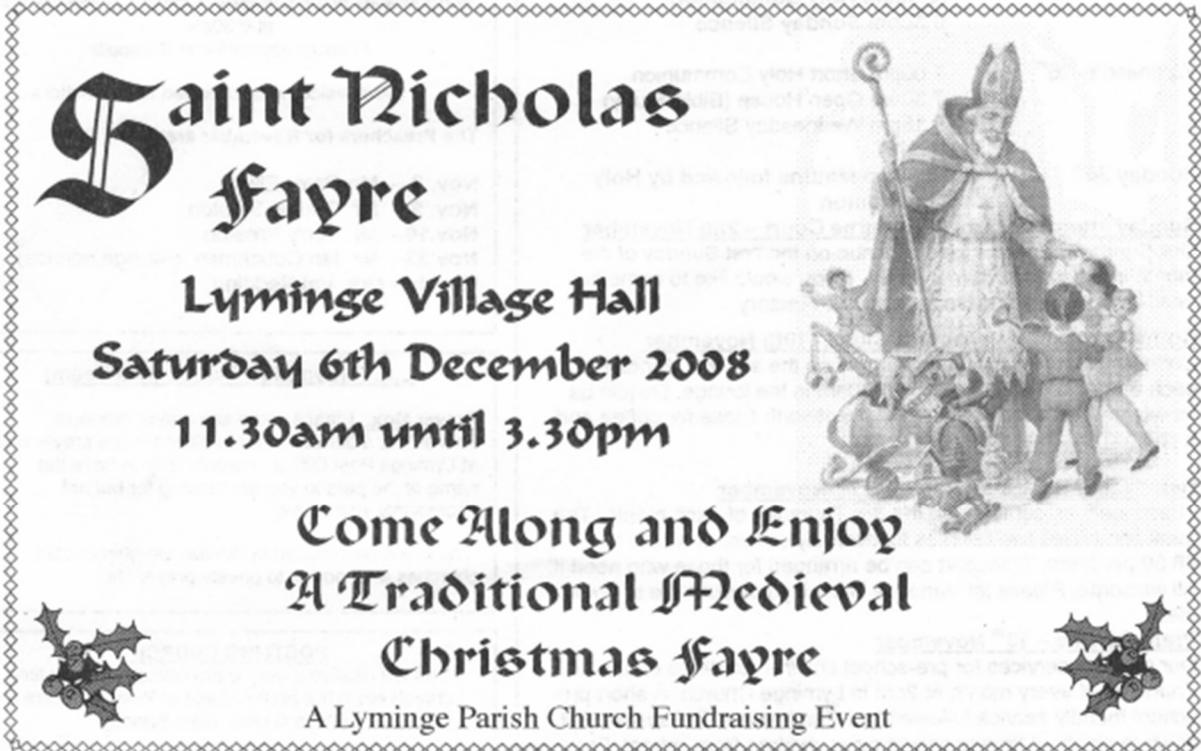


THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

November 2008

Produced by
The Lyminge Association



Saint Nicholas
Fayre

Lyminge Village Hall
Saturday 6th December 2008
11.30am until 3.30pm

Come Along and Enjoy
A Traditional Medieval
Christmas Fayre

A Lyminge Parish Church Fundraising Event

The Lyminge Switch On

The switching on of the Christmas Tree outside Haxtons and our own Lyminge Association trees will take place on Saturday 6th December at 4.30 pm.

Anyone living on the main Canterbury Road in Lyminge who would like a bracket, a tree and a set of lights to display outside their property should contact Liz Coleman on 863197 or Honor Hunt-Cooke on 862928. Come along after the St. Nicholas Fair and get a warm Christmas glow.

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Once again Father Christmas and his elves will be visiting the area in December. More details will be in the December newsletter but perhaps it would be a good idea to start thinking about

how many children will be at your address on 23rd December and would be delighted for Father Christmas to come to your door with a small gift.

LYMINGE SHOWCASE

We are holding a Lyminge Showcase on 31st January 2009 to be held at the Methodist Church Hall. This is your opportunity to show or demonstrate what you have to offer in the local area to help everyone enjoy their leisure time. It could be a sedentary occupation like painting or sewing, or something a little more energetic like badminton or table tennis. It may encourage more people to join local clubs or at least know who to contact if they wish to have more information. Most of the local clubs and societies should have received a letter inviting them to take part in the Lyminge Showcase but if you have not been contacted and would like to take part, please ring John on 01303 862972.

CCTV

Recently the Lyminge Association has received a number of suggestions, particularly from local traders, that CCTV cameras should be installed around the parish to help prevent vandalism and theft... The Association responded to these enquiries by arranging for a talk to be given by Shaun Taylor, the Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator for the Shepway Community Safety Partnership at the AGM on 23 September. So it was very disappointing that so few people came to hear the talk and to see a demonstration of CCTV. Nevertheless the talk was very interesting and thought-provoking. Shaun started by asking us whether it was worth it; in the first financial quarter there had been only 40 (reported) crimes of any nature in the whole of our Ward (Dymchurch, a similarly sized ward had 60). The purpose of CCTVs is to detect crime, prevent crime and catch someone in the process of committing crime, the latter needing someone watching permanently. It would be necessary to set up a camera for each location - Folkestone has 40-50 cameras covering the town centre. The quality of the image is frequently too poor to make an identification and there will still be some criminals willing to take the risk even with cameras installed. The cost for one basic unit is between £300 and £400 and a monitored system (relay links) costs in the region of £40,000; it is a prohibitive cost and not a proportionate response. More useful to the community is our local policing, headed up by Trevor Moody. Much of the vandalism has been prevented by working with the local youngsters. Should there be a need in a particular area the police can install a mobile unit for a short while. However, Shaun went on to say that often petty vandalism is caused by youngsters who have nothing to do. He feels that Lyminge is very fortunate indeed to have such excellent facilities behind the village hall which he knows are extremely well used in the summer time - when the evenings are long. He pointed out that now the dark evenings are back then the youngsters will not be able to use these facilities and may take to hanging about on street corners where there is some street lighting, and where trouble could potentially start. He strongly advised that consideration was made to installing lighting for the skate park etc. This lighting could be environmentally friendly and could consist of a small wind generator and solar panel of the variety seen alongside the motorways. It would be possible to install a timer to regulate how long the facilities could be used in the evening. At the conclusion of the talk the proposal for the vote was, " Does the community wish to have CCTV at this moment?". It was unanimously declined. The Lyminge Association will now discuss how a lighting project could be taken forward.

Letters to the Editor

We would like to respond to the letter to the editor in our last newsletter from a Shaeamus Maher.

It seems impossible to think Mr. Maher can be referring to St. Mary & St. Ethelburga in Lyminge in his comments to the editor. Having served the community for hundreds of years St Mary's continues to love and support the people of Lyminge today. Although we are not regular visitors to the church a warm welcome is always waiting for us on the occasions we visit. The Rev.'s. Peter and Vanessa Ashman and the congregation work hard sharing the love of God in the village. Working in the local primary school, holding coffee and tea mornings for the elderly at Nailbourne Court and Wentworth Close. Offering love and support to the young mums at the Pram services held monthly and also caring for those bereaved through the bereavement support lunches, to name but a few. Then there are of course funerals, hospital visiting, and calling upon those sick and alone at home. With reference to Mr. Maher's comment that only practising Christians can be married or christened at the church, we can only say that we totally disagree. Both our son and daughter were married at St. Mary's although they did not attend the church. The encouragement and support they received leading up to their wedding was wonderful and left them happy to return to the church anytime. Many families who have had their children christened there can also say the same. We do not believe that anyone would be turned away without a very good reason. We feel we are very well looked after by St. Mary's and would like to thank the Rev.'s Ashman for all their hard work and love.

Sadly today churches need to be locked due to vandalism and theft but St. Marys can be open upon request for personal prayer and meditation notice of which can be found in the porch. Our village would be a sadder place without St. Mary's and whether you attend the church on a Sunday or not I am sure your life is touched in some way by the love and support offered in the community. Therefore with regard to the maintenance of 'Our Beautiful old lady', we should all be happy to give what ever we can to enable it to serve our village for another few hundred years.

Yours sincerely,

Katherine & Roger Goody

Dear Editor

HELP! There has been a long debate about dogs and their mess around the village and, on the whole, the situation has improved. Thank you to all those thoughtful dog owners who do clear up.

However, my concern is about cats, who likewise leave their mess, but this time in our private gardens. One morning we found 4 separate piles! Obviously we do not have a cat ourselves, but it is not very pleasant when you cannot let your children out in the garden, or entertain friends, before first checking that it is cat-poo free. I know we are not alone in finding this problem a great nuisance, but I wonder if there are any solutions, since owners of cats have no control over their movements once they are outside. (I believe I heard that in America cats are not allowed to roam as they do here!) Perhaps those who own cats could give this matter some consideration, please.

Name and address withheld by request

Out and About

A small Selection of the photos received of events that have taken place in the last few weeks



▲ *Lyminge Friends in action at one of their regular meetings. Here they are "Painting with Pastels" For more information, see page 7 or contact Marian on 862015*

Postling has produced its own full colour Calendar!

They will be available at the St. Nicholas Fayre or by phoning Peter Le Feuvre on 01303 863780 Price £5



If you have any photographs of local events or your group 'In Action' that could be included in the Newsletter please contact our Newshound via 01303 862328.

Lyminge Heritage Q's and A's - The Captain Swing Tale (part 2) **- Possibly what happened? (A11)**

What on earth am I, George Arnold, doing here, laying in the middle of a field, at 10 o'clock at night in this state. My face is blackened so that my own mother wouldn't recognise me. Well I'm looking down on old Pricey's barn. Something's going to happen tonight and I want to see what's going on. Don't want to get caught though. They'd throw the book at me, what with young David in the thick of it.

Why did my brother, an apprentice blacksmith, ever get involved with those farm workers in smashing that thrashing machine? I suppose they needed his skills to make sure it no longer worked. The labourers are so worried the winter's going to be bad. They'd lose the work if the thrasher did it in their place and they'd all be hungry and cold. Anyway, five of them were rounded up today and are now in St Augustine's Gaol waiting to see the magistrate. I doubt they'll keep quiet and it will only be a matter of time before David is arrested, especially with that Peeler, Leadbitter, from the Metropolitan Police Force being sent down here to help stop the smashings.

It all started back in June. We got to hear of a few fires up in that village in north Kent called Orpington. Never thought it would spread here. The harvest was bad this year and then we heard that the labourers were getting together to plan what to do to make sure they could feed their families. The farmers were mostly supportive especially Parson Price. He persuaded most of the farmers not to harvest their crops this year so that the poor labourers could get some gleanings. And, he argued that they should not use threshing machines because of the poverty it would cause. There's always some though. Let me see: Collick at Lower Hardres; Woollett at Shuttlesfield; Kelsy up Barham; ... oh, and several others. Well,

they've all lost machines now. It started at Wngmore at the end of August. Then one by one, they've all been done.

The valley's got quite a name for trouble now and they even sent in soldiers to protect Hardres Court. It's not just the smashings, mind. There's been burnings as well. If you stood on Canterbury city walls these last few nights, you'd see all them burnings and the southern sky lit up with fires. Quite a sight so they say. Some farmers have been sent letters threatening that their barns or machines are next. They're signed "Captain Swing". Ha. That will make them think. Some say that Swing was chosen to remind the gentry of the gallows but others say the name is after the leader of a mowing party who calls out, "Swing" to get the scythes working regular, like. "Swing" has been written on every wall coming out of Dover on the way to Canterbury, so I've heard. Anyway, I'm here tonight because It's been all over the village. The Parson has heard that it's his turn. He's changed his mind because some of the other farmers thought his position was not as bad as theirs. He gets tithe taxes from the parishioners and therefore his farm is in a strong position in these hard times. He thought he'd better get a bit tough, and that's why he, being a magistrate, arranged for the recent arrests. He's also been saying that those caught should be punished with the full power of the law. That's transportation to Van Diemen's Land for a smashing and execution for a burning. I wouldn't like to be up before him at the moment but now the gang feel betrayed and are going to do him. Most young labourers in this valley seem to be involved in one way or another. Mind you, Reverend Bramall at Elham has persuaded thirty-seven men to give themselves up. He said if they did so, they would probably get lighter sentences. I'm not so sure.

What's that? ... The barn's on fire. If that all goes up it will cost Price thousands, I reckon. I can see very well up here above the barn. It's down in the floor of the valley between Lyminge and Etchinghill. Now there's someone running out of the barn. Who's that? Ha. It's Carvill and he's naked! What is he doing? He's clear of the farmyard now but I can still see him because of the flames. He's putting his clothes on. Now Gower has appeared. Where did he come from? He left the barn ages ago and was talking to Fowley in the potato field. Both of them work for the Reverend. Hold on. There's loads of people down there. They must have all been waiting to see what was going to happen. I think I'd better scarper before some one sees me. I wonder who did start the fire?

David Arnold, George's brother, was arrested on the 6 October 1830, the day after Rev. Price's bam was burnt. (As far as I know, no one was ever charged with the arson.) On 22nd October 1830, he and six others were tried and found guilty of destroying threshing machines in and around the Elham Valley. Sir Edward Knatchbull sentenced them to a maximum of four days imprisonment without hard labour. It is thought he acted leniently because of the many others who were involved in the gang, Price's inconsistency and because Bramall had almost promised the men light sentences. Knatchbull also hoped that it would be the end of the matter. It wasn't. Captain Swing riots spread across the whole of southern England. The authorities seemed powerless to stop them in spite of much tougher sentencing and use of the army. The outcome was that threshing machines were not used for perhaps the next fifteen years before the inevitable advance of technology persuaded the farmers to use them again. In addition, the government carried out a review of the Poor Laws resulting in 'super' workhouses, which locally meant the Etchinghill Workhouse was built; also, local police forces began to be set up. 'Swing' was the most significant agricultural rioting in nineteenth century Britain and it effectively started here in the Elham Valley.

That's all for this month except to remind you again of Derek Boughton's talk about Captain

Swing on 5th May 2009 and to say that I recently saw a pair of Buzzards over Perry's Wood just to the north of Junction 11 of the M20 (A7). Please do contact me if you have any thing to contribute concerning Lyminge's heritage.

Alistair Bailey (E: abailey447@aol.com or T: 864235)

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**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	
3-Nov	OPEN HOUSE COMMUNITY WARDEN	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862028	RODNEY
16-Jun	LYMINGE SCHOOL FAIR	LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	863823	CAROLINE
4-Nov	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
5-Nov	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
5-Nov	BONFIRE	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862928	HONOR
8-Nov	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
8-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
10-Nov	OPEN HOUSE	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL		
14-Nov	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AGM	ST. MARY'S HALL, ELHAM	864255	JOHN
15-Nov	OPEN HOUSE EDWARDIAN MAGIC LANTERN SHOW	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
18-Nov	PARISH WALK	10am LYMINGE P.O CAR PARK	862015	RICHARD
17-Nov	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
19-22 Nov	GRIMM TALES LYMINGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	BOX OFFICE	HAXTONS
19-Nov	RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862913	MARION
22-Nov	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
24-Nov	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862184	PAM
24-Nov	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
29-Nov	QUIZ NIGHT	TBA	862015	MARIAN
1-Dec	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
2-Dec	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
3-Dec	LYMINGE FRIENDS	LYMINGE METHODIST PARLOUR	862427	MAVIS
6-Dec	ST NICHOLAS FAYRE	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL		
8-Dec	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
8-Dec	OPEN HOUSE MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863418	ROSEMARY
13-Dec	FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
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15-Dec	OPEN HOUSE 10 TILL 12	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
20-Dec	CAROL SERVICE	LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH		
23-Dec	FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT			
31-Dec	OPEN HOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863118	ROSEMARY
20-Jan	ETCHINGHILL W.I.MEETING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862141	DOTTIE

Elham Farmers' Market
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

EDWARDIAN MAGIC LANTERN
SHOW

11.00 to 13.00

The Triangle (the green)
opposite Elham Primary School
Next markets: 9 and 23 November
Fresh, seasonal, locally produced food
(vegetables and fruit, meat, game, eggs,
fish, cheese, bread and cakes, pies, plants,
and more).

In addition to food, the 23 November
market will have more crafts stalls - an
opportunity to buy gifts, cards, calendars
and Christmas decorations.

Check on www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk
for future dates, latest news and recipe
ideas.

Pilgrims Hospices
IN EAST KENT

November 2008

Wed. 5th November Christmas Fayre and
Coffee Morning 9.30 - 12 noon
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Rd,
Folkestone.

Tombola, Raffle, usual Christmas stalls and
Father Christmas. Buy your Christmas
Cards and other presents all for a very good
cause.

Advance Notice

Wed. 3rd December . Our usual Coffee
Morning at which we will be drawing the
Christmas Raffle

Christmas Craft Fayre

Lyminge Village Hall
Saturday 8th November
3pm-6pm

Something for all the family!
refreshments available

Any enquiries phone:
Honor 01303862928
Jenny 01303862343

A Lyminge Village Hall Fundraising Event
Reg. Charity No.281845

Open House

Etchinghill Village Hall

Monday 8th December 11 am
John & Irene Lawrie Horticulturalists
Invite you to a demonstration on

OF OLD FOLKESTONE

Etchinghill Village Hall Saturday 15th
November 7.30pm

An evening of Edwardian entertainment
with Mr Bruce Crook with his Edwardian
Magic Lantern show of Old Folkestone 100
years ago

Tickets at the door £2. per person

Numbers are limited to 70 seats on a first
come first served basis

An Etchinghill Village Hall event Contact
01303 863418

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

AMERICAN SUPPER and QUIZ

NOVEMBER 15TH AT 7:30 pm

Tables of 6 maximum

£3.50 per head

Tea & Coffee will be provided

There Will Be a Raffle

Tickets from Mick & Dorothy Athow
01303 862616

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary
Fund

(Registered charity No 283483)

~ EVENTS IN NOVEMBER ~

Three Hour Bargain Sale

At Park House, Stelling Minnis

Saturday 15* November from 11am -2pm

Final End-Of-Year clearance Sale

Christmas stall selling Cards, Puddings,
gifts etc

Refreshments ~ Tombola

Christmas Bazaar

At Lyminge Village Hall

Sunday 29th November from 10am ~ 1pm

See Father Christmas in his Grotto

Refreshments ~ Tombola

If you would like to book a table at £10,
please ring 01303 862622

We would like to thank everyone who
supports

the Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 22nd November

The Peace Room, Stowting

11am - 2pm

Making Traditional Christmas
Holly Wreaths & Table Decorations
ALL WELCOME FREE ENTRY

**Lyminge Dramatic Society - Grimm
Tales**

Our next production, a series of 9 small plays based upon stories by the Brothers Grimm, will be performed each night from Wednesday 19th to 22nd November in Lyminge Village Hall at 7.45pm.

The brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm are associated with many popular fairy stories such as Rumpelstiltskin, Snow White and Hansel and Gretel and this production will be much enjoyed by young and old alike.

When first performed at the Young Vic theatre in 1994, the Observer and Guardian newspapers gave the production rave reviews.

Senior Citizens will be invited free of charge to the Dress rehearsal on Tuesday 18th at 7.45pm.

Tickets are on sale at Haxtons Estate Agents, Lyminge, priced £7-00 for adults and £3-50 for children.

NOVEMBER BEETLE DRIVE

Come & join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Saturday 22nd November
Starts at 7.00 pm
Adults £2.00
Children 50p
Includes refreshments.
There will be a raffle

Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary

(Registered charity No 26224)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

On Sat 22nd November 10am - 1.30pm

Presents for you & your cat

Cards * Raffle * Tombola * Books *

Bric a Brac * Cakes & Jams

Refreshments, Teas and Coffees

Ample Parking

Ignore Road Closed signs

Stalls of cakes, preserves, books, children's tombola, raffle and much more.
Ploughman's lunches, In aid of Peace Room refurbishment

Quiz Night

at the

Day Centre, Station Road, Lyminge
7pm on 29th November 2008

American Supper (Bring your own food + drink)

Teams of up to 6 or come and make up a team

There are prizes for the winners and a Booby!

There will also be a raffle

Tickets £3.50 per person

To Book your table please call the Day Centre on 862364 or Marian on 862015

In Aid of Day Centre Funds

Age Concern Elham Rural, Jubilee Day Centre, Everist Court, Station Road, Lyminge CT18 8HQ www.elhamruralac.org.uk Charity No.268428

LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 2nd December 7.45pm

At

Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk about CHARLES DICKENS

With a Christmas theme

by Dr David Thomas

Non members welcome

Newington Village Hall Christmas Disco.

Friday 5th December

We supply the music and venue you bring drinks and nibbles.

£2.50 per person (all ages welcome)

7:30pm til late

For more info contact:

Kirsty & Mark 01303 272056

Karen & Terry 01303 277950

New Years Eve Party

Etchinghill Village Hall

8.30 - 1am

Everyone welcome

Only 70 tickets available

Price Adults £7.50

Children 8 - 16 yrs £5.00

ENTRANCE FREE

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

Children under 8 yrs Free

Ticket price includes disco, decorated tables and nibbles

Please bring along your own food and drink

Dress code from casual to posh frocks

Reserve your tickets now: call 863418 or 862028

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday 2nd All Souls Day
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am World of Worship Family service
6.30pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Wednesday 5th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
7.30pm Open House (Bible Study)
9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Sunday 9th Remembrance Sunday
10.45am Service of Remembrance at War Memorial
11.15am Remembrance Service at Methodist Church

Tuesday 11th 11.00am Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial

Wednesday 12th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
7.30pm Open House (Bible Study)
9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Thursday 13th 2.00pm Pram service

Sunday 16th 10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Week of Accompanied Prayer Service

Sunday 23rd 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
6.30pm Sunday Silence

Wednesday 26th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
7.30pm Open House (Bible Study)
9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Sunday 30th 10.30am Mattins followed by Holy Communion

Sunday afternoon tea - Nailbourne Court - 2nd November

Our Sunday afternoon teas continue on the first Sunday of the month in the lounge from 3 - 5pm. If you would like to come but need a lift, please ring Vanessa at the Rectory

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:
2nd Nov, - Mr David foreman
9th Nov. - Remembrance Sunday

10.45am at War Memorial

11.15am United Service at

Methodist

Church

16th Nov - Mr Terry Preston

23rd Nov - Mr Dennis Bailey

30th Nov - Rev. Barry Armson (incl Holy

Communion)

Monday Fellowship

Weekly 2.30-3.30pm

A variety of speakers, discussions, music, etc and a chat over a cup of tea. Open to men and women.

Wednesday 26th Nov. - Reflections

Come and share a time of quiet, music and prayer

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

RHODES MINNIS METHODIST CHURCH

This small Chapel in beautiful countryside surroundings holds

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - 10th November

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

Bereavement Support lunch - 27th November

These lunches continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meal comprises 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.

Pram Service - 13th November

Our monthly services for pre-school children continue on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2pm in Lyminge Church. A short preschool friendly service followed by refreshments. The service will finish in plenty of time to collect older children from school. For more information, contact Vanessa on 862432.

Craft activity afternoons

If you enjoy crafts, then you are warmly invited to join in an afternoon of craft activities on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 15 Mount Pleasant Close from 2 till 4pm. For more information, please contact Ann Healey on 863008.

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:

Nov. 2 - Mr. Peter Ellis
Nov. 9 - Mr. Dudley Shipton
Nov.16- Mr. Terry Preston
Nov.23-Mr. Ian Couchman(All-Age service)
Nov.30 - Mrs. Val Redding

LET. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team)

Prayer Box. Please place any prayer requests concerning a bereavement or illness in the prayer box at Lyminge Post Office. It would help to have the name of the person you are praying for but not necessarily your name.

These will be included in Sunday worship in both churches and added to private prayer life.

POSTLING CHURCH

You will receive a very warm welcome in this little church set in the pretty village of Postling where a service is held every Sunday

The services for November are as follows:-

Sunday 2nd Nov. - 6.30 pm Evensong
Sunday 9th Nov. - 9.30 am Family Communion
Sunday 16th Nov. - 8.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd Nov. - 9.30 am All Age Worship

(No service on the 5th Sunday)

The Miss. Rachel Marchant Memorial Appeal.

The response to the appeal to erect a permanent memorial in memory of Miss. Merchant has been quite amazing. It now exceeds £800 and we can now proceed with the design and order of the memorial bench. The bench, will be handmade locally in seasoned English Oak. The base has been promised by the Gardeners, although the material has yet to be

decided.

I feel that the response to the appeal throughout Newington, the Elham Valley and from further afield reflects the deep affection felt towards Miss. Marchant and her dedication to the parishes. Indeed, one description of her - "She was the angel of the Village". What more can one say!

If you wish to donate to the appeal please contact Mrs. Ann Vincent at Grove Farm, Arpinge, Folkestone, Kent or phone 01303 891456.

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Farmers'/Craft Market

Don't forget - only 2 market days till Christmas! The 8th November and 13th December. Bring your kids to the December one and meet Santa in his grotto. If you need something for Christmas then come along to one of the markets and see the craft stalls or even buy your Christmas Fayre. Contact Anne on 863174 for details

Village Hall and Open House

Did you miss the talk on 'Magistrates and their Role' or the walking 'Treasure Hunt'? Both were well supported and extremely interesting as well as enjoyable. In November there will be a talk by Gary, your Community Warden, (3rd November and free) and an evening with Bruce Crook, his Magic Lantern and slides of Edwardian Folkestone (15th November, 7.00 pm, £2 per head). A New Year's Eve village party is also being planned so watch this space and make a note of the date!! For open house contact Keith or Rosemary on 863418

STOP PRESS - We are grateful to The Phillips Fund for their most generous grant of over £1,000 towards the grounds improvements to the village hall. This money will be spent on the trees, hedging and wild flower seeding as shown on the drawings in the village hall. Why not call in and see them? Part of the funds already granted by the Parish Council, a new grant of £1,000 from KCC Local Scheme Grant Fund, supported by Susan Carey, together with the Tory Foundation grant of £10,000 will be spent on the removal of the mounds, safeguarding access to the MSC area and building the new Teen Shelter where the old pond used to be. Work starts soon.

Etchinghill web site www.Etchinghill.org

Matt is now well into updating the web site so why not log on and see what is happening in the village. Contact him on 863175 if you can provide additional information for others to enjoy

Neighbourhood Watch

Don't miss Gary and Judith on 3rd November when they will be linking up to explain who and what is done by each organisation and where do the Police Community Support Officers, PCSOs, fit in. Contact Judith on 862498 for details of how to enrol for FREE!

Dates for forthcoming events

Farmers/Craft Market 8th November, and 13th December 10.00 - 12.30 (Entry Free)

Open House Every Monday 10.00 - 12.00 (Entry Free)

'Your Community Warden' 3rd November (Free)

Magic Lantern Show 15th November (£2 per head)
Village New Year's Eve party 31st December (cost and time to be advised)

RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE

Our speaker on the 15th October was Marian Bellerby who gave us a talk on "A History of the Apple". Apples, of which there are over 2,000 varieties, originated in Central Asia and were brought across to the

Mediterranean and beyond via the Silk Route. Marian, who spent 2 years at Hadlow Horticultural College, has

travelled on behalf of the National Apple Collection giving practical advice to apple growers worldwide.

The competition - "An Apple Recipe" - was won by Connie Burrows, with Marie Hambrook 2nd, Pearl Furminger 3rd and Pam Brown 4th. Our next meeting is on the 19th November when Major Chris Sands will

tell us about the work of The Salvation Army. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm, and everyone is very welcome. Marion Hoare 01303 862913

LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings 10 am -12 noon in the Methodist Church Parlour. Everyone welcome to come along and join in. Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For further details contact Marian on 862015!

Wednesday 5th November 2008

A Quilting "Show and Tell" followed by members Bring and Share Lunch - Partners and Guests Welcome. Info to/from Jackie Hall

Wednesday 3rd December 2008

Have a go at Card making and enjoy some mince pies

Wednesday 7th January 2009 - NO MEETING

Members Christmas Lunch. Meet at 12.30 for 1 pm at the Rose & Crown in Stelling Minnis. Partners and Guests Welcome. Info to/from Mavis Hodson

Lyminge Handbells

The popular Lyminge Handbells ringers are available to play at special events all year. We have a large selection of popular and classical music for both formal and informal occasions. All we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. A contribution to travelling costs is also asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. To

Friends of Kent Churches bike ride - 2008

The Lyminge team set off from the Parish Church at 10.00am on 13th September in glorious weather. When has it ever rained during this event? Some familiar faces were missing due to carelessly planned holidays but we were still 12 strong and raised an amazing £680! Well done to everyone involved in any way but particular to our generous sponsors. The reward for us at the business end of the operation was a great day out including a pub lunch, a dip in the sea at Sandgate (for the boys) and the delightful experience of pushing a heavy bike up a one-in-four hill out of Newington. No doubt when the second Saturday in September next year comes around, we will meet up again.

No taking your holidays then!
Lawrence Lees

ETCHINGHILL W.I.

President Barbara Syrett welcomed members and guests to the October birthday meeting. Daphne Andrews was congratulated on being the winner of the monthly Yorkshire Tea quiz.

Birthday posies were presented to Jean Tilley and Julia Tappenden.

A sale of craft items made by members proved successful.

Ann Finney, assisted by her husband, gave a very interesting talk regarding the tragic life of Edith Piaff and played songs recorded by the singer.

A delicious cream tea was then served by members of the committee which was enjoyed by all

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 18th November at 2.30pm and will be the Annual General Meeting

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

Age Concern Elham Rural

The winners of our September 100+ club draw were 1st prize, number 98, Daphne Andrews, 2nd prize, number 5, Richard Chubb and 3rd prize, number 4 Gillian Heyward. If you would like to join the 100+ club please contact the Day Centre or Marian Chubb on 01303 862015. Each number you choose cost £12 for the year. At the end of each month we make a draw using all the entered numbers, 1st prize winning £25, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. REMEMBER PRIZES ARE DOUBLED FOR THE DECEMBER DRAW.

We will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 21st November 2008 10am to Mid day. There will be stalls selling hand made Christmas cards, craft goods, tombola and Raffle. We would also be grateful for any raffle and tombola prizes.

Our next quiz night will be held on Saturday 29th November 2008 at the Age Concern Day Centre at Everist Court. 7pm tickets £3.50. Contact the Day Centre or Marian Chubb on 01303 862015 to book your tickets.

Our Advice and Information Officer is available to help with benefit applications. If you want help to check you are getting everything you are entitled to or help with an Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, Disability Living Allowance, Carers Allowance, Council Tax and Housing benefits please contact Sue Chitty Advice and Information Officer on 01303 863861

e-mail acer.information@atlas.co.uk or call into the centre. Home visits can be arranged. We have some availability for lunches within the centre. Lunch is served at mid day and consists of a small orange juice, main meal of meat, potatoes and 2 veg, a sweet and tea or coffee for £3.75. Please contact the centre if you wish to come in for lunch or use any of our other services or activities ask for Lisa Hodden or Matthew Martin on 01303 862364, e-mail ac.elhamrural@atlas.co.uk or pop in to the Day Centre at Everist Court.

Santa's Schedule

Yes it's nearly that time of year again. Here's advance notice of the Elham Valley and Wye Lions Christmas float. Santa and Rudolph will be visiting the following in December: Stelling Minnis & Bossingham the 8th; Etchinghill and Postling the 9th; Elham the 11th; Barham 13th; Hawkinge 16-19th and Lyminge 20th. They will be out for 16 nights

altogether, so EV&WL welcome any help. If you are able to help for a couple of hours please ring Neil on 01303 862837.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Elham Valley Branch

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Annual Remembrance Parade and Service at the War Memorial will take place as usual on Sunday 9th November. Please assemble in The Square, Elham outside The King's Arms at 10.00 - 10.15am. The Remembrance Church Service will take place in St Mary's Church after The Parade. Our Padre, the Rev. Patrick Goodsell, will conduct the service in conjunction with the Methodist Church.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Lyle Arnold at Wholistic Works Clinic would like to thank all the kind people who supported this year's effort on Friday 26th Sept for the Macmillan Cancer Support, because of their generosity we raised £155.70 for a very worthwhile cause and next year we plan to be even bigger! So see you next year at "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning", and thank you again.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Elham Valley Branch

Our sincere thanks to everybody who kindly supported our recent Coffee Morning which raised over £250. particularly those people from Stelling Minnis who organised the tombola and others who provided cakes and items for the Bring and Buy Stall. Thank you so much for your help

1st Lyminge Brownies

Adult volunteer needed to help our girls continue on their Brownie Adventure. Come and have fun with us on Thursday evenings 6.00-7.45pm Contact Angela on 862073

CHURCH GIFT DAY 2008

Keeping our Church in Good Repair

On behalf of the Lyminge Parochial Church Council I would like to thank all those people (some of whom want to remain anonymous) for their generous gifts in support of keeping our church in good repair.

As you are aware we have recently had the lead stolen from the roof, which of course was insured, but sadly there is an upper claim limit of £15,000 (this is for all churches not just ours) and there will be a significant shortfall in order to cover the cost for its repair. Your contribution has made a considerable difference in our ability to undertake the repairs needed and I am very grateful to you.

The overall support this year has been tremendous and I am greatly encouraged by knowing that so many people value the church not only as a place of worship but also as a place of great historic standing. You may be aware that we are in the process of having archaeological investigations both within the grounds of the Church and around the village. This year Kent University have been concentrating their explorations within the grounds of the Old Rectory. What they have found so far is proving to be very exciting and more evidence that Lyminge indeed is a very historic and holy place. Their work will continue and next summer they will be concentrating more within the grounds of the

Church. Dr Thomas who is leading the archaeological dig has indicated that there is much work still to be done and could continue for some years, indeed he is talking of the possibility that Lyminge could be one of the biggest archaeological finds within Europe for a long time.

All this, of course, is happening against the background of an economic downturn and all of us are finding it harder to make ends meet. Mindful of this makes me even more grateful for your contribution to our fabric fund and I thank you again for your support.

Rev Peter Ashman

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

HIRE FEES

Occasional Users

Standard weekday rates (08h30 to 23h00)

Hourly rate - up to 4 hours.....£7.00

1 Session - 4 continuous hours..... £21.00

2 Sessions - 8 continuous hours..... £42.00

All-day rate £70.00

Weekend rates (08h30 - 22h00 Sundays) will be £10.00, £30.00, £60.00 and £100.00 respectively

Discounted rates are available for **Etchinghill**

Residents who are occasional hirers and for

Regular Users after 12 months' hiring. **The**

Committee Room costs £6.00 per session for

Regular Hirers, £6.00 per hour for **Non-Residents**

and £5.00 per hour for **Residents**.

All-day hire for **Weddings, Banquets and**

Commercial Functions:

£100.00 for Residents

£200.00 for non-Residents.

For bookings and enquiries, please contact **Eileen** on **01303 862832**

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

Are you looking for a hall in which to hold Practice sessions, private party/function or 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 Session 6.00pm - 11.45pm

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 its 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 £50.00

Afternoon weekday birthday parties £13.00

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

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HALL HIRE

Hall

1 June to 30 September £5.50 per hour

£19 per 4 hour session £35.50 full day

1 October to 31 May £8 per hour

£26.50 per 4 hour session £46.50 full day

(includes heating)

Parlour

£5.00 per hour all year with use of Electric over heaters if required

Overnight stays

1 June to 30 September £33

1 October to 31 May £44

(Including heating)

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 details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on 01303 862616

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

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

Lyminge Pre-School

One of very few in Kent awarded an 'Outstanding' category by Ofsted (Oct 2007).

We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic and friendly staff passionate about providing excellent childcare. We welcome children from all the surrounding villages and towns and offer a breakfast club together with a range of sessions to suit your needs. Located in the village hall we have a fabulous new outdoor play area for 2008 together with spacious indoor facilities. Places for September are filling up fast so to register your child and find out more please call 01303 863149.

Alternatively visit our website
www.lymingepreschool.org.uk or
email
admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk