

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

For the communities of LYMINGE, ETCHINGHILL, RHODES MINNIS and POSTLING

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From The Lyminge Association



Wim van 't Einde

Happy Easter to all our readers

Easter is a time for renewal. With all that's going on in the world, it is time to take stock of just how fortunate we are, and not to be taking things for granted. Let us look for ways to help others to overcome the tragedies that are unfolding.

A lot has already been done but a great deal more still needs to be done in the future. As we start to welcome displaced people into our communities, let us be ever resourceful in the way we offer them our support, as well as to those good people putting them up.

News and information from The Lyminge Association can be found on Page 2.

Sat 23rd April

7.30pm

Prizes for Best
Fancy Dress –
ANYTHING
GOES

**MUSIC
WE'RE BACK!
BINGO!**

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

BYO Food & Drink

Proceeds to
DEC Appeal for
Ukraine and
LVH

Great raffle prizes
(probably)

Tickets £5 on the door

LVH Registered Charity 281845

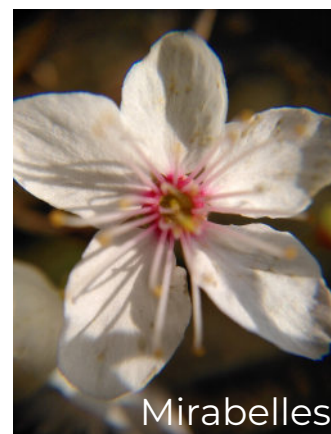
Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

Only just into the meteorological Spring, the day lives up to the definition. The sun is warm, birds are singing, bees are buzzing and blossom is beginning to burst forth. Of the hedgerow trees, blackthorn is the first to open, its delicate white and fragrant flowers brave the still cool days and nights, together with a few local mirabelles, (cherry plum)



Blackthorn

which have a similar flower, but with a show of deep pink around the centre. Blackthorn trees can live for up to a hundred years, their long strong thorns protecting them against being eaten by animals. Over the centuries they have been associated with witchcraft - it is said that witches' wands and staffs were made using blackthorn wood. Traditionally the wood has been used for making walking sticks and tool parts. And of course, its fruit, the sloe, is used to good effect when making sloe gin or syrup.



Mirabelles

Along the sheltered footpath, two large fully open dandelion flowers face into the sun, creating mini-suns of their own. Elder trees,



always early to leaf, are well on their way. These trees are alleged to be feared by the devil and that if one is planted near the house, it will keep the devil at bay. Hanging from nearby trees, catkins are opening and lengthening, preparing to release their pollen on a breezy day.

With the latest war news from Ukraine fresh in my mind, I seek the soothing solace of the stream as it weaves and zig-zags its way along the valley. Listening to each little tuneful tumble I am grateful for the peace it bestows, although it too has seen years of war as the Battle of Britain raged across these fields over eighty years ago.

Evidence of fallen trees from the two recent storms, Eunice and Franklin, are all around, as nature had another clear-out of mostly diseased or weak trees. Other trees, amazingly, are still standing despite split trunks, whose inners are soft and riddled with insect holes. Across the valley, lambs are beginning to dot the fields, racing around in pairs, kicking their back legs in the air. This surely is one of the most welcome signs of Spring.

Although it is still largely a Winter landscape, close inspection reveals the hedgerows beginning to show signs of the annual renewal of life.

Notes from The Lyminge Association

Lyminge Parish Council Lyminge Village Hall The Lyminge Association

From time to time, newcomers to the area, as well as some of the more established residents, find it difficult to differentiate one group from another within the parish. This isn't helped when in some cases, individuals serve on more than one committee and this leads to a blurring of the edges and adds to the confusion. To clarify:

- **The Lyminge Parish Council (LPC)** (and not to be confused with Lyminge Parish Church) is responsible for running the structure of the parish, funding of projects using money raised through the local rates stipend and the local approval of planning applications amongst a whole raft of other things. The green centre pages of the newsletter are funded and the responsibility of LPC.
- **The Lyminge Village Hall (LVH)** committee look after the village hall in Woodland Road and all that entails. They raise their revenue by hiring out the hall as well as periodically putting on events to raise further funds.
- **The Lyminge Association (TLA)** is a purely community driven body that provides the Lyminge Newsletter and raises money for projects and charities within the parish's catchment area through a range of different activities such as Garage Sale, Garden Safari, Lyminge Festival, helping Father Christmas, litter picks, stream cleans, etc. This year TLA is supporting the Lyminge Parish Council in putting on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (see below).

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Plans are well afoot to ensure every opportunity is available for people to celebrate The 70th Anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's Accession to The Throne.

Commemorative trees have been planted, while other details are now being finalised. Union flags will be put up on Station Road using the Christmas tree brackets (27th May), street parties are planned with the necessary street closure in place, a commemorative quiz spanning the 70 years of The Queen's reign (you'll need to book a table closer to the time), a fun dog show, games on Tayne Field, beer festival, live music, prom concert, lighting a beacon on the Church tower, etc all during the period of 2nd - 5th June.

Diary of Forthcoming Events

This page is printed to give readers and organisers the opportunity of planning events without clashing with existing ones, which are already in the 'diary'. It is not intended as a means of advertising and we take no responsibility for errors or omissions. Acceptance is at the discretion of the editor. Please send your updates by email to pbarnes20@icloud.com or via methods outlined on Page 4.

Location and name codes below:

One-Off Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
01-Apr	3pm	Easter Fete - LYA	TF		28-May	10am	Litter Pick	LVH	862508
09-Apr	2.30pm	RM Spring Flower Show	RMVH	862616	2-5 June Queen's Platinum Celebrations				
23-Apr	6.45pm	St George's Day Quiz	EVH	07544670363	18-Jun Lyminge BioBlitz				
23-Apr	7.30pm	Music Bingo	LVH		09-Jul	6pm	Cantores Prom Concert	The Pent, Postling	
24-Apr	2.30pm	Thoughtful Food Workshop: "Potting and Planting"	See p15	07703149008	09-Jul	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	
15-May	6pm	Etchinghill Village Hall AGM	EVH		25-Sept 9am Garage Sale 07840796383				
21-May	10am	Pick Up A Plant	TF						

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Wed	10.30am	Pilates	RMVH	07944028445
Mon	10am	Open House Coffee House	EVH	863394	Wed	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10.30am	Carers' Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	10.30am	Carers Coffee Morning	JC	269602	Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	1.30pm	Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Wed	2pm	Bingo (Start date TBC)	EVH	
Mon	12.30pm	Lunch Club	JC	269602	Wed ⁵	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	LMC	863049	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	5.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Thurs	6pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	9.30am	Dance Fitness Class	EVH		Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	9.45am	Young at Heart Dance/Fitness	EVH	07565182259	Thurs	6.45pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	12noon	Pilates	EVH		Thurs	7.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	12noon	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Wed	10am	Baaby/Toddler Group	EVH		Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley	St Mary's	862508	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544670363	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	07715221705	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	JC	269602
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	1st Sat	9am	Saturday Market	TC	07977899559
Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMC	862598	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	

¹ In term time only ² Except Jan and Feb ³ Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug ⁴ Except Aug and Dec ⁵ Not held in August

C&H: Coach & Horses; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH:** Elham Village Hall, **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES:** Elham Square, **EVL:** Elham Valley Line Trust, **JC:** Jubilee Centre; **JF:** Jubilee Field; **KH:** Korf House; **LB:** Laing Bennett; **LBC:** Bowls Club; **LL:** Library; **LMC:** Lyminge Methodist Church; **LPC:** Lyminge Parish Church; **LPS:** Lyminge Primary School; **LVH:** Lyminge Village Hall; **LW:** Lord Whisky; **NP:** Nailbourne Court; **PC:** Postling Church; **PH:** Lord Whisky, Park House; **PVH:** Postling Village Hall; **RVH:** Rhodes Minnis Village Hall; **RMC:** Rhodes Minnis Church; **RMCS:** Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary; **RR:** Rigden Room; **SMVH:** Stelling Minnis Village Hall, **SNL:** See Newsletter for info; **SP:** Sibton Park; **SPCC:** Sibton Park Cricket Club; **TC:** Tayne Centre; **TF:** Tayne Field; **WF:** Well Field



St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Sunday 3rd April

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion, BCP
6pm Sung Evensong, BCP

Thursday 14th April - Maundy Thursday

Lyminge 5pm - Agape Service

Friday 15th April

Good Friday

Elham 9.30am Walk of Witness
Postling 12noon Hour at the Cross

Saturday 16th April

Lyminge 10am Benefice Messy Easter

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday

Paddlesworth 6am Sunrise Service with Holy
Communion

Lyminge 11am Holy Communion CW1

Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

Sunday 24th April

Lyminge 10am. Family Praise Service

Sunday 1st May

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

To contact the churches, please phone:

Reverend Jane Weeks 01303 840219

or email revweeks@hotmail.com

www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk or

www.achurchnearlyou.com

Postling Church Services

3rd April 9.30am Holy Communion

10th April 8.30am Breakfast Service

Tuesday 12th April 6pm Lent Meditation

Good Friday 15th April 12 noon An Hour in Front of the Cross

Easter Sunday 17th April. 9.30am Morning Service

24th April No Service in Postling

Lyminge Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at the following services to be held at 11am

3rd April - Rev. Gill Songer

10th April - Rev. Gill Songer

15th April - **11am Good Friday** Meditation

17th April - **Easter Day: 10.15am** Valley Service at Elham

24th April - Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

1st May - Miss Barbara Lunn

May we all know the Joy and Hope of the Risen Jesus!

Rhodes Minnis Chapel

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us for the following services at 9.30am in our small and beautiful Chapel and to share fellowship after the services over coffee and biscuits.

3rd April - Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

17th April - **Easter Day** - No service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley service at Elham at **10.15am** led by Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

24th April - Miss Barbara Lunn

1st May - Service will be led by the local congregation

8th May - The Chapel will celebrate their 134th Anniversary with a service at **2.30pm** led by Rev. Wes Hampton, a former minister in the Circuit

Christians in Lyminge



2nd April: Tayne Centre Market 9am. Come along for your Easter gifts. Restock Kent from Folkestone will be there.

If you have any jars of change for Water Aid, would you please deliver them before Easter to the Parish church or to Ebeneza, Brady Road. Thank you

A coffee morning was held in the Parish Church on Saturday 12th March in aid of the **Ukraine Refugee Appeal**. It was followed on Monday by Lyminge Larks where the remaining cakes were almost cleared with the remainder going to the staff at the Primary School. The Headteacher organised a 'tag day' where children wore blue and yellow and raised £270.

Altogether donations amounting to £2155 were sent to the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

A huge 'Thank You' to all those who supported us in many ways.

Lyminge Newsletter

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Further details from Peter Barnes (editor) on 01303 863737 or pbarnes20@icloud.com

District Councillors' Update - April 2022



The Great British Spring Clean continues till 10 April and if you would like to join one of the organised community clean ups or go out solo then your District Council is able to provide equipment and make arrangements to collect the bags. We're fortunate to have many volunteers across our district but more are always welcome.

Folkestone & Hythe District Council has set a budget for 2022/23 with an increase of 1.96%; this equates to an extra 15p a day for a Band D household. We are making use of reserves to balance the budget and there will be no reduction in services. The District Council sends out

the council tax bill for all the other precepting authorities (KCC, Kent Fire & Rescue, Kent Police and your local parish council) and its share of the overall bill is around 13% of the total.

The Government's council tax rebate will be made automatically to eligible households that pay council tax by direct debit. Once a solution has been finalised for refunding those whose bank details are not held then those concerned will be contacted – there is no need to make a request to the council.

We're delighted to report that the council has been successful in a bid to the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. Over the next 12 months two million pounds will be spent on improving energy efficiency in over 100 of our council managed homes. Those homes most in need of work will be prioritised and tenants will be contacted individually to arrange for the work to be carried out. We hope to be able to use local contractors for this insulation work and boost jobs in the green sector.

Electric Vehicle charging points are now available in most of your district council's car parks. This is part of a wider scheme which Susan initiated called EV600 which provides 600+ charging points across Kent in partnership with Connected Kerb. If you have an EV, your satnav should automatically add these locations to your map and you can download the Connected Kerb app to use them.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have attended the opening of F51 the new indoor skatepark, mountaineering and more centre in Folkestone. We will tell you more next month!

The Government has advice on what you can do to help Ukraine here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukraine-what-you-can-do-to-help>. There are also local efforts under way including:

Lyminge centre of Age UK Hythe & Lyminge – **63 Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ** Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm is a collection point (the Hythe and New Romney Community Hubs are also operating as collection centres.)

Bigjigs Toys, Unit B, Kingsmead, Folkestone, CT19 5EU, is providing space at its warehouse for donations to be made, sorted and loaded onto lorries bound for Eastern Europe. The warehouse is open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm to accept donations. There will be AA signs directing people to the site. The most needed supplies are: nappies, baby wipes, baby food, sanitary products, long-lasting food and drink, warm socks and hats, other clothing, medicine, toiletries, blankets/bedding.

Volunteers are needed to help sort, label and stack donations and anyone interested is asked to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HvezOoWImQMOWIeqTVGxgu>

Freight 44 of Lympne is providing the first lorry and covering the cost of the driver's wages, while Bigjigs Toys is funding the rest of the costs (fuel/duty/tolls). If you would like to donate money to pay for as many lorries as are needed, please go here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/igor-kovalenko-1>

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid, Folkestone, is asking for donations to be dropped off at **Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2HQ**, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Items needed are: dry food (rice, pasta, tinned food, especially fish and meat), medicine (Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, painkillers, Calpol, Ibuprofen suspensions for babies and children), protective clothing (helmets, bullet-proof vests, binoculars, long-range radios).

Susan Carey (susan.carey@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 01303 670561) & **Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee** (Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 07887918458) - your district councillors for North Downs West, Folkestone and Hythe District Council

Let's Talk Kent - an opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of Kent, a chance to have your say on all sorts of projects and proposals that interest you. Speak up and get involved in the KCC engagement and consultation activities.

Visit letstalk.kent.gov.uk

Invoice Payments for Adverts in the Lyminge Newsletter

When I took over running the newsletter in July 2011, it was based on a ring folder with a page for every advertiser and with many of the ads being paid for in cash via the library. How things have changed as we moved details to an Excel spreadsheet, and the increased use of email allowed invoices to be sent out more easily. BACs changed the way that a greater percentage of the invoices were paid and now we have moved to a more automated form of accounting using Quickfile.

Up until recently I would send the annual invoices out once a year, usually after Christmas. It was very labour-intensive and was unsuitable, both for the client and us.

The new system means that we are able to send the invoices out just before the anniversary of their renewal giving the client a chance to either pay on time or withdraw their ad. We would therefore appreciate it if, in future, all invoices are paid within 30 days of receipt as we look to become a more slick and business focused organisation. Lastly, we can now take Credit/Debit card payments online to again ease the payment process.

Peter Barnes, Editor

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The Rude Mechanical Theatre are
coming to Tayne Field, Lyminge
Saturday 9th July
GODS AND DOGS



Our brand new show is an hilarious dystopian allegory set in 2084 on the fictitious island of Abatina based loosely on Monaco in a world where people are either glamorous celebrities or slobbering followers of them gripped to their telephones – except, that is, the Nevnops, as Big AI, the all-seeing

all hearing President, calls them, that is, 'Not Very Nice People', who choose to pursue their own thoughts on the matter.....

BOOK ONLINE AT therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk or email therudes1948@gmail.com, or ring 01323-501260

TICKETS – Adults £22, Seniors £21, Students £15, Children £10, Group of 4 booking & coming together £76, Family group (any two adults & two children) £54. Group of 10 or more £18 each (Only bookable by ringing 01323-501260).

Bring your own chairs. Note that chairs so high that they obscure the view of people sitting behind will not be admitted. Bring picnics & warm clothes for a typical English summer evening!

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO our website - www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk

or ring 01323-501260 or email: therudes1948@gmail.com

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From 11.45pm - 12.45pm
Age Uk Car Park Eat In Cafe or Take Away



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07955 926 835
Major Cards Accepted 

Stream Clean and Litter Pick

The **stream clean** scheduled for 23rd April has been **deferred** until the autumn as there has been little growth of aquatic plants over the winter months.

A **litter pick** is however scheduled for **28th May** ahead of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

JOIN US FOR THE 

EASTER FETE

Friday 1 April - 3-5pm - Tayne Field

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM FOR AN AFTERNOON OF EASTER FUN, INCLUDING STALLS, ACTIVITIES AND GAMES.

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE NEW PLAY PARKS ON TAYNE FIELD AND JUBILEE FIELD.

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE

'The Story of Swing Music'

23rd April



A Nostalgic Journey through Swing Music History

A FHODS
THE FOLKESTONE HISTORY SOCIETY
& DRAMATIC SOCIETY CLUB

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

11th ~ 14th
May

The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone CT20 3HL

BOX OFFICE 01303 223925 or towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

Lyminge Friends - April 2022

In March we had a very interesting talk from Steve Edney on *The Salutation Gardens* followed by an enjoyable visit to Brockhill Country Park for lunch.

Our next meeting is on **6th April**, when Dr Martin Watts will give an illustrated talk on *Richborough, the Secret Port*.

On **April 18th**, we meet for our pre-booked **Easter Monday Lunch** in the **Kings Arms, Elham**.

On **4th May** our speaker will be **Melody Foreman** with a talk called *Women Pilots of 2nd World War* and this will be followed by a visit to the Elham Valley Vineyard Garden Centre and Café - transport permitting.

Everyone Welcome

Please follow Government guidelines for face masks
Meetings are 10.30am - 12pm in the Methodist Church
Entry for 2022 is £3.50

We are a friendly social group and welcome new members so just drop into a meeting, or if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 863500.



GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME



We are delighted to welcome back *Derek* and *Steve* from Farthing Common Plant Centre to answer your gardening questions.

Join us for what is certain to be a popular event and come ready with all those questions you have always wanted to ask.

Tuesday 19th April at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge – starting at 7.30pm



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

For more information about the Gardeners' Society please email:
lymingegardeners@gmail.com
or call Anne on 07703 149008



Fifth Trust Update www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Spring has definitely sprung! So do visit our garden centre at the Elham Valley Vineyard for all your spring gardening needs. Whilst there, why not enjoy a refreshing drink and a snack in our café which serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea every day. Both are open daily 9-4pm (10-4pm on Sundays).

For us, living with Covid means striking a balance between individual freedom and ensuring all those in our care remain safe. So we respectfully ask customers to consider our students' vulnerability and to continue to wear face coverings for the time being.

Lyminge Judo Club

(British Judo Club Registered)



We are a small friendly village club. We welcome and encourage both novices and skilled players and train every Monday evening at Lyminge Village Hall from 6.30pm. Open to all ages from 6 upwards - no upper age limit.

Juniors £2.50 per week; Seniors £3.50 per week. First session free, with no obligation.

Contact: Selwyn Nichols 01303 862946 or selwyn_nichols@hotmail.com



Knit n' Natter

Knit and Natter.....

is starting back on **Monday 25th April** at **2.30pm** and then every Monday there after in **Lyminge Methodist Church**.

For further information please call **863049**

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM will be held on Sunday 15th May 2022 at 6pm.

All Etchinghill residents are welcome.

Because of Covid and Government restrictions the AGM in 2021 was cancelled therefore this meeting will include a review of the last 2 years.

The Etchinghill Village Hall Trustees look forward to welcoming you on, Sunday 15th May 6pm - 7pm. This is your opportunity to ask questions and get involved with your Village Hall.

Refreshments will be available after the AGM.

Rhodes Minnis Circle

We look forward to a Spring Meeting when on the 27th April Farthing Common Garden Centre will be demonstrating **'Hanging Baskets and Flower Tubs for Spring Colour'**

The competition will be an item beginning with the letter 'R'

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2-30pm and look forward to welcoming visitors.

Marion 862913

TAYNE CENTRE MARKET

**Saturday
2nd April 2022**

Refreshments available.

**For further information or to discuss
booking a table please contact
Debbie 07977 899559**



*Lyminge
Historical
Society*



COME AND JOIN US!

Our meetings until we break for the Summer are as follows:

'The White Cliffs'

How Geological, Economic And Political Factors Have Shaped This Coastline.

Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre
An illustrated talk with John Buss

'Shall we or Shan't We – Yes we SHAL'

Studying History and Archaeology in Lymyne - SHAL
Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre

Speakers: Guy Topham and Fiona Jarvest

'Fashion on the Ration' – A WW2 talk

Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre
Speaker: Judi Knight

NOTE: Available to buy at the meetings, the latest Lyminge a History Publication – Part Eleven

All Lyminge a history publications can be purchased individually through the Lyminge Village Store, Lyminge Library and the Coffee Cabin, or on-line via our website using PayPal.

Plus: purchase Parts 1-5 as a bundle for £22 or Parts 1-10 for £50*
To take advantage of the offer please call Daphne Andrews on 01303 862865. This bundle offer is not available from the shop.

*Postage and packaging extra

Email: lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Website: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

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EASTER FETE - FRIDAY 1 APRIL

Join Lyminge Youth Action after school on Friday 1 April for a fun-filled Easter Fete on Tayne Field.

Come along from 3-5pm and enjoy stalls, cakes, tombolas and lots more egg-citing activities as we kick off the Easter holidays.

All the money raised will go to the park redevelopments on Tayne Field and Jubilee Field. We are getting ever closer to our target, so we hope you can join us for a fun afternoon of fundraising. We also hope to run a disco in May. We will let you know once we have the date and other details confirmed.

In the meantime, work continues on securing the last of the funds required to get work started on transforming our village play areas.

For more information visit our crowdfunding page [gofundme.com/lymingeparks](https://www.gofundme.com/lymingeparks) and to contact the team email lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com.

All the best



Etchinghill Update - April 2022

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe, 07939 076617, email dmccombe1@gmail.com

Website: www.etchinghill.info, Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT - OUR SCREENING SCHEDULED FOR 18 APRIL HAS BEEN CANCELLED, AS IT FALLS ON EASTER MONDAY. Our next showing will be on Monday 16th May at 7.30pm. Details will appear on-line and in the May Newsletter.

SPRING LITTER PICK - SATURDAY 9 APRIL - volunteers are needed to support our first litter pick of 2022. Please meet at the village hall by 10 am to collect your pick-up sticks, gloves, bags etc. The collection usually lasts 1-2 hours. Thanks for your support.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY FUN QUIZ - SATURDAY 23 APRIL - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - STARTS AT 7 PM. Teams of up to 6 persons may be entered. To book a table, please contact Geraldine by email – gpmccombe49@gmail.com or call 07544 670363. Entry is only £3pp. Please bring your own refreshments.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY 5 JUNE - The ERA and village hall trustees will be hosting a 1 day event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Plans include a village pétanque competition on Sunday morning and a residents' Big Lunch in the afternoon. Watch this space and check out our website and notice boards for further details over the coming months.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY - A national tree planting initiative is taking place to plant trees to commemorate the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Lyminge Parish Council has kindly donated 7 flowering cherry trees, to celebrate the 7 decades of Her Majesty's reign, which will be planted on St Marys Field in Etchinghill, hopefully by the end of March. The ERA is seeking volunteers to help weed the area after planting and to water the trees during dry spells. Please contact the chairman, as above, if you are able to help. **Thank you.**

THE ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 15th May. Time: 6pm to 7pm. All Etchinghill Residents are welcome!

It is your opportunity to find out what is going on in your Village Hall, to ask questions or get involved. Refreshments will be available following the AGM.

John White, Chairman, Etchinghill Village Hall.

POSTIE ANDY by David Coombs

Our loss is Lyminge's gain: they are getting "Postie"-Andy!! Our really special "Postie," Andy, is leaving us after some 7-8 years of some very professional, but very personal, service. It comes about, I believe, as a product of some re-shuffling at the Sorting Office together with some changes that Andy wished to make himself regarding some of his "bits getting a bit creaky". We just want and need to record our sincere and very grateful thanks for the way he has so cheerfully served us over the years. From all your friends in Etchinghill: "Thank you, Andy and we shall miss you"!

POSTIE AL by Jacqui Blandford

Always a smile and with a helpful attitude, Al (Alistair) has delivered letters and parcels in our area in a professional and friendly way over the past few years. Al is off to Hawkinge shortly and we want to say a huge "thank you" and wish you well on your new rounds.

News contact: Jacqui Blandford - 07543 966830 or email: jacqui.blandford@gmail.com



Letter To The Editor.....

To the residents of Westfield Lane, Canterbury Road, The Orchids, Newbarn, Farthing Common, Woodland Road, Skeete, Dog Kennel Lane, Ivy Close, Tolsford Close.

After five years of serving your community as a postman I'm sorry to say that on 29th March I will be moving to the Hawkinge delivery round.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' for all your support and help and I wish you all the best with your new postman. It has been a pleasure to serve your community.

Best wishes *Alistair Pullford*

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WHAT'S ON APRIL 2022

Monday	Cognitive stimulation therapy Seated exercise Bingo Cartooning for fun, the basics	10:30am – 12noon 10:45am – 11:45am 1:30pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm	Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe
Tuesday	Chatty Table – Hythe Photography to art (29.3.22) Sing along with Sue (5.4.22 & 19.4.22) Seated Exercise (12.4.22 & 26.4.22) Seated Yoga Boules/Curling Chatty Table - Lyminge Dance Fit	9:30am – 10:30am 10am – 12noon 10:45am – 11:45am 10:45am – 11:45am 1pm – 2pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 1pm – 2pm 5pm – 6pm	Costa Coffee Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Coffee Cabin - Lyminge Age UK Hythe
Wednesday	Morning munches (breakfast) Walking football Low impact aerobics Seated Exercise Ceramics with Claire Reminiscence with PAT Dementia Café (27.4.22) Book Club (14.4.22)	9:30am – 11am 10:30am – 12noon 10:30am – 11:30am 10:45am – 1:45pm 1:30pm – 3:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 5pm – 7pm	Age UK Lyminge Scout Hall – Hythe Guide Hall – Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe
Thursday	Seated Yoga Cognitive stimulation therapy Streetz to Streetz Out and about Walking Tennis Knit and natter (14.4.22) Bingo Night (5.4.22)	10:30am – 11:45am 10:30am – 12 noon 11:30am – 1pm 12:30pm – 3pm 3pm – 4pm 5pm – 7pm 6:30pm – 8pm	Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Wherever we fancy Hythe Tennis Club Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe
Friday	Pilates with Katherine Dance fit with Charlotte Low impact aerobics Arts and craft Games and cards Shed project Games and quizzes Ukulele	9:30am – 10:30am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:30am – 11:30am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:45am – 11:45am 1pm – 2:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 1:30pm – 3pm	Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Guide Hall - Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge

Coming up

6th May - Walk Right Back, Eversly Brothers - Leas Cliff Hall
2nd June - Some Guys Have All the Luck – Leas Cliff Hall
24th June – The Drifters – Leas Cliff Hall



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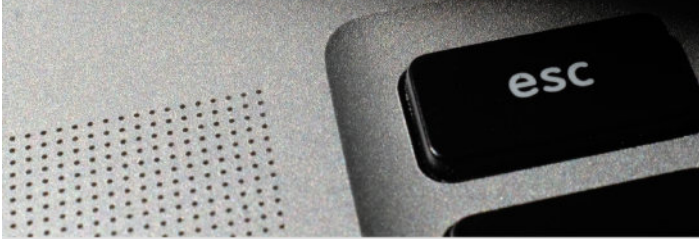
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Kent Police have introduced a new messaging system which allows members of the public to receive messages directly from their local Police station and PCSO's.

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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

APRIL 2022 Newsletter

Forthcoming Council and Committee Agendas are displayed on the Council notice boards on Tayne Field and the entrance to the Village Hall car park, Etchinghill. Agendas and minutes are published on the Council's website: www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk and Facebook page. We invite you to read the minutes online or on the noticeboards which may provide the information you are seeking regarding a particular item, but correspondence is always welcome from parishioners and can be sent to the Clerk at the addresses given at the bottom of this page.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY – The council are still looking to co-opt an additional councillor to join Lyminge Parish Council. If you are interested in applying or would like more information please contact Clerk before 15th April on:

07999 403 948 or at:

clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk.

The aim is to make an appointment at the Full Council meeting on 25th April.

The following link provides a good introduction to what town and parish councils do, and what is involved in being a parish councillor.

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/800-all-about-local-councils/file>

BULBS ON THE GREEN -



Many thanks to Lyminge Scouts for helping plant 1,000 bulbs and primrose plugs on the green triangle at the junction of Woodland Rd and the road to Lyminge Village Hall. The bulbs planted included 500 single snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*), 250 winter aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*), 200 wild daffodils (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*), and 50 wild primroses (*Primula vulgaris*). Not only should they look

great once they are established and flowering, they will also provide another important boost to our local early-season pollinating insects. See P28.

NEW HEDGES MAINTENANCE

- By the time this newsletter is distributed we also expect the Lyminge Scouts to have helped replant some parts of the hedges that are being established around the parish, including along the top of Tayne Field. Many thanks again to the scouts for doing this. We can all help the plants establish themselves by using the pathways left clear through the hedge rather than trying to walk through or over the plants. If we get some dry weather then please also feel free to water the new plants, or any others that look like they might need it. Last year it wasn't really necessary due to the wet summer, but please do help us keep an eye on them this year.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY TREES

- The Queen's Green Canopy trees should also be planted now in Etchinghill, Rhodes Minnis and Lyminge. Again, please help keep an eye on them, and water them regularly, especially during any dry periods. Please let us know via the Clerk if you

can commit to any regular watering and maintenance of any of the trees.

ST EADBURG'S WELL - The refurbishment of the Well House is now practically complete and by the time you read this, we hope the pump will be back in working order. Do take a look if you have not already done so.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH - Last year we acquired a new website for Lyminge Parish Council:

<http://www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk>

We have now begun the task of expanding the content to include not just the material we are required to post by law but also other information about the parish that is useful to residents and visitors alike.

Check out the **Heritage** section to read more about the 10,000 year history of our community. Or take a look at **Visit** to find out more about what you can do in the surrounding area. We have begun by posting information about the Royal Saxon Way, the new walking route that passes through our village on the way between Folkestone and Minster-in-Thanel. The route links together 16 medieval churches over 36

miles, many associated with the powerful royal women of the 7th and 8th Centuries who contributed to the formation of the country we live in today. It passes through a rich and varied landscape, for much of the time close to the water or sea or river, as you walk north from the coast at Folkestone across the ridge of the North Downs and follow the Nailbourne towards the sea near Sandwich.

We will add more useful information on other topics in the months to come.

Have you also seen the new information posters displayed in the Station Road carpark yet? This is not just a static display. The poster headed **Did You Know?** contains quirky and hopefully interesting facts about our parish and will be changed every couple of months. So why not go along there to see our latest offering?

FAULTY STREET LIGHTS - should be reported to KCC at: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> or via the website: <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

QUEEN'S JUBILEE - Finally, several grant applications have been received and more detail on this will be available next month.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

F&A Committee – Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.00pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Full Council – Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.30pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Sarah Harrison, Clerk

Correspondence Address: Lyminge Parish Council, PO Box 1159, Canterbury, Kent CT1 9PR

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Community Safety Contacts

The **PCSO for Etchinghill, Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis** is

Nicholas Hazell, who can be contacted on 101

KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison can be contacted on 07977 982185



Thoughtful Food....

...is a group of local volunteers looking at our food, and how this impacts climate change. Our aims are to support people to produce more of their own food, and to shop locally, sourcing seasonal produce. We also run a community allotment in Lyminge and welcome new members.

Contact: thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com or on Facebook and Instagram @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Our next meetings will be on **Tuesday 4th April** and **Tuesday 3rd May**. Please get in touch if you would like to attend- we would love to see you.

Pick Up a Plant *New Venue*

Our plant swap/giveaway event is back on Saturday 21st May, from 10:00 – 13:00. This year the Parish Council have kindly granted permission for us to host this event on Tayne Field; more space for more plants! If you would like to have a go at growing some vegetables in your garden, or to try a new variety, why not pop by and pick up a few plants? Or if you have excess seedlings, please drop these off to share with others.



Thoughtful Food visit the Squirrel and Cub Scouts

We really enjoyed our visit to the Squirrel and Cub Scouts groups in March, and were chuffed to receive this feedback from scout leader, Emma:

"A massive thank you to Jackie and Christelle from Thoughtful Food for their informative sessions with our Squirrel Scout and Cub Scout groups.

Our Squirrels were lucky enough to visit the community allotments and enjoyed exploring the site and getting stuck into planting vegetables. One squirrel compared the allotment to Mr McGregor's garden and was impressed by the range of vegetables growing even at this more hostile growing time.

Our Cub group planted a range of vegetables of their choosing (one cub opted for lettuce with one surprise onion) into pots and we've had a flurry of growth photos.

As well as working towards badge criteria, it has been lovely to have guest speakers who are so passionate about sharing their knowledge and engaging with a range of young people. Jackie and Christelle have an open invitation to come back at any time and impart more of their wisdom and passion for the great outdoors."

If your group would like a speaker from Thoughtful Food on growing your own produce, seasonal food, forest gardens or eating to benefit the environment, please do get in touch via email thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com

What's In Season?

New season produce is beginning to come through- here's what to look out for in April to eat seasonally, lower-carbon produce...

Very best wishes from Thoughtful Food

What's in Season in April?

Artichoke, Beetroot, Cabbage, Carrots, Chicory, New Potatoes, Kale, Morel Mushrooms, Parsnips, Radishes, Rhubarb, Rocket, Sorrel, Spinach, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Watercress

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A Lyminge Climate Action initiative





Our Wild Acre - returning for a second year

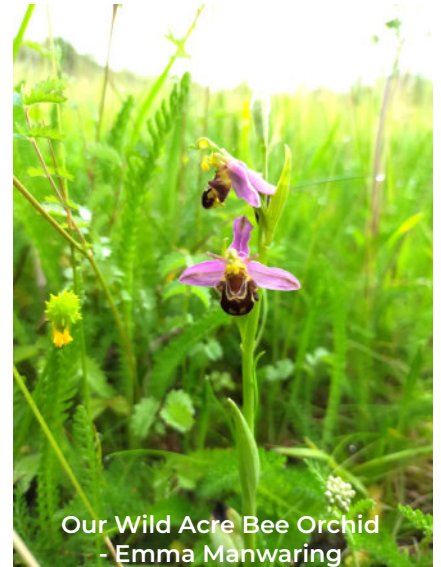
In the April issue of the newsletter last year we launched the Our Wild Acre project, which was a challenge aiming to create a new acre of wildlife-friendly habitat across the Parish. Fourteen households signed up, committing 350 m² of gardens and other private lands to be left untouched and therefore gently rewilded for the duration of the growing season, as a refuge for wildlife and for us all to enjoy. The project is returning by popular demand for a second year. If you can commit a patch of your garden or land, or a window box or anything else, to be a wild area from now until at least August, please let us know by registering online on forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VToXhUA (link also available on the Lyminge Climate Action Facebook page), or by emailing lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com or call us on 863426. For more details see page 16 of last April's newsletter which can be found online.



Our Wild Acre Spotted Orchid
- Emma Manwaring



Our Wild Acre Garden
- Kate Bennett



Our Wild Acre Bee Orchid
- Emma Manwaring

The Nailbourne - a globally important chalk stream

We are exceptionally lucky to have a chalk stream, the Nailbourne, running through our Parish. Chalk streams are one of the rarest habitats in the world, with only 260 true chalk streams known globally, most of which (85%) are in England. They are so special that some people refer to them as "England's rainforests" or "England's Great Barrier Reef". As such we have a great responsibility to conserve and manage the Nailbourne in a sensitive, informed and appropriate manner.

In October last year a new "chalk streams strategy" was published by the UK government with various partners, which can be easily found online. Recognising that chalk streams and their associated underground aquifers are important for people and biodiversity, the strategy is for everyone who has responsibility for, or uses, chalk streams. The Chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, explained "These habitats are subject to a complex range of pressures, from pollution arising from road runoff, agriculture and sewage, to low flow resulting from abstraction for public water supply and physical damage to the water courses", and expected the strategy to result in the "joined-up partnership action needed to address these pressures, protecting and restoring chalk streams for future generations to enjoy".



As individual residents living beside a chalk stream we have a responsibility to ensure our actions do not add to the existing pressures on the Nailbourne, probably most importantly by avoiding polluting the stream or physically damaging it, and as a community we have a responsibility to protect and where necessary restore the stream. As always the Lyminge Climate Action group is happy to help provide advice and support to individuals and the community on these issues, please contact us on lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com or 01303 863426 or via our Lyminge Climate Action Facebook group.

Parish Bioblitz - Saturday 18th June

The long anticipated Parish Bioblitz is planned for Saturday 18th June, with activities possibly extending throughout the weekend. Please save the date and more details will follow.



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Celebrations

In this year of celebrations there is one local moment that we, at the Elham Valley Line Trust, wish to mark and celebrate. On the 16th June 1947 the Elham Valley Railway formally closed. At the Trust we hope to mount a display of the history of the line with photos, artefacts and a short audio-visual item to mark the 75th anniversary of our line closing.

If you can help by loaning, or donating, memorabilia, photos, items or even memories of the line and its many industries and people's reliance on the line we would be most grateful. The main display will be after the Queen's celebration weekend. Any film of trains or activities on the line would be most gratefully received.

We hope all those present will enter into the spirit of the occasion. The miniature railway, weather permitting, will be.

Without your assistance we will only be able to scratch the surface, but a display will be present to mark this local landmark of a much loved and useful railway link. Much of its history is already displayed in the station building at the Museum.

Please help us commemorate the anniversary of the closure of our line and contact the Trust with offers of loan items or any assistance you can give.

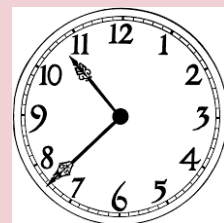
For further information and details of other events visit – www.elhamvalleylinetrust.org, www.facebook.com/ElhamValleyLineTrust.Official or ring 01303 273014

Elham Valley Line Trust Railway Museum Closure Imminent

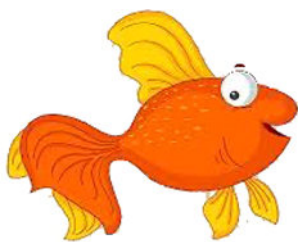
As announced above, we are planning to re-open on 2nd April. HOWEVER, due to a shortage of volunteers we are unable to guarantee that the whole site will be accessible or even open for this weekend or for the remainder of the season.

We cannot emphasise enough how essential it is to have more help to keep this lovely, special site open.

If you would like to become involved, even if only for just a couple of hours, then please contact us via evltvolunteers@btinternet.com or come along on the opening weekend or any Tuesday before then.



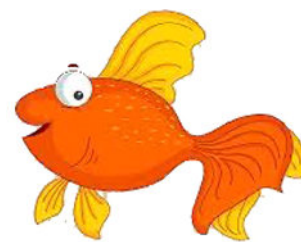
A couple of hours could make all the difference.



Free Goldfish to Good Homes

We have accidentally managed to breed lots of goldfish - more than we want to keep in our pond. We would therefore like to offer them free of charge to good homes if anyone in the village has space in their fish ponds.

Please contact Kate: kakellett@yahoo.com or 07967 203501



Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Kent www.walkinginengland.co.uk/kent has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Kent (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking! *John Harris*

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Show secretary: Dorothy Athow on (01303) 862616

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then send it to the editor**

April Rise

If ever I saw blessing in the air
I see it now in this still early day
Where lemon-green the vaporous morning drips
Wet sunlight on the powder of my eye.

Blown bubble-film of blue, the sky wraps round
Weeds of warm light whose every root and rod
Splutters with soapy green, and all the world
Sweats with the bead of summer in its bud.

If ever I heard blessing it is there
Where birds in trees that shoals and shadows are
Splash with their hidden wings and drops of sound
Break on my ears their crests of throbbing air.

Pure in the haze the emerald sun dilates,
The lips of sparrows milk the mossy stones,
While white as water by the lake a girl
Swims her green hand among the gathered swans.

Now, as the almond burns its smoking wick,
Dropping small flames to light the candled grass;
Now, as my low blood scales its second chance,
If ever world were blessed, now it is.

Laurie Lee

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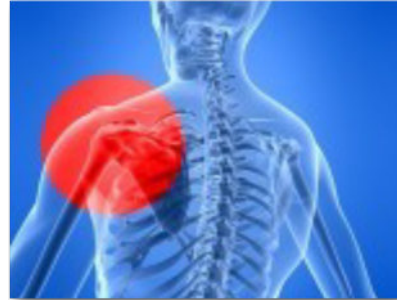
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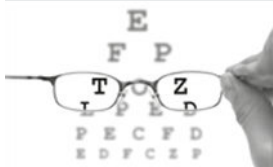
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Lyminge Scouts Planting Bulbs And Trees



The Recently Refurbished Well House

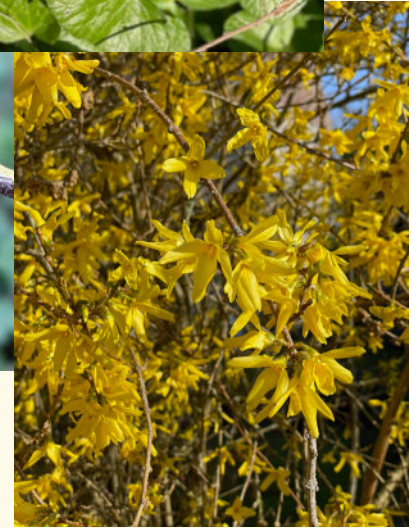
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Spring is on its way!!

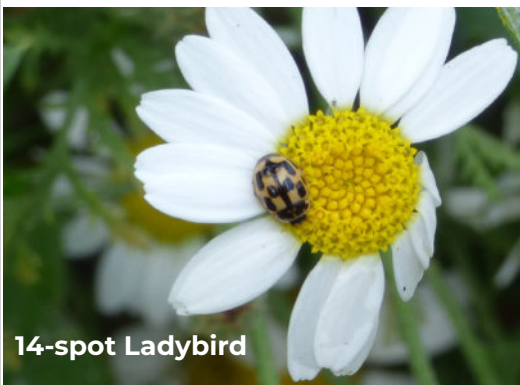


Lyminge Ladybirds - 11 Species Spotted But Where Are The 2-Spots?

Over the past four years I have spotted 11 different species of ladybird in the Parish: 7-spot, 10-spot, 14-spot, 16-spot, 22-spot, 24-spot, Adonis', orange, pine, kidney-spot, and the now ubiquitous Harlequin ladybird, introduced to Europe from Asia. I'm sure I'm not alone in never realising before how many different ladybirds there were in the UK (53), let alone here in Lyminge Parish. But notable by its absence is the 2-spot ladybird

- when I was growing up the 2-spot and the 7-spot ladybirds were the two most common garden ladybirds, but I haven't seen a 2-spot in years. They are still considered to be one of the most common UK ladybirds on the websites I have checked, so why haven't I found any here? If you have any suggestions please let us know (maybe competition from the Harlequin ladybirds?), and of course if you see one please do tell me, or record it online using iRecord.

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14-spot Ladybird



22-spot Ladybird



Adonis' Ladybird



Pine Ladybird