



Welcome to the start of this year's second session of talks.

For those who were able to go on the summer trips we hope you enjoyed them and we would like you to tell your friends and neighbours and encourage them to come along to the talks and hopefully join the Society.

Thank you to those of you who provide other members' lifts and a special thank you to Katharine & Rosemary for organising the trips. If you have ideas for future trips please let us know and we will see if we can make arrangements.

Changes on the Committee

John and Jane Buss and I are standing down as committee members at the AGM in December. I will continue to work for the Society but in a backroom technical support role. To do this I need to have more time to concentrate on getting the archive on line, the website and the technical preparation of our publications. I also need more time for my personal life.

So, the following posts will definitely be vacant:

- Chairwoman/Chairman
- Deputy Chairman/Chairwoman
- Refreshments Co-ordinator



The other committee members; Richard Chubb (Treasurer), Rosemary Selman (Secretary), Katharine Barber (Events Secretary), Daphne Andrews (Stock Controller) have all agreed to stand again for election where necessary and serve on the committee from December.

Ian Andrews and Mike Foxon attend as co-opted members and Mike also heads up the Family History Group. Marian Chubb, who has served both as a committee member and also over the last year as a co-opted member, has decided to stand down, as has Susan Hoyle whose other commitments prohibited her from attending committee meetings.

Richard would like someone else to take on the Treasury Role as he has a lot of commitments outside of the Society. Jane and John will not be divorcing themselves from the Society and will continue to help at the monthly meetings.

I would like to avoid the normal problems of local societies when long standing committee members stand down and voids sometimes appear. It places considerable strain on the remaining committee members who may also leave and this can force a crisis on the organisation.

You may ask why I am raising this now. My reason is that I believe we can circumvent these problems provided members like you are willing to come forward and help out. If you think you can help, but would like to know more, between now and December there is the opportunity to attend committee meetings and talk direct to other committee members to see what the roles entail. If wanted I am happy to offer direct help when required to whoever gets elected.

Please do not feel you will be thought of as being pushy by volunteering, this is far from the truth and the committee will welcome you. I have included a tear off strip at the end of this newsletter for your use if you would like to discuss this further. The committee runs along democratic lines with all of its members having the same





authority. The Chair does have a casting vote should it be necessary but otherwise no one has over-riding authority on committee decisions.

I have outlined below what the available roles broadly cover.

The posts vacant after December are:

➤ Chairwoman/Chairman

The Chair is responsible for chairing committee meetings, making announcements at events, keeping an eye on the Society's wellbeing and supporting the committee in planning future projects and strategy. To help in these tasks there are the nominated Society Officers, co-opted members and back room helpers like the Publications' Editor (Duncan Harrington) and Technical Editor (myself).

➤ Deputy Chairman/Chairwoman

The Deputy Chair stands in for the Chairman/Chairwoman when absent and helps the committee when necessary to fulfill any proposed projects.

➤ Refreshments Co-ordinator

The role requires the officer to maintain stocks of refreshments, ensure they are available when needed and co-ordinate Society members who are willing to help out at events.

Activities

So apart from trips and talks what have we been up to this year? I have included below some of our achievements so far, that were not on the programme:

PRE-DIG SUPPER & END OF DIG TALK

We once more hosted a pre-dig supper for the Archaeological Team as a welcome to Lyminge. The supper was funded by donations on the night and the retiring collection at the talk.

Hopefully you all got to hear Dr Thomas's end of dig talk in the Methodist's Church on 29th August. Over 130 people turned up as he spoke about the last of the three digs on Tayne Field, with an occasional reference to the earlier digs.

MAP BOARD PROJECT

We have been busy preparing the way for the LHS Notice/Map Board which will be erected next to the existing Map Board by the Post Office.

The new board will form part of our commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012. It has taken a long time for us to negotiate the necessary permissions, licences and agreements with the local authorities but at last we are there. I placed the order for the board earlier in August and we are looking for delivery and erection by the end of September to early October. The Lyminge Parish Council has assisted us both financially with a grant and been very supportive of our endeavours and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them. Counsellor Monk also helped by paying for part of the licensing process, out of his allocated resources, and we would like to thank him specifically. As announced previously we will use the board to house a facsimile of the Thomas Hogben



1760 map and also a facsimile of the smaller 1685 Bedingfield Map. We also hope to find room for advertising and displaying contemporary news of the Society's activities.

Publications

We are having a busy year. So far we have published:

- ❖ **Lyminge a history Part 4**
- ❖ **Lyminge a history Part 5**
- ❖ and the **Guide to the Church and Graveyard**. This has proved very popular and we are into the second print run already.
- **PART 6 OF ...the history** is being prepared by Duncan Harrington and it is expected to be published in the autumn and therefore in time for Christmas stockings and postal presents.

ETCHINGHILL WALK GUIDE (REVISED)

Wendy Moppet has fully revised the *Etchingill Walk Guide*. The Guide now incorporates three walks and caters for those with limited mobility and those in normal health. The walks can be done individually or incorporated together in whatever combination suits you best. The photographs of points of interest have all been updated and owners of properties have agreed to their publication. We are also hopeful that this will go to the printers this month.

FURTHER PARTS OF ...THE HISTORY

We are, as always, looking for local memories, stories, diaries, histories etc. for future parts. Please let us know if you have some to share or you know of someone who would like to share their memories of the parish.

STOCK LEVELS

The number of publications we now produce requires that we tie up a proportion of the Society's money. Whilst each volume is self-funding and we constantly monitor our stocking levels we would like the freedom to use some of the money on other local historical projects. So, we are adopting a policy of producing only one part of the ...*a history* series per year and reducing the level of the order when we re-order volumes. When there is the need for an additional small pamphlet or booklet we are happy that we can fund these out of the current revenue. We do not use membership fees to fund activities other than the talks.

Future Projects

As mentioned at Gabor's Talk one possible future production will involve using online content alongside a leaflet and booklet. In collaboration with Reading University we hope to produce an archaeological walk around the various dig sites in the parish and using the wonders of modern technology enable the walker to see (via their mobile phones or other digital devices) fuller details of what the site produced and hopefully pictorial representations of what the area(s) looked like in the past.

This type of project is new to the Society and so anyone keen on being involved will be very welcome to join the committee.



Other items

LHS WEBSITE - www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

We have overcome the initial problems with the website and it is now up and running. However we still need to populate it and incorporate the online archive.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION

1. For those of your who have yet to do so can your please let Daphne know your email address - assuming you have one? As we have announced before we are looking for ways to keep you informed at other times than at these meetings and email seems to be one of the ways we can do this.

If you do not have email do not worry, we will ensure we put in place other means of communication for you so please make sure we have a telephone number for you and your current address.



2. **First Aiders** – if you have a current First Aiders' certificate and you are willing to come forward when necessary during our meetings or trips could you please identify yourselves to Daphne?



John L Carr

LHS Chairman – 2 September 2014

THE CURRENT COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

President: Derek Boughton, Treasurer: Richard Chubb, Secretary: Rosemary Selman
Chairman: John Carr, Vice-Chairman: John Buss, Events Secretary: Katharine Barber

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Committee Membership

If you would like more information on serving on the committee but would prefer to discuss it privately after the meeting please fill in your details below and let John Carr or any other committee member have this slip and we will contact you to arrange a convenient time to talk.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____