov - Mr Dudley Shipton

11th Nov - Mrs Val Redding

18th Nov - Mr Dudley Shipton

25th Nov - Rev. Wesley

Kenworthy (\* All age service \*)

\* No \* service at Rhodes

Minnis but a joint Valley

service at Lyminge Methodist at  
11am

**POP-INN**

Every Wednesday 2.30 - 4pm  
at Methodist Church

Free coffee, tea and biscuits

ALL welcome - if you are  
collecting children from school  
or just passing

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS in Nailbourne Court**

These will resume in the lounge at Nailbourne Court on Sunday 4th November from 3 - 5pm. They are open to anyone living on their own in Lyminge. For more information please contact Vanessa at The Rectory on 862432.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

Coffee mornings continue to be held on the second Monday of each month from 10.00am to 11.30am in Wentworth Close lounge. Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat.

### **PRAM SERVICE - Thursday 8th November**

Our monthly services for pre-school children are held on the second Thursday of every month at 2pm in Lyminge Church. The service will finish in plenty of time to collect older children from school. For more information, contact Vanessa on 862432.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LUNCH - 15th**

#### **November**

The lunches continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meal will comprise of two courses followed by coffee, at a cost of £6.50 per head. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. All welcome. Please let Vanessa know if you would like to book a place.

L.E.T.

Methodists and Anglicans  
working together

### **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 tea/coffee

Preachers for November are:

**4th Nov** - Rev. Wesley

Kenworthy

**11th Nov** - Remembrance

Sunday United Service at Parish Church 10am

**18th Nov** - Mr Dudley Simpson

**25th Nov** - Mr Colin Hancox

#### **Monday Fellowship**

Every Monday 2.30pm -  
3.30pm

We have a range of speakers and activities and an opportunity for a chat over a cup of tea. Open to women and men as we look forward to meeting new friends.

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact the Minister, Rev Barry Armson, on 01303 266281

Our grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the Folkestone Rainbow Centre Collection on Saturday 13th October. £86.87 was raised  
Thank you again!

### **AGE CONCERN - ELHAM RURAL**

The Day centre in Everist Court is due to host the falls prevention exercise programme, "Strong and Steady". The programme is run by the Intermediate Care Team and delivered for 2 hours on a Wednesday over a 10 week period. If you are over 65, have fallen or are afraid of falling and would like to participate please contact Peter Ellis or Nic Streader at the Royal Victoria Hospital on 01303 854488

We are holding a coffee morning on Thursday 29th November between 10am and Mid day. There will be a raffle, sale of cakes and Christmas goods. Please come and support us. We have some lunch spaces available Monday to Friday. Lunches are served at Mid day and consist of a small orange juice, main course of meat and 3 veg followed by a sweet, and a cup of tea or coffee. Meals are prepared freshly on the day and cost £3.65.

If you are interested in these or any of our other services please contact Matthew Martin or Lisa Hodden on 01303 862364. e-mail [ac.elhamrural@virgin.net](mailto:ac.elhamrural@virgin.net)

If you require any assistance with benefits advice please contact Sue Chitty Advice and Information Officer on 01303 863861 e-mail [acer.information@virgin.net](mailto:acer.information@virgin.net)

### **RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE**

Ken Frisley, our speaker for the 17th October, was unfortunately unable to attend because of ill health. We were very fortunate to have the Reverend Alan Hewitt and his Springer spaniel "Biggies" instead. The Reverend Hewitt told us about Biggie's training and "Adventures with Biggies" who was a delight! The competition "A theatre programme" was won by Mary Chambers, with Daphne Andrews 2nd, Doreen Dix 3rd and Marion Hoare 4th. Our speaker on the 21st November is Margaret Harvey talking on RWANDA. Instead of a competition we will bring a gift for "Operation Sunshine". We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Members old and new and visitors are very welcome.

Marion Hoare 01303 862913

### **HOGBEN FAMILY**

Carolyn Hogben from Essex is researching her family tree in the area, and would be very pleased to hear from anyone by the name of HOGBEN or SWAIN - or anyone with any information that may be of interest to her. Please contact Carolyn on 01702 479434.

Thank you.

### **FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED BIKE RIDE**

As usual for this event, the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed warm sunshine all day. This year we had a record turn out of cyclists - 14 adults and 6 children. It sounds a bit unmanageable and to start with it was. The convoy moved slowly out of Lyminge towards Postling, preceding a long queue of cars. Once past Newbarn we spread out a bit and things got better. Apart from losing contact with three of the boys in Saltwood (thankfully we met up again after a 20 minute search) we proceeded without incident to our pub lunch in Sandgate. The children and some parents decided that downhill from Lyminge to the beach on a bike is good fun - uphill from the beach to Lyminge is less fun and they decided to paddle in the sea instead. That's what it is all about. Enjoy the day and raise money for a good cause at the same time.

We certainly did both and this year we produced another terrific result of £805! Our thanks, as always, to all participants and their generous sponsors.  
Lawrence Lees

### **LYMINGE YOUTH ACTION UPDATE : November 2007**

**AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 19th November 2007 at the Lyminge Methodist Hall from 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, so come along and hear all the exciting details of progress so far.

**Christmas Party!** Following the success of last years Christmas party, we will be holding another one this year. The party will be at Sibton Park Cricket Club on Friday 21st December, from 6pm till 7.30pm for primary school children and from 8.30pm till 10pm for those attending secondary school. Come along to join in the festive fun, games and dancing, face painting and Christmas cracker making. **Phone Pam on 863283 or come to the AGM for tickets.**

**Boxing Day Dip:** For the 3rd year running we will be jumping in the sea as part of The Folkestone Lion's Club Boxing Day Dip. We managed to raise nearly £1000 last year and would love to beat that total this year. You can contribute by sponsoring us, persuading brave people you know to join us, or of course joining us yourself. The last two years have been great fun and everyone participating has really enjoyed being part of such an eccentric event (Honestly!) and it's a great way to burn off that big Christmas dinner! We are collectively dressing up as the Lyminge Youth Action Sea Monster this year (Chinese Dragon style), so under our costume you can dress up as warmly as you like or even wear a wet suit! **Phone Pam on 863283 or come to the AGM for more info and sponsor forms.**

**An Amazing Triumph:** A huge 'Well done' and 'Thank you' to Jenny and James Tomlinson who recently completed their adventurous sponsored bike ride across the Himalayas to raise money for Lyminge Youth Action.

### **LYMINGE YOUTH ACTION**

Come and find out how the plans are progressing to create leisure facility on Jubilee Field - work is due to start very shortly. You can also hear how you can be involved in supporting the plans by helping us raise the last £50,000 at the Christmas Disco, Boxing Day Dip and yes, in 2008 a repeat of this year's very successful Children's Variety Show!

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Once again we are collecting filled shoe boxes. The following places have kindly agreed to hold leaflets explaining the reasons for donating a box and the items which can be included -

Lyminge Post Office, Lyminge Library, Lyminge Hardware, Lyminge Chemist and Lyminge Food and Wine.

This has always been well supported by everyone and we hope you will help us to send many shoeboxes to the children who

#### **Sponsored Bike Ride from the Tatras to Tokaj**

We would like to thank all those who sponsored our cycle ride in September. We were amazed that so many people were prepared to help Lyminge Youth Action towards the target needed to build the new sports facility.

In all we received sponsorship of more than £530 (If you haven't given us your money yet we would appreciate getting it as soon as possible.)

We thoroughly enjoyed the experience - the

have nothing. Thank you  
St Mary & St Eltheburga Church will be  
the collecting point and you may bring  
your completed boxes to the Church by  
19th November.

If you would like further information  
please contact Rev. Vanessa Ashman on  
01303 8622432

### **SAD NEWS - GLAD NEWS**

**The Lyminge Coffee Shop** is changing  
hands from 1st November! We are sorry to  
hear that Sally is relinquishing the  
ownership of the Coffee Shop. However, it  
is being taken over by Eileen and Michelle  
who say they are not changing anything.  
We wish them well in their new venture  
and hope you will continue to support this  
popular venue. We would also like to wish  
Sally our best wishes for the future.

### **BLOOD DONORS**

Calling all blood donors! The new venue  
will be Lyminge Village Hall car park at  
the end of November. Please contact 0845  
7711711 to make an appointment

**I have heard it all now!** A lady was  
walking her dog when it performed on the  
footpath. Being a good citizen and  
responsible dog walker and equipped with  
a suitable bag, she bent to pick up what  
her pet had left behind. Suddenly, from  
across the road a voice boomed, 'Hey, you,  
stop doing that, you are making me feel  
sick!' What can one say, except to hope  
that the next time that person goes out he  
steps in the largest pile imaginable. To  
whom it may concern, we are trying very  
hard to ensure that people do pick up their  
dog's faeces in order to make a cleaner and  
more pleasant environment for us all.

Please do not put people off.

challenge of cycling from Krakow to  
Budapest by way of Slovakia, the beautiful  
countryside we cycled, walked and bounced  
through. We would recommend anyone else  
to try it. As a senior inhabitant of Lyminge I  
am really delighted to have been able to help  
the younger members of our community get  
some of the equipment they need to benefit  
from what our village can offer them.

James and Jenny Tomlinson

### **Lyminge Handbells**

There is still time to book the popular  
Lyminge Handbells for a special Christmas  
event. We have dusted off our collection of  
carols and traditional festive pieces and are  
taking bookings now. We are happy to play at  
venues large and small so if you want us to  
ring for you just give us a ring! We have a  
large selection of music for all occasions,  
both formal and informal, and will come to  
your home for that special celebration. All we  
need is a large table, room for up to 10  
players and a donation of at least £35 for our  
charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. Weekends and  
evenings only please and plenty of advance  
notice. Call Ro Edmond on 863201 or Stuart  
Hunnisett on 862530. Alternatively you can  
e-mail Stuart on

[stuarthunnisett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stuarthunnisett@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Lyminge Dramatic Society - Cinderella**

Get ready to boo, hiss and cheer for the  
Society's production of that much loved,  
magical pantomime, Cinderella, which will  
take place in Lyminge Village Hall from  
Wednesday 28th November to Saturday 1st  
December. Tickets will go on sale at Haxtons  
Estate Agents, Lyminge on Saturday 3rd  
November for this traditional pantomime  
which will be enjoyed by the whole family  
and will require plenty of audience  
participation - oh yes it will!  
Performances will run from Wednesday 28th  
November to Saturday 1st December at  
7.45pm and there will be matinees on Friday  
at 4.45pm and Saturday afternoon at 4.00pm.  
Senior Citizens will be welcome free of  
charge on Tuesday 27th November at

7.45pm.

Telephone bookings will be possible from the 5th to the 17th November and these tickets will be reserved for collection at the door pending payment received at Haxtons by the 17th November. Please make cheques payable to "Lyminge Dramatic Society". Hurry along to book for what promises to be a super, fun - packed show!!

### ETCHINGHILL W.I.

The 85th Birthday Meeting was opened by Barbara Syrett. She welcomed Sue Maylam, Federation Chairman all W.I members and other guests.

A birthday posy was presented to Gwen Webb.

A trip to Nocutts in Maidstone has been arranged for 6th November leaving at 11.00am.

Christmas dinner at the Tavemetta Restaurant has been arranged for Tuesday 18th December.

Several tables of crafts were for sale with a very good selection of Christmas Gifts and cards.

As the planned speaker was unable to attend, Mrs Ann Finney kindly stepped in at short notice and spoke about ' The Life of Judy Garland'

We all enjoyed a very nice tea prepared by the committee.

Sue Maylam thanked Etchinghill W.I for a very pleasant afternoon.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th November at 2.30pm and is held at Etchinghill Village Hall and will be the A.G.M.

For further information please contact Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141

#### FOR SALE

00 MODEL RAILWAY  
Bachmann Boxed  
P1 boiler Scott 6155 The Lancer  
LMS Crimson with 3500 Fallon  
Tedder  
2.5 Ton Queen Mary Brake Van  
Hornby Boxed  
GWR Pannier Tankl Damaged  
LMS Brake Van with Tail light  
Fine Fish Van  
GWR Brake Van  
Barrow Coke Wagon  
Hornby Unboxed  
Shell Tan Wagon

#### HELP WANTED!!!

Here is advance notice that Santa will again be making an advance visit to the Elham Valley in December. The Lions club will be out and about for sixteen nights and we could do with some help making collections. Can you spare a couple of hours one evening? Please ring Neil on 01303 862837. We will be in Stelling Minnis and Bossingham Tue 11\*, Etchinghill and Postling Thurs 13th, Elham on Fri 14th, Hawkinge Mon 17 to Thurs 20th, and Lyminge Sat 22nd.

#### FOR SALE

Vauxhall Brava 4x4  
Crew cab 2.5 TD

*Anyone for a drink?*

We offer a squash in between our games of

Smith Crisps Van  
Prime Pork Van  
£75 o.n.o. to be sold as one lot only  
Call Mr Cox Mob: 07902 047864

Full service history MOT  
until March  
Full tow pack and Ifor  
Williams canopy  
£1800 O.N.O.  
Contact Tim 01202  
862676 or 07752 880583

Badminton.  
Come and join us on  
Thursday evenings  
7.30-9.30 pm.  
Phone Janet on  
862900

### **Lyminge Pre-School**

Registered Charity No. 1029226

- Fun-packed sessions available for children from the age of 2 years.
- Flexibility for parents with a choice of mornings, afternoons or a combination of sessions.
- Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm (term time only).
- Friendly staff fully trained and experienced at providing a safe and stimulating environment for children to learn & play.
- Children benefit from an enjoyable and seamless transition to Lyminge Primary School.
- Members of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and awarded the highest marks possible in our latest Ofsted report.
- We are located at Lyminge Village Hall on Woodland Road. Please feel free to call in and visit or telephone Julie on 01303 862634 or Lynn on 01303 862831. Email address: [lymingepreschool@aol.com](mailto:lymingepreschool@aol.com)  
We are a non-profit making charitable organisation.

### **Lyminge Village Hall**

At the heart of our community our recently redecorated Village Hall offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and can meet a variety of requirements with it's small Committee room, larger Club room and the Main Hall with servery and large stage. Excellent parking, kitchen facilities available and all in a delightful part of the Village. Price example.

Friday or Saturday evenings £45.00

Afternoon weekday birthday parties £12.00

For full price details and availability give Jaqui Storey a call on 862044

### **RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL**

Are you looking for a hall in which to hold practice sessions, party/function or private meeting?

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall has the capacity to take parties of up to 100 and has kitchen facilities at no extra cost.

Rates:

Sun - Fri £13.00 per session £32.00 per day  
Sat £19.00 per session. £26.00 evening session £50.00 per full day

Session Times:

AM session 8.30am - 12.30pm

PM session 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Evening 6.00pm - 11.45pm

A £25.00 returnable deposit is payable in advance. Electricity will be charged at 14p per unit. Regular users will be given a special reduced rate.

For further details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on 01303 862616

### **LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL HIRE**

#### Hall

1 June to 30 September £5 per hour  
£17 per 4 hour session £32 full day  
1 October to 31 May £7 per hour  
£24 per 4 hour session £42 full day  
(includes heating)

#### Parlour

£4.50 per hour all year with use of Electric over heaters if required

**Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club**

Having a party? Need a local venue?

Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket

Club's lovely pavilion?

We have a bar with club price drinks & friendly,  
efficient staff

There is capacity for up to 100 guests. For  
further information or to make a booking please

Contact Lesley Kirk, Tel 01303 862366

Email address [lesley@invercot.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:lesley@invercot.fsnet.co.uk)

Overnight Stays

1 June to 30 September £30 1 October  
to 31 May £40 (Including heating)

**Please note that Mrs Jean Strange is  
no longer the hall booking secretary.**

**For any enquiries please 'phone  
07971 722401**