

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

December 2007

Produced by  
The Lyminge Association



*Once again we are supporting Age Concern by collecting for a Christmas Hamper, if you would like to donate anything please bring it in to the office and help us make it as successful as last year.*

*Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas  
and a  
Prosperous and Healthy New Year*

## **Father Christmas**

Don't forget Father Christmas will be in Lyminge and the surrounding areas on Thursday 20th December delivering parcels – it could be for you! Haxtons have kindly agreed to be a collecting point, so if you would like Father Christmas and his Elves to deliver parcels to your loved ones, please take them to Haxtons by 19th December. There is a charge of £1 for each address.

## **Christmas Presents**

Why not save your time or stress on busy shopping centre trips by first checking our local traders for that thoughtful or unusual gift or gift vouchers. You might be surprised at what is available. Local shops will be staying open until 8pm on Thursday 13th December.

## **Christmas Opening Hours**

For a list of the Christmas opening hours of the local businesses, please [click here](#).

## **Christmas Lights**

The Christmas lights will be switched on outside Haxtons after St Nicholas Fayre, 4 -4.30pm on Saturday 8th December, when the Lyminge Handbells will play and Carol singers will attend. The Lyminge Association have supplied brackets, Christmas trees and tree lights for shops in the village and it is hoped that they will be ready for the big 'switch on' This should give the village a festive feel and help promote business.

## **THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION**

In the New Year we will be looking for a 'Newshound'. If there are any budding journalists out there we would be pleased to hear from you. We need someone who has their ear to the ground and is able to write an article/articles to add to the newsletter. It would need to be of interest to the local community and must be factual. No scandal please! It is also a voluntary job but could be a good experience for a young person wanting to pursue a career in journalism. The work would be edited before printing.

Please contact 01303 862488 if you are interested.

## **ETCHINGHILL UP DATE Farmers'/Craft Market**

If you miss the Market on 1st December then don't worry. The Market will continue next year starting in March 2008. It will be held on the second Saturday of every month for 10 months and it is hoped to expand the number of stalls for greater variety. Make a note in your diaries and we hope to see you there. For more information speak to Anne on 863174

### **Multi Sports Court**

Following the decision to cancel the project a number of residents have indicated that it would be a retrograde step to write it off completely. Members of the committee have therefore put it on the back burner pending the results of outstanding funding applications and will then review a reduced scale project within the limits of any funds available. Please let Barbara know on 862873 if you can help in any way

### **Residents' Association AGM**

18 Residents of the village attended the AGM on Armistice Day and heard not only what has been done over the year to improve the village environs but what of the future. Discussions around maintaining independence or allying the association with the village hall were discussed and the Chairman and Secretary were asked to research the legal situation should the association choose to dissolve itself and join forces with the Village Hall. Either way a special meeting will be held as soon as the options are fully understood. Contact David on 863918 with your views

### **Village Hall**

The new committee members have volunteered to fulfil a variety of roles and if you feel you are able to help them please contact Bryan (Fabric) 862832, John (Fire and Safety) 862873, Anne (Grounds and Garden) 863174, Frank (Hall Cleaning) 862106, Matthew (Social Events) 863175, Barbara (Finance) 862873, Eileen (Bookings) 862832 or Rodney for any other issues on 862028. New attractive rates apply starting 2008 so if you wish to hire the hall for an hour or a day, regular or one off then contact Eileen on 862832

## **Parish Council**

There may be an opportunity to represent the village on the Parish Council. Does planning interest you; do you think the roads and highways are in good order; are you financially minded; what can you bring to the area? If this sparks something in you then speak to Colin, your current Council Member on 862324 to find out more

The Etchinghill Residents Association wish you all a Happy Christmas

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## **VILLAGE CLEAN-UP GREAT SUCCESS THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Didn't you do well! Over 60 bags of rubbish were collected up by you over the Clean-up Weekend and the Village is looking really smart, just in time for the festive season.

A special 'THANK YOU' to all the group co-ordinators - they were mostly dragooned on the day, and came up trumps. We even had groups poaching on other groups' territory – now Graham knows why Tayne Field wasn't as messy as he had expected.

There isn't any time for me to cover all the extra work people put in but, I think we should acknowledge the hedge trimming and the Nailbourne clearing and thank you also to the gentleman who put back the surviving Perspex panels in the bus shelter at the junction of Silverlands and Canterbury Roads.

It was not possible to count all the people that joined in over the weekend but, we know that households made it a family affair, and we hope that many met up and enjoyed themselves. A rough estimate is somewhere between twenty and thirty pickers were out.

I would have like to thank Uncle Bill and Aunt Bertha but they mis-understood and spent the weekend ferreting about in Aunt Bertha's bottom drawer. Leastways, that's what I think Uncle Bill said whilst Aunt Bertha turned pink and he had a coughing fit.

We have learnt a lot from this worthwhile event and will, in the Spring or Summer organise another clean-up. Let us know what you think and where you want us to place the emphasis next time. Here are some pictures of the volunteers.





### 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	VENUE	CONTACT DETAILS	
1-Dec	CRAFT & FARMERS' MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
2-Dec	QUIZ EVENING	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862488	JEAN
4-Dec	TALK: DEFENCES IN EAST KENT	METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
8-Dec	ST. NICHOLAS' FAYRE	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL		SHAWN
8-Dec	BEEBLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
8-Dec	GARDENERS' CHRISTMAS BARN DANCE	NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL	272056	KIRSTY
8-Dec	CHRISTMAS ANIMAL CELEBRATION	PARK HOUSE ANIMAL SANCTUARY	862622	MARGARET
10-Dec	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL	862184	PAM
12-Dec	INFANT PRODUCTION	LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	862367	MICHELLE
14-Dec	JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE	LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH	862367	MICHELLE
16-Dec	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
16-Dec	CAROL SERVICE	NEWINGTON CHURCH		
20-Dec	FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES	ALL ROUND THE VILLAGE	863197	LIZ
28-Dec	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, INCLUDING LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL	862367	MICHELLE
31-Dec	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY	NEWINGTON VILLAGE HALL	272056	KIRSTY
15-Jan	LYMINGE ASSN MEETING	TBA	863197	LIZ
16-Jan	WI COFFEE MORNING	LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH	364538	
20-Jan	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD
4-Feb	MUSICAL EVENING and SUPPER	"SNOWDROP" SELLINDGE	863803	GILL
9-Feb	QUIZ EVENING	AGE CONCERN, JUBILEE DAY CENTRE	862015	MARIAN
13-Feb	LYMINGE ASSN MEETING	TBA	863197	LIZ
17-Feb	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK, 10 AM	862015	RICHARD

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

December 2007

Wed. 5th Dec. Coffee Morning and the Draw of our Christmas raffle.  
Usual stalls. Enjoy a mince pie or a piece of cake.

The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road, Folkestone 10am – 12noon

**Sat. 22nd Dec.** The Folkestone and Hythe Orchestra at The Saga Pavilion, Sandgate.

Adults £8 Children £4

For details ring Denny 01227 722614

A feast of Christmas Music

**Saint Nicholas Fayre**

Hog Roast

Entertainment

Christmas Stalls

Cards

Decorations Crafts Toys

Cakes Puddings

Pickles Pies Tarts

**Lyminge Village Hall**

Saturday 8th December 2007

11.30am until 3.30pm

Come Along and Enjoy

A Traditional Village Christmas Fayre

Hog by kind courtesy of Jubilee Farm

*In aid of the Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund*  
*Registered Charity No 283483*

**Christmas Celebration**

with the animals

**Saturday 8th December at 2pm**

at Park House, Stelling Minnis, Nr.

Canterbury CT4 6AN 01303 862622

Crib scene with our Donkeys

Christmas Carols

Blessing of the Animals with the Rev. Cole followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Tombola, Large Raffle

Why not enjoy a delicious Christmas Lunch at the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms before the

Celebration?

‘Phone to book on 01303 862349

**Visit the Lord Whisky centre and support our animals**

Open every day from 10am ~ 4pm

**DECEMBER BEETLE DRIVE**

Come & Join us at

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

**Saturday 8 December**

Starts at 7.00 pm.

Adults £2.00, Children 50p

includes refreshments

There will be a raffle.

**Lyminge Youth Action Christmas Party**

After the Success of last year’s Christmas party, Lyminge Youth Action are running this fundraising event again. The Christmas Party for local young people will be held on

Friday 21st December at Sibton Park

Cricket Club.

The Party for Primary School ages will run from 6-7.30pm

The Party for Secondary School ages will run

from 8.30-10pm

There will be Christmas cracker making, face painting, dancing and festive fun, so come along! Drinks, crisps and sweets will be on sale.

**Tickets are available from Lyminge Coffee Shop and cost £2 each**

**Lyminge Youth Action**

It’s Show time again, Yes! Another year has passed ‘we need you’! Start getting ideas together, we will begin rehearsals on Monday 7th January from 6.30 until 8.30pm at the Methodist Hall, Lyminge.

The Show will take place at Lyminge Village Hall on 7th and 8th March 2008

**Newington Village Hall**

Registered Charity No 302812

**New Year’s Eve Party**

**Monday 31st December**

**7.30pm ‘til late**

Tickets £5 per person

Children under 5 go free

We provide the Venue & Music

You bring your drink & Nibbles & have a good time

Numbers for this event are strictly limited & tickets must be purchased in advance by

New! Try our Big Breakfast £4.40  
 Fish & Chip Supper every Friday evening  
 £5.50 eat in ~ £4.40 take away  
 Hot & Cold Lunches, Delicious Home-  
 Made Cakes  
 Freshly Cooked Meals and Friendly Service  
 Christmas Cards other gifts in aid of the  
 Sanctuary available at the Tea Rooms

MONDAY 18th December  
 (there will be no tickets for sale on the door)  
 For tickets or info contact  
 Terry & Karen – 277950  
 Mark & Kirsty - 272056

**LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES**  
**DECEMBER 2007**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am 'World of Worship'

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Holy Communion  
 7.30pm Open House  
 – Bible Study and discussion  
 9.15pm Wednesday Silence

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Short Holy Communion  
 7.30pm Open House  
 9.15pm Wednesday Silence

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
 (followed by refreshments)

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Holy Communion

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** 2.00pm **Buggies to Bethlehem**  
 (Pram service)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Holy Communion  
 7.30pm Open House – Bible  
 Study and discussion  
 9.15pm Wednesday Silence

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>** 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am Holy Communion  
 6.30pm **Peace Before  
 Christmas (Sunday Silence)**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** 3.00pm **Blessing of the Crib**  
 11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

**CHRISTMAS  
 DAY** 8.00am Holy Communion  
 10.30am **'Toys & Joy' Family Service**  
**(not Holy Communion) bring the family  
 to see the Christmas Puppets!**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> [NO Holy Communion, Open House or  
 Wednesday Silence]

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Mattins (Morning  
 Prayer followed by Holy Communion)

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS in Nailbourne Court**  
 These will resume in the lounge at Nailbourne Court on  
 Sunday 4th November from 3 - 5pm. They are open to  
 anyone living on their own in Lyminge. For more

**RHODES MINNIS**  
**METHODIST CHURCH** This

small Chapel in beautiful  
 countryside surroundings holds  
 a weekly Sunday Service  
 normally at 9.30am  
 Followed by coffee and biscuits  
 A warm welcome is extended to  
 any visitors

The Preachers for December  
 are:

**2nd Dec.** - No service at  
 Rhodes Minnis but a joint  
 Valley service conducted by  
 Rev. Alan Hewitt in Lyminge  
 Methodist at 11am  
**9th Dec.** - Rev. Derek Hancock  
 (Holy Communion)  
**16th Dec.** - **6pm** Carol service  
 conducted by Mr. Dudley  
 Shipton. (no morning service)  
**23rd Dec.** - Rev. Barry Armson  
**25th Dec.** - \*No\* service on  
 Christmas Day  
**30th Dec.** - Mr. Dudley  
 Shipton.

**POP-INN**

Every Wednesday 2.30 - 4pm  
 at Methodist Church  
 Free coffee, tea and biscuits  
**We will be closed on Wed  
 Dec. 26th & Jan 2nd – Re-  
 open on Wednesday 9th  
 January**  
 ALL welcome - if you are  
 collecting children from school  
 or just passing

information please contact Vanessa at The Rectory on 862432.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

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

### **PRAM SERVICE – Tuesday 18th December**

Please note that there will be no Pram service on Thursday 13th December. Instead, this month's service as we approach Christmas will be 'Buggies to Bethlehem' and will be held on Tuesday 18th December. The service will finish in plenty of time to collect older children from school. For more information, contact Vanessa on 862432.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LUNCH – 20th December**

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

L.E.T.  
Methodists and Anglicans  
working together

### **LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH**

Visitors are very welcome to join us at our weekly Service at 11am and invited to share fellowship afterwards with a cup of tea/coffee

Preachers for December are:

**2nd Dec** – Rev. Alan Hewitt

**9th Dec** – Rev. Ian Hamilton  
(Holy Communion)

**16th Dec.** – Rev. Robin Blount

**23rd Dec.** – Rev. Barry Armson  
– also at

**6.30pm – Carols by  
Candlelight**

Come and sing your favourite carols, followed by coffee and mince pies

**Christmas Day 11am** Mr  
Dudley Shipton

**30th Dec.** – Café-style worship

**Tuesday 18th Dec. – Meet at  
Methodist Church at 6.30pm  
for Carol Singing round the  
village in aid of the Folkestone  
Rainbow Centre**

### **Monday Fellowship**

Every Monday 2.30pm –  
3.30pm **except 24th and 31st  
December**

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

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



## **M.B.E. CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our own page 3 girl! Yes, Gillian has been awarded the M.B.E. for her services to the committee of Brockley, Lewisham, over the past 37 years.

Well done!

## **On a Historical Note**

### **Monthly Meetings**

We would like to thank all the members and visitors who came to The Lyminge Historical Society AGM on the 6th November, also to Adrian Willcox and Sandra Bright who put together a film show of the Kent Villages' Millennium Videos.

At December's meeting we will have the pleasure of hearing John Buss on the subject of World War II Kent Defences. The Society will meet at the Methodist Church Hall, Lyminge on 4th December at 7:45pm.

For all those members who could not come to the AGM I would like to remind you that your membership is now due for renewal. We are putting together a full programme for next year which we hope will include around eight or nine monthly talks and hopefully at least one visit. To help cover the expenses of visiting speakers and the sundry expenses of the Society we have reverted to the pre-2006 annual membership subscription of £10.00. Visitors' entrance fee on the night remains for the time being at £2.00 but will be reviewed during the year.

Please send you subscription along with your name, address and contact telephone number to:

The Treasurer, Lyminge Historical Association, c/o The Old Mill, Canterbury Road, Lyminge, Kent.

I am collecting names of volunteer drivers who will take other members on the trip. We expect the location to be very local – the Railway Museum at Peene is under consideration, and likely to take place sometime in the late spring or summer. If you can offer a place in your car to one or two other members please let me know – John Carr 862972 or drop me a note at Korf House, Canterbury Road, Lyminge, (opposite the Food and Wine Store).

### **Long Service**

We would like to thank Jenny Morgan for her unstinting service to the Society during her tenure as Treasurer and as an active committee member. Jenny has served the Society for 22 years and many as the Treasurer.

### **News of the Archive**

As some of you will know, during the last year we have been looking for a new home for the Parish's archive. Currently it is housed in various locations in Lyminge but more particularly in Stelling Minnis Village Hall. Thanks to the forward thinking of the Lyminge Village Hall Committee we are pleased to announce that our archives are coming home and from January 2008, we will have a permanent repository in Lyminge Village Hall.

We would like to thank Stelling Minnis Village Hall Committee and the Villagers of Stelling Minnis for their hospitality. Also the main location within Lyminge has been the

Methodist Church Hall and we would also like to extend our thanks to the Church and its members for storing our filing cabinet and other bits and pieces.

Once the repository has been fitted out with shelves and power we will be able to offer a more flexible access service for local historians and family history researchers.

### **Archive Catalogue**

Currently we have a printed index to part of the archive so once all the boxes and the filing cabinet are relocated to the Village Hall we will need to produce a full catalogue. To this end we will be looking for volunteers to both create the catalogue and to identify locations in pictures and photographs. More news on this, later next year.

The finished catalogue will be held as a simple printed subject index and also in a more sophisticated way on a computer which will allow us to search the catalogue. Finally, we hope to put the catalogue along with some digital copies from the archive on to the internet. We have to thank the Millennium Fund Committee for a generous donation allowing us to obtain a computer and printer for use in the archive.

### **Co-opted Members**

The Society's committee is interested in co-opting other members to help the committee. These posts are not related to any particular posts but to provide expertise, ideas, skills or whatever you wish to bring to the Society. We understand that people lead busy lives and therefore cannot necessarily commit to too much. However, we are sure that within the membership there is a willingness to help, lots of experience and knowledge that we and the Society could benefit from sharing. So if you want to help in anyway towards the running of the Society and its event's please let John Carr know on 862972, or drop in a note to Korf House or email me at [jon@serenitas.co.uk](mailto:jon@serenitas.co.uk).

John

### **Etchinghill W.I.**

The AGM took place on 20th November. Dottie Cross, Secretary, gave a report on the many interesting meetings and events held over the past year.

The President, Barbara Syrett, thanked the committee and members for their support. She was then unanimously voted by members to serve another year as President. The officers and committee all agreed to serve another year in office.

The new Etchinghill W.I. newsletter was on sale and proved very popular.

Birthday posies were presented to Joy Bartley, Muriel Childs, Mary Hickmott, Evelyn Hart and Rosemary Wood.

We then enjoyed a quiz and found plenty of bargains in a nearly new clothes sale.

Christmas hampers were also for sale during the afternoon.

Tea was served by the hostesses, Eileen Lofty, June Manton and Gill le Cras

A Christmas theme is planned for the next meeting on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30pm

For further information please 'phone Barbara Syrett on 265229, or Dottie Cross on 862141.

### **LION SANTA VISITS!!**

Yes Santa Claus will be making preliminary visits to the area

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

We are often asked who in Lyminge is currently on the Neighbourhood Watch list. Can anyone who is an

courtesy of the Elham Valley Lions. Santa and his brightly lit float will be making house to house collections in aid of Christmas parcels and parties for the elderly in the area. We will be setting out (at about 5.30 pm till 8 pm ish ) in Stelling Minnis and Bossingham Tue 11th, Etchinghill and Postling Thurs 13th, Elham on Fri 14th, Hawkinge Mon 17 to Thurs 20th, and Lyminge Sat 22nd from about 4.30pm till 8.30pm. Thank you for your support. If you would be able to spare a couple of hours helping Santa with his collections, please call Neil on 01303 862837.

### **Meriden House**

If anyone has information on the past history of Meriden House, Teddars Leas Road – now known as Teddars Leas House, please contact Ray on 074939528785 I would be pleased to hear from you.

### **Abbeyfield Houses**

offer sheltered housing with a difference:  
Looking for companionship and help in an emergency but still want to keep your own independence?  
Then contact: Rosemary Berger, House Manager on 01303 862564 to arrange a visit

### **For Sale**

- 1.Old Industrial Sewing Machine Offers
- 2.Ladies Bike Rayleigh 5 speed £30.
3. Beech Effect Computer Desk L40 – D22 – H 31 Good condition £15.
4. Small Portable TV 12” screen

active Neighbourhood Watch person please contact Judith on 01303 862498. It may be that those who were once representatives have left the district, if so, more volunteers will be needed to take their place. Judith is the local co-ordinator and would be pleased to hear from you. It is not an onerous or time consuming task.

### **Lyminge BMX and Skate Park has arrived!!**

Anyone who has been to the Village Hall recently will have seen the building activity on Jubilee Field to create the long awaited sport and leisure facilities which Lyminge Youth Action has been raising funds for in the last 3 years. The successful first turf digging took place on 3 November when Eileen Hall took centre stage (arriving in a stretch limo, kindly loaned by Dazzle Limousines,) and proudly held the spade to do the honours surrounded by many of the young people to whom she has become a friend and champion. Since then the first part has been completed and the BMX and Skate Park has already seen our young people having a great time trying out the equipment. The tennis court is underway and the cycle track is marked out.

In due course there will be a grand opening and the site will be fully operational. WATCH THIS SPACE!! We are still fund raising to finish off the plan which still needs another £50,000. We are also keen to forge partnerships with other organisations on the site and look forward to working together to ensure this new village amenity is popular and well used.

### **To All Dog Owners and Walkers.....**

Please be good owners/walkers and don't give our best friends a bad name when out for "walkies", remember that the dog coming towards you might be old or ill after an operation, it might even be very nervous or aggressive...must I go on?

If you see another dog coming towards you on a walk and you don't recognise it, please put your dog on a lead.

I know of one dog currently being exercised in the village which has just had major surgery worth £5000 plus... Could you afford to pay this vet bill if your dog caused harm to another?

If you have problems controlling your own dog on a normal collar and lead try purchasing a head collar to help you. If I had £1 for every time I heard someone say, "it's ok he's friendly, he only wants to play" ...oh boy I would be one very rich individual!

£10  
5. 4 Wooden Garden Chairs -  
£10  
6. DVD Player - £7.  
Contact: 01303 863129

Come on make dog walking a pleasure for everyone.  
Just another quick note: if you walk early in the  
morning and late at night please don't holler and shout  
at your dog, people/babies might be sleeping!

Did you know that by law your dog must wear a tag  
that has the following information?

Your name, address and optional telephone number if  
you don't have this you could be liable for a hefty fine  
of up to £5000 by the authority. The local dog warden  
can confirm this or look on [www.the-kennel-club.org.uk](http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk)

Enjoy your Walks with your dogs and be  
responsible.....

From a happy hound!



## LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The popular Lyminge Handbells have a busy time ahead with appearances at St Nicholas Fair and the switching on of the Christmas lights on the 8th of December and of course the crib service and midnight service in the church. An appearance in Canterbury Cathedral takes place after Christmas on the 28th. We have a large selection of music for all occasions, both formal and informal, and will come to your home for that special celebration. All we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £35 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice. Call Ro Edmond on 863201.

### A White Christmas

I am the snowflake  
My mantle of white  
Lightens the darkness  
Way through the night

Sugar-frost coating  
On pine branches green  
Glistens pale gold  
In a sunbeam's bright  
gleam

The red berries of holly  
The amber hip of a rose  
Dusted with icing  
Hang in ripened repose

Tall stately fir trees  
Reaching up to the sky

I was sceptical about letting my children go out trick or treating tonight, worried about disturbing the locals. But, the children came back buzzing with excitement and so happy with the sweets (and even money) they had collected. They would like to say a massive thank you to all the very generous people who joined in with good spirits and gave them so many lovely goodies. And the wonderful comments on their costumes made their night.

Thank you

### Remembrance Service

On Monday 5th November 2007 the Rector held a service at the War Memorial in Lyminge for Class 6 school children from Lyminge Primary School to lay crosses in memory of all those who died in the two wars and whose names are on the Memorial.

We thank most sincerely the Rector Rev. Peter Ashman and the Head Teacher Mrs Rowland, Mrs Steel, the Deputy Head Teacher and the school room staff for their attendance.

It was a most moving service and the children reverently laid

Bow to candytuft flowers  
Bedecking balconies high

Pathways and hedgerows  
Where do they all go?  
When silently night time  
I fall as deep snow

The chiming bells of a  
steeple  
The lilt of carols in song  
Log fires and sleigh rides  
To white Christmas  
belong

Sent in by Jacqueline  
Andrews

**Sibton Park Cricket  
Club**

The bar will be open on  
Boxing Day from 12noon  
– 3pm when any non-  
members are welcome for  
a festive drink

their crosses as each name was called.  
The amount collected for the poppies in Lyminge was  
£1598.95 including £158.12 collected at the United  
Remembrance Service in the Church on Sunday 11th  
November.

With grateful thanks to all  
Royal British Legion Elham Valley Branch  
Alan Boughton and John Bain

**Lyminge CE Primary School**  
**OPEN DAY**

**Thursday, January 10th 2008**  
**for parents of children born between**  
**1st September 2003 and 31st August 2004**

Dear Pre-school Parent,

I would like to invite you and your child to our annual Open  
Day early next term, in which you are able to see the school in  
action and our facilities. Your hosts around the school will be  
members of our Year 6 and there will be opportunities to  
speak to teachers, pupils, parents and governors, as well as  
myself. Tours start at 11am and 2pm.

If you would prefer to come and see us in action this term,  
please contact the school and make an appointment so I can  
show you around. Looking forward to meeting you and your  
child.

Michèle Rowland, Head Teacher

**Demelza Hospice Care For children**

Our Coffee Morning held on 20th October raised a wonderful £714.85p  
A big thank you to Sibton Park Cricket Club for the use of their pavilion, to all my friends  
who helped with the stalls etc., to everyone who supported us and made cakes and to Red  
Dragon for help with the posters. The competition for naming the dog was won by Chris  
Tutton.

On behalf of the children and families who depend on Demelza Hospice Care, we wish you  
all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Marion Hoare

**Mencap and Debra**

I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously at my Christmas sale;  
you all raised £600 for the above charities.

I was given huge support from my family and friends, with special thanks to my son  
Michael, daughter Teresa, also to Ann Healey, Liz Trapnell and Margaret Boulter.  
The raffle for the wreath was drawn at the library on November 15th; the lucky number  
was 315 going to Eileen Greenwood.

Thank you all again for two happy days  
Ann Gallagher

**Samuel Jacob Hair**

**Salon**

**Tel: 863732**

Helen, Sue, Jackie, Amy,  
Jessica, Alice and Nikita  
would like to thank our  
clients for their continued  
patronage and wish you  
all a very happy  
Christmas and a peaceful  
New Year.

**Walter Haynes**

Mrs Bet Gosbee would like to say  
thank you for all the sympathy  
cards and kindness she received  
after the sad loss of her beloved  
brother, Wally. Also thank you to  
all the residents of Palm Tree Way  
who donated money to the British  
Heart Foundation.

**China China**

**The Restaurant and  
Take away**

The Management and  
Staff wish all our  
customers a Merry  
Christmas and best  
wishes for a Prosperous  
New Year

Dear Children and Grandchildren

Christmas is coming, but, I am afraid the goose is getting thin. I have given a lot of thought to what has become, in my opinion 'Christmas madness'.

Why madness? Because, instead of being an occasion for showing love to each other, Christmas now has become a reason for making the shop owners richer and some children spoiled, while others, the forgotten ones, and will be, even on Christmas day, suffering abuse, neglect and cruelty.

So, I have made a DECISION.

This year my Christmas presents to my family will not be costing a fortune anymore. My children are very lucky judging by the pile of gaily wrapped presents under their Christmas tree every year, so, and I feel sure that you will agree with my DECISION, this Christmas I will spend no more than TEN POUNDS on each of your presents or, if you prefer it, give you £10 in a pretty envelope or a little box.

The money saved from what I would have spent had I not taken this DECISION, will be donated to the N.S.P.C.C.

Another reason for this is that I can no longer traipse wearily about, spending long hours amongst the mad crowds going from shop to shop looking for things.

Oh dear! Does this mean that Father Christmas does not exist? Of course not, but he only goes to children up to 12 years old and stops when they become teenagers and my youngest grandchild has just entered that category.

Love to all, family, friends, people of Etchinghill, Lyminge and the caring, smiling, helpful staff at Age Concern

Anna of Etchinghill

**FOUND:**

A brown pillowcase, lying crumpled, damp and grubby on the grass in Etchinghill Village Hall car park on Saturday 10 November. It looked as if it had blown off a washing-line during the recent high winds — or been used to bring something to the Farmers' Market and then lost.

It has now been washed (but not ironed!) and can be reclaimed by telephoning:

Eileen M Webb on  
01303 862832.

**Age Concern Elham Rural**

Breaking News...Coming in December as part of our fundraising activities...

Our brand new 100+ Club, membership is £1.00 per number per month - the prizes are £25.00 for the first number drawn, £15.00 for the second and £10.00 for the third. From December 2008 the prizes for Christmas will be increased to £50 for the first and £25 for the second and third.

and

A series of Quiz Sheets for sale at £1.00 each with a Prize of £25.00 for the Winner

We hope everyone will join in and have some fun whilst helping us to raise funds to improve our services to all the communities in the Elham Valley.

Information available from the Day Centre or by calling Marian on 862015

Organised by Age Concern - Elham Rural, as part of their fundraising activities.

### **Lyminge Pre-School**

Registered Charity No. 1029226

- Fun-packed sessions available for children from the age of 2 years.
  - Flexibility for parents with a choice of mornings, afternoons or a combination of sessions.
  - Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm (term time only).
  - Friendly staff fully trained and experienced at providing a safe and stimulating environment for children to learn & play.
  - Children benefit from an enjoyable and seamless transition to Lyminge Primary School.
  - Members of the Pre-School Learning Alliance and awarded the highest marks possible in our latest Ofsted report.
  - We are located at Lyminge Village Hall on Woodland Road. Please feel free to call in and visit or telephone Julie on 01303 862634 or Alison on 01303 862508. Email address: [lymingepreschool@aol.com](mailto:lymingepreschool@aol.com)
- We are a non-profit making charitable organisation.

### **Lyminge Village Hall**

At the heart of our community our recently redecorated Village Hall offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and can meet a variety of requirements with it's small

### **Part-time Assistant**

#### **Lyminge Pre-School**

We are looking for a part-time pre-school assistant for two or three mornings per week during term time to come and work with our friendly and motivated team.

For further information or an application form please either pop in to the village hall or contact Alison on 01303 892508 or email [lymingepreschool@aol.com](mailto:lymingepreschool@aol.com)

Closing date for applications is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL**

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

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

Rates:

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

Session Times:

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

Committee room, larger Club room and the Main Hall with servery and large stage. Excellent parking, kitchen facilities available and all in a delightful part of the Village. Price example.

Friday or Saturday evenings £45.00

Afternoon weekday birthday parties £12.00

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

### **Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club**

Having a party? Need a local venue?

Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket Club's lovely pavilion?

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

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

Contact Lesley Kirk, Tel 01303 862366

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

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

For further details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on 01303 862616

## **LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH**

### **HALL HIRE**

#### Hall

1 June to 30 September £5 per hour  
£17 per 4 hour session £32 full day

1 October to 31 May £7 per hour  
£24 per 4 hour session £42 full day  
(includes heating)

#### Parlour

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

#### Overnight Stays

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

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

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