

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Association has decided to change collecting points for newsletter copy. Lyminge Hardware store have kindly agreed to collect any items which you would like published in the Lyminge newsletter. You may also hand copy in to Lyminge Library. Copy date remains 18th of every month and copy should be placed in an envelope with any money/cheques and then sealed and addressed to Lyminge newsletter or the Editor. We would like to thank the Lyminge newsagents for collecting copy over the past years and wish them well in the future.

GARAGE SAFARI - We have received good reports and people came from far and wide to see what was on offer. The participants were kept busy, boosted by the lovely weather on the day. If you missed this one, don't forget that there will be another in October.

Our 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - Plans are moving forward for the 40th Anniversary Celebrations on 4th September - so put this date in your diaries now!

Other events are also being planned for several other dates. Watch this space for more news next month!

Isn't it great to be part of such an active village, it is certainly a place to be proud of!

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd May	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	WOW (World of Worship)
Wednesday 5 th May	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15-10.00pm	Time of Silence (Quiet Prayer)
Sunday 9th May	Rogation Sunday	
	8.00am	Paddlesworth - Holy Communion followed by breakfast
	10.30am	Lyminge - Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Postling - Children's Service
	4.30pm	Stamford - Poetry and Songs of Praise followed by tea
Wednesday 12 th May	NO Holy Communion	
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	NO Time of Silence	
Thursday 13th May	Ascension Day	
	2.00pm	Pram Service
Sunday 16th May	10.30am	Family Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
Mon 17th - Fri 21st May	Week of Prayer - See below for details	
Sunday 23rd May	Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 26 th May	7.00pm	Holy Communion (short said)
	7.30pm	Open House (Bible study)
	9.15-10.00pm	Time of Silence (Quiet Prayer)
Sunday 30th May	10.30am	Matins (Morning Prayer) Followed by Holy Communion

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court

These are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from 3 - 5pm in the lounge. If you would like to come but need a lift, contact Sue on 862221

Craft Afternoons - 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 4th May - Wentworth Close Lounge

Tuesday 25th May - Nailbourne Court Lounge

Everyone is welcome to join in on these afternoon activities, for more information please contact Lynne on 863010

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close - Tuesday 11th May

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 12th May

The next meeting will be at 10.30am in the Methodist Parlour, This will be a coffee morning with a bring and buy stall and raffle For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

Pram Service - Thursday 13th May

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

Week of Prayer - Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May

Lyminge School Children will be using the church for activities during the day but there will be time available between 3.00pm & 4.00pm for anyone who would like to come & look round and/or spend time in quiet prayer. There will also be sessions every evening at 7.30pm. These will be open to everyone and are as follows:

Poetry & Prayer with Neville Elmslie, **Music & Prayer** with Martin Short, **Biospirituality** with Peter Ashman, a **Taize evening** and either a **Celtic evening** with Vanessa Ashman or an evening looking at **Benedictine Spirituality** - The days when each will be held are yet to be confirmed.

A leaflet will be circulated when they are definitely decided

Bereavement Support Lunch - Thursday 20th May

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

Mothers Union

Thursday 20th May- AGM/Market 10.30am Westgate Hall, Canterbury

Thursday 27th May - Prayer time at 12 noon in the Cathedral

For more information contact Sue Rawlings on 862221

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 May:

2nd May - Mr Dudley Shipton

9th May - Mr Graham Whistance

16th May - Mr Terry Preston

23rd May - Pentecost Valley Service 9.30am at Elham

Wednesday 26th May "Reflections"
7.30 - 8.30pm

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 May:

May 2 - Mr. Dudley Shipton

May 9 - Mr. Graham Whistance

May 16 - *3pm *Chapel Anniversary service led by Rev. Dr. Paul Glass, Chaplain of Kent College, Canterbury.

Please note NO morning service

May 23 - NO service at Rhodes Minnis but a joint Valley service with Lyminge and Elham in Elham Methodist Church at 9.30am

May 30 - Mrs. Val Redding

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

2nd May - Evensong 6.30pm

9th May - Rogation Sunday - Children's Service 3pm

16th May - Holy Communion 8am

23rd May - Family Service 9.30am

30th May - No Service

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 by 18th of the month.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details
	Cantores Dominicae Concert	7:30 Venue TBA	01233503686 Jenny
1 May	Boot & Spring Fayre for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House, Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
7 May	Royal British Legion Branch Meeting	2:30 ST. Mary's Hall Elham	864255 John
8 May	Lyminge Day	1pm at Lyminge Village Hall	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
10 May	Talk – "Health and Older People"	10:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	863495 Wendy
18 May	Gardeners' Society - Garden Visit	West Court Lodge, Postling	863225 Peter
22 May	Boot Fair	7am Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934 008600 Edgar
12 Jun	Dog & Owners Fun Day for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
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
7 July	Summer Concert	7.30 Lyminge Methodist Church	Peter
10 Jul	Boot Fair	7am Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934 008600 Edgar
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	Rude Mechanicals	7:30pm Tayne Field	862743 Mike
24 Jul	Quiz Night	7pm for 7:30pm Lyminge Village Hal	862928 Honor 862530 Niki
31 Jul	Boot Fair	7am Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934 008600 Edgar
31 July	Boot & Summer Fayre for Lord Whisky	12:00 Park House Stelling Minnis	862622 Margaret
4 Sep	Lyminge Association 40 th 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 st Tue	Lyminge Historical Society	7:45 Lyminge Methodist Hall	840419 Derek
1 st Wed	Lyminge Friends	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427 Mavis
2 nd Wed	Mothers' Union	10:30 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862221 Sue
3 rd Wed	Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle	7:30 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862913 Marion
1 st Sat.	Farmers and Craft Market	10:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	862832 Bryan
2 nd Sat	Coffee Morning	10:00 Postling Church	863536 Pat
4 th Sat	Beetle Drive	7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616 Mick
3 rd Sun	Parish Walk	10:00 Lyminge P.O. Car Park	862015 Richard
3 rd Tue	Etchinghill W. I. Meeting	2:30 Etchinghill Village Hall	862141 Dottie
Last Mon	Parish Council Meeting	See Parish Notice inside Newsletter	239500 Crispin

Dates for your Diary

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT19 9 NQ

1st May 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

Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Boot & Spring Fayre

Saturday 1st May, 12 noon – 3.30pm

At Park House, Stelling Minnis

The Folkestone Pipes & Drums

Music from Brendan Powell

Capel-le-Ferne Dog Training Group

'Children with Dogs & Dogs with Children'

'Heelwork to Music'

Hot & Cold Refreshments

Tombola – Bouncy Castle – Raffle & lots more!

Plenty of Parking – Admission by donation

Car Boots £7.50 Vans £10 (from 8am)

Dog & Owners Fun Day

Saturday 12th June, 12noon – 3.30pm

Car Boots £7.50pm Vans £10 (from 8am)

Watch this space for more details

Come and visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms at The Gate, Rhodes Minnis

Open daily from 10am – 4pm

Delicious Breakfasts and Lunches

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Monday Special only £5

Open every Friday Evening from 7.30pm

Fish & Chips or Sausage, Egg & chips

Take-away available

Ring to book – 01303 862349

Due to popular demand

Pie & Mash Night

Saturday 15th May

4.45pm and 7pm

£9 includes dessert

Pilgrims Hospices

IN EAST KENT

Wed 5th May Why not choose your summer

Clothes from our 'Fashions at the Hospice'

morning. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee.

The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road,

Folkestone 9.30am onwards

Any donations for this event can be collected.

Please ring 01303 251980

ELHAM FARMERS' MARKET

10AM – 12PM, ROSE AND CROWN COURTYARD

Next Markets: Sunday 9th and 23rd May

Get creative at our Pottery Workshop ...

Alongside our regular, locally sourced fruit and vegetables, meat and game, freshly baked bread, traditionally made cheeses, free range eggs, handmade chocolate, stuffed olives, preserves and home bakes, Elham Gardeners and Harringe Nursery will be back for plant lovers – and Annie Begley will hold another of her popular pottery workshops (May 23 market). They're open to all ages and abilities, the idea is to have fun and learn something new so do join in and have a go. We hope to see you there.

For more information, visit our website

www.elhamfarmersmarket.co.uk and look out for our fliers before each market.

WYE BEAGLES

DOG SHOW

Sunday 9th May 2010

Olantigh Park, Wye. Nr Ashford

Judging commences at 11.30am, Fun Classes 1.30pm

Entries on ground from 10.30am

Companion Dog Show (K.C. Licenced) with

Fun classes

Working Terrier Show

Lurcher

Obedience Classes

Novelty Scurry

Terrier Racing

Raffle in aid of Kent Air Ambulance & Wye Beagles

Enquiries: 01403 741770

Ringside Parking: Cars £4

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Tuesday 18th May

A visit to Mr and Mrs John Patrick's beautiful garden at West Court Lodge, Postling.

If a lift is required please be at Lyminge Library Car Park for 6pm. Parking is in Postling Village Hall car park at 6.15pm

£1.00 members - £2.00 non-members.

There will be a charge for refreshments

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Beetle Drive

Saturday 22nd May

Come along and join us at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Adults £2.00 – Children 50p

Includes refreshments

There will be a raffle

New players welcome

**Charity Concert by
The Railway Swing Band**

In aid of Elham Valley and Wye Lions Club Charity
Trust Fund

Elham Village Hall
Wed 26 May, 7 for 7.30 pm.

Enjoy a very talented group of musicians while
supporting local good causes (for example we have
just presented £2,000 to Pilgrim's Hospice).

Tickets £11 available from Browns' Estate Agents,
Elham or Lyminge Hardware. Or ring 01303 862837
for more details.

Rhodes Minnis Car Sanctuary

Registered Charity No 262245 Tel 01303 862243

Spring Plant Fair

**30th May 2010 From 11am at Rhodes Minnis Cat
Sanctuary, Green Lane, Rhodes Minnis**

Please bring your spare plants for us to sell and buy
from our huge range of flower & veg plants

All proceeds are to support the homeless cats in the
sanctuary. Please come & see them

**Lympne Garage Sale Safari
on Sunday 30th May**

Registered charity No.277548

Come and visit our Garage Safari from 9-1pm in the
lovely Village of Lympne.

Buy a map for 50p from the village shop, Honeywood
Close, which will lead you around the village garage
sales.

There will be refreshments and toilets available at the
Village Hall plus free parking for visitors
Come early to secure a bargain.

Lyminge Historical Society

Tuesday 1st June 7.45pm

A talk about
Folkestone and Dover in WW1
By John Buss

Non-members are welcome to join us

Hythe Flower Club

**Are holding a demonstration evening on
Thursday 3rd 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

Postling Gardens Open

5th & 6th 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

Newington Village Hall

Registered Charity No.302812

Annual summer Fete

Saturday 12th 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 Methodist Church
Lark Ascending**

All are welcome to a
Summer Concert featuring voices and violins on
Wednesday 7th 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

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

Ploughmans Lunch

At

Etchinghill Village Hall

On

Tuesday 3rd August

12.30 for 1.00pm

Entrance by ticket only £6 purchased in advance

Please contact Barbara Syrett 265229 or

Dottie Cross 862141

Etchinghill W.I.

Coach Trip to Ightam Mote

Monday 6th 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

Notices and Reports

Etchinghill W.I.

On a beautiful Spring day members and one guest were welcomed by the President, Barbara Syrett.

June Manton read a report regarding the Annual Council meeting at the Leas Cliff Hall last month which members attended and enjoyed a very interesting day. In the morning Jean Haynes spoke about her amusing experiences at the first woman bailiff. After lunch Dr Paul Whittaker, O.B.E., who is profoundly deaf, told us about his struggle to become a musician and his work helping deaf children to start the first deaf children's orchestra.

Our speaker today, Mrs Kendal-Tobias gave a demonstration which kept us all absorbed by showing us fifty ways to wear a scarf! It was then time for tea, the hostesses being Julia Tappenden, Maggie Tappenden and Enid Waller.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th May at 2.30pm. This will be the resolutions meeting, 'Clear labelling for food'. Further details can be obtained from Barbara Syrett on 265229 or Dottie Cross on 862141

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 (1st 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
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The Centre

Activities

Arts & Crafts
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Chief Officer: Lisa Hodden

Centre Manager: Matthew Martin

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

Email: enquiries@ageconcernlyminge.co.uk

Web Page: www.ageconcernlyminge.co.uk

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.

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 FRIENDS

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

Wednesday 5th May - A talk on National Coast Watch

Wednesday 19th May - Group trip - Jempson's Bakery Workshop in Peasmarsh

Wednesday 2nd June - Auction - our annual effort to raise the funds to pay for our talks!

Wednesday 16th June - Pub Lunch

Wednesday 7th July - A talk entitled "Travels with my Chickens" by Martin Gurdon.

Wednesday 21st July - A Garden Party at Fran's

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



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.

Lyminge Bowls Club

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

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

Saturday, 1 May – 2.30pm	Gentlemen from Wear Bay visit Lyminge
Sunday, 2 May – 2.30pm	A mixed match against members of Cheriton
Thurs, 6 May – 2.30pm	Our Ladies play ladies from Kearsney
Thurs, 6 May – 6.00pm	A friendly game against members of Charing
Sunday, 9 May – 2.30pm	Our men host men from River
Saturday, 15 May – 10.00am	An all day club competition
Tues, 18 May – 2.30pm	Ladies from River pay our ladies a visit
Saturday, 22 May – 2.30pm	A mixed game against visitors from Gateway
Tues, 25 May – 2.30pm	A ladies' game against ladies of Wear Bay
Sunday, 30 May – 2.30pm	Another club competition for members
Monday, 31 May – all day	Our Open Mixed Triples Tournament.

Etchinghill Update May 2010

The winners of the ERA table top fair raffle were as follows:-

Red Champagne:	Rodney Mappett
Cuddly Toy	Colin Manvell
Birthday Card Book	Jean Howard
Box of chocolates	Mary Hickmott

Farmers' Market: Saturday 1st May in the Village Hall.

Etchinghill and Lyminge Youth Football team

Regretfully the plans for the team to form in Etchinghill have been shelved due to erratic attendance and limited parental support. If possible it will start again sometime in the future in Lyminge where there is an existing football pitch.

Village Hall AGM

Don't forget the AGM on the 16th May 2010 in the hall, 7.30 pm. Ask yourself what could you do for the village? Come along and contribute to discussions about your aspirations for the village hall.

Village hall- Spring has arrived

The grounds and hall look nice now the bulbs and trees have come to life after the long winter and volunteers have cleaned the hall? Pity that adults pick the flowers for their own use!

Village Hall – Equipment

By the time you read this, an outside drinking fountain will have been fitted, additional matching crockery and cutlery will be available for use, a water softener and notice board have been fitted. Hopefully a screen and projector table will complete the set with the digital projector. The latter three bought with a donation from an elderly gentleman known to the committee.

Open House

10th May – Talk 'Health and Older People'-Ellie Thomas, Community development Librarian and Tricia Fincher 'Service Development Librarian for Health and Older People'.

24th May 12.30 pm: Lunch at a local pub, venue to be advised.

For your diaries:

There will be no morning Open House meeting on Monday **July 12th**. Instead there will be an afternoon meeting starting at 2.30 pm during which there will be a talk by Mrs Ann Barnes, Chair of Kent Police Authority, at 3.30 pm.

The **Tuesday Stompers** wish to advise that they raised £325 at their fund raising evening on the 26th March at Sibton Park.

We wish to thank Sibton Park Cricket Club for the use of their Pavillion, the local Shops and Business's for donating raffle prizes and to all those who attended. This money will be given to the Haiti Disaster Appeal Fund.

Garage Sale

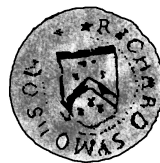
33 Links Way, Folkestone CT19 5LS

Saturday 15th May 10am – 3pm

Includes Household furniture and appliances
07969 979610

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

Last month's piece about the trader's token produced a lot of interest (Q3alt – Are there any objects that reflect the locality's heritage [eg the gates at Yew Tree Cross]?) It is certainly fascinating not only because of its age but also because of its connection with our locality. I have been told since last month that the larger letters in the centre of the coin often reflect the initials of the trader's surname and first name as well as the first name of the merchant's spouse. On the other side of this coin is the trader's name which we think is Richard Symonson. This would suggest that the initials on the first side are $R^S M$ rather than $B^S M$ as I interpreted them last time. On reflection, it would appear that indeed the letter is R rather than B. My confusion arose because the bottom of the R is a little unclear and the end of the right downstroke is a little higher than the left. With some smudging at the base of the letter, it first appeared be a B. In summary, this token tells us that probably Richard Symonson was, in 1664, a grocer from Elham. The first letter of his wife's name was M. Was she Mary? Martha? Perhaps some one knows of some records of 17th century Elham and can enlighten us further about these two past residents of the Valley? I have depicted both sides of the token below.



Derek Boughton has written to me about the origin of the name of Loughborough Lane. He says, "No doubt the former connection with Lord Loughborough is the justification for 'poshing-up' the name, but I am quite sure that it was originally 'Louseborough Lane'. It was very common for areas in parishes to be given pejorative names, and there was an exact parallel in Elham, where the area below the vicarage was known as 'Fleaberry Corner'."

As we get near to the fortieth anniversary of Lyminge Association I am receiving some information about its early days. If anybody has any more details about those times in the 1970s then please contact me (Q12). I will write about those groundbreaking events for our community after the Summer.

Finally, a new question. As some of you may know, I am interested in folk music. (Yes, I know all those jokes about morris dancing!) What I would like to know is if any reader remembers singing any 'old' songs; remembers any songs that many people knew (perhaps you sang them on coach trips) or recalls any songs that would tend to lodge in the mind and you would find yourself humming (Q23)? There are many definitions of folk music and mine is very broad.

Do you have any answers or want to ask any questions about the local heritage? If so then please contact me.

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

Lyminge Weather Statistics March 2010

Thanks to Mr D Godden	Maximum	Minimum
Temperature (°C)	16.4 (15/3/10)	-4.9 (3/3/10)
Air Pressure (hPa)	1022 (6-19/3/10)	886 (30-31/3/10)
Wind Speed (mph)	41 (NW on 10/3/10)	(SW on 30/3/10)
Total Monthly Rainfall	80mm (3.15 inches)	(Highest day 15mm on 30/3/10)

NB The rain and snow over this Winter meant that the Nailbourne rose in the week preceding Easter and was in full flow through Elham, Barham and Kingston. There has been flooding of the fields around the former Palm Tree public house and beyond.

Letters to the Editor

In response to Simon Filby's letter, April 10 issue, I disagree with his attack on Liz Coleman's public spirited letter published in the March newsletter. He obviously does not understand the overall situation, living happily remote from the area in question.

Of course everyone was concerned about the welfare of the staff and their future, they are held in high regard and their products are second to none.

However, I completely agree with Liz Coleman's comments. North Lyminge Lane is far too narrow for container trucks, backing almost daily and causing disruption. A factory developed to such a size in output, especially operating with inflammable products, should not be in close proximity to village properties.

The Fire Brigade were so efficient and worked so hard over four days. We were warned by the Commander, that if the building collapsed, there would be a fireball in our direction. Fortunately this did not happen. If the wind had been in a different direction neighbours and ourselves would have been in real trouble. We could feel the heat through our windows

Yours faithfully

Alan Stubbs

For the attention of all residents,

Planning Application Y10/0234/SH

This information is for all residents that receive the Newsletter but in particular those in Etchinghill. The Etchinghill Village Hall Management Committee have submitted a planning application to Shepway District Council for the installation of an Advertisement Board. This Board is to be erected in the car park for the carpet shop and garage, and will be in the corner next to the road about where the skip is at the moment and will be facing the traffic entering the village.

The Board is similar in design to the one at the entrance to the Etchinghill Village Hall car park. The height of the board will be 2.4 Metres (8 Ft), with the size of the poster display area being 2.4 Metres (8 Ft) wide by 1.2 Metres (4 Ft) high, this is twice the width and one and a half times the height of the display area of the one at the Village Hall.

By the time you read this the Planning Officer's report will I suspect be written, however you can still make known your views for or against by writing to Planning & Building Control, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY. To look at the plans, either contact the Planning Office on Tel 01303 853000 to obtain a suitable time to view, or for those on line the link is <http://www.ukplanning.com/ukp/showCaseFile.do?councilName=Shepway+District+Council&appNumber=Y10/0234/SH> You can also enter your comments on this web page.

If the Planning Officer recommends approval of the application the matter will be referred to the Shepway District Council's Development Control Committee and the District Councillors on that committee will make the final decision.

I personally would be interested in your view for or against as I believe this is an important decision for the village that all should have a say on. You can contact me on Tel 01303 862015 with your vote for or against.

Regards,

Richard Chubb.

Around 4.30pm on Saturday 17th July 2010, we will be arriving as newly-weds to the Jubilee Field in a helicopter, ready for our wedding reception at the village hall.

Safety staff from the helicopter firm, Manston-based Sky Charter, will cordon off a section of the field for a brief time to allow for a safe landing and take off.

Lyminge Parish Council has kindly given us its authority for the landing and we thank villagers in advance for their understanding. Please do not think we are a Wayne and Coleen or a Posh and Becks; we just thought we would treat ourselves to a bit of a once-on-a-lifetime experience on our special day!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07877 483718.

Thank you and kind regards,

Jo Robertson and Mike Godden

Samuel Jacobs Hair Salon

On 1st June we shall be celebrating ten years hair dressing in Lyminge. We would like to thank you for your support (long may it continue) and invite you to pop in for a drink and nibbles or just to say 'Hello'

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

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

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL/KENT COUNTY CONSTABULARY

RURAL PARTNERSHIP

Emergency Services

Fire, Ambulance and Police 999/112

For calls where life and property are in danger, when a crime is committed, when there is a road traffic accident and there is serious injury.

Non-emergency – Police 01303 850055

To report a suspicious incident, to report a car that is abandoned or is untaxed, to report a problem that you cannot resolve and that you think involves the police, to report a community issue that requires Police attendance because it is going on there and then (Anti social behaviour, noisy motorbikes etc)

To report a crime

01622 690690

To report a crime that has happened to you and the offenders have gone (e.g. car damaged or shed broken into overnight). You can also report minor crime online at www.kent.police.uk

Lost and found property

01303 289321

Crime Stoppers

0800 555111

If you have any information about a crime. Calls are free and totally anonymous and you could be eligible for an award

Rural Partnership

To discuss any community issues, concerns about drink and drug related incidents, anti social behaviour or other related incidents that do not require police attendance there and then. To obtain information about District and County Council services

Rural Community Warden – Lyminge Elham and Etchinghill

Gary Harrison Mob:07977 982185

Community Beat Officer – Elham Valley and Hawkinge

PC 6682 Trevor Moody – 07980 770583

Email: 6682@kent.ppn.police.uk

Police Community Support Officer – Lyminge and Etchinghill

Michael Robinson – 01797 321723

Parish/Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer

Sally Coleman – 01304 218151

Email: sally.coleman@kent.ppn.police.uk

Please keep this information near you for quick reference