



**LYMINGE  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**



**Christmas Newsletter 2016**

*The Committee would like to wish all our Members a very Merry Christmas and to thank you all for your help and support over the last year.*

2016 has been a busy year with a lot of work going on in the background and we report below on activities during that time.

***LHS Treasurer's Yearend Report 2016 – Richard Chubb***

Copies of the Annual Accounts have been circulated for you to peruse and retain. *Our thanks go to Richard for all his hard work over the year in keeping track of our finances.*

***Events Secretary Report – Katharine Barber***

We started our season of talks with Dr. John Bulaitis speaking on the local history topic of the Tithe War in Elham 1931-1936.

In April we were reminded of the Medicine and Medical Treatment during WW1 by Dr. Doug. Thorogood.

The Folkestone Camera Club showed us a video with some familiar shots of Folkestone, but taken during the wars. The stories behind the pictures revealed how the town suffered and survived.

I wondered about the Bronze Age burial mound found on Tayne Field and in June Dr. Jake Weeks informed us about burial rituals in pre history and this one in particular.

July saw the Society members exploring the Grand Hotel in Folkestone and enjoying a cream tea after the tour.

In September, with Rosemary Piddock we continued our awareness that 100 years ago WW1 was still raging in Europe. Her talk about the Memorials of the Somme was inspiring.

In October Anne Beecham gave us a fascinating talk about the Neanderthal Man in the Elham Valley and explained the existence of flint tools in the local area.

In November, Tony Selman told the story of how radio influenced the safety of life at sea via the stories of RMS Republic and RMS Titanic.

I'm sure you would wish to join me in thanking our speakers who have given us so much to think about in their talks this year.

If you would like to give a talk in 2018, or know someone who you have heard and can recommend, please let me know. Also, if there are any topics which would interest you, do get in touch, after all, this is your Society.

*Katharine has had a very busy time over the last year on our behalf, (more of her efforts later which have resulted in the prestigious Community Award),*

*and we would like to thank her for all her endeavours.*

### ***Stock Controllers Report 2016 – Daphne Andrews***

Book sales have been steady throughout the year. Parts 1-7 sold separately from last Christmas to the end of November totalled 199 and the other 3 booklets, Church and Graveyard Book, *Lyminge* Guide and Etchingill Guide totalled 26. The bundles offer for Parts 1-7 *Lyminge a history* publications has proved popular with 23 sold to date at the offer price of £30.00.

*Lyminge a history* Part 8 is now hot off the presses and available to purchase on its own at a cost of £7, which reflects the use of more colour within its pages, or as part of a new batch offer price for all 8 books of £37.00. *Our thanks go to Duncan Harrington and John Carr, for all their hard work in producing these books on our behalf, as well as to the contributors. Congratulations go to John Carr who also received a Community Award this year,*

It had been hoped to issue part 9 in 2017 on the archaeology in *Lyminge*, in conjunction with Reading University. However, as this is awaiting funding to the University, which is proving elusive, we are in the process of collecting articles for an alternative part 9 of *Lyminge a history*. So, if you have an idea for one or would like to discuss how you can help, please let John Carr know.

The Society's publications generate revenue for the production of the next volume(s) and also to fund other projects, such as support equipment within the Society and projects which help to promote the history of the area and support the community. This year saw the refurbishment of the Jubilee Board, with reproduction of the maps displayed and their associated information panels. The revenue from the sales also pays for the Society's web site, maintaining the archive and providing funds for projects which otherwise would have to come from the membership fees.

*Daphne, thanks to you and Ian for all your work in difficult and trying circumstances this year.*

### ***Lyminge Family History and Research Group 2016 Report – Mike Foxon***

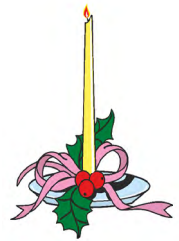
- Displays that we have set up in the Library:
- Christmas during the 2nd World War.
- Non Anglo-Saxon finds from Tayne Field discovered in 2015.
- *Lyminge* in local and national newspapers.
- The 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme 1916, and in December:
- Research discovered for some of the graves in the Church graveyard.

Our research this year stemmed from a wish to establish what routes the Saxons would have taken to get to and from Lyminge. We are still checking maps and records to try and answer this question.

During this initial study we were intrigued as to why the Coach & Horses Public House, which suggests a coaching stop possibly for fresh horses with a farriers (blacksmiths) cottage opposite, was situated on Church Road and not along the main road through the village.

This led us to examine how Lyminge had grown with an interest in certain farms and larger houses.

Examining the earliest map, c.1285, it showed that Lyminge had 3 distinct parts; a Manor of Lyminge around the Church, a Manor of North Lyminge and a Manor of Sibton.









sticks (necessary accoutrements on archaeological sites) for needle and thread and the resulting tapestry is now proudly displayed in the Tayne Centre and Age UK and now also in the Library. Following that, Katharine, together with Rosemary and John Piddock, produced mugs and greeting cards, which are available for sale. Rosemary and John have also produced a booklet on the archaeology from the perspective of the volunteers on the dig, also available for sale.

Well done to everyone involved.



It is proposed that we produce several information boards showing the archaeology on Tayne Field from 2012-2015, to be placed in various venues in the village, and work is ongoing with a view to installing them in the early part of 2017.

### *LHS Website*

This is constantly being updated so do continue to have a look at it. The latest addition has been to install an index of the documentation in the filing cabinets in the Repository in the Village Hall. For those of you not on the internet, this evening there will be a presentation on the screen at the front of the hall prior to the AGM, which will showcase the website.

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**Merry  
Christmas**

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