



LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Christmas Newsletter 2015

Merry Christmas Everyone,

It's been another busy year for the Society and the Committee would like to thank you all for your support over the last year. The reports on activities during that time are as follows:-

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Board – Report from John Carr

As you may know over the last two, or is it three years, we have been slowly putting together the Historical Society display board by the Lyminge Post Office car park. The board is in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

I am pleased to write that the board is now set up with the initial display of two ancient maps of Lyminge, one from 1685 depicting the Bedingfield Estate and pertinent to the Bedingfield Trust, which is still active today.

The other map shows the parish in 1760. The map was used variously and contains notes referring to the glebe lands owned by the Rector in the 19th century.

Please have a look at the maps and the transcripts of the notations included in the maps and let us know what you think.

The funding for the display board and work that went into its erection came from various sources including the Shepway office of Councillor David Monk, the Lyminge Parish Council – without whom the project could not have been achieved.

The content of the displays came from a donation of the original 1760 map from Bill Cameron of Battle, Duncan Harrington's hunt and pursuit of the Bedingfield map and arranging for it to be scanned, and the Rector for agreeing to its publication.

Duncan also provided the transcriptions.

The expenditure for processing facsimiles of the maps and mounting them and the transcripts was paid for by you and other members of the public who bought copies of the Lyminge *a history* series.

As you know the proceeds of these volumes is the only additional income the Society receives apart from the occasional donation.

Please note your Society membership fees were not used as these are ring fenced for the hall hire and presentation of the monthly talks.

Richard Chubb and myself with ample help from others – not least my wife Vanessa and Duncan, have worked on and off over the years getting the project done.

I would like to personally thank Richard who has worked tirelessly in arranging the various permissions required from the Highways Agency and Shepway District Council and he has always been there to help advance the project when things got bogged down.





LHS Treasurer's Yearend Report 2015– Richard Chubb

Copies of the Annual Accounts have been circulated for your perusal and retention.

Richard Chubb continues to keep an eagle eye on the state of our finances, for which we owe him a huge debt of thanks.

Events Secretary Report - Katharine Barber

You should all now have the new Events Programme put together by Katharine Barber for 2016. As this will be the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, we are hoping to make the summer visit a trip to Battle: watch the adverts in the Lyminge Newsletter and details at future Meetings for more information. Katharine also put a great programme together for 2015 and here is a resume of what occurred.

MARCH - Saw us sprint into our programme of speakers with Rosemary Piddock's talk, Soldiers of the 1st World War. As always the talk was thoroughly researched, with a personal interest from within the family.

APRIL - Alan Stockwell reminded us of the popularity of Theatre in Kent at the time of Jane Austen.

MAY - We wandered through Kent with Ian Guy showing us the 18th Century Tours of William Gilpin.

JUNE - A perfect day in June took a few of us on a coach, organised by Real Socialising, to Lullingstone Roman Villa. This is an English Heritage site and, as always, presented in interesting and modern ways. We also saw a Fire Brigade Rally and the World Garden of Tom Hart-Dyke.

JULY - The tour of St. Peter's Village, Broadstairs, was excellent and worth a visit by anyone unable to join us on the day. Lots of humour, tales and re-enactment of village life – a great experience.

SEPTEMBER - John Buss reminded us of the perils of sea travel past the Goodwin Sands, the 'Great Shippe Swallower'. Modern technology does have its advantages!

OCTOBER - Dr Doug Thorogood gave a detailed account of the Battle of Loos, with a frank account of the aims, the personnel and the results of this horrendous period of WW1.

NOVEMBER - Dr Lesley Hardy's lecture in November shared with us the thoughts of the Victorian Antiquarians when they started excavating Roman sites, such as in Folkestone. These ideas regarding the Roman Empire still influence our thoughts today.

Katharine, thank you very much for all your hard work over the year.

Stock Controller's Report 2015 – Daphne Andrews

Book sales have stalled over the year, with just a flurry of interest at the Anglo-Saxon Re-enactment Day on Tayne Field in August, when 20 books were sold giving an overall profit of £96.

In a bid to bolster sales, it has been decided to batch the books together, with all seven Lyminge a History publications to be sold at £30 a set for a limited period, ie throughout November and December 2015.



Lyminge a History Part 7 is now available to purchase on its own, or as part of the above batching. Part 8 will be published in 2016 and in 2017 Part 9 will be published by Reading University on the archaeology in Lyminge to date.



The village publications generate revenue for the production of the next volume(s) and also to fund other projects, such as back-up storage for archiving, projector bulbs and other items that may crop up.

Daphne, thanks to you and Ian for all the diligent work that goes on behind the scenes.

Lyminge Family History and Research Group – Mike Foxon

When we meet every month our Group discusses not only our individual member's own research but any new information recently published, for instance we checked to see if any of our families were involved in the slave trade. We also find somebody from our Group who is best suited to assist any visitor with their family search on the library's computer.

Our local research continues with various projects that include individuals buried in Lyminge Churchyard, and the church stained glass windows. We have just begun a project with the use of maps into how Lyminge built up over the years and we will look at the road systems and the older houses. This will add to that already written in the LHS's *'Lyminge Village – A guided walk'*.

I have led on the use of information from LHS's *'Lyminge a history 5 – Lyminge Men Remembered'* with a note in the appropriate week of the Parish Church's *'News for the Pews'* 100 years after the individual's death in WWI.

Rosemary Piddock has led the change of the LHS's library display cabinet to show WWI Christmas; Family History; VJ Day and the next is WWII Christmas. She and Paddy Fraser have led a recent Talk Time on the subject of Family History.

Finally, our Group would say like to give a big thank you to Jane Pace at Lyminge library for her help and hospitality.

LHS Website Update

This project has been going on behind the scenes during the last year and we are now in a position to start posting updates in the near future. Have a look in the New Year and see what progress we are making. Any ideas as to content will be most welcome. Let anyone on the Committee have your suggestions.

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LHS Archiving

Again, work has been progressing behind the scenes to get the archives up and running digitally. If any of you would like to volunteer for some occasional admin tasks, either on your own or as a small group, such as sorting out and cataloguing the contents of the the Archive Room in the Village Hall, great. Your help much appreciated. Please contact any Committee Member for more information.

Membership and Visitor Fees

You will be pleased to learn that once again we are holding Members' Fees to £10 and Visitor Fees to £4 for the forthcoming year, although we are considering raising the Member Fee to £11 or £12 per annum with effect from December 2016 to ring fence funds for the talks and hall hire. Please let us know your thoughts on this. Many small societies are having to close down for lack of support, so do talk to your friends about joining our Society to ensure its future.

Vacancies on the Committee

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair have remained vacant this year. Whilst the Committee has managed this year, it would really help if you would like to volunteer in any way by standing for office, or in a role behind the scenes. Please let the Committee know. If you would like to help out with the refreshments for one of the meetings during the year, again, let us know. We would be delighted to have you with us.

***Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas
and a Healthy and Happy 2016***

The Committee of the Lyminge Historical Society

