



Lyminge Historical Society
Christmas Newsletter 2018

Merry Christmas

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.

2018 has been another busy year with a lot of work going on in the background and the Committee reports below on activities during that time.

From the Committee

John Carr stepped down as Chair in April this year and the Committee would like to thank him for all that he has done for the Society over the last decade and wish him well for the future. As a vote of thanks, he was presented with an Amazon Gift voucher for all that he achieved on our behalf.

LHS Treasurer's Yearend Report 2018 – Richard Chubb

Copies of the Annual Accounts have been circulated for you to peruse and retain.

Thank you Richard for all your hard work over the year in keeping track of our finances.

Events Secretary Report – Katharine Barber

See below the variety of talks that were presented in 2018.

March 6th: John Piddock

Photographing Archaeology in Lyminge –including photographs of finds from the Jutish Cemetery and Tayne Field Excavations.

April 3rd: John Buss

Romney Marsh – “The Fifth Continent” - An insight into this unique landscape of contrasts & contradictions.

May 1st: Bob Preedy

A History of Pirate Radio – the early history of the BBC, Radio Luxembourg and famous 1960s offshore ships and Kentish forts.

June 5th: Toni Mount

They dared to be Doctors – the fascinating story of the first Victorian ladies to succeed in a man's world.

July 3rd

Regrettably this talk had to be cancelled at short notice due to the speaker pulling out.

August 8th: Summer Outing

Conducted tour of Lydd Museum and Parish Church.

September 4th: Mary Smith

A Schoolgirl's War: the story of school life in WW2 told through a set of exquisite wartime paintings and drawings.

October 2nd: Anne Beecham

‘Wolf by the Hearth, Aurochs at the Gate’ – how the domestication of animals changed our

lives.

November 6th: Rosemary Piddock

The Armistice – events before and after it was signed and prior to the ceasefire; also its impact on the Western and Home Fronts.

December 4th: AGM followed by a talk from Derek Boughton.

Social History through local postcards.

We are sure you would wish to join us 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 2020, or know someone who you have heard and can recommend, please let us know. Also, if there are any topics which would interest you, do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

Katharine works hard to put together an Events Programme for each year, and we would like to thank her for all her endeavours. It's no easy task.

Stock Controllers Report 2018 – Daphne Andrews

Book sales have been slowing down since the closure of the Post Office earlier this year. Parts 1-9 sold separately from last Christmas to the end of November totalled 149. The Church and Graveyard Book has now sold out and LHS will not be reprinting this. The Parish Church will re-issue this book themselves, following an anticipated grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to re-excavate The Rev. Canon Jenkins' findings. Should you or anyone you know need to find the whereabouts of any of the graves within the Parish Church graveyard, please contact a Committee Member who can let you have a copy of the layout. Lyminge Guide and Etchingill Guide totalled 18. The bundles offer for Lyminge a history publications Parts 1-9 has proved popular with 40 sold to date at the offer price of £44.00.

Lyminge a history Part 10 is hot off the presses and now available to purchase at a cost of £7 (which again reflects the use of more colour within its pages),

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. John kindly offered to help in producing Part 10, despite having stepped back from this role.

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 that help to promote the history of the area and support the community. 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, as ever, we would like to thank you for all you do.

Family History and Research Group – 2018 Report by Mike Foxon

Publications:

The Anniversary of the Armistice of the 1st World War. Two memorial books were produced with details of the men with a connection with Lyminge who died in the 1st World War. The books were placed in the Parish Church and Library.

Research projects:

Palm Tree House, Woodland Road, Lyminge. Research has included census returns, maps, newspaper articles, photographs and letters covering the history of the house. This research has been written up for a chapter of **Lyminge a history Part 10**, available **at this AGM**.

- We provided assistance to individuals researching their family trees.
- Visit to the Parish Church to research some of the memorials in the Church.
- The history of the schools in Lyminge.

The Library display cabinet: These have had a variety of themes over this year:

Lyminge in Winter - including photographs and newspaper articles on Lyminge during winter in the past.

Archaeology in Lyminge - a display of photographs and descriptions of artefacts found during the excavations by Dr Gabor Thomas on Tayne Field.

National Anniversaries in 2018 - including: **Captain Cook** born in 1728 and his expedition in HMS Endeavour 250 years ago; the publication of **Frankenstein** by Mary Shelley in 1818; the **Manchester United** Plane Crash in 1958; **the representation Acts of 1918 and 1928** including information on Kate Parry from Folkestone who campaigned for Votes for Women; **the formation of the NHS** in 1948; and **Paddington Bear** who first appeared in 1958.

Hops production in Kent with information on the early processes and a schedule of hop fields in Lyminge recorded on the Lyminge Tithe Award in 1840.

Anniversary of the end of the 1st World War. Thanks to Vanessa Carr for providing some of the items that have been used in the displays during the year.

Faye Markham must be mentioned as sadly she passed away recently and had been with the group from the start.

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Lyminge Library between 9.30am and midday. Please do visit us any month and chat about what you can research with us or what help you need researching for your family.

Our thanks go to Mike and his team of researchers for all their hard work.



Web Master

As a result of John Carr stepping down as Chair in April this year, this left us without a Web Master. The good news is that Kirk Alexander has agreed to take on this role on a temporary basis following his recent retirement, which means that we urgently still need a Web Master. If any of you have children that do this for a living, or grandchildren at University who are computer savvy and would like to do this as part of their studies and beyond, please let the Committee know. We will be eternally grateful.



Thank you Kirk for stepping into the breach.

The Repository

Work continues to organise this space in the Village Hall and to catalogue its contents. The boxes need the contents to be digitally catalogued and if you would like to help in this, please contact Rosemary or Katharine, or indeed any of the Committee, who would be most grateful for any assistance.

Archaeology Legacy

Following a generous £5,000 grant from Shepway Community Chest earlier this year, having at first rejected our application last November, work has been underway to effect the production of an Information Board to be erected on Tayne Field, which depicts the archaeology carried out and evidence of Anglo-Saxon royal settlement in the 7th Century. This project was deemed to be one of the major legacies of the archaeology on Tayne Field from 2012-2015 and top of the wish list for villagers at a think tank following the excavations.

See below for details of the Grand Unveiling on Tayne Field.

Heartfelt thanks to all involved in making this project a reality.

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We wish you all a
Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

Anglo-Saxons in Lyminge in 2018

*Lyminge Interpretation Board Unveiled on Tayne Field on Saturday
27 October 2018 at 2.30pm*

After months of endeavour, the Board became a reality and installed on Tayne Field for all to see.

Thanks go to the following: Shepway Community Chest for a generous grant, without which this project would not have been possible; Laura Samuels of Jakaranda Tree, who designed the Board and liaised with Pryorsign for the production and installation; the Parish Council and District Council for their support; to John Piddock for allowing us to use his photographs from the excavations; Lyminge Historical Society Committee for their unwavering moral support and help, and re-enactment Group Ost Centingas for setting the scene of Anglo-Saxons on Tayne Field.

The day was a huge success with over 100 members of the community supporting the event.

The weather was kind to us, cold but sunny. For the unveiling by Dr. Gabor Thomas, Anglo-Saxons were on hand and warriors on guard. Following the unveiling, Gabor gave one of his talks in the Methodist Church, which was, as always, well received by all. Afterwards we all repaired to the Tayne Centre where Parish groups were exhibiting, namely, Lyminge Quilters, Lyminge Scouts, AgeUK Hythe & Lyminge, Lyminge Church of England Primary School, British Legion and Lyminge Historical Society.

Thanks also go to the team in the Tayne Centre who ran the refreshments and to all of you who baked, bought and donated cakes for the event, and many others who have helped along the way.

The much requested requirement for an archaeological legacy in the village to depict the excavations on Tayne Field between 2012-2015 is now a reality. Here it is!



Some photos of the day are shown below.





