

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

For the communities of
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RHODES MINNIS and POSTLING

July 2007

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The next meetings of the Lyminge Association are on Wednesday 25th July at Sunny Cottage, Canterbury Road, Lyminge and Monday 20th August at Moonraker. High Street, Lyminge. Both start at 7.30pm.

LYMINGE FESTIVAL

Well, another successful Lyminge Festival. The Garden Safari has again been very popular and a lot of people came out to view the gardens on display. The Lyminge Association would like to thank all the gardeners who worked so hard to get their gardens 'up to scratch'. We also hope that those of you selling plants or providing teas made lots of money for your chosen charity. Judging by the number of plants being carried away, it was a great success.

The Quilting exhibition was also well attended and much appreciated by those who went. It was interesting to see work in progress – we have many talented stitchers at Ethellburga

Quilters, much of it due to the patient teaching of Liz Coleman, who willingly shares her knowledge with us.

The Amateur Dramatic Society displayed some of the beautiful costumes made and worn in their many productions and was well worth a visit.

Sadly, the Scarecrow competition did not attract many entries but they were all excellent. George Bunting, the leader of Shepway Council, judged the competition and Sarah of Mount Pleasant was a clear winner with her 'Pirate' scarecrow. However, the other entries were all very well made and George particularly liked the 'Lady of Leisure' in Station Road and the entry by Lyminge Hardware. Unfortunately there could only be one winner.

The Flower Festival at the Methodist Church was beautiful, with donated arrangements from groups who regularly use the venue. The arrangements outside in boots and shoes were great fun.

A very big THANK YOU to everybody for taking part with enthusiasm, in the Lyminge Festival and making it so worthwhile for people to support. One lady came from Hythe on a PUSH BIKE – maybe more did, but I think that says it all.

GARDEN SAFARI
16th and 17th June 2007

Sarah Wilkinson with her winning "Pirate Scarecrow" Everything except the eye patch and the skull was made by Sarah.

The rear garden at Bedingfield in Lyminge. Wonderful cream teas were also available here!

Mr. and Mrs. Brown's garden in Etchinghill was one of the lovely gardens that were open during the weekend.

GREEN MEETING

A meeting is being held at Lyminge Village Hall on 9th July at 7.30pm to discuss 'green issues' in our community. You may have noticed something which needs repairing, improving, removing or adding to our village and surrounding areas This is your opportunity

to report on these matters and, where possible, accompanied by a photograph of the offending item or place. Don't walk around with blinkers on! Report to the meeting and we will do our very best to deal with them. Also, any green environmental thoughts that may benefit the community will be welcomed.

CHINA CHINA

The Lyminge Association would like to give their sincere thanks to China China for their donation of £200.00. For those who went to the Lion Dance and evening meal, it was a brilliant evening. The Lion Dance was superb and different from anything else seen in Lyminge. Live music was provided during the excellent meal. All proceeds from the evening was shared between Lyminge Village Hall, Lyminge Pre-School and the Lyminge Association. Thank you very much.

CHRISTMAS

Thinking ahead, the Lyminge Association thought we could brighten our village for the Christmas period by decorating the main road with small Christmas trees. We are investigating the possibility of purchasing metal stalks which can be fixed to a building and on which a small Christmas tree can be mounted. We would hope to provide a stalk, Christmas tree and a set of lights for each person or business who is interested, However the electricity would be paid by the recipient. Perhaps we could have your views on this and if you would be interested in participating - or attend the A.G.M.!

TOUR de FRANCE

The Tour de France is coming onto Stone Street on Sunday 8th July. As car parking space will be limited why not take a walk to Farthing Common. Routes from Lyminge and Etchinghill taking about 1 hour are available to be viewed by [clicking here](#).

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Farmers'/Craft Market

The market goes from strength to strength with more stalls offering different products. Come to the next one on 7th July and speak to Anne about what is good and what could be better. What are your views about continuing throughout the year? Open between 10.00 and 12.30

Garage Safari

Don't forget the garage safari on 21st July. Get your map of households open for business from the village hall car park on the day from 08.00 onwards. Refreshments will be available from Cherry Tree Cottage in Canterbury Road throughout the morning

Multi Sports Court

Funding applications are constantly being prepared to boost the monies already secured and meetings with suppliers are progressing to finalise costs of providing the court and the associated buildings. Can you spare a few hours to help? Phone Barbara on 862873

Traffic Violation Survey

The survey to monitor traffic misdemeanours through the village is well underway Speeding and mobile phone use whilst driving are prime aspects. Remember if you have any ideas on speed reduction measures then speak to David on 863918

Village Improvements

Did you phone Sue to offer help with the maintenance of the proposed trough to be positioned at the green at the bottom of Teddars Leas? It's not too late. Her number is 863345

Neighbourhood Watch

Are you a member? It is free and you get advice on security of the home, identity marking of possessions, how to approach visitors to your house or that of a neighbour, how to conceal information that is useful to the police or ambulance in the unfortunate event of you requiring them! Less than 10% of the village are members. What does this say to you? Are you the one that assumes that it will not happen to you? If you phone Judith on 862498 she will send you a pack to put your mind at ease

Dates for your 2007 diary

Farmers' market 7th July 8th September 13th October 10th November 1st

December

Garage safari 21st July

Letters to the Editor

I have been prompted to write this by events that have happened around me recently.

3 things have happened in one week which has made me think:

1. Advert in shop window for information regarding a dog attack, owner of attacked dog wants to know if anyone has information on the dog that attacked hers.
2. I found a loose dog running around the street and a woman had shoed it out of her garden because it wasn't hers, straight into the path of me in my car!
3. Small child, about 3yrs old, maybe less, at a dog show approaching my dogs and others without asking, mum was at a distance in deep conversation with someone else and not really watching the child.

What with the recent dog on dog attacks and child attacks, our country is becoming an increasingly anti-dog society.

I wish I could take everyone on and change their opinions but alas I can't do it alone.

Dogs are getting a very bad press at the moment and I feel provoked as a dog lover, owner and groomer to speak up on their behalf, after all they can't do it themselves!

I do realize that a few years ago there was the school of thought that dogs are dogs and to let them sort themselves out but that's long gone and with so many dogs living in close quarters we can't afford to think like that any more.

Just living where I do in Kent there are my dogs (5), 3 dogs next door, 1 the other side, I next to them and 2 next to us the other way. All of our dogs get along fine. Maybe that's a fluke but maybe it's because we are all experienced owners and have put a lot of work into training and socializing our puppies. Who knows?

There are so many dog training schools in my area that there is just no excuse for bad behavior or bad dog ownership. I can list 4 clubs within half an hours drive from our village.

People please don't be fooled that only puppies can be trained, quite on the contrary the older dogs find fun in training and for the rescued dog it promotes confidence in itself and you as the owner. Training is not just training its bonding and fun for all involved.

People ask me who's to blame in these fights and attacks.... My answer is usually the owner of the dog or carer of the child! I know that's a generalized comment but here's why I say that:

We as humans can make decisions and weigh up the situations and decisions we make. Dogs can't, we domesticated them and put them into these impossible situations they have a natural fight or flight instinct and if they are tied up outside a shop and backed into a corner by a child, they can't run because they are tied up so they do the next best thing: fight!

Who is responsible for keeping that child safe? The mother/father or person left in charge of it that's who. I don't agree with tying dogs up outside shops either.

We have domesticated dogs and encourage the further breeding of fighting breeds, to me it's up to us to protect our dogs, love them, care for them and take responsibility for what they do.

If you know your dogs can be aggressive or "snappy" muzzle it or at least keep it on a decent, well fitting buckle collar and lead. It keeps your dog safe from being put down after it's attacked something or someone and protects everyone else around you!

Breeders and re-homing centers need to be giving out as much info about the breed they sell as possible not just the good stuff: how cute they are and easy to train but if they have a tendency to be shy or nervous, as this can turn to nervous aggression in time if dealt with correctly.

Vets neuter dogs so young; I don't believe that it does as much good as we think. Yes it stops a dog making more babies but it doesn't allow his bones and hormones to settle and him to mature. When we remove these parts at 6 months old our dogs don't yet know who they are. I must say here that this is my view and I know there are many reasons to do it but not "just because". It's a serious operation still involves anesthetic and the risks that that brings. I mention mainly males here but relate this to bitches as well.

People also need to understand that just like humans dogs are born with mental instability, a built in aggression, tumors and pain. These things all cause behavioral problems.

It's not always the dogs' fault it can't be, **we** breed them, **we** sell them, **we** encourage certain behaviors, **we** domesticated them and **we** made them what they are today, **we** can't now turn our back on them, they know no different.

No one can work miracles but there are people/trainers/breeders etc who you can talk to as a new dog owner or an owner of a possible problem dog. Please don't try to go it alone I was always taught that if you don't know ask someone.

Forthcoming Village Events

We know that this list is not complete; apologies for any omissions.
 If you would like to make any additions or corrections to this list, please phone Gillian on
 863232

3-Jul	GARDEN SOCIETY VISIT	SIR CHARLES JESSEL, HASTINGLEIGH	863225	PETER
7-Jul	BOOT SALE	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
7-Jul	FARMERS' MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
7-Jul	SUMMER FETE	MISTY, RHODES MINNIS	862 865	DAPHNE
7-Jul	TEDDY BEAR JUMP	LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH	862432	MARGARET
7-Jul	HOG ROAST	ELHAM VALLEY TWINING ASSN	862580	ANNA
8-Jul	TOUR DE FRANCE	FARTHING COMMON/STONE STREET		
8-Jul	RUDE MECHANICAL THEATRE	TAYNE FIELD		
10-Jul	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY	POSTLING PARISH CHURCH	840419	DEREK
15-Jul	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK	862075	ALAN
15-Jul	ANNUAL OPEN DAY	RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY	267858	CHRISTOPHER
16-Jul	4 WEEKS ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG	OLD RECTORY PADDOCKS	g.thomas@kent.ac.uk	GABOR
18-Jul	BINGO	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
21-Jul	GARAGE SAFARI	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE		
21-Jul	VILLAGE HALL SALE	POSTLING VILLAGE HALL	862142	JANE
28-Jul	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
28-Jul	BOOT SALE	LORD WHISKY ANIMAL SANCTUARY	862622	
30-Jul	COFFEE MORNING AND FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEK	POSTLING CHURCH	862142	JANE
4-Aug	BOOT SALE	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
4-Aug	FLOWER FESTIVAL	ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, ACRISE	844640	SUE
5-Aug				
8-Aug	COFFEE MORNING WEEK	POSTLING CHURCH		
11-Aug	FLOWER SHOW	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
15-Aug	BINGO	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
18-Aug	FLOWER SHOW	LYMINGE METHODIST HALL	863225	PETER
19-Aug	PARISH WALK	START P.O. CAR PARK	862075	ALAN
19-Aug	EAST KENT FINAL, BOWLS	LYMINGE BOWLING GREEN	01233 650633	DAVID
25-Aug	BOOT SALE	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
4-Sep	SOCIETY	TALK BY DUNCAN HARRINGTON	840419	DEREK
8-Sep	BOOT SALE	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
8-Sep	BOOT SALE	LORD WHISKY ANIMAL SANCTUARY	862622	
8-Sep	FARMERS' MARKET	ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	863174	ANNE
8-Sep	GARAGE SALE	ETCHINGHILL		
9-Sep	POSTLING RIDE	POSTLING VILLAGE	862436	JANE
16-Sep	PICNIC IN THE PARK	OUTSIDE ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL	862028	RODNEY
18-Sep	GARDENS TALK	METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER
19-Sep	BINGO	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
29-Sep	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
29-Sep	BOOT SALE	ETCHINGHILL CRICKET CLUB	862060	EDGAR
2-Oct	LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 'WINDMILLS'	LYMINGE METHODIST HALL	840419	DEREK
16-Oct	GARDEN SOC AGM	METHODIST CHURCH HALL	863225	PETER

17-Oct	BINGO	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
20-Oct	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
27-Oct	QUIZ	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
6-Nov	SOCIETY	METHODIST CHURCH HALL	840419	DEREK
14-Nov	BINGO	COACH AND HORSES	862694	CHRISTINE
17-Nov	CHRISTMAS FAIR	RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY	267 858	CHRISTOPHER
24-Nov	BEETLE DRIVE	RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL	862616	MICK
26-Nov	CINDERELLA" PANTO WEEK	LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL		

***Pilgrims Hospices
IN EAST KENT***

Wednesday 4th July

Our monthly coffee morning. Sales table
Raffle and Refreshments
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Sandgate Road,
Folkestone 10am – 12 noon

Saturday 21st July

Canterbury Hospice Summer Fete. (In the
grounds of the Hospice) For details ring
01233 504102

Strawberries & Cream

Saturday 7th July 10.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday 8th July 10.00am

St Nicholas Church, Newington,
Folkestone

Floral Displays & Refreshments,
Books & Other Stalls.

Admission Free

There will be a celebration of Holy
Communion

at 3.00pm on Sunday

All are welcome

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OPEN DAYS

Saturday 7th July & Sunday 8th July

Sunday 26th August & Monday 27th

August

1.00am – 5.00pm

Admission £3.

Teas and home-made cakes

In aid of Cancer Research

3 Acres of gardens with our collection of
Day lilies, Big herbaceous borders and

'Elham Tennis Club'

Open Day

Saturday July 14th 10.00 am – 1.00pm

Free taster sessions for everybody, whatever
your age or ability, all equipment supplied.

10am to 11 am 4 to 8 Years old

11am to 12 pm 9 to 14 Years old

12am to 1pm 15 to Adults

The above times are a guide. Feel free to
come along at any time and have a chat and
see how coaching sessions can work for you
and your family throughout the morning.

- Are you a future Wimbledon Champion?
- Come along and enjoy the experience of
playing Tennis.
- Junior group coaching programmes
coming soon.
- One 2 One or Group sessions for all age
groups
- Enjoy the social and watch your kids
perform.
- Win a tennis racket suited to your game.

STELLING MINNIS

WINDMILL FETE

Saturday 21st July – 12 – 5pm

Live Music with Jazz Omnibus

East Kent Morris Men

Hawking Flyers Twirling & Pompom
Team

Stowting Llamas & Alpacas

Acres Wild Falconry (as seen on TV)

Electric Go-Karting (children 4 – 9 years

Steam & Stationary Engines * Classic Cars
& Motorcycles

Vintage agricultural vehicles & machinery

CRAFTS * STALLS * SIDESHOWS *

DISPLAYS

Shire Horses & Cart rides

wonderful views
Sorry NO DOGS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 10th July
Postling Parish Church
A Talk on Postling Parish Church
by
Derek Boughton
A small Church in a beautiful situation with
a number of unique features for a Parish
Church

Newington Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 20th July
7.30pm

For more information
please contact

Karen & Terry 277050 or Kirsty & Mark
272056

GARDEN OPEN

For The National Gardens Scheme
Mounts Court Farmhouse, Acrise
Sunday 22nd July, 2 – 5pm
Adm. £2.50, children free
TEAS for Cystic Fibrosis

JULY BEETLE DRIVE

Come & Join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Saturday 28th July
Starts at 7.00 pm.
Adults £2.00, Children 50p
includes refreshments
There will be a raffle.

*In aid of the Lord whisky Animal Sanctuary
Fund*

(Charity No 253483)

BOOT & SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 28th July
12 noon – 3.30pm

At

Park House Animal Sanctuary
Stelling Minnis, Near Canterbury
Boots £7. – Vans £10
~ ATTRACTIONS~

Miniature Steam Engine Trailer rides
* Raffles & Tombolas *
*Bar * Barbecue * Teas * Ice Creams
Windmill & Museum Open
For information, ring 01227 709238

Postling Church

Village Hall
Sale

Saturday 21st
July

2.pm - 4pm

Teas & Cakes

Postling Church

Coffee Mornings

&

Flower Festival
Monday 30th July –
Saturday 4th August
9.30am – 12.30pm

Every day

Teas & cakes served
Please come and see our
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2007 SAHARA TREK
100 km to be walked by Mike Taylor and
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To raise funds in excess
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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2007
AT 7.30 PM
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INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS WELCOME
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PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK

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cancer through imaginative programmes of challenging and dramatic
activities using the outdoors. For more information go to
www.odyssey.org.uk
Registration/Charity No. 1045259

Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show

Come & Join us at
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall
Saturday 11th August

Live music with Burt Butler Jazz Pilgrims
 The Folkestone Angels
 Bouncy Castle – Face Painting
 Ice Creams ~ Refreshments
 Lots of Stalls – Tombola
 Plenty of Parking
 Admission by donation
Forthcoming events:
8th September ~ Boot & Autumn Fair

For
 Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show.
 Doors open at 2.30 pm
 For a schedule please contact
 Mrs Daphne Andrews
 on 862865

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES – JULY 2007

Sunday 1st July 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Ordination service
 Wednesday 4th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study and discussion)
 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
 Saturday 7th 10.00am– 12.00 Teddy Bear Jump
 off the tower
 Sunday 8th 10.30am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Healing service
 Wednesday 11th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study and discussion)
 [NO Wednesday Silence]
 Thursday 12th 2.00pm Pram service
 Sunday 15th 10.30am Holy Communion
 Wednesday 18th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study and discussion)
 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
 Sunday 22nd 8.00am Holy Communion
 10.30am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Sunday Silence
 Wednesday 25th 7.00pm Short Holy Communion
 7.30pm Open House
 (Bible Study and discussion)
 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
 Sunday 29th 10.30am Mattins followed by
 Holy Communion

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 are

1st July – Mrs Val Redding

15th July – Mr Terry Preston

22nd – Mr Dudley Shipton

29th – 9.30am at Rhodes
 Minnis

Rev. Wesley Kenworthy (Holy
 Communion)

**No Monday Fellowship until
 September**

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

POP – INN

Every Wednesday 2.30 – 4pm
 at Methodist Church
 Free coffee, tea and biscuits

ORDINATION SERVICE - 1st July 10.30am

The Ordination of Stephen Dougal will take place in
 Lyminge Church on Sunday, 1st July at 10.30am in the
 presence of Bishop Michael.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEAS in Nailbourne Court

Our Sunday afternoon teas have been cancelled until

further notice while work is carried out in Nailbourne Court. We will, of course, resume as soon as possible - watch this space for further information!

COFFEE MORNING – 9th July

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 – 12th July

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LUNCH – 19th July

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.

CRAFT ACTIVITY AFTERNOONS

If you enjoy crafts, then you are warmly invited to join in our afternoons of craft activities. These will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 2 till 4pm at Joan Coleman's house, 9, Greenbanks, and on the third Tuesday of each month at Ann Healey's house, 15, Mountpleasant Close. For more information, contact Joan on 863485.

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

L.E.T.

Methodists and Anglicans working together

**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 June are

1st July – Rev Barry Amson
with Holy Communion

8th July – Local arrangement

15th July – Mr Dudley Shipton

22nd July – Mrs Val Redding
(all age service)

29th July – Rev Wesley
Kenworthy with Holy
Communion. A joint united
service with both Lyminge and
Elham Methodists

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Well done everyone in Lyminge, Etchingill, Paddlesworth and Postling who generously contributed by donating money and time for the collection. For the first time we were able to send off over £2000 to Christian Aid, which with 'gift aid' declarations on about half that amount, should translate to about £2280. Some 82% of Christian Aid's income is used

for direct charitable expenditure and 18% to bring in more money. So, well worth the effort and thank you – Judi Laker.

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH
FLOWER FESTIVAL 16/17 June 2007

Thank you to the following organisations etc. for making the event so enjoyable by providing lovely flower displays, clever designs and donations.
The Badminton Club, St Ethelburga Parish Church, Etchinghill W.I., Folkestone Rainbow Centre (Foodstop), Ethelburga Quilters, Lyminge Gardeners, Lyminge Environmental (Primary School), Operation Sunshine, Rhodes Minnis Church, Samuel Jacob Hair Salon, Sibton Park Holidays, Lyminge Guides, 1st Lyminge Scout Group, Lyminge Brownies. Thanks also to Ron Norton for bringing JOHN WESLEY to life in the pulpit and to all the people who made your Church buzz with life, especially the children.
All donations and proceeds from the raffle, refreshments, plants etc. will be put towards the repair of the front wall.
THANK YOU ALL

ETCHINGHILL W.I.

W.I. members attended the June meeting chaired by Barbara Syrett, President.
A birthday posy was presented to Eileen Lofty.
The speaker, Major Chris Sands, gave an excellent talk on the. Salvation Army. This was followed by afternoon tea provided by the hostesses, Rita Warner, Stella Samuels and Barbara Syrett. The competition for an old Pantomime Programme was won by Mary Hickmott, 1st and Doreen Browne 2nd.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th July at 2.30pm when Mr R West will speak about 'Dowsing and Geopathic Stress'.

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

RHODES MINNIS EVENING CIRCLE

At our meeting on 20th June Peter Meiklejohn gave us an interesting insight into the history and architecture of Canterbury Cathedral, including colour slides of the stained glass windows, some of which contain the original glass.
The competition - a picture of a stained glass window - was won by Jean Lissenden, with Ronnie Mosley 2nd, Diane Potter 3rd and Daphne Andrews 4th.
Our next meeting at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 7.30 pm, is on the 18th July, when Sue Scrivens will tell us about "Gardening month by month".
New members and visitors are very welcome. Contact Marion Hoare 01303 862013

AGE CONCERN ELHAM RURAL

Our AGM will be held at 3pm on Wednesday 25th July 2007 at the Jubilee Day centre in Everist Court. All are welcome to attend.

We are now selling second hand goods from our day centre to raise funds for a conservatory. We would be very grateful for any donations of quality clothing, and bric-a-

brac that we can sell. Sorry we are unable to take any more books at present. We are holding a fundraising coffee morning on Thursday 19th July 10 till 12. We would be grateful for donations of raffle prizes and cakes to sell on the morning. We are now holding seated exercise classes for older people, sessions are run from 11 till 12 on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If anyone is interested in participating they should contact Sue Heady at the centre for more information. If you have any enquiries or require information regarding our services or would like to receive a copy of our information booklet please ring the Day Centre on 01303 862364 and speak to Lisa or Matthew.

LYMINGE PRE-SCHOOL

'A Bike Day was held on Friday 15th June to let everyone know that one of the mums, Tara Symonds, plans to cycle the whole route of the Blue Ridge Parkway in the USA in just 7 days this summer to raise money for the pre-school!

She will begin at Rockfish Gap, Virginia and continue south for 470 miles ending in Cherokee, North Carolina . The route will take Tara through the Blue Ridge Mountains (of Virginia, on the trail of the lonesome pine according to Laurel & Hardy!)

The pre-school fundraising committee felt that a bike day was a great opportunity to get the children really excited about cycling (especially with less than a month until the Tour de France arrives in Kent) AND a fantastic chance to raise money for the pre-school through sponsorship. All the children brought their bikes to school and Tara showed off her bike and answered their many questions!

So far, Tara has amassed 4187 training miles (equivalent to 233 hours on the bike)! She still has another 8 weeks of training, which will be another 1640 miles or so. This is equivalent to 20 miles every day since September 1st, 2006.

Tara's support team (Linda, Laura and Tyler) will travel behind in a 30ft motorhome to provide a constant supply of food, drink and TLC.

Please look out for Tara's sponsorship forms in the coming weeks.'

Lyminge Library,

Well done to Abigail Baker age 4 for being one of the winners in the Peppa Pig competition. Judged at Folkestone Library by FLUG (Folkestone Library user Group) This month's reading group book is: The Darkness Of Wallis Simpson - Short Stories by Rose Tremain.

next month to celebrate hundred years of her birth we are reading Daphne Du Maurier - The Glass-Blowers.

If anyone would like to start up their own reading group, the library can get multi-copies of books for you free of charge.

Messy Mitts Toddler Art Classes are starting back in September!!

www.messymitts.co.uk

- Messy Mitts is a fun and stimulating art group for toddlers aged 18 months -5 years.
 - It gives your child the chance to be creative, and to be able to explore and experiment with a variety of materials.
 - Do you like getting messy without having to worry about tidying up afterwards
 - Each week a different theme and something to make and take home
- Classes run every Friday (Term time)

10.00am-11.00am at the Methodist Church Hall, Church Road
£20 per child for a block of 6 week classes (no hidden extra charges)
Please contact Toni on 07720 447886 or email toni@messymitts.co.uk to book a place (as places are limited).

I don't know if you or if you know of someone who could perhaps help me. I am doing some family research and have found out that my biological mother was born at Hill House, Lyminge she was born in 1937. I am seeking information about the House. It is very strange that she should be born in Kent as her mother lived in South Norfolk and this was where they went back to. It says on the copy of the birth certificate that my grandmother was a domestic servant in Crownthorpe which is in South Norfolk so she obviously went to Kent to have her daughter but then brought her back to Norfolk where she was fostered out. Any information about the house which was probably a workhouse/Institution would be really good.

Many thanks for reading this.

Barbara Eggleton eggletonfam@eggletonfam.fsnet.co.uk

FIVE GET FAMOUS IN LYMINGE

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be touring to venues across Southern England again this summer with their new play 'Five Get Famous!'. They will be in Tayne Field, Lyminge on Sunday 8th July . The show will start at 7.30pm and don't forget to bring picnics and wine and have a wonderful evening! Last year's show (The Gold Rush) was included in The Times' Top 3 outdoor shows last summer!

Tickets can be bought at Lyminge Hardware or by ringing the Central Box Office (01323-501260) or online at the Company's website (www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk).

It's, of course, a spoof Enid Blyton style mystery with the Five, Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog, having an exciting adventure! The characters are all played by adults in a white-faced cartoon-ised and very physical style with live original music and songs - and is aimed at adults, although some children will enjoy it too.

It's set in 1940 and the Barnard children have been evacuated to Kirrin Cottage to escape the Blitz. Uncle Quentin is working on a secret project for the Special Operations Executive, while in the village Lady Lurcher is casting for the forthcoming production of Macbeth by the Shakespeare Society. When a toff, Albert Bounder, arrives in the village in a sports car hearts begin to flutter. Simultaneously inexplicable events begin to occur. Menacing snippets from the script are found pinned in unusual places. Lady Lurcher's chickens go missing. Shadowy figures are seen climbing out of Uncle Quentin's study window - and on top of that Cecily, George's older sister, has fallen for the dashing young pilot, 'Bunny' Rabbett, who is about to depart on a secret mission and may end up done in by Jerry. The Five, of course, get to the bottom of it all.

It will be an hilarious satire of village life, the war years and attitudes to class and gender at the time with complex slapstick and physical routines - Enid Blyton meets Miss Marple meets Dad's Army - but it isn't a mere frolic, nor cheap nostalgia. As usual with their plays underneath there will be more to it, a deeply poetic look at childhood, innocence and a kind of Rupert Bear Annual idealised and magical nature - and by implication the loss of all these things in the modern world. It will also have probably the company's most tender love story so far. Don't miss it!

Lyminge Bowls Club

You are cordially invited to have a restful afternoon at Lyminge Bowls Club watching others enjoying their sport, with refreshments on hand from bar and kitchen, and where there is a variety of seating in sun or shade (or indoors). All welcome. July home fixtures are as follows:-

Sunday 1 July – 2.30 start against Ashford

Saturday 7 July – 2.30 start against New Romney

Sunday 8 July – 2.30 start against Thurrock

Saturday 14 July – ‘Captains Day’ starting at 2.30

Sunday 22 July – 2.30 start against Billett

Saturday 28 July – ‘Geoff Marsh Trophy’ – a club competition starting at 10.00 am

On Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings members get together for friendly ‘roll-ups’. Do come along as it may be possible for you to ‘have a go’ if you would like to (flat soled shoes are the only necessity).

Club members look forward to welcoming you ... but if you want to find out more before ‘taking your seat’, then please call 863495.

LYMINGE GARDENERS

Our next meeting is a visit to Sir Charles Jessel’s Wonderful Garden. The cost will be £1.00 for members and £2.00 non-members. Be at the Library car park at 5.45pm or South Hill Farm, Hastingleigh, Ashford, Kent by 6.30pm

Taking Pride in our Surroundings

On behalf of residents at the Yew Tree Cross end of the village we would like to thank David and Marion Hoare and Bill and Sue Chitty for voluntarily regularly mowing and generally clearing the area around the bus stop and the entrance to Longage Hill – what a difference it has made.

Sincerely, Dickie and Joan Dyer

We invite you to visit

Lord Whisky Tea Rooms

At Rhodes Minnis to sample the
FRESHLY COOKED MEALS, the
FRIENDLY SERVICE

and the REASONABLE PRICES

Home-made cakes, hot and cold lunches and
snacks

Open everyday 10am – 4pm

Why not visit us ?

!!NEWS!!

From 6th July we will be opening

On Friday evenings for Fish & Chips

Booking Essentials – please ring 01303
862349

There is a wide selection of GIFTS FOR
SALE

Including books, pictures, china etc

SOFT FRUIT FOR SALE

At ‘Homefield’, Cuckoo Lane, Postling
Always in the trolley at the gate, or for
larger orders ring:- Elaine on 01303 863096

Ready now:- Raspberries – Rhubarb –

Gooseberries – Strawberry Jam.

To Follow:- Blackcurrants and Redcurrants

FOR SALE

Delta Santana Caravan 03

Fully connected on pitch at New Beach

Holiday Park, Dymchurch

2 bedrooms

Site fees 07 included

Telephone Pete 01303 862804

HOMES ARE NEEDED for dogs, cats and other animals.

You can pick up a form to complete with your details at the Tea Rooms

Lyminge Pre-School

Registered Charity No. 1029226

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

Lyminge Village Hall

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

Friday or Saturday evenings £45.00

Afternoon weekday birthday parties £12.00

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

Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club

Having a party? Need a local venue?

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

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

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

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

Session Times: AM session 8.30am - 12.30pm

PM session 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Evening 6.00pm - 11.45pm

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

For further details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on 01303 862616

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

HALL HIRE

Hall

1 June to 30 September £5 per hour

£17 per 4 hour session £32 full day

1 October to 31 May £7 per hour

£24 per 4 hour session £42 full day
(includes heating)

Parlour

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

Overnight Stays

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

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

For any enquiries please 'phone 07971 722401

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

LYMINGE HANDBELLS

What can Lyminge Handbells play for you in 2007? You may be surprised. If you want to find out, why not call us to book the bells for your special occasion.

We have a large selection of music for all occasions both formal and informal and are quite happy to come to your

home for a special celebration. All we need is a large table for our bells, room for up to 10 people and a donation of at least £35 for the Pilgrims Hospice. We

also play tunes appropriate to the occasion from our classical and contemporary repertoire. Weekends and evenings only please. Call Ro Edmond

on 863201 or Stuart Hunnisett on 862530. Alternatively you can e-mail Stuart on stuarthunnisett@hotmail.co.uk