



Lyminge Historical Society
Christmas Newsletter 2019

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.

It's been another busy year and here is a synopsis of what the Committee has been involved with.

LHS Treasurer's Yearend Report 2019 – 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

The talks in 2019 have been an interesting mix. Attendance has been variable with 59 members attending the first talk in March, and only 44 attending at another.

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.

The Summer Outing was exceptionally good with 20 Members on the trip. Whitstable Museum did us proud, splitting the group into two with a museum talk and a guided walk for each group, culminating in afternoon tea at the Tudor Tea Rooms. We were their first official tour and they pulled out all the stops for us, including a very informative handout.



We are always looking for guest speakers and if you know of anyone or would like to give a talk yourself, we'd love to hear from you.



More photos that were taken on the day are on the noticeboard at the back of the room for you to have a look at.

It's not easy organising a fresh programme every year and we would like to thank Katharine for all the hard work she puts into this.

Programme of Events 2020

Talks are usually at 7:30pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Tayne Centre

Date		Speaker	Title
March	3rd	John Buss	'The White Cliffs' – How geological, economic and political factors have shaped the history of this coastline
April	7th	Rob Baldwin	'In Search of King Edwin' – Exploring the origins of the Staffordshire Hoard
May	5th	David Brocklehurst	Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Hawkinge
June	2nd	Judi Knight	'Fashion on the Ration' – WW2 talk
July	TBC	Summer Outing	A visit to be arranged
August		S U M M E R B R E A K	
September	1st	Bob Preedy	'The Man Behind Dreamland'
October	6th	Howard Myers	'Kent Fire Brigade' – Can you add any material to our archive on Lyminge Fire Brigade?
November	3rd	Imogen Corrigan	'The First Prize' – Why did so many invaders and settlers want England?
December	1st	Derek Boughton	AGM followed by a talk from our President Derek Boughton

Stock Controllers Report 2019 – Daphne Andrews

Lyminge a History books continue to sell, particularly part 10, which was published in time for Christmas last year and 111 sold to date. Also selling well are the bundles of Parts 1-9, 46 in total. 66 publications have been sold in 3 months. At two of the dig talks in the Summer at the Parish Church, Daphne set up a table with LHS books for sale, including a bundle which included archaeology reports from previous years. 3 bundles were sold plus a further 7 books.

Congratulations Daphne for a successful year and for your time at the dig talks.

The Society needs help. As you know, 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. At the risk of repetition, we urgently need an Editor to lay out the next *Lyminge a history*, Part 11, without which it cannot be printed. The content is there, it needs to be put together in the right way. Anyone out there who would like a Winter project or knows someone who is willing to take on this volunteer role? Publication would be in the Autumn of 2020 in readiness for Christmas.

Family History and Research Group 2019 Report

During the last year the Group has been very busy undertaking a number of projects.

The records of the men from Lyminge who died during the 1st World War were updated and were published for the Parish Church and Library. These records were also available for the armistice commemorations. Further research has been completed to record all the events that took place in Lyminge to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of the 1st World War and it is intended to include this as a chapter in a future publication of *Lyminge, a history*.





The August meeting was held in the Church where members were able to see and hear about the archaeological excavations that were being undertaken, as well as researching old parish magazines.

Other research projects have included a project on the 1st World War completed by the Lyminge Primary School and Education in Lyminge during the 19th century.

The Group has continued to produce displays in the Library and these have included:

- Tracing the History of your House;
- The history of tea and coffee and cafes in Lyminge over the years;
- The history of holidays, including members' recollections of holidays in Folkestone and abroad; and
- The 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the 2nd World War.

Jane Pace, the Librarian at Lyminge, has expressed her thanks to the Group for arranging the displays throughout the year. As in previous years, the Group is very grateful to Vanessa and John Carr who have provided items to include in the displays.

The Group has many projects to work on in the coming year and is always happy to provide advice and guidance to anyone undertaking family history research. We meet each month in Lyminge Library and details can be obtained from Mike Foxon.

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

LHS Website

This is still being redeveloped.

The Repository

Work continues to organise the archives held in the Village Hall and to catalogue its contents. 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 in Lyminge 2019

The Pathways to the Past project got underway on 8 July until the end of August with Gabor Thomas and his team, plus numerous volunteers, re-excavating the 7th Century Anglo-Saxon Church adjacent to the Parish Church of St Mary and St Ethelburga, that Canon Jenkins uncovered in the 1860s. We now know that the church was much simpler in form than he thought. One of the immediate legacies of this year's excavations is the relaying of the paths and implementing step-free disabled access to the 11th Century standing church.

Lyminge Historical Society granted donations to Pathways to the Past in the form of two separate cheques of £500 each in support of the project.

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