



# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

<http://www.lyminge.org.uk/>

**June 2010**

Produced by  
**THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION**

## LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Preparations are well under way for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> September. We have been grateful for the many suggestions made and are taking some of them forward. An outdoor Play is planned by the Lyminge Dramatic Society; a Live Band is being booked; Face-Painting will be happening; the Guides & Scouts are preparing a Camp Fire; two Village Treasure Hunts – one for adults and one for children – are being planned and the Lyminge Pre-School are organising a Fancy Dress Competition, to mention a few !!

Another suggestion was to find any old photographs of events held by the Lyminge Association 40 years ago. Lyminge Day was then organised by the Lyminge Association until it was taken over by Lyminge Village Hall Management, so look for any photographs of Lyminge Day 40 years ago and please contact Adrian Willcox on 862699 if you can help.

We are looking to hold a draw to help with the cost of running these events over the weekend of September 4/5 and we have already received some excellent prizes so please buy some tickets when they become available – keep an eye on the notice board in the car park!

### THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR OF THE NEWSLETTER IS:

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## LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15 – 10.00pm Time of Silence (Quiet Prayer)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am WOW (World of Worship) Followed by Teddy Bear Jump and picnic
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>No Holy Communion</b> <b>No Time of Silence &amp; Quiet Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2.00pm Pram Service
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am - Holy Communion
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NO Holy Communion</b> 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) <b>NO Time of Silence &amp; Quiet Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Evensong
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15 – 10.00pm Time of Silence (Quiet Prayer)
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15 – 10.00pm Time of Silence (Quiet Prayer)

### Teddy Bear Jump and Picnic

The Annual Teddy Bear Jump will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June after the 10.30am WOW Service. There will be a prize for the best parachute jump and there will also be a picnic with barbeque (weather permitting)

### Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June - from 3 - 5pm in the lounge.  
If you would like to come but need a lift, contact Sue on 862221

### Craft Afternoon – Wentworth Close Lounge

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - 2pm – 4pm  
Everyone is welcome to join in this afternoon activity,  
for more information please contact Lynne on 863010

### Coffee morning – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

These are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 10.00-11.30am in the lounge. Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat

### Mothers Union

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – This will be a Strawberries and cream tea at the Parish Church at 3pm.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Prayer time at 12 noon in the Cathedral  
For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

### Pram Service – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

This is a short pre-school friendly service for babies and toddlers and also a chance for their carers to get together and chat over refreshments afterwards.  
For more information contact Trish on 862151

### Bereavement Support Lunch – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June

These are normally held in the Coach and Horses Pub, on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12.30pm.  
All are welcome and transport can be arranged,  
Please contact Lynne on 863010

## 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 June:**

6<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00 for 11.00am Café worship led  
by Ian Couchman

13<sup>th</sup> June – Rev. Barry Armson (incl Holy  
Communion)

20<sup>th</sup> June – Mr Dudley Shipton

27<sup>th</sup> June – Rev. Colin Telfer

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June “Reflections”**  
**7.30 – 8.30pm (Informal worship)**

Monday Fellowship 2.30 – 3.30pm weekly  
except Bank Holidays

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

## Rhodes Minnis 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

### **Preachers for June:**

June 6 - Rev. Robin Blount (Holy  
Communion)

June 13 - Rev. Alan Hewitt

June 20 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

June 27 - **NO** service at Rhodes Minnis  
but a joint Valley service with  
Lyminge and Elham in Lyminge  
Methodist Church at 11am

## POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> June Evensong 6.30pm

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June Family Communion  
9.30am

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June Holy Communion 8am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June Family Service 9.30am

## L.E.T. (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.

# Forthcoming Village Events

We would like you to give us details of your future events for this page. This will help us all plan for our own events and help spread them throughout the year. There is no charge for entries on this page. For entries into future issues please phone **Gillian on 863232** and leave a message if necessary, or email [page3lym@googlemail.com](mailto:page3lym@googlemail.com) by 18<sup>th</sup> of the month.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details
12 Jun	Dog & Owners Fun Day for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
14 Jun	Talk: Coastwatch by Bev Shepherd	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
15 Jun	Gardeners' Society - Garden Visit	Homefield, Cuckoo Lane, Postling	863225 Peter
19 Jun	Boot Fair	7am Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934 008600 Edgar
19 Jun	Murder Mystery at Lyminge Village Hall	7pm for 7:30pm	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
25 Jun	25 -27 Jun : Beer Festival	Coach and Horses	862694
7 July	Summer Concert	7.30 Lyminge Methodist Church	Peter
10 Jul	Boot Fair	7am Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934 008600 Edgar
10 Jul	Scratch:Pirates of Penzance: Cantores Choir	7:30 Lyminge Village Hall	01233503686 Jenny
12 Jul	Talk:Ann Barnes, Kent Police Authority	3:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
13 Jul	Gardeners' Society: Garden Visit	The Farmhouse, Acrise Place	863225 Peter
18 Jul	Big Lunch for Etchinghill	12:30 Etchinghill Amenity Land	862873 Barbara
18 Jul	Rude Mechanicals Theatre "IK'R'US"	7:30pm Tayne Field	862743 Mike
24 Jul	Beetle Drive	7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
24 Jul	Quiz Night	7pm for 7:30pm Lyminge Village Hal	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
31 July	Boot & Summer Fayre for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
31 Jul	Boot Fair	7am Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934 008600 Edgar
7 Aug	Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show	2:30 Village Hall	862865 Daphne
4 Sep	Lyminge Association 40 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	In the village - see posters for details	862699 Adrian
11 Sep	Proms in the Park	7:30pm Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
3 Oct	Lyminge Association's Autumn Garage Safari	9:30 am Lyminge & Etchinghill Villages	863197 Liz

Weekly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	10:30am Etchinghill Village Hall	863418 Rosemary
Mondays	Monday Fellowship	2:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	863832 Mary
Wednesday	Cantores Dominicae Choir	7:30 Lyminge School	01233503686 Jenny
Thursdays	Lyminge Morning Art Group	10am – 12pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	211364 Linda
Thursdays	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	2pm – 4pm Lyminge Methodist Hall	862972 John
Thursdays	Rhodes Minnis Toddlers' Group	10am Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	863096 Elaine

Monthly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419 Derek
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Lyminge Friends	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	Mothers' Union	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862221 Sue
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913 Marion
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Coffee Morning	10:00 Postling Church	863536 Pat
Last Wed	Quiz Night	7.30: Coach and Horses	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun <sup>1</sup>	Parish Walk	10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015 Richard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862141 Dottie
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	239500 Crispin

<sup>1</sup> Parish Walk starts from Rhodes Minnis Village hall in July, August and September

## Dates for your Diary

### Pilgrims Hospices IN EAST KENT

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> June** Our usual coffee morning, Raffles, Bring and Buy and our wonderful Cake stall.

The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, Folkestone 9.30am onwards

### **Hythe Flower Club**

**Are holding a demonstration evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 7pm for 7.30pm At Saltwood Village Hall**

**Patricia Ellis will be the demonstrator of "June is Bursting Out all Over"**

There will be a plant stall, raffle and all the demonstration arrangements will be raffled

Tickets £6 at the door or from 862811

### **LYMINGE LIBRARY**

National Family Week is from **31st May to 6th June**. Lyminge library is holding an origami family activity on Thursday 3rd June at 10 O'clock 9 year olds and over. Limited places free tickets available at the library. This month's reading group book is CROOKED PIECES by Sarah Grazebrook  
Free use of our small display cabinet for anything made or for items that would be of interest to others  
Happy Reading  
Jane

### **Postling Gardens Open**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June 2010 1pm to 5pm**

Plant Sale  
Tea and Cakes  
At the Village Hall and Our Lovely Gardens

No Entry Fee  
Donations go to our Church

### **FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET**

#### **ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT19 9 NQ

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

10am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings  
Bryan – 01303 862832

### **In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund**

Registered Charity: 2843483  
Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, Kent CT4 6AN  
Tel: 0303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007  
Website: [www.lordwhisky.co.uk](http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk)  
Email: [lord.whisky@btinternet.com](mailto:lord.whisky@btinternet.com)

**Dog & Owners Fun Day**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 12noon – 3.30pm**  
**At Park House, Stelling Minnis**

Companion Dog show with Pedigree ad Novelty Classes  
Pedigree Classes to be judged by Alison Byrne  
(Nizzana)

Celebrity Judge for the Novelty Classes

'Heelwork to Music' with Khanright Dog Training  
Stockbury Dog Club ~ Capell dog Club  
The Hawkinge flyers

Tombola ~ Bouncy Castle ~ Raffle ~ Hot & Cold Refreshments

Plenty of Parking ~ Admission by donation

Car Boots £7.50pm/ Vans £10 (from 8am)

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### **'Fathers Day Lunch'**

At the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June, served from 12 noon – 3pm  
Main courses £7.95  
Home made Desserts £3

Bring your own wine and make a donation to corkage

To book your table, please 'phone 01303 862349  
(£5 non-refundable deposit per person required)

### **Royal British Legion Elham Valley Branch**

**COFFEE MORNING**  
In aid of the Poppy appeal

St Mary's Hall, Elham

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.00am**

Raffles, Bring & buy (Cakes, Unwanted Gifts, Books, Wine, Plants etc.)  
Cards by Local Artist

Entrance: 50p – free coffee and biscuits  
All welcome – we will be pleased to see everyone

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### **Annual Summer Fete**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Lympne Recreation Hall and Playing Fields  
1pm – 4pm

**Newington Village Hall**

Registered Charity No.302812

**Annual Summer Fete**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**11.30 – 3.30pm**

Fun and games for all – with traditional side-shows  
Coconut Shy, Craft stalls Smash'a'plate, B.B.Q.  
...plus much more

Free entry, Free car parking  
For more information please ring:-  
Kirsty 01303 272056  
Karen 01303 277950

LYMINGE YOUTH ACTION PRESENTS

**MUSIC JAMMING SESSION**

**For 11-18yrs olds**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 4pm at the Lyminge  
Methodist Hall**

This session is organised by Lyminge Youth Action  
with local musicians. Music equipment will be  
available for all to try free of charge, so come along  
and have a go! You are welcome to bring along  
instruments of your own if you already have any.

**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**

**19 JUNE 2010**

**Set in the 1960's come along and solve the  
murder**

**Dig out your 1960's gear (optional)**

**Lyminge Village Hall  
7:00 for 7:30pm start**

**2 Course hot meal, Bar  
£8.00pp**

**Hurry – tickets going fast!!**

**Contact Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 for  
details**

Organised by the Village Hall Management  
Committee Reg Charity 281845

**LYMINGE CEP SCHOOL SUMMER,  
FAIR**

*Green Environmental Theme*

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010 11:00-  
1:30pm**

Tayne Field next to Lyminge CEP School

Please contact Lyminge School (01303  
862367) if you would like a pitch £10

**Lyminge Historical Society**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

A visit to **Fordwich**

Meet at Lyminge Methodist Church for those requiring  
transport  
Non-members welcome

**Lyminge Methodist Church**

**Lark Ascending**

All are welcome to a

Summer Concert featuring voices and violins on

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**

Performers include Kathy Butcher (violin), Belinda Lewis  
(Soprano). Elvina Davenport (Mezzo Soprano), Claire  
Hart- Dyke (Recorder), Dean Hayward (Organ). Peter  
Naylor (Piano)

Entry is free, with a retiring collection in aid of Church  
funds

Refreshments are provided

**Rhodes Minnis Village Hall**

**Quiz**

With Ploughman's, Pud and Prizes

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
7pm for 7.30pm**

£7 per ticket

Ring sue on 01303 863502

Book early to avoid disappointment

**Rhodes Minnis Village Hall**

**No Beetle Drive in June**

**Next Beetle Drive , Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

A summer scratch concert  
**PIRATES OF PENZANCE**



**On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at Lyminge Village Hall –  
7.30 p.m.**

**Rehearsals Wednesday evening 7.30-9.30 p.m. at  
Lyminge School, Nr. Folkestone, CT18 8JA**

**Cost £5 (to cover hire of music)**

**We especially need tenors for Policemen and Pirates!**

**Musical Director Stephen Yarrow**

**Contact Trish Winter 01233 813860/Maddy Scarre  
01233 840961 or turn up at our rehearsals**

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**Concert tickets £6 – Enquiries Judy Abate 01303  
862358**

**Available at Laing Bennett Estate Agents (formerly  
Haxton) Lyminge and on the door**

**Visit our website [www.cantoresdominicae.co.uk](http://www.cantoresdominicae.co.uk)**

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company's 2010  
Summer Tour  
Coming to  
**Lyminge, Tayne Field**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm**

**'Ik'r'us Inc'**

*Set in Dreamville, Indiana, in 1955, this hilarious but touching story weaves together the ancient myth of Daedalus & Ikarus and the everyday lives of factory workers in a small American town, whose hopes & ambitions suddenly seem possible when a commercial traveller comes into town with his suitcase full of dreams.*

*Full of rock'n'roll performed by six of the best actor / musicians in contemporary physical theatre.*

**Tickets are now onsale** - by visiting our website - [www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk), or by phoning the Central Box Office on **01323-501260**. Most venues also have a local walk in box office. Look out for posters locally for these.

## SUMMER MADNESS QUIZ

24<sup>th</sup> July 2010

The next of our popular quizzes  
can your team win?

Lyminge Village Hall  
7:00 for 7:30pm start

Hot meal, Bar

Tables of 4-8 @ £8.00pp

Hurry - tickets going fast!!

**Contact Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530 for  
details**

Organised by the Village Hall Management  
Committee Reg Charity 281845

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 2-6pm**

**The Farmhouse, Acrise Place.**

Admission: £3, children free.

Winfried and Hilary Richter invite you again to their country garden this year (on Saturday for the National Gardens Scheme). Refreshments will be served on both afternoons; the profit divided between Operation Sunshine and Age Concern Lyminge. A plant stall will offer home-grown plants.

The garden will be signposted from the Black Horse in Densole and also from between Lyminge and Elham. Parking will be available in the field next to St Martin's Church, Acrise - a few moments walk away

In Aid of The Pilgrims Hospice  
Ladies at lunch invite you to a  
**Ploughmans Lunch**

At  
**Etchinghill Village Hall**

On  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**12.30 for 1.00pm**

Entrance by ticket only £6 purchased in advance  
Please contact Stella Samuels 862363

### Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show

at  
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2.30pm**

Schedules available now from  
Mrs D Andrews  
31 Bedingfield Way, Lyminge

Tel: 01303 862865

### Etchinghill W.I.

#### Coach Trip to Ightam Mote

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

£19.00 or £9.50 if National Trust member

Pick up at Etchinghill 9.20am

Lyminge 9.30am

Leave Ightam Mote 4pm

Lunch available

For further details contact Stella Samuels 862363

Planning Application Y10/0310/SH

This is another planning application submitted by Etchinghill Village Hall and I believe all of the residents of Etchinghill should be aware. This application is to put a 20' Sea Container (the type you see at a dock or piled high on a container ship) in the grounds of the Village Hall. The Container will be used for the storage of Hall equipment. The application will be going to the Development Control Committee for a decision so you will if you reply now be able to comment on this application for or against. If you want to look at the application on line the link is:-  
<http://www.ukplanning.com/ukp/showCaseFile.do?councilName=Shepway+District+Council&appNumber=Y10/0310/SH>

You can reply to Shepway on this site or if you prefer, write to them quoting the application number to Planning & Building Control, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY. I also would be interested in your comments and can be contacted on 01303 862015.

Regards,  
Cllr Richard Chubb

## Notices and Reports

### Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

Our A.G.M. was held on the 19th May. The committee was thanked for their loyal support and agreed to stand for another year. The winner of the competition cup was Marie Hambrook. We voted for "Help for Heroes" once again for our Charity for the coming year, and a Fish and Chip supper was enjoyed after the meeting. Our next meeting is on the 16th June when Rob Barass will tell us about the Amateur Theatre. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome. Marion Hoare 01303 862913.

### Etchinghill Update June 2010

#### **Farmers' Market**

The winner of the May Etchinghill Farmers' Market raffle was Susan Carey. Next market will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the village hall 10 to 12.

#### **Open House Diary**

14<sup>th</sup> June                      Talk – All about Coast Watch – Mr Bev Sheppard  
12<sup>th</sup> July                      Talk – given by Ann Barnes, Chair, Kent Police Authority NOTE TIME – 3.30 pm (no morning meeting)  
20<sup>th</sup> September              Talk – "I was Hijacked" – Joyce Knapton  
27<sup>th</sup> September              Open House Luncheon – Barbara Collins-Newing organising  
11<sup>th</sup> October                  Talk – "Walking across England" – Wendy and Rodney Moppett

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October Open House Theatre Trip** to see **Calendar Girls** at the Wimbledon Theatre on Thursday 28th October (matinee). Tickets £36.00 each to include theatre seat and coach fare from Etchinghill Village Hall. Anyone who would like to reserve a ticket please contact Barbara on 01303 862873 or e-mail [b.collins.newing@gmail.com](mailto:b.collins.newing@gmail.com). A £20.00 deposit will be required to secure the booking.

The **Etchinghill Residents' Association** is organising a **Big Lunch for Etchinghill** on Sunday 18th July between 12.30 and 3.00 on the Amenity Land adjoining Meriden Park. All Etchinghill residents, and their friends and families are welcome. It doesn't matter if you are on your own - come along and say hello to your friends and neighbours. We will organise a BBQ for those of you who don't like picnics. The event is being held nationwide, is part of the Eden project and supported by lottery funding, Master Card, EDF Energy and many other big names. It is a project to bring the community together. Bring your own picnic, chairs, tables, blankets etc. We also need to borrow a number of gazebos, which may be required knowing our British weather! We will have music, face painting, children's races and other entertainments if they are suggested or can be arranged. If you would like to help out or have any ideas of making the day go with a swing please let Barbara know on 862873 or e-mail F.A.O. E.R.A. [enquiries@etchinghill.org](mailto:enquiries@etchinghill.org)

**Etchinghill Residents' Association** has ordered the new replacement ball and plinth for the entrance to Meriden Park, which was vandalised last year. Our grateful thanks to Susan Carey and her generous donation towards this project. Hopefully, it will be completed by the end of June.

**ERA** is also hoping to install a **concrete planter** on the triangle of grass at the bottom of Teddars Leas. This will be planted with low shrubs and colourful flowers to enhance the appearance of the village. If anyone has any views either way please e-mail ERA at [enquiries@etchinghill.org](mailto:enquiries@etchinghill.org) or telephone Wendy on 863495. If the project does go ahead we will be looking for someone to help maintain the planter. If you are interested please let us know. We will also be seeking grants and fund raising for the project in due course. We are also hoping to enlarge the notice board opposite the New Inn to allow posters and notices to be displayed without having to have them under glass. Hopefully, this should stop some of the fly posting on the tree and fence, which can become rather unsightly.

In due course the **pavement** will be repaired in Canterbury Road, where the tree roots have been removed, together with a **dropped kerb** on the opposite side of the road to facilitate pushchairs, prams, electric buggies etc. Again, Susan Carey is kindly funding this from her Members' Allowance as Shepway do not have anything in their budget for this.

Lyminge Parish Council, via our councillor Colin Manvell, has kindly agreed to cut the foliage under the public benches in Etchinghill and to pay for their renovation, for which we are very grateful

If you have any ideas for improving Etchinghill please do let either your local councillors or the Etchinghill Residents' Association committee know. Councillors Colin Manvell or Tim Millet can be contacted via Lyminge Parish council and the ERA by e-mailing [enquiries@etchinghill.org](mailto:enquiries@etchinghill.org) or by phone on 01303 862873.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

If you are interested in joining Etchinghill Neighbourhood Watch, all you have to do is to let Judith know (01303 862498) who will send you a form to complete in order to become a member. You can also indicate on the form if you would like to be kept informed of any issues affecting the village, either by phone or e-mail. Once you are a member, all you would have to do is keep an eye on anything unusual or suspicious happening in the village and let Judith know.

## *Lyminge Dramatic Society*

### **We are thinking Christmas! Want to join us!**

During the last week in November (ending Nov 27<sup>th</sup>) we are going to put on a production of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol** adapted by Mike Parrish and directed by Barbara Harris. We are having an evening to read the play and cast it on Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.45pm in Sibton Park Cricket Club. This is a complex production with a large cast so our resources are going to be stretched. We would greatly welcome extra bodies on and off stage. No experience necessary! Any children aged between 8 and 15 would also be welcome. Hope to see you there.

### **Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club**

Thanks to all those who supported the Easter Egg draws held in local pubs and our sponsored walk which started from the Rose and Crown at Stelling Minnis. The draws raised about £1500 and the walk is estimated to be a slightly larger amount. This year we had various groups walking for their own funds, including Sibton Park Cricket Club, Riding for the Disabled, Paula Carr Trust, etc. We recently donated £2,000 to the East Kent Hospice and together with other local Lions Clubs we have provided the Hospices with a trailer for promoting their work. Make a note of our Charity Golf Day being held on September 10th.

### **Lyminge Environmental and Conservation Group** 'caring for the whole Lyminge Parish'

Are you fed up with things like litter, excessive, non-biodegradable packaging, the loss of native wildlife habitats, and other environmental and conservation issues? Do you think that not enough of our household waste is being recycled, that too much of it is going into landfill and that more could be done to make local recycling easier and more accessible? Do you feel that more could be done to make a difference to local conservation? Would you like to see better local environmental practices? If so, would you like to join our local conservation and environmental group to share your views and ideas to help create a 'greener' environment to pass on to future generations? Interested? Then call Helen on 862352.

### **pushing up daisies**

Come and see our quality second hand goods at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road, Lyminge. We are open Wednesdays to Fridays, 10 – 4pm and Saturdays 10 – 1pm

#### **wanted:**

Good as new baby and children's clothes and accessories and all kinds of household 'bric-a-brac'. We also have a notice board full of larger items wanted and for sale. We are raising funds for conservation and environmental projects throughout the Parish of Lyminge.

**The Elham Valley Pentanque Club** would like to remind members that subscriptions are now due.

Dates to remember:

27<sup>th</sup> June –Doubles Day

11<sup>th</sup> July – Captains Day

We normally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Other Sundays may be available and new members are always welcome.

**Easy Line Dancing for Beginners**  
**Etchinghill Village Hall**  
**Monday evenings 8pm**  
**£3.50**  
**All welcome**

**Ironing Service**  
Local Lady offering Ironing service  
One off or weekly collections  
Very competitive rates - £8.00 per hour  
Please 'phone Rose on 01303 862118 or 07850 074818

### **Lyminge Village Hall**

Lyminge Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those villagers and others who braved the weather this Lyminge Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the turn out was fantastic and we think we will have raised just over £2000 for your village hall. We would also take this opportunity to thank the three local business's who helped by sponsoring some of the attractions, namely Laing Bennett, Auto Economy Centre and The Lyminge Pharmacy. Thank you also to those who helped man various stalls on the day.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lyminge Beaver Scouts

This term 1<sup>st</sup> Lyminge Beaver Scouts are working on their Outdoor and Fitness Challenges. They have been doing fitness exercises and learning about their heart rates as well as going bouncing on trampolines at Aire Trampoline Club in Canterbury.

On 25<sup>th</sup> April the Beavers attended the Folkestone and Hythe District St George's Day celebration which was held on Jubilee field and in the Village Hall. They made a spectacular array of dragons from junk and St George hand puppets from old socks and in the afternoon joined in the main celebration with the other scouts across the District.

In April they were doing part of their community service and you may have seen them walking around Lyminge village picking up the litter. They managed to fill 10 bags with rubbish over 2 evenings. ( see picture)

Later on this term they will be pond dipping at Brockhill Park and beach combing on Hythe Beach as well as visiting the cubs at their annual Cub Camp.

The colony is currently full and we cannot take any more Beavers until the next year. However parents are welcome to put their children aged between 3 and 5 on the waiting list.

The Beavers meet up every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for an hour from 17.30 to have fun and make friends. Beavers are open for boys and girls aged 6-8 years. If you want your child to be put on the waiting list or if you would like to help, please contact Janet Fry on 863177.

## Etchinghill W.I.

Members and friends were welcomed to the Resolution meeting by Barbara Syrett, President. Birthday posies were presented to Gladys Harris, Maggie Tappenden and Rita Warner.

The Resolution proposal was read by Stella Samuels for a mandate to make all food sold in the UK to be given clear labelling of the country of origin. Members voted unanimously for this proposal. At the finish of the business two members of staff from the Body Shop gave a very interesting talk explaining the history of the business and answered many questions. At the close of their talk we were also given a hand massage and a goody bag for each member.

We then enjoyed a delicious tea, the hostesses being Mary Hickmott, Evelyn Holt and Joan White. Next meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June when Mrs Penny Harris will speak about Pigs, Potholes and Paradise in Chiddingstone.

Visitors are always most welcome. Please contact Barbara Syrett on 265330 or Dottie Cross on 862141.

## LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour. **Everyone welcome.**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Auction - our annual effort to raise the funds to pay for our talks

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Pub Lunch

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - A talk entitled "Travels with my Chickens" by Martin Gurdon.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - A Garden Party at Fran's

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August** - A talk by Dennis Chambers -Re-incarnation: Have we lived before? Followed by a Pub Lunch.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Group day trip

Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For more details contact Marian on 862015

Dear Residents of Lyminge.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone in Lyminge so much for their kind words of support and generous donations which I have received to help me reach my £2000 Fundraising target for Cancer Research.

The marathon itself was one of the hardest yet rewarding experiences I have ever had and finished with a time of 4hour 32minutes. I really could not have completed it without the constant encouragement from you all which drove me on through the gruelling 26miles.

Thank you so much  
Yours sincerely

Peter Reynolds



# LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The Lyminge Handbell ringers are now accepting bookings for spring and summer events so if you have a special occasion where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration, why not consider hand bell? We have a large selection of popular and classical music, 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 asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. Want more info or make a booking? Just call Ro Edmond on 863201.

## RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall any time between 10 am – 12 noon during term time. Come and have a tea/coffee while having a friendly chat as your child plays. £1.50 per session (first session free)  
 'Phone Elaine on 01303 863096 if you need more information

## LYMINGE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Calling all parents, grandparents or carers with children under school age at a loose end on Tuesday mornings. We meet every week (during term time ) at the Methodist Hall in Lyminge between 10.00am - 12 noon to give the children a chance to play and interact with others the same age.

We offer a wide range of craft and play activities including trikes, bikes and slides to painting books and jigsaws.

We charge £1.50 per session (1<sup>st</sup> session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for both adults and children.

Come and join in the fun.

For further information 'phone Karen  
01303 863274

## **Age Concern Lyminge 01303 862617**

Charity No. 1128429

### **Services**

Lunches  
 Laundry  
 Hairdressing  
 (Male & Female)  
 Hearing Aid Support  
 Information & Advice  
 Transport to & from the Centre

### **Activities**

Arts & Crafts  
 Health & Wellbeing  
 Social History  
 Seated Exercises  
 Computer Training  
 Lip Reading Classes

Chief Officer: Lisa Hodden

Centre Manager: Matthew Martin

Jubilee Day Centre, Everist Court, Station Road,  
 Lyminge, Kent CT18 8HQ

Email: [enquiries@ageconcernlyminge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageconcernlyminge.co.uk)

Web Page: [www.ageconcernlyminge.co.uk](http://www.ageconcernlyminge.co.uk)

## **Lyminge Weather Statistics April 2010**

Thanks to Mr D Godden for these weather statistics and notes.

|                        | Maximum           | Minimum                               |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Temperature (°C)       | 23.8 (30/4/10)    | -2.6 (21/4/10)                        |
| Air Pressure (hPa)     | 1025 (8-27/4/10)  | 990 (1/4/10)                          |
| Wind Speed (mph)       | 29 (SW on 1/4/10) | (SW on 3/4/10)                        |
| Total Monthly Rainfall | 34mm (1.3 in)     | (Highest day 14mm (0.6 in) on 3/4/10) |

The long period of high pressure kept wind speeds mostly low, 8-18mph. It also accounted for frequent changes of wind direction, some twelve in all, from all compass directions.

## **Dedication of the Rachel Marchant Memorial Bench.**

On Saturday April 17th over thirty friends gathered in St. Nicholas church for the dedication of the Memorial Bench in memory of Miss Rachel Marchant.

During a short service in the church conducted by the Rev. Janet Thornby we remembered Rachel and all she had done for the church and the community. The Reading, Psalm 139, was by Mrs. Karen Llyod who, as a child, attended Sunday School where Rachel was the teacher. However, I understand that to play about in Sunday School was to face a dire telling off! Following the service we made our way into the warm spring sunshine for the dedication at the bench.

This was not a sombre occasion, but a happy event when past friends met again, past pupils of Newington School gathered for a group photo. From the bench there are views of the old school, church cottages, the church and over to Summerhouse Hill, one of Rachel's favorite walks. Many, many, happy memories.

The memories of Rachel's work as District Nurse and Midwife, her love and support for Newington and the Elham Valley continued as Tea, Coffee and light refreshments, very kindly supplied by Mrs. Ann Vincent, were served in the church.

For the very generous donations from friends, residents of the parish of Newington and the Elham Valley, the support of the Village Hall and the Gardeners, and all who helped make this lovely Memorial in affectionate memory of Miss. Rachel Marchant possible - Thank you all very much!

### ***Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers***

Colin Collier has been studying the trader's token that was found in Lyminge. This has revealed that the shield on one side of the token is based on the coat of arms of the Worshipful Company of Grocers of London. This is described in heraldic terms as 'argent, a chevron gules between nine cloves sable, three three and three' which can be 'translated' as a white background with a red upward pointing 'V' surrounded by nine cloves. Colin has researched Richard Symonson, the trader, and has found, that later, in the 1700s, a family of that name lived in Elham. He has also found that there was another grocer, in Elham, in the mid 1600s and wonders if the population of Elham would have been big enough to support two grocers. He has found a Richard Symonson married a Marie Packe at Little Chart in 1604. The names match the initials on the token but, if they married in 1604, they would probably be in their 80s by the time the token was issued in 1664.

Colin has also been studying the word that indicates the place where the grocer, Richard Symonson was based. He thinks that the first letter is a K and that the second letter is uncertain but may have an apostrophe after it (i.e. K ?' H A M). The question that arises from this is where is this place in Kent? There are two Kelshams on the 1905-08 6 inch O. S. maps of Kent (see [www.kentarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk)). One is in Smarden parish and the other in Headcorn parish. There is no indication of any other place name that fit the letters. I have had another look at the token and although I can see why the first letter of the place name might be a K, I still think it could be an E, making Elham the most likely place where Richard Symonson traded from. I suspect that we may never arrive at a definitive answer to the questions that have arisen.

Penny Keutenius has given me a fascinating document that will be put in the Lyminge Historical Society's Archive. She believes it is the first Lyminge Newsletter. It is dated 'April 1963' and is titled 'LYMINGE No. 1'. It doesn't say who was responsible for the fifteen page duplicated and printed magazine but it pre-dates the Lyminge Association. It starts with an editorial which complains that village societies struggle because of, 'apathy and disinterest on the part of the village as a whole, and also possibly to the lack of publicity or (to be nearer the truth) the lack of funds to provide for it.' The editorial then states that the purpose of the publication is to provide information about every activity within the village and to use advertising of local businesses to fund the production. Of the activities many still exist, such as the Amateur Dramatic Society which was soon to put on 'The Shining' at the Methodist Church Hall. The activities that no longer exist include the Lyminge Film Society and the Lyminge Music Club. The editorial concludes rather ominously, 'We must assure those societies not mentioned that a great deal of effort was put into our enquiries in an endeavour to include you all. We can only assume that those who were approached for information, and failed to give it, did so by design. I wonder why it was necessary to say this? I hope to quote more from this document in future articles. It is surprising how much has changed and yet how much is still the same.

That's all for this month. Thank you everybody who responds to these articles. To those who email from other parts of the country or abroad, I really appreciate your interest and I will try to answer your questions, if I can. If you have any answers or want to ask any questions about the local heritage then please contact me.

Alistair Bailey (email: [abailey447@aol.com](mailto:abailey447@aol.com) tel: 864235

### Lyminge Village Hall

At the heart of our busy community the 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. We have invested heavily during 2008 with a storage extension completed plus new Ladies toilets. With the full stage now available concerts and bands can be accepted. With excellent parking, kitchen facilities and plenty of tables and chairs the Village Hall makes a great place for larger celebrations or charity events. Price example: Friday or Saturday evening £50.00

For full price details and availability just 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)

For any enquiries please 'phone 07971 722401



### Lyminge Pre-School

We're proud of our latest Ofsted report which stated that our 'Partnership with parents and carers is outstanding'

We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic and highly qualified staff.

We offer a range of flexible sessions, Breakfast Club, outdoor play area with sensory garden and spacious indoor facilities.

To discuss your requirements or to arrange a visit and meet the team, call 01303 863149 / 862634. Email [lymingepreschool.org.uk](mailto:lymingepreschool.org.uk)

**Did you know...? KCC will fund up to 12 flexible hours per week for children 3+ years.**

### 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 £14.00 per session. £34.00 per day  
Sat - £20.00 per session. £27.00 evening session  
£55.00 per full day.

#### **Session Times:**

AM session 8.30am – 12.30pm  
PM session 1.30pm – 5.30pm  
Evening Session 6.00pm – 11.45pm

A £25.00 returnable deposit is payable in advance. Electricity will be charged at 18p 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**