



The Lyminge Newsletter

Online Edition

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

Photographic Competition and the Annual General Meeting

Everyone who lives in the parish is invited to come along to the Village Hall on the 17th September at 7:30pm, to see the results of the Photographic Competition and to attend the brief meeting of the Lyminge Association's AGM. Light refreshments will be available.

There will be the outgoing chairman's annual report and the election of officers for next year's committee.

Nomination Forms for the various posts will be available a week before the meeting from the Library, Lyminge Hardware Store and the Post Office. Any parish resident over the age of eighteen, who is willing to participate in the planning and implementation of events, organised by the Lyminge Association, is eligible to stand for election to the committee

GARAGE SAFARI ON SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Contact Liz on liz.coleman@virgin.net or phone 863197 to get an entry form. Your completed form and **£5 entry fee** should be returned to **Sunny Cottage, Canterbury Road, Lyminge** (behind the Coffee shop). Now is a great opportunity to clear out your garage, loft and house of unwanted items, and have fun doing it with a profit.

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LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd Sept	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Sunday 6th September	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Teddy Bear WOW service followed by the Teddy Bear Parachute jump & picnic
Wednesday 9 th Sept	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Thursday 10 th Sept	2.00pm Pram Service 7.00pm 18-30's Alpha at Coach & Horses Pub
Sunday 13th September	10.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 16 th Sept	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence
Thursday 17 th Sept	7.00pm 18-30's Alpha at Coach & Horses Pub
Sunday 20th September	10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong
Wednesday 23 rd Sept	7.00pm No Holy Communion 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm No Wednesday Silence
Thursday 24 th Sept	7.00pm 18-30's Alpha at Coach & Horses Pub
Sunday 27th Sept	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Harvest Festival Service at Methodist Church followed by lunch Contact Andree on 863182 to book a place for the lunch
Wednesday 30 th Sept	7.00pm Holy Communion (short said) 7.30pm Open House (Bible study) 9.15pm Wednesday Silence

Wednesday Silence

The Church is open from 9.15pm -10.00pm every Wednesday for silent prayer, meditation, contemplation or to just sit and be still. Come and spend 5 - 45 minutes (as long as you like) in total silence – no music – no words – no interruptions – just time to discover stillness, calm and inner peace.

Wednesday Open House Bible Study – 7.30pm

This is a very friendly and informal Bible study/discussion group which is open to everyone, regardless of age and whether you know the Bible or not. Please come along and give it a try

Sunday Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court – 6th September

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

Mothers Union – 9th September

The next meeting will be a MU Social Policy presentation by Pam Waitt at 10.30am in the Methodist Parlour

Coffee morning - Wentworth Close – 14th September

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

Bereavement Support Lunch – 17th September

These lunches are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12.30pm in the Coach and Horses. The meal comprises two courses followed by coffee, at a cost of £6.50 per head. All are welcome. Transport can be arranged, please contact Lynne Lane on 863010 if you would like to book a place.

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 September:

6th Sept. 9.30am Valley service at Elham
Led by Rev. Derek Hancock
(incl Holy Communion)

13th Sept. Mr Graham Whistance

20th Sept. Mr T. James

27th Sept. United Churches Harvest Festival at Methodist Church
Conducted by Rev. Wesley Kenworthy. Lunch will follow in the Hall. Please book

Monday Fellowship 2.30 -3.30pm weekly

Beginning 21st September

"Reflections"

Wed. 30th September 7.30 -8.30pm

Alternative, less formal worship

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

The Preachers for September:

Sept. 6 **NO** service at Rhodes Minnis but a United Valley Service at Elham Methodist at 9.30am led by Rev. Derek Hancock

Sept.13 Mr. Graham Whistance

Sept.20 Mr. Tim James

Sept.27 Mrs. Mary Blanch

POSTLING CHURCH

Sept 6th Evensong **6.30pm**

Sept 13th Brief Informal prayers before the Postling Ride
8.am

Sept 20th Holy Communion **8am**

Sept 27th Family Communion **9.30am**

L.E.T. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team)

Prayer Box. Please place any prayer requests concerning a bereavement or illness in the prayer box at Lyminge Post Office. It would help to have the name of the person you are praying for but not necessarily your name. These will be included in Sunday worship in both churches and added to private prayer life.

Forthcoming Village Events.

We would like you to give us details of your future events for this page. This will help us all plan for our own events and help spread them throughout the year. There is no charge for entries on this page. For entries into future issues please phone **Gillian on 863232**.

One Off Events In Forthcoming Months		When and Where?	Contact Details	
11 Sept	Royal British Legion Committee Meeting			
12 Sept.	Boot & Autumn Fayre	12:00 Lord Whisky, Park House	862622	Margaret
12 Sept	Last Night of the Proms	7:00 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
17 Sept	Lyminge Association AGM	7:30 Lyminge Village Hall	862073	Mike
19 Sept	Book Sale	Lyminge Methodist Church	864394	Dean
19 Sept	Boot Fair	06:00 Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934008600	
25 Sept	McMillan World's Greatest Coffee Morning Event	Sibton Park		Lindy
27 Sept	United Churches Harvest Festival	11:00 Lyminge Methodist Church		Mary
3 Oct	Boot Fair	06:00 Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934008600	
4 Oct	Garage Safari	9:00 Garages around the Village	863197	Liz
4 Oct	Rhodes Minnis Harvest Festival	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church	862865	Daphne
5 Oct	Talk on Inheritance Tax by Peer le Fleming	11:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863394	Edna
7 Oct.	Rhodes Minnis Methodist Harvest Lunch	1:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862865	Daphne
10 Oct	Quiz Night	7:00 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
17 Oct	Demelza House Coffee Morning	10:00 Sibton Park Cricket Club	862913	Marion
17 Oct	Boot Fair	06:00 Etchinghill Cricket Ground	07934008600	
28 Oct.	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall AGM	Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick
5 Nov	Bonfire Night and Fireworks	6:30 Lyminge Village Hall	862928	Honor
7 Nov	Etchinghill Residents' Association AGM	Etchinghill Village Hall	862873	Barbara
8 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Joint Service	Lyminge Methodist Church		

Weekly Events Dates 2009		When and Where?	Contact Details	
Mondays	Etchinghill Open House	11:00 Etchinghill Village Hall	863418	Rosemary

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	10:00 Lyminge Methodist Parlour	862427	Mavis
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
4 th Sat. ¹	Beetle Drive	7:00 Rhodes Minnis Village Hall	862616	Mick
3 rd Sun. ²	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	862184	Pam

Copy deadline for next month's newsletter is the 18th of the month

Call Jean Howard on 01303 862488 or email in word doc. format to jean.howard1@talktalk.net. Money must be received before articles can appear in the newsletter. A paper copy and money can be left at the Lyminge Newsagents or the Lyminge Library. Charges are as follows: Business adverts - £8.00 per month or £80.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Charity adverts - £1.50 per month or £15.00 per year (12 issues for the price of 10). Please make cheques payable to The Lyminge Association

¹ Beetle Drive will be held on 4th Sat., except in December when it will be held on the 2nd Sat. of the month.

² Parish Walk will start from Rhodes Minnis Village Hall on 20th September.

Dates for your Diary

Pilgrims Hospices IN EAST KENT

Wed. 2nd September The usual Coffee Morning,
The Holy Trinity Church Hall
Sandgate Road, Folkestone
9.30am onwards

Advance Notice

Wed, 7th October Hospice Fashions at our usual
Coffee Morning

Wed 4th November Our Christmas Fayre, see
Father Christmas early. All the usual stalls and a
bumper raffle.

Wed 2nd December The Christmas Raffle Draw to
be held at our usual Coffee Morning

Farmers' and Craft Market – 2009

at Etchinghill Village Hall

From 10am – 12.30pm

**On the first Saturday of each month
Up to 5 December**

Contact Bryan 01303 862832 or
Anne 01303 863174

HYTHE FLOWER CLUB

Are holding a demonstration evening on

**MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 7pm for 7.30pm
At ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

BARBARA WILSON will be the demonstrator of
"Autumn Flowers My Way"

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

Tickets £6 at the door or from 260688 or 237842

Gentle Keep Fit Classes

**Every Wednesday starting again on
9th September after the summer break**

For those with creaky joints or impaired mobility, who
wish to improve their fitness, balance and stamina.

Come along and see if this is for you. Your first
class is free.

We are a friendly crowd, stay and have a coffee
afterwards!

**Methodist Church Hall, Lyminge on Wednesdays
10.15 am – 10.45 am**

Contact Barbara on 01303 862873 for further
information

St. Mary and St. Ethelburga Church

**Invite All 18 – 30s To Their Alpha Course Starting
Thursday 10th September
At The Coach and Horses PH, Lyminge.
7 pm – 9 pm.**

**Please Phone Lynne on 01303 863010
For More Information.**

We Really Look Forward To Seeing You.

Elham Valley & Wye Lions Club

Our **CHARITY GOLF DAY** this year will be on
**Friday 11 September at Sene Valley nr Hythe
in aid of Pilgrims Hospices.** There will be
various competitions and a four course dinner in the
evening. Entry only £40. For details call Mick
Collins on 01303 894407 (email
collimp@tiscali.co.uk).

We will be holding a **Quiz Evening** on Sat 26
September at Etchinghill Village Hall. More details
next month, or call 01303 862837.

Kent Churches sponsored bike ride Sat 12th September

The stalwarts of the village cycling fraternity are once
more fine-tuned and raring to go on our annual
'church bike ride'. We will start at 10.00am from
Lyminge parish church, follow our usual route
through local villages, down to Hythe, Folkestone and
back, stopping at The Clarendon pub for lunch.

To new riders – if you want a great day out, why not
join us? You do not have to be super fit. We cover
about 20 miles and take most of the day over it. If
you want to know more about this event ring
Lawrence Lees on 862922.

To all our supporters, please sponsor your favourite
rider (or any rider!). Thanks

Newington Village Hall Registered Charity No. 3-2812

**Beetle Drive
Friday 18th September
Starts 7.30pm**

Admission £1.
Teas, Coffee and soft drinks available

Book Sale

**In Lyminge Methodist Church
Saturday 19th September
11am - 1pm**

All proceeds to the Methodist Church

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

Proudly Presents

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS – LIVE on the BIG SCREEN

12 September 2009

American Supper
Bar Available

Prizes -Best Dressed Table & Promenader
Other Games & Prizes

£8.00 per person
Book early to avoid disappointment

To book phone Honor: 862928
or Niki: 862530

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Elham Farmers' Market

The Rose and Crown courtyard, High Street,
Elham

Next markets: **Sunday 13 and 27 September**
10.30 to 12.30

Fresh, seasonal, locally produced food (vegetables
and fruit, meat, game, eggs, fish, cheese, bread
and cakes, pies, and more).

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

Line Dancing

New Line Dancing class for Beginners
Starting **Monday 14th September 8pm**

Etchinghill Village Hall

£3.50

Have fun while keeping fit
For further information please call
Julie on 01303 274178

In Aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity: 2843483

Park House, Stelling Minnis, Canterbury, Kent CT4
6AN

Tel: 01303 862622 Fax: 01303 863007

Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com

Boot & Autumn Fayre

Saturday 12th September ~ 12 noon – 3.30pm
At Park House, Stelling Minnis

Folkestone Pipes & Drums ~ Hawkinge Flyers
Gefion Dog Training Club ~ Stockbury Dog Club
South Down Hawking

Raffles ~ Tombolas ~ Hot & Cold Refreshments
Car Boots £7.50 ~ Vans £10 (from 8am)
Admission by donation

Boot Fayre & Clearance Sale

Saturday 10th October ~ 12 noon – 3.30pm
At Park House, Stelling Minnis

Clearance Sale of
Bric-a-Brac ~ Christmas Gifts & Cards
Hot & Cold Refreshments

Car Boot ~ Vans only £5

Don't forget to visit our Tea Rooms & Gift shop
Open every day from 10am – 4pm at Rhodes Minnis
Freshly cooked meals, friendly service and
reasonable prices.

Hot & cold lunches and snacks. Delicious home-
made cakes.

Friday evening Fish & Chip Supper 6pm – 9pm.
Take-away available

Lyminge Gardeners Society

Tuesday 15th September

A talk by Suzanne Shckels on
"Do Plants Talk to Insects"
Starting at 7.30pm

Refreshments will be available and there will be a
raffle.

Cost of the evening members £1.00 –
non members £2.00 per person

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP

2.30 – 3.30pm weekly in the Methodist Church
Parlour

The new session begins on

Monday 21st September with a Quiz
28th September – Poetry and Readings
5th October – Games
12th October – Fill shoeboxes for children
overseas
(Small items required for all age groups –
Toiletries, games/toys, pens/paper,
socks/hats/gloves etc)

All are welcome to join us (men and women)
especially if you are lonely or new to the village.

Meetings end with refreshments, with a collection
taken towards expenses and various charities.

Further information from Mary Blanch 01303
863832

OLIVER!

We have just 50 Grand Circle tickets to see this show at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane on **Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm**, for a total cost of £51.50 including return coach to the theatre and back.

For more information please contact Andree or Derrick Hamer on 863182

Coffee Morning

The Worlds Greatest Coffee Morning supporting Macmillian Cancer Care to be held at Sibton Park on 25th September 2009 from 10.30 to 12.30pm.

Phoenix Cards and gifts available to purchase on the day, Table Top sale of goods surplus to Sibtons requirements, raffle along with fresh coffee and homemade cakes to raise funds for this charity.

Everyone welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT

Come and pit your wits at Elham Valley and Wye Lions' quiz night at **Etchinghill Village Hall** on **Saturday 26 September at 7pm**. All proceeds to local charitable causes. Teams of 6 or less, only £15 per team. Bring your own food and drink. Contact Julie or Keith for details/to book on 01227 709105.

PS: there may still be places on our **golf day** on 11 September at Sene Valley, contact Mick Collins on 01303 894407 (email collimp@tiscali.co.uk).

Beetle Drive

Saturday 26th September 2009

Come along and join us at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Starts at 7pm,
Adults £2.00 – Children 50p
Includes refreshments
There will be a raffle

LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 6th October 7.45pm
At Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

A talk on
Kent 100 years ago as seen in postcards
by Helen Allinson

Non-members welcome

Open House

Etchinghill Village Hall

Monday 5th October 11am

Caring for your assets

A talk by:

Peer Le Fleming, Gardner Croft Solicitors

£ minimising inheritance tax

£ planning for care home fees

£ wills and Power of Attorney

Entry free –tea & coffee provided

For more information
contact Edna Marsh 01303 863394

Autumn Quiz

10 October 2009

In Lyminge Village Hall

Bar

2 Course Hot Supper

Tables of 4 – 8 persons

£8.00 per person

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

To book your table call:

Honor 862928 or Niki 862530

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Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7 November 2009

In Lyminge Village Hall

Starting at 11:30 am

Refreshments available

Get some ideas for Christmas

For further details call:

Honor 862928 or Niki 862530

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Notices and Reports

ETCHINGHILL UPDATE

Village Hall - Open House

A surprise team of ladies from the Petanque club at Elham arrived the other Monday and despite being soundly beaten by them we have been spurred on to play a return match. The Elham team have agreed to come back again and give us some tips on the game. Our 'teams' are now training hard to meet this challenge.

Nearly 40 people attended the Open House Lunch on 27th July. Were you there? There was a wonderful variety of food for young and old, vegetarians or carnivores. A relaxing social event which by the by raised in excess of £100. Don't miss the next one

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the Stelling Minnis Windmill on a summer day in August. A group of about 20 folk were given a very interesting tour of the working windmill, and then had an excellent cream tea to end the day.

Other events planned are

Monday 5th October - Talk on Inheritance tax

31st December - New Year's Eve Party

We have yet to finalise dates for a tour of Elham Valley Vineyard, a talk on the Palaces of Henry VIII, a table fayre, race night, a visit to a Magistrates Court and a quiz night

Village Hall - Farmers'/Craft Market/Car Boot Sale

Don't forget the car boot sales at the farmers market for September and October. Pre-booked spaces only so contact Anne on 863174 to reserve your spot (No commercial businesses) Have you tried the new stall with Indian food? The variety and selection of food stuffs and craft get better each time For details contact either Bryan on 862832 or Anne on 863174.

The Big Lunch

What was your street party like? The biggest one was in St Mary's Drive where over 50 people ate, talked, listened or danced to music and even karaoke'd despite the cool weather. Do you now know the neighbours in your street?

Etchinghill Residents' Association

A big thank you to all the local residents who donated items for the Boot Fair. We were delighted when we raised the grand total of £150.00 towards the Christmas trees and lights to be positioned at either end of the village, hopefully in time for Christmas this year. We also have a number of items which we couldn't display at the first Boot Fair, so we are going to take another stall at the Boot Fair at the Farmers Market at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th September. Do come along and support us by either donating saleable goods or by coming along to buy something. We still have to raise approximately £1000 so any help will be greatly appreciated. Contact either Barbara on 862873 or Wendy on 863495 for further information.

We are also pursuing funding to replace the concrete balls and cap that was damaged by vandals at Meriden Park earlier this year. Unfortunately, Shepway DC feels unable to fund the repairs as they do not constitute "essential works" despite heroic efforts by Colin Manvell to change their minds.

We have also been made aware by British Telecom that they are no longer prepared to maintain the telephone kiosk outside the New Inn. There are a number of alternatives and the opinion of local residents is being sought by the Parish Council. If you would like to have your say please sign the notice held at the New Inn.

Dates not to be missed

Farmers Market and car boot sale 5th September, 3rd October 10.00 - 12.30 pm

Open House Every Monday 10.00 - 12.00 noon Weather permitting - A game of Petanque
Monday 5th October - Inheritance tax
31st December - New Year's Eve Party

Lyminge History Questions and Answers

The July 2009 Etchinghill weather statistics are as follows. Do you remember how wet it was?

Maximum Temp	29.9 °C (2/7/09)	Minimum Temp	8.9 °C (10/7/09)
Maximum Wind Speed	57.2 mph (20/7/09)	Max. Rainfall in 24 hours	23.3 mm [0.9 in]
	Beaufort Scale 10		(30/7/09)
	Storm Force	Monthly Rainfall	79.7mm [3.1 in].

The maximum wind speed appears to have been a single gust. I cannot recall any gales during the month. There was a similar recording in June.

Q/A3 My thoughts about place names last month resulted in people contacting with some extra ones that needed adding to the list with possible reasons for their names:

- **Kimberley Terrace** - I have been told the terrace was named after the Kimberley Mine in South Africa. Web searches have revealed that a big hole (in fact an enormous hole) was mined there to a depth of about 800m [2625 feet] with a surface area of ±17 hectares [42 acres] and a perimeter of ±1.6km [1 mile]. Between 1871 and 1914 a yield of 2,722kg [6,000lb] of diamonds was mined. Kimberley was named after John Wodehouse (1826-1902), 1st Earl of Kimberley British Secretary of State for the Colonies. Apparently he took his name from his birthplace, a village in Norfolk.
- **Court Lodge Green** - This is the field between the present-day churchyard and the village hall. Traditionally this field belonged to the Court Lodge which apparently was the Old Rectory before the title was transferred to the farm at New Barn. At the top of the field, where it narrows down, is the site of an old sheep enclosure or pound. (The 1837 Tithe Map shows this as a separate field - **Pound Mead**.) It was an English tradition to hold the local court sessions in such an enclosure. There is a photo of 'Promulgating a court baron' at the pound c1929 - early 1930s on the front cover of 'A Background to the Farms around Lyminge' by Mrs Edna Downes. There is a copy in the village library. Apparently this annual court dated back to 1292 and consisted of the manor's freehold tenants and paid "arrears of quit rents and reliefs due." Sometimes Court Lodge Green is now called the 'bumpy field' on account of the medieval terraces. Apparently kids in the 60's called it 'the green.' Incidentally, nowadays some people call Tayne field 'the green.'
- **Abbott's Field** - This is the area of churchyard west of the church, beyond the ragstone wall, and stretching north to south from the footpath right up to the Old Rectory boundary to the south. The last remaining area of that field being the area that's just been excavated by the archaeologists which apparently showed many post holes and latrines suggesting habitation. The finds possibly suggest that the monastery inhabitants lived there. Perhaps this connection with the old monastery explains the name.
- **Hog's Green** - This is the paddock above Abbott's field belonging now to the Old Rectory. This may have been named because pigs were kept there.
- **Jubilee Field** - Whilst I was looking at the Tithe Map I noticed that the field behind the village hall now known as Jubilee Field was called **Court Close** in 1837. This is also apparently a connection with the court. Why is it now called Jubilee Field?

Q/A8 Several buzzard sightings have been reported to me this month. Firstly Yvonne Sancto saw one in Etchinghill catch a pigeon and disappear with it over the golf course. Dave and Honor Hunt-Cooke have seen buzzards at Woodlands Road, Stowting and Postling.

Andrew Coleman wrote to me; "I've been noting the eastward advance of Buzzards over the years in my travels around the country. It doesn't seem many years ago that you would have had to have gone to the western end of the M4 before seeing any. About four or five years ago I started noticing single birds on the southern part of the M25, then the M26 and then M20 and M2. A few weeks ago I came home and excitedly told any one who was interested (no one) that I had seen the first Buzzard east of Ashford on the M20. I think I've also seen a buzzard over the woods between Stowting and the M20 on a couple of occasions but these are not reliable sightings as they were rather distant. Last Sunday, whilst on my regular bike ride I saw two Buzzards above the woods on the road leading down from Bossingham to the Pett Bottom Road. I think they were young ones as they were doing a lot of flapping and mewing and generally gave the impression of 'larking about' rather than confidently soaring. Last Sunday's sighting was the first that I'd seen this far east, the closest I'd been, and the first time that I'd seen more than one at a time in these parts."

Andrew also told me of the following link to other sightings of buzzards in East Kent for those that are interested <http://www.wildaboutbritain.co.uk/forums/british-birds/20308-buzzards-east-kent.html>

Like Andrew I have been gradually watching buzzards trek eastwards. I came across my late grandfather's Readers Digest Bird Book of Birds a while back. He had obviously purchased the book in the 1960's and on the Buzzard page he had noted in pencil that he had first seen a buzzard over his garden in west Hampshire on a particular date in 1970. They are now very common there. It seems quite clear that buzzards have arrived here now. I wonder if we will think of them as a pest in a few years like some do in the South-West? I hope not. They seem to me to be one of the most marvelous birds and we are lucky that we are now able to see them locally.

That's all for this month. Can you provide me with any reasons for Lyminge's place names as listed in last month's newsletter? if any one wants to ask or answer another question then please contact me.

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

Lyminge Library

The library has been very busy over the summer. The children's reading challenge this year is Quest Seekers, consisting of collecting stickers, cut-out, dragons certifies and a medal. Over eighty children have started so see if everyone can finish. The finishers are all entered into a prize draw.

Staff with the help from volunteers, children and adults, have created a reading garden. We will be having a bulb planting morning on Saturday 26th September 10.30 - 12.30, free tickets available soon.

This month's reading group book is Rosie Thomas - Constance next month J.G. Ballard - Empire of the Sun.

We now have a small glass display cabinet, this month we have a display of feather and beaded fascinators and corsages by Sharon Foreman. If you would like to display any hobby or craft please enquire at the library.

Baby Rhyme time starts again on the 10th September at 9.30, on 17th September we will be having a free baby signing session at 9.30.

New public commuters have recently been installed, free to use for library members.

For more information please contact Lyminge library on 01303 862180

Happy Reading

Jane

Dangerous access to Bridleway on Stone Street

Stone Street is a bit of a race track for cars and a number of bridleways 'dead end' on to it. One particular bridleway (HE39) exits onto it on a blind bend at Farthing Common (GR135406). It would only require a relatively short stretch of rerouting to make it exit onto the road where riders can see and be seen by the traffic and access the Farthing Common triangle quickly and safely.

HE39 is a particularly crucial path as it is the way that riders from Postling/Etchinghill can access Lyminge Forest and bridleways west of Stone Street. Without it riders in these areas are isolated and confined to roads as there are effectively no usable bridleways, which is why riders are still risking the hidden exit from HE 39 despite the dangers of the fast traffic on the blind bend. There are no other safer options.

Anyone who would like to support the campaign to get this bridleway re-routed or access made safer should contact Emma Getliffe on 01303 862 996 or emma@havehorsewilltravel.co.uk for details of who to write to at KCC

LYMINGE FRIENDS

Wednesday 2nd September 2009 - 10am - Speaker - Professor Vivian Moses - The pros and cons of genetically modified crops followed by lunch in Brockhill Park. On 16th September we will have a trip to Rye - both car shares.

Wednesday 7th October 2009 - 10.30am - Social Meeting with a Card making Show and Tell from Mavis. On 14th October we are arranging an Indian Curry Night.

Wednesday 4th November 2009 - 10.30am - Christmas Wreath making followed by our Bring and Share Christmas Lunch. On 18th November we are going Christmas shopping in Bybrook Garden Centre complete with Lunch

Meetings from October will be 10.30 am - 12.30pm in the Methodist Church Parlour. Everyone welcome to come and join in. Entrance £1.50 inc. refreshments. For further details contact Marian on 862015

RED TELEPHONE KIOSKS

British Telecom is in the process of removing its red telephone kiosks that are little if ever used.

They have earmarked two kiosks in Lyminge Parish; the one outside the New Inn in Etchinghill and the other in Woodland Road, Lyminge.

Notices were placed in these two kiosks dated 1st July stating that they would be removed in 42 days. The notices were not read until as late as 27th July. B T offered councils three options as follows;

1. The kiosks could be "adopted" at a cost of £1 but the telephony equipment would be removed.
2. Councils can "sponsor" a kiosk at a cost of **£500 per annum** but the telephony equipment would **not** be removed.
3. The kiosks will be removed

B T has been contacted regarding the short notice and it appears to have been erroneous, after consultation with councils, the process of removing kiosks will not commence until after 1st October. B T also acknowledged that the kiosk outside the New Inn is grade 2 listed and cannot be removed but that the telephony equipment is not listed and can be removed.

The Lyminge Parish council are anxious to obtain the views of our parishioners as to which of the options they would prefer. To date, some 50 parishioners have responded to a petition in Etchinghill regarding the kiosk outside the New Inn, most would like to have the kiosk adopted but a smaller number are in favour of keeping the telephony equipment.

If you would like to express your views regarding the kiosk in Woodland Road please contact Councillor Richard Chubb (862015) and Councillor Colin Manvell (862324) regarding the kiosk in Etchinghill.

Suggestions as to what use the kiosks might be put to, e.g. a site for local artists to display their work, would be welcomed.

The Council will be discussing the matter at their General Purpose Committee meeting on Monday 7th September.



LYMINGE HANDBELLS



The Lyminge Handbell ringers were pleased to play on Lyminge Day and have bookings at other local events to look forward to. If you have a special event this summer, where the sound of traditional hand bells will add to your celebration, why not consider handbells? We have a large selection of popular and classical music for all occasions. All we need is a large table, room for up to 10 players and a donation of at least £40 for our charity, the Pilgrims Hospice. A contribution to travelling costs is asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and plenty of advance notice.

To request a booking please speak to Ro Edmond on 863201

Etchinghill W.I.

There was no meeting in August but a coach trip to Sissinghurst Castle Gardens made a very enjoyable day out. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15th September when Mrs Anne Hill will speak about The Royal British Legion. For further information please contact Barbara Syrett 265229 or Dottie Cross 862141

Stanford with Postling W.I.

We held a very enjoyable 57th birthday party meeting in Postling village on Monday 20th July. Our guests and members enjoyed a demonstration of Middle Eastern dance by a lady called Ann Hall in her fabulous costume. She also brought other dresses to show us with glass stone in metal clasps – very heavy.

Our next meeting is on 21st September and our speaker will be Shirley Kesby on 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. If you are interested in joining our meeting or would like further information please telephone Elaine on 01303 863096 or Iona on 01303 238390 (evenings)

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 from 10am -12 noon during term time. We are back on 10th September. 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 further information

BE AWARE

Could you make the readers aware that they need to be vigilant as there are Burglars in the area - - Today I had 2 young Irish boys (late teens) try to break into my house in Palm Tree Way, Lyminge - they had scaled a 6 foot fence and were found wandering around the back of the property - One was seen to be peering through our window. They are travelling around in a rusty white van registration number S261 RKU. The police were called.

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WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER
at 10am**

**Church Road, Lyminge
run by the Lyminge Churchyard Conservation
Group
an independent community group**

Garden Open Day

Thank you to everyone who attended my garden open day on the 18th July. It was a great success and raised over £1400 for Leukaemia Research. A special thank you goes to those who helped the day go with a swing. The Lyminge Handbells, The Buckthorn Band, and Penny Keutenius for the entertainment, Wholistic Works, Etchinghill Golf Club and China China for their raffle prize donations, and all those who helped with the cream teas, raffle and plant sales, you know who you are! A big thanks to you all.
K Betts and family.

Wanted

Mature rider/sharer for 16 hh horse to enjoy hacking and company
For more details please contact Dawn on 01303 863967 or mobile 07743308830

Wanted

Is there anyone in the Lyminge area who would be prepared to start a group for Spanish conversation?
If interested please contact the Editor on 862488 and I will forward your enquiries

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



'Partnership with parents and carers is outstanding' Ofsted (Oct 2007).

We are a well established pre-school with committed, enthusiastic and friendly staff passionate about providing excellent childcare. We welcome children from all the surrounding villages and towns, offering a breakfast club together with a range of sessions to suit your needs. Located in the village hall we have a fabulous outdoor play area together with spacious indoor facilities. To register your child and find out more please call 01303 863149/01303 862634. Alternatively visit our website www.lymingepreschool.org.uk or email admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk

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