



Dr Gabor Thomas from Reading University completed archaeological excavations in Lyminge during the Summer of 2008. There were two areas on land excavated at the Old Rectory. The interim report by Doctor Gabor Thomas who led the excavations gave details of the historical and archaeological background to the dig including other written work on the early community in Lyminge. The report also refers to earlier archaeological work carried out in 2005. The methodology for the dig involved in opening up the two areas is detailed and the results of the two trenches are analysed.ⁱ



Excavation Site
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Artefacts and ecofacts that were found are described. These included glass, metalwork and pottery. Dr Thomas concluded in the report *“the area under investigation holds crucial evidence for reconstructing the economic profile of the Middle Saxon community, its contemporary environment, and aspects of daily life including diet and dress. Analysis of relevant categories of artefactual and bioarchaeological evidence is likely to raise interesting questions on the changing character and status of the community between the 7th and 9th centuries (and indeed beyond), as hinted at in the historical sources.”*

ⁱ Gabor Thomas, *Uncovering an Anglo-Saxon Monastery in Kent Interim Report on University of Reading Excavations at Lyminge, 2008* (2008)

Further Information and Reading:

Uncovering an Anglo-Saxon Monastery in Kent Interim Report on University of Reading Excavations at Lyminge, 2008 by Dr Gabor Thomas (A copy is available from the Lyminge Historical Society Archives and Lyminge Library)

Excavations in 2008 published by the Lyminge Historical Society in its publication, *Lyminge a history, Part 4*. **Please contact the Society if you would like to buy a copy.**