



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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Temporary Road Closure at Broad Street, Lyminge blocking the road to Folkestone for 42 days - 25 July to 4 September

This is the most current information as we go to press (25 July) by Lynne Collis.

*The works planned for this development include the following:
the sewer connection which requires a 3m deep excavation, connection to the fresh water supply, installation of the highway drainage system, the construction of a new junction with dropped kerbs and tactile paving; the resurfacing and high friction coating, change of speed limit from de-restricted (60mph) to 30 mph, with associated signage, roundels, dragons' teeth and red surfacing to indicate the change, construction of new gateway into the village, involving signage on both sides of the road.*



Lyminge residents, the Parish Council and members of the Residents Protest Group have been working hard to try to stop the Pentland Homes six-week road closure which started on 25 July. Over 1000 local residents and supporters have signed a petition organised by Mark Barrett for the works to be stopped.

With access to the village already so difficult because of queues of holiday makers, this is no time to cut our main road in and out of the village. Kent Fire and Rescue have already contacted us, and are considering double attendance (ie one fire engine from Canterbury as well as one from Folkestone), during the closure, to reduce the risks to residents. The protest group has been in contact with legal advisors and are seeking a stop order from KCC.

The reasons for opposing the closure are principally:

1. That neither Portland Homes nor Kent County Council have made adequate assessment of the risks to the villagers. Pentland Homes have even admitted breaching the Health and Safety at Work Regulations in not assessing the risk to others affected by their works (section 3 (1) b). Such a risk assessment would have identified control measures which could have reduced the impact on residents and businesses.
2. That they have not considered other, less disruptive methods of doing the works, although several civil engineers amongst village residents have proposed alternatives. These fell on deaf ears.
3. The diversion is not via a route of the same standard as the closed road. Longage Hill is a single-track road with passing places. The risk of delayed access by emergency services puts all residents at unacceptable risk.
4. There appear to be irregularities in the process of granting permits for the works. The Temporary Closure Notice was granted to Walker Construction UK Ltd; the works have apparently been taken over by Tony Kirwan Contractors Ltd. The name 'Walker Construction' has been removed from the road closed signs, but there is now no contractor's name to act as the required contact.

The planned closure blocks the main road to Folkestone and Ashford for up to six weeks while Pentland Homes digs a trench for sewage works associated with new build housing. The published diversion is twice the length of the closed route at 13.8 miles, via single track roads with passing places, compared with the twin laned route of 6.5 miles.

The developer's Build Director admitted in a recorded call to retired safety engineer and village resident, Lynne Collis, that Pentland Homes had done no risk assessment of the risk to the community affected by the closure. This has been reported this to KCC and to the local MP, Damian Collins. It is also a breach of the Safety at Streetworks and Road works Code of Practice 2013.

Lynne said, 'There are many safety concerns for villagers, but the ones which pose the highest potential threat to life are the risks of delayed access by the emergency services. They will only be able to get to Lyminge via single tracked roads with passing places. During a shorter closure last year we saw many traffic jams. This year the fire engines and ambulances would be competing with harvest-time farm machinery as well as other village traffic. KCC have also scheduled nighttime closures of the M20 Junction 11 roundabout (part of the diversion route) and have closed Loughborough Lane for roadworks at the same time.'

Many residents are concerned that the bus service to the village will be curtailed. We will have to walk to New Barn Corner for a shuttle bus to Folkestone and to Sibton Park Gates for a shuttle to Canterbury. The walk is clearly beyond the encumbered or infirm but no shuttle bus through the village has been provided. There will be no number 18 service to the village.

Folkestone and Hythe MP Damian Collins has been contacted by many residents. He wrote to Roger Gough, the leader of Kent County Council, to ask that these plans are looked at again and a less disruptive solution found.

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As this newsletter went to press, (Monday morning) Pentland Homes made the following announcement:

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Lynne Collis said: We collected over 1000 signatures for our petition in 4 days, took legal advice, wrote to councillors and our MP. We put the case that the closure should not go ahead without alternatives being considered and the risks to villagers being properly assessed and managed.

We are delighted that Pentland Homes have had to listen to us.

MP Damian Collins commented: 'I am happy to be able to tell you that these [works] have now been cancelled, with Pentland promising to exhaust all other options. I very much hope that different arrangements can be made. I have already asked the Leader of Kent County Council to look into this matter and for the relevant people at the County Council to consider how these works could be carried out with less disruption to local people.'

The legal advice was spearheaded by Sheamus Maher. Having identified a solicitor willing to act on our behalf, he rallied people to verbally support him financially and enable the letter to be finally sent late Sunday afternoon. "Everyone in the village who made an effort to sign the petition, write a letter, send a post, and make a noise deserves great credit. I'd like to think my bit was just the straw on the camels back to make them realise the whole village was serious. The legal action would not have happened unless a few brave souls helped finance the action. It's difficult to choose just one, but Gordon Wallace of Beechborough Park made a very chunky promise of funds and without him I could not of gone ahead." Pledges of financial support (no matter how large or small) can still be made - see immediately below.

An account for the collection of the pledges has now been set up. Nancy Benham has offered to coordinate this collection on behalf of the community.

Your pledges, together any monies not already donated, can be sent to:

N Benham Sort code 07-01-16 A/c 15305243 or PayPal (nancybenham@aol.com). Cheques can be sent to, and cash left at, her home address Whisper Cottage, Rectory Lane, Lyminge, Folkestone CT18 8EG.

Please make sure any payment is referenced with your "Name and Road Closure" to keep the accounting straight! The invoice from the solicitor needs paying by 9 August and so this is our cut off date for all contributions. When you read this page, can you please send your donation immediately.

And that's just the start. **Community Action Group - Lyminge and Surrounding Areas**, will now be working hard with the Parish Council and local residents to make sure that the concerns raised are addressed before any further work is scheduled.

Finally, a few 'thank yous' - to Mike Barrett who coordinated the petition and Hayley Harika Middleditch who offered valuable support to the cause, to Sheamus for all the days and hours he put into pulling together all the relevant documents for the solicitor, to John Franklin for his tremendous technical knowledge on how to dig a hole in the road without causing mayhem, and to both Julia Carr and Lynne Collis who put in many hours coordinating the information, forwarding it to the relevant people as well as ensuring the social media were regularly updated. As the editor of the newsletter, I would like to add my own thanks to Lynne and Julia for their unstinting support in providing information and direction to the articles. Their professional knowledge together with their ability to clearly capture the essence of all that was happening was invaluable.

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

Unable to follow my intended route due to the cattle resting in the shade around the gate I needed to use, I changed my plan and stayed in the meadow, deciding to walk to the far end. I had already walked along a footpath where I had seen St John's Wort, its bright yellow flowers standing tall. Traditionally this plant was used to treat wounds and was often hung up in doors and windows to prevent evil spirits entering the house. Alongside this flower was white bedstraw with its sweet perfume; pale flax which is a rare plant found on chalky soils; small bindweed with pink and white striped flowers; the fruiting 'clock' of goat's-beard (a grandfather clock compared to the smaller dandelion clock), otherwise known as Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon and sleep-at-noon, names referring to the flower's habit of closing around midday, and patches of brambles, covered in flowers with



a few green berries already formed for early summer picking when ripened in another month or so.

I had taken the upper track in the meadow, following the dry path which was overhung by hawthorn branches and crowded in on either side by brambles as I headed towards the gate at the far end, where I would leave this field for a short stretch along the road before joining another footpath. Admiring the views of land and sky, it was at this point I saw the cattle clustered together, looking as if they had no intention of moving from their comfortable spot. Earlier in the week I had watched them walk in single file, eighteen of them, steadily moving westwards in the heat of the afternoon, their heads moving up and down with each footstep and their colours of tan, black or chocolate brown, harmonious and pleasing to the eye. The dominant member led the tail-swishing herd without faltering along the well trodden track until they reached a spot in the shade where they stopped, spread out and began to feed. But back to today. Dropping down to the bottom of the valley and well out of sight of the animals, I embarked on Plan B and decided to wander along as far as the path would take me. I passed a blackthorn tree which some time ago had blown down in a westerly gale, its split trunk open to the elements, with some of the branches and leaves still clinging on for dear life. Just to one side of this tree a huge patch of brambles was in flower and a clump of woolly thistles grew tall and strong,

spiky leaves protecting it from foraging animals. Hawthorn berries, already showing signs of red ripening at their tips, adorned nearby trees.

I reached the bottom of the valley and walked westwards passing spent cowslips, their seeds ripening in the sun. Clover, both red and white edged the path and here and there ragwort stood head and shoulders above all other growth. Grasses galore swayed in the strong wind, shedding their seeds far and wide. It is the month for meadow brown butterflies and they were rising as I walked, easy to identify as they close their wings when they land. Marbled whites, their markings distinct and striking were everywhere. These butterflies have very specific needs and appear only on chalkland, so I deemed it a privilege to have seen them. A butterfly alighted on a thistle which looked similar to a 5 spot burnet, but once home I managed to identify

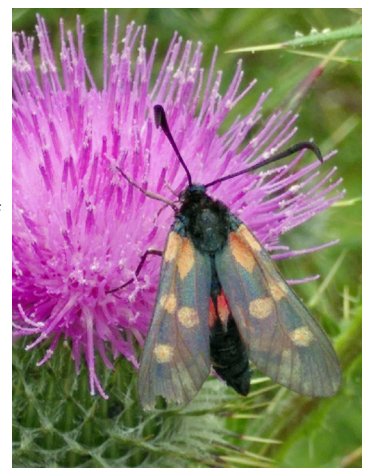


it as a rare variety that has yellow as opposed to red spots. Eventually I reached the end of the meadow and turned to my right to look at a patch of ground left to its own devices at the top end of a field of oats. Immediately I could see that this was a wildlife haven, untouched by human or animal. It was alive with insects visiting the colourful and diverse flowers: in the purple and pink spectrum were common mallow, vetch, small toadflax, scabious, self heal and lesser knapweed. White flowers consisted of ox-eye daisies and hogweed. Yellow included buttercups, bird's-foot trefoil, taller than in the main meadow, mouse-ear hawkweed, rough hawkbit, nipplewort and yellow bedstraw. And I am certain there were many more that I did not spot. I took time, leaning on a fence post, to absorb the beauty and bounty of this rich patch of neglected ground, watching a small skipper butterfly flit from flower to flower. Finally and reluctantly I left this treasure trove and returned along the dusty cattle track, with its angular diversions around saplings, making for a zig-zag and meandering route, close to the hedge where young hawthorns spilled out, as yet too young to bear berries. As I walked, the strong wind caused the hedgerow to rustle and the trees to roar.

I found three types of orchid here in three separate locations. In the far western area it is the domain of

the dark purple pyramidal orchids, the middle section is where the bee orchids bloom, stunning close up but difficult to spot amongst the grass, and the most eastern section is where the common spotted orchids grow, so called because of the purple oval spots on their leaves.

If I had to choose only one walk, it would be this one. In each of the seasons it has so much of interest and I feel blessed to be able to take advantage of all it has to offer. Not for nothing is the area in which we live designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



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. |
|---------------|--------|---|-----------------|----------|---------------|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 06-Aug | 2.30pm | Rhodes Minnis Summer Show | RMVH | 862616 | 03-Sep | 12noon | Sale of Goods for Ukraine | Hythe Sailing Club | See P 8 |
| 01-Sep | | New Lyminge Association Website Launch | Internet | | 16-Sep | 7pm-7am | The Big Sleep Out | See P12 | 211364 |
| 02-Sep | 7pm | Music on Friday plus BBQ | LPC | | 25-Sep | 9am | Garage Sale | | 863856 |

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 | RMV | 07944028445 |
| Mon | 10am | Open House Coffee House | EVH | 863394 | Wed | 10.30am | Carers' Dementia Café | JC | 269602 |
| Mon | 10am | Bridge Club | LBC | 863177 | Wed | 10.45am | Singing for Health | JC | 862364 |
| Mon | 10.30am | Carers Coffee Morning | JC | 269602 | Wed | 1.30pm | Dementia Café | JC | 269602 |
| Mon | 10.30am | Lyminge Larks (Singing) | LMC | 07951572920 | Wed | 2pm | Bingo (Start date TBC) | EVH | |
| Mon | 10.30am | Cognitive Stimulation Therapy | JC | 269602 | Wed ⁵ | 3pm | French Conversation | Call | 862972 |
| Mon | 11am | Pilates | TC | 07825109670 | Wed | 7pm | Tayne Centre Circuits | TC | 07925982995 |
| Mon | 12.30pm | Lunch Club | JC | 269602 | Wed | 7.30pm | Cantores Dominicae Choir | LVH | 07840796383 |
| Mon | 2.30pm | Knit and Natter | LMC | 863049 | Thurs | 10am | Lyminge Morning Art Group | EVH | 1303211364 |
| Mon | 5.30pm | Pilates | EVH | 07951608008 | Thurs | 10am | Dementia & Me Unit | JC | 269602 |
| Mon | 6.30pm | Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing | TC | 07966751991 | Thurs | 10.15am | Baby Rhyme Time | LL | See P8 |
| Mon | 6.30pm | Judo Club | LVH | 862946 | Thurs | 10.30am | Cognitive Stimulation Therapy | JC | 269602 |
| Mon | 7pm | Pilates | EVH | 07951608008 | Thurs | 2pm | Lyminge Afternoon Art Group | TC | 07870494644 |
| Mon | 7.30pm | Yoga | RMV | 07977503897 | Thurs | 3.30pm | Pilates | EVH | 07944028445 |
| 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 | 10.30am | Poetry Group | LL | See P8 | Thurs | 7.30pm | Pilates | EVH | 07951698008 |
| Tues | 11.45am | Pilates | EVH | 07834839801 | Thurs | 7.30pm | Ballroom and Salsa Dancing | EVH | 07967979610 |
| Tues | 2pm | Pickleball | EVH | 863819 | Fri | 8am | Chiropody (appointment only) | JC | 269602 |
| Tues | 5pm | Pilates | EVH | 07944028445 | Fri | 9.30am | Dementia & Me Unit | JC | 269602 |
| Tues | 6.45pm | Short Mat Bowls | LVH | 863842 | Fri | 10am | Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory | EVH | 07800737936 |
| Wed | 9.30am | Dementia & Me Unit | JC | 269602 | Fri | 10.15am | Talk Time | LL | |
| Wed | 9.30am | Age UK Info & Advice – drop in | JC | 269602 | Fri | 7pm | Table Tennis | EVH | |
| Wed | 10am | Pilates | TC | 07825109670 | | Soon | Reading Group | LL | |
| Wed | 10am | Baby/Toddler Group | EVH | | | | | | |

Monthly Events

| When | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. | When | Time | Event | Where | Tel. No. |
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| 1st Mon | 2pm | RBL, Elham Valley | St Mary's | 862508 | 1st Wed | 10.30am | Lyminge Friends | LMC | 862598 |
| 3rd Mon | 7pm | Etchinghill Cinema Club | EVH | 07544670363 | 4th Wed | 2.30pm | RM Circle | RVH | 862913 |
| Last Mon | | Parish Council Meeting | SNL | 07715221705 | Last Wed | 7.30pm | Quiz Night | C&H | 01303901011 |
| 1st Tues ³ | 7.30pm | LHS Talk/Event | TC | 863879 | 4th Fri | 7.30pm | Beetle Drive | RVH | 862616 |
| 2nd Tues | 2pm | Library Reading Group | LL | 862972 | Last Fri | 1.30pm | Team Quiz | JC | 269602 |
| 3rd Tues ² | 7.30pm | Gardeners' Society | TC | 07703149008 | 2nd Sat | 10am | Postling Ch. Coffee Morning | PC | 863536 |
| Last Tues | 10.30am | Lyminge Poetry Group | LL | 03000413131 | 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:** Ridden 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

Saturday 6th August

Acrise 10am onwards Acrise Summer Festival

Sunday 7th August

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

Sunday 14th August

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

Sunday 21st August

Paddlesworth 9.30am Holy Communion. BCP
Lyminge 10am Holy Communion. CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong. BCP

Sunday 28th August

Lyminge 10am Family Praise

Sunday 4th September.

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.achurchnearyou.com

Postling Church Services

7th August 9.30 am Holy Communion
14th August 9.30am Morning Service
21st August No service in Postling
28th August 5pm Tea Service

Lyminge Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at the following services to be held at **11am**, followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship.

7th August - Mr Richard Blackwell

14th August - Rev Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

21st August - Mr David Songer

28th August - 10.15am Rev. Gill Songer (Valley Service)

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.

7th August - Rev. John Lines

14th August - Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

28th August - No Service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley Service at Lyminge at **10.15am**

Christians in Lyminge



Every Monday Knit & Natter in the Methodist Church at 2.30pm.

September 2nd: In the Parish Church, **Music on a Friday BBQ** starting at 7pm and continuing at 7.30 with an evening of easy listening entertainment.

Lyminge Newsletter

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Doctors' NewsNotes

Our two GP surgeries are sponsoring a new initiative to improve communications to our residents about key topics within healthcare. This initiative, to be routinely included within our Lyminge Newsletter, aims to provide accurate information for the community that may previously only have been picked when patients visit the surgeries.

This month, to start us off, Tara and Stephen (the Practice Managers from both surgeries) have given some details about waiting times for hospital appointments as well as the recent announcement of autumn covid boosters.

If there are any particular subjects you would like covered in the future, that are applicable to both our surgeries, then please do let me know (Peter Barnes: pbarnes20@icloud.com, 07808 775 302)

Waiting Times for Hospital Appointments

As part of diagnosis and treatment of some healthcare problems that our patients experience, there is often a need to refer a patient to see a specialist at a local hospital. Specialisms include Gastroenterology, Dermatology and Cardiology, amongst others, and often the waiting times for patients can be long. GP surgeries are very limited in what they can do to escalate a patient to be seen quicker and, fundamentally, it is down to the Consultant team at the hospital to determine the priority of patients, after taking into account the detail provided by the GP as part of the referral process.

A national website is available to patients that contains up to date information of speciality waiting times at East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust. The **My Planned Care** website allows patients to search by speciality and indicates how long they are likely to wait for a routine referral. <https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/seast/east-kent/>

Autumn Covid Boosters

As a local resident you are likely to have had your covid vaccinations done in either a Mass Vaccination Centre (such as Folca) or at Oaklands Health Centre. Oaklands gave their first vaccination on 21st December 2020 and were part of only a small group of surgeries who were involved in the initial roll-out. To date approximately 45,000 vaccinations have been given.

On the 15th July the Department of Health published the next phase of the covid vaccination campaign. Nicknamed the 'Autumn Boosters' this phase will provide an additional covid vaccination to the following groups of patients –

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 and over
- Those aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group, including pregnant women
- Those aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Those aged 16 to 49 years who are carers

Patients who fall within the groups above will receive an invite for the vaccination to be done at Oaklands Health Centre during the autumn or be able to book directly at one of the national Mass Vaccination Centres. GP surgeries ask that you do not ring to ask for an appointment and that all applicable patients will be invited to Oaklands or be able to book at a Mass Vaccination Centre in due course.

Temporary Road Closure at Broad Street, Lyminge (continued from front page)

Other key risks include:

- Delays to Age UK and carers' services have been cited as key risks for the infirm or disabled.
- Businesses are already experiencing cancellations and fear significant losses as they try to recover from the pandemic.
- Access to doctors and to hospital.
- In these times of high fuel costs, many are worried about the additional costs to make basic journeys. A twice daily trip to/from Folkestone has been estimated as an extra 600 miles over 42 days costing about an extra £160.
- Deliveries to the village pharmacies, the food shop and to residents and other businesses.
- The overall environmental impact, including increased pollution, is also a matter of concern.

Until they protested, the Lyminge Parish council were not even consulted about the closure. They have since had a meeting with Pentland Homes and voiced the concerns of the village. They managed to get the closure reduced to a nominal 3-4 weeks, with a later lane closure, but this is not guaranteed. KCC claimed to have written to the community advising of the closure, but few have seen such a letter.

Another closure is planned in October 2022 by Openreach.

Pentland Homes own Etchinghill Golf Course. When asked whether the drains could be dug via their land, or whether a temporary road could be built via the golf course, the answer was no, but no details were given. Civil engineers in the village have asked if other possibilities were considered but no response was provided.

The petition asks, 'In the event that Pentland Homes chooses to proceed without further regard for our petition that you provide more support for the community including but not limited to support for residents suffering significant financial impact (i.e., easily accessible hardship fund to cover cost of fuel and loss of revenue), better access solutions for emergency services, and a cross-village shuttle bus. Finally, we would also request you all to review what can be learned from how this unacceptable situation can occur.'

Local councillors Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee, and the MP Damian Collins have also been addressing the proposed closure with the relevant authorities (see page 7).



District Councillors' Update - August 2022



Closure of Broad Street Lyminge - KCC have planned to close Broad Street Lyminge for 42 days from 25 July. Jenny is in contact with KCC, Damian Collins MP and Officers' at the District Council to try to find an alternative solution to 42 days complete closure. This is a Kent Highways decision. Unfortunately, despite numerous emails and conversations, it seems as though KCC will go ahead with the closure. However, updates are coming through on a daily basis and Jenny was given this statement last night (18 July) from KCC " We are arranging for "Unsuitable for HGVs" signage to be deployed in order to protect the shorter resident access diversion and will also be arranging "access to physical location" signs so that local residents can pinpoint more precisely the location of the works"

Otterpool Park - Otterpool Park LLP has teamed up with **Strange Cargo** to run some new free craft workshops at Westenhanger Castle throughout the school summer holidays.

Otterpool Green Stars (OGS) is a new initiative that encourages young people to think about their environment and the future. The events are the first of a series of OGS activities and will be held every Tuesday throughout the holidays, from 26 July, from 11am to 2pm. They are suitable for children aged 4 and over.

Everyone attending will receive a Otterpool Green Stars membership card with their photo on it. There will be range of fun craft activities, including:

- Create your own Otterpool Green Stars superhero and give them a superpower - reducing pollution and waste, protecting plants and creatures, saving water and energy or make up your own!
- Make a clay pot and plant a seed to take home.

The workshops are free to attend, but places must be booked in advance through Eventbrite - just search for 'Westenhanger Castle'

Annual Canvass - Residents in Folkestone & Hythe are being urged to check their details on the electoral register are correct to ensure they do not lose their voice on decisions that affect them. The annual canvass of all households in the district gets underway this week as part of the council's legal requirement to make sure the register is accurate and up to date every year.

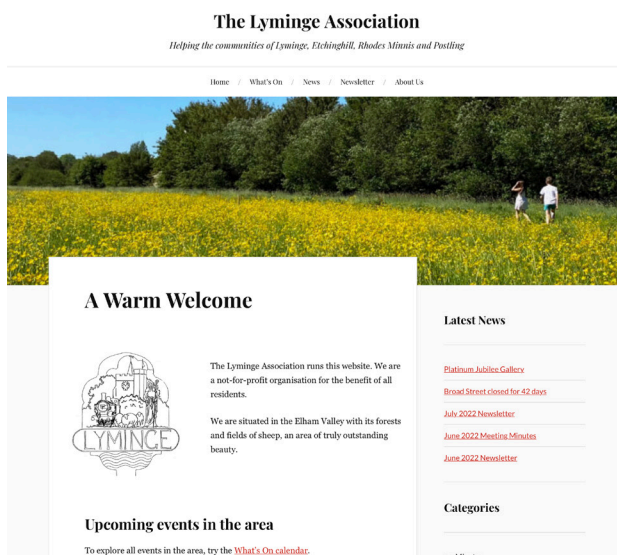
Scams - there have been numerous internet, telephone and cold calling scams recently. If you are at all suspicious please call the Police on 101 or report on line or if an emergency call 999. Please also report to www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040 - and/or report@phishing.gov.uk

Consultation on taxi tariffs increase - The public is to be asked about the first rise in licensed taxi fares in Folkestone & Hythe for 10 years. The maximum fare that hackney drivers can charge while they are working in the district is set by the council. Following 34 representations from local drivers, Planning & Licensing committee members agreed this week (28 June) to increase the baseline hackney tariff by 10% - the first rise since 2012. This will go out for a four-week public consultation and if no objections are received, the new fares will come into force.

My Account - is so much easier to use. Residents are encouraged to sign-up or if registered already, to have a look at the new 'front page' as it has recently been updated. Users are able to see council information relevant to them all in one place - including bin collections, benefits and council tax - as well as making payments and tracking the progress of reports made to officers.

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

A New Lyminge Association Website Is Just Around The Corner!!



The Lyminge Association is indebted to **Phil Dearson** of **Subsector.co** (see page 18) for designing this completely new website. It complies with all the current legislation and is formatted to be read on any device.

More functionality will be added as it evolves. Please let us know if there are any specific functions you would like to see on the website. e.g. direct links from Newsletter to advertisers websites.

The website will be launched in time for the September edition of the newsletter.

Lyminge Friends - August 2022

In July, Alan Haines came to us with his talk on Baby Boomers which was very funny and enjoyed by all.

On **3rd August**, we will have another visit from **Delia Taylor** with her talk on **The Golden Age of Hollywood**.

On **7th September**, we have a talk from historian, **Marc Morris** on **The Anglo Saxons**.

Based on his book of the same name, Marc vividly brings the Dark Ages to life.

Everyone Welcome

**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.



Rhodes Minnis Circle

In June we welcomed back Ann Finney who gave us a musical rendition of Ivy Benson and her all Star Band. Ivy began her musical career playing the clarinet in working men's clubs but eventually formed her own girl band in the 30's.

They later went on to perform at venues such as The London Palladium and The Billy Cotton Band Show but broke- up in the 70's, Ivy continuing to play solo until the 90's.

The Competition was won by Pat Barnes, with Marion Hoare 2nd, Margaret Chambers 3rd and Ann Laker 4th.

We had a thank you letter from The Guide Dogs Association who we supported last year. This year we are supporting The Pilgrims Hospices.

On 24th August we are going to "Poppies" at Thompsons Garden Centre for a Cream Tea.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm and visitors are very welcome (£2-50p at the door).

For further information please contact Marion on 862913.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

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Monday 15th August 2022
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www.etchinghill.info

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com



Lyminge Historical Society



**Our monthly talks resume in September
See below:**

- 6 September: Alan Taylor - Folkestone Fishing Museum
- 4 October: Betty Black - Skyways, the story of post-war passenger aviation at Lymyne Airport
- 1 November: Andrew Richardson - Recent discoveries in Anglo-Saxon Kent
- 6 December: John Hendy - The Churches of Romney Marsh (After the AGM)

All meetings start at 7.30pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month, in the Tayne Centre

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Boot & Summer Fayre - Saturday 6th August

At Park House, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

Boots from 8am - cars £7.50 / vans £10. No need to prebook

Entertainment from 10am including

The City of Canterbury Band, The Folkestone Teeny Boppers
& Samphire Dog Training

Hot & Cold Refreshments - Tombola - Raffle

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Boot & Autumn Fayre - Saturday 10th September

At Park House, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

Boots from 8am - cars £7.50 / vans £10. No need to prebook

Entertainment from 10am including The Ashford Concert
Band, The East Kent Pipers & The Folkestone Teeny Boppers

Hot & Cold Refreshments - Tombola - Raffle

Classic Cars Welcome



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

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Update**
www.fifthtrust.co.uk

After six years of raising funds and planning work, we have at last moved into two of the new buildings on our Barham site. Lucy's Media Suite and the Art Studio have been transformed from empty shells into bustling hives of creativity. Fundraising is also ongoing, as we need to cover the cost of landscaping the grounds between the three buildings.

This year at the Vineyard Garden Centre we will be selling our own-grown hot and sweet chilli peppers, cucumbers, courgettes, butternut squash, runner beans and sweetcorn. We will also offer a huge range of our own bedding packs including cornflowers, cosmos, petunias, antirrhinums, gazanias, marigolds, lobelia, dahlias and geraniums. Profits go directly to support all our services for adults with learning disabilities.

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

(Charity No. 800345)

SUMMER SHOW

6th August 2022
Doors open 2:30pm

**Entries for the show
on the day from
9am-10.30am.**

**All entries must be
staged by 10.30am.**

**Schedules available
from Show Secretary
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Etchinghill Update - August 2022

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

ETCHINGHILL FILM NIGHT - MONDAY 15 AUGUST AT 7.30 PM - "BELFAST" (12) Biography/Drama. Starring Jude Hill, Lewis McAskie, Judy Dench and Jamie Dornan. Director Kenneth Branagh's autobiographical and poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy's childhood amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s. Buddy's family lives in a largely Protestant district but one day his community and everything he thought he understood about life is suddenly turned upside down. Through it all, his passionate parents and quick-witted grandparents keep the joy alive through music and the magic of movies in this feel-good, beautifully acted story. Entry fee is only £5pp and includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee and a free raffle. Prior reservation is not required and new members are welcome.

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY - We are pleased to say that the trees, recently planted on St Marys Field, are thriving thanks to the small team of residents who are watering them twice a week. Thank you to Lyminge Parish Councillors, Dennis Huntley and Tony King, who erected the commemorative plaque on the boundary wall behind the trees - looks great!

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



Overtaking When Driving Or Cycling

Living in a rural environment means that we often have to share the road with other users such as horse riders, pedestrians, cyclists, etc. A heightened awareness is needed since many of our roads in this area are narrow and tortuous. The following is a gentle reminder to us all as to how we should conduct ourselves when sharing the road with other users.

You may cross a double-white line if necessary (provided the road is clear) to overtake someone cycling or riding a horse if they are travelling at 10 mph or less (Rule 129).

There is updated guidance on safe passing distances and speeds for people driving or riding a motorcycle when overtaking vulnerable road users, including:

- leaving at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) when overtaking people cycling at speeds of up to 30mph, and giving them more space when overtaking at higher speeds passing people riding horses or driving horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 10 mph and allowing at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) of space
- allowing at least 2 metres (6.5 feet) of space and keeping to a low speed when passing people walking in the road for example, where there's no pavement)
- Wait behind them and do not overtake if it's unsafe or not possible to meet these clearances.



Lyminge Garage Sale

(formerly Garage Safari)

25 September 2022

Further details in the September edition of the newsletter.

Bridge Farm Plants



We have a large selection of plants for both hanging baskets and planters.

Hanging baskets and planters can also be made up to order

There is also a large variety of perennial plants.

**Bridge Farm, Redhouse Lane, (off Greenbanks)
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Upcoming trips

Dungeness trip

02.08.22 - £9.40

Enjoy a scenic drive to Dungeness followed by a leisurely walk and lunch at The End of the Line Restaurant.

Depart 10:30 return 14:30 (approximately)

Crazy golf

09.08.22 - £13.00 (includes entry and transport)

Come and play crazy golf at Cinderella's Golf Course then sit down for a well earned lunch.

Depart 11:00 return 14:30 (approximately)

Afternoon Tea

23.08.22 £10.00

Join us for a delicious afternoon tea in the new room at our Hythe hub.

Includes sandwiches, scones and cakes!

Bring change for the tombola. Bring friends and family, everyone is welcome.

From 12:30 until 15:00 (approximately)

Alkham Valley

30.08.22 £9.00

A visit to Alkham Valley Garden Centre and tea rooms.

Depart 11:00 return 14:30 (approximately)

Please note that all transport will depart only from Age UK Hythe
All trips need to be booked in advance and paid by invoice.

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WHAT'S ON AUGUST 2022

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| Monday | (L) Cognitive stimulation therapy (H) Seated exercise (H) Bingo | 10:30am – 12:00pm 10:45am – 11:45am 1:30pm – 2:30pm |
| Tuesday | (L) Seated Yoga (H) Dance Fit Out and about (L) Painting and drawing (Starting 23.8.22) (H) Painting and drawing (Starting 23.8.22) (H) Dementia Café (16.8.22) (H) Photography to art (Until 16.8.22) (L) Hand-building with porcelain (Until 16.8.22) | 1:00pm – 2:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 11:00am – 3:00pm 10:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm 1:30pm – 3:30pm 1:30pm – 3:30pm 10:00am – 12:00pm |
| Wednesday | (L) Morning munchies (breakfast) (H) Walking football (H) Low impact aerobics (H) Seated Exercise (H) Reminiscence with PAT (L) Monthly singing group (24.8.22) (H) Monthly singing group (3.8.22) (H) Book Club (10.8.22) (Fully booked – waiting list) | 9:30am – 11:00am 10:30am – 11:00pm 10:30am – 11:30am 10:45am – 11:45pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 11:00am – 12:00pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Thursday | (H) Seated Yoga (L) Cognitive stimulation therapy (L) Streetz to Streetz Out and about (H) Walking Tennis (Hythe Tennis Club) (H) Knit and natter (11.8.22) (H) Bingo Night (4.8.22) (L) Dementia Café (25.8.22) (H) Dementia and friends lunch (11.8.22) | 10:30am – 11:45am 10:30am – 12:00pm 11:45am – 12:45pm 11:30am – 3:00pm 3:00pm – 4:00pm 5:00pm – 7:00pm 6:30pm – 8:00pm 1:30pm – 3:30pm From 12:00pm |
| Friday | (L) Pilates with Katherine (L) Dance fit with Charlotte (H) Simple cooking (26.8.22) (H) Low impact aerobics (H) Arts and crafts (H) Games and cards (H) Shed project (H) Musical bingo or boules | 9:30am – 10:30am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:30am – 11:30am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:45am – 11:45am 1:00pm – 2:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm |

MONTHLY SINGING GROUP

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24.08.22

11:00-12:00

Age UK Lyminge

£3 per session.

We will provide transport to Age UK Lyminge from Age UK Hythe.

For more information please call
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COME AND SUPPORT OUR DEMENTIA CAFÉS

Our FREE café provides a drop-in service for anyone who may need support, information, or advice about Dementia.

This informal get together can be attended without booking or a referral.

See below for August dates and venues.

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| Community Network CT19 4DX | 11th August 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Age UK Hythe CT21 6BD | 16th August 1:30pm - 3:30pm |
| Age UK Lyminge CT18 8HQ | 25th August 1:30pm - 3:30pm |

We offer a FREE bus service from Hythe to Lyminge.
Collection times are 1:00pm and drop off is 3:45pm



THE BIG SLEEP OUT!

A sponsored event to help those
in need:

Friday 16 September

in the grounds of Enbrook Park, SAGA at Sandgate:
From 7.00pm Friday to 7.00am Saturday

Give up your bed for just one night: take some action
on behalf of those less fortunate and raise funds to
help homeless people in our community.

All you need are some cardboard boxes, something
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To find out more or to register to take part
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Or Telephone Linda
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Find everything on our
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rainbow-centre.org/the-big-sleep-out-2022



Lyminge Youth Action

Firstly, in case you missed the news last month, thanks to a commitment of funds from Lyminge Parish Council, we have now reached the target for redeveloping the playgrounds on both Tayne Field and Jubilee Field! What a great start to the summer! The Parish Council is currently in discussion with the contractor with regards to when work will start. We will continue to update you on the progress.

Secondly, thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the Summer Fayre last month. We raised £42.50 for the park.

And finally, we'd like to wish everyone a wonderful, happy summer. We can't wait to see the parks come to life and enjoy them with you all in the near future.

All the best



Letters to the Editor

We're very grateful....

Dear Residents

My partner and I are avid bee keepers of 14 years standing.

This year because of the early onset of the glorious weather we are enjoying, our fuzzy friends have been swarming much earlier than usual.

Our policy is to collect local swarms and give them a new home where they can continue to thrive.

We do not make any charge for this service; it is purely for the benefit of the bees, for without them and their friends we, as a race, could not survive.

To date we have had over 20 swarm shouts from various forums locally. Sadly, for whatever reason, some do not survive, and some have moved on before we arrive. This is unfortunate but it is nature.

We would like to take this opportunity to tender a massive thank you to all of you for taking the time to call us and give us the chance to save these wonderful creatures.

Please continue to help us if you can for which we are eternally grateful. **Tel :07961936399** for future contacts.

Warmest regards **Simone**

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### Vandalism at the Library Carpark

Can you please help to identify the culprits of two acts of vandalism at the lower part of the Library Carpark next to the bus shelter.

The first one happened on the weekend of 9 & 10 July. It was the removal of all the pin magnets from the back of the Lyminge Historical Society (LHS) notice board where the public are allowed to display their posters. All the posters on the board (about 18) fell to the ground. Public posters will no longer be displayed in the carpark as the LHS cannot afford to keep replacing magnets that are stolen.

The second attack was on the evening of Friday 15th July and involved the Council's pamphlet dispenser attached to the notice board. The lid was broken and thrown on the ground by the bus shelter with several pamphlets being torn up and spread around the bus shelter and old post office.

If anyone has information regarding this vandalism please contact our KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison on 07977 982185.

Thank you for your help.

**Richard Chubb**



# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## August 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](http://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.*

**ROAD CLOSURE AT BROAD STREET FROM 25 JULY FOR 42 DAYS** - By the time you read this, the planned closure at Broad Street may already have begun. This item was prepared on 17 July to meet the copy deadline for the Newsletter, so much may have happened in the meantime. This is to explain the background to the planned closure.

The complete closure of the road between New Barn and New Lyminge Surgery was planned for 42 days by Kent County Council Highways Department as the solution to allow various road works to proceed that are required as a result of the housing development by Pentland Homes on the Lyminge side of the Golf Course. KCC did not consult with the Parish Council on this closure in advance, so we had no input into the plan.

Since the planned closure became public in late June, we have been working hard with our local MP, District and County Councillors to get the scheme of road closure re-assessed so the road is not fully closed for 42 days. We have been told that the closure is planned this way for 2 key reasons:

- Drainage works at a depth of 3m are too deep, given the width of the road, to allow traffic to pass safely alongside while the work is in progress;

- A variety of works is planned, in addition to the drainage works, including moving existing signage, installing new kerbs and painting new road markings, which together require 42 days to be completed.

We are not convinced that KCC has taken every step possible to minimise the length of this complete road closure. While understanding the safety issue that would prevent traffic continuing to use one side of the road, the complete closure of the road seems to be driven by the cost of an alternative. In busy cities, roads are not normally completely closed and deep excavations are shored up with piling to allow traffic to continue to pass close by. In addition, contractors could work through the night in order to complete the work more quickly. We are told that they will only work in daylight hours. Also, once the deep drainage works are complete, it is not clear to us why the whole road must continue to be closed, and why it would not be possible to keep half of it open and control traffic with lights.

The planned diversion from Beachborough roundabout to Yew Tree Cross is 10.4 miles, compared with the normal route via Lyminge of 3.3 miles. The Parish Council is deeply disappointed that KCC has made so little effort to minimise the impact of this work. They are asking local residents to bear the cost of longer journeys, and the inconvenience of disrupted travel.



Car drivers will face a longer travel time between Lyminge and Folkestone. A shuttle bus will run between Sibton Park Gates (Lyminge) and Canterbury bus station throughout the day. Another shuttle will operate from New Barn Corner (Etchinghill) to Folkestone bus station. It is regrettable that KCC has not insisted on steps to mitigate the impact of the planned works, such as those identified here. We remain unconvinced that it is necessary to close the whole road for so long.

Whether our local politicians can force a rethink by the officers at KCC Highways Department remains to be seen. By the time you read this, you will know what has been possible. In any event, it is very disappointing that the County Council considers it appropriate to impose a major disruption on a local community without first consulting with any of the political representatives of that community.

*Rob Baldwin MA, FSA, FCA*  
Chair, Finance and Administration  
Committee, Lyminge Parish Council

**NEW RFO** - We are pleased to announce that Geoff Eaton was appointed as Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) for Lyminge Parish Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July. Geoff has many years' experience working with Parish Councils and we are pleased to welcome him to the team.

**THANK YOU TO ROWENA** - The council would like to express its sincere thanks to Rowena Bergin for her many years active service as a Councillor. Rowena stepped down recently due to other commitments.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WATER THE JUBILEE AND OTHER TREES** - You will all have noticed how dry this year

has been so far, it has hardly rained since we planted all the Queen's Green Canopy trees back in March to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, and it doesn't look like it is going to rain any time soon. A great thanks therefore to Etchinghill Resident's Association for organising the watering twice weekly of the trees in Etchinghill, they are looking good thanks to that effort. In Rhodes Minnis we have one volunteer watering the fruit and nut trees occasionally, and all but one seem to be doing fine.

In Lyminge the rowan trees have been doing well so far, being located fairly close to the stream surely has helped.



However this past month they have started to show signs of wilting and so have received one or two waterings since then. We will need to start watering them regularly until such time as it rains properly again. We would therefore greatly appreciate it if anyone could help with watering, so that between us we could get a small group of volunteers to commit to watering them at least once a week, and if possible twice a week, through the summer. Other trees recently planted that would also benefit from volunteers watering them including the silver birches along the southern bank of Jubilee Field, the hedge along the top of Tayne Field, particularly at the end closest to the pub, and the fruit and nut trees at both ends of Rhodes Minnis Recreation Ground.

### **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

There are no council meetings in August

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES**

F&A Committee – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge  
Full Council Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 at Rigden Room, Tayne Centre, Lyminge

#### **Sarah Harrison, Clerk**

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## 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 6th September**. Please get in touch if you would like to attend- we would love to see you.

## District Food Network (DFN)



Thoughtful Food were delighted to be invited to take part in the Summer Fayre at Oaklands Park, Hythe on Saturday 16th July under the umbrella of the District Food Network.

The District Food Network was set up in 2021 to gain a better understanding of need across the Folkestone and Hythe District Council area and to catalogue who is delivering food services and to which groups. Thoughtful Food is listed within the DFN as

a community organisation encouraging and supporting the community to grow their own produce whilst becoming more aware of sustainable growing and approach food thoughtfully.

A Summer Fayre it certainly was, with temperatures in the 30's but it was great fun. Families were drawn in by the array of stalls and activities. They were treated to glorious singing in the band stand, a rock band and even axe throwing!

The District Food Networks space, beautifully shaded under a large beech attracted quite a few visitors. Many visitors were already familiar with organisations like the Rainbow Centre but it gave the opportunity to highlight all the amazing groups across the district whose primary focus is food.

If you would like to know more or want to get involved please email Thoughtful Food at thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com or social media Thoughtful Food Group @thoughtfulfoodgroup.

## Surplus Saturday: 3rd September 2022 10am-12noon Tayne Field and throughout the village

For Surplus Saturday, we are encouraging villagers to put any excess produce from their gardens outside their homes for collection by others. This helps to reduce food waste and gives more people the opportunity to enjoy freshly grown local produce. Please pop your produce out in a safe and accessible place. And if you're looking for produce, simply take a walk around our beautiful village and be inspired by what has been shared by others. We will be on Tayne Field to share produce from our own gardens so please do come down and say hello!

With the climate crisis, and cost of living crisis, there has never been a better time to eat seasonal, local and share with others.

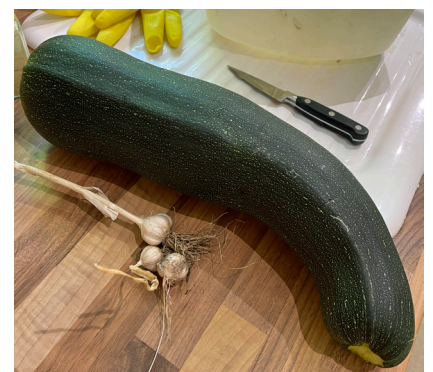


### What's In Season?

With so much choice for August, it's easier to eat locally sourced, seasonal produce...

**Vegetables available:** Aubergines, Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Carrot, Celery, Chard, Courgettes (pick regularly or you'll end up with a marrow, see insert) and summer squash, Cucumbers, Fennel, French beans, Lettuce and other salad leaves, Potatoes, Peas and mangetout, Peppers and chilies, Runner beans, Tomatoes, Spring onions, Sweetcorn

**Fruit available:** Blackberries, Blueberries, Raspberries, Plums, Early apple varieties such as 'Discovery



Very best wishes from Thoughtful Food





# Energy-efficient housing, clean energy, low-carbon travel, sustainable development - can you help?

We are trying to improve our Parish in many respects, but need help to make the best decisions possible. If you have an interest or a skill in these or similar aspects please contact us and we will find a way to incorporate your time and knowledge into long-term planning within the Parish. The time is now to make a difference to the future of the Parish - please contribute as best you can. Contact us via [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Do you need some hedge plants or tree whips this autumn/winter?

As we have done for the last few years we will be sourcing young native tree whips this autumn/winter for planting around the Parish. If you have ideas of where would be good places for planting hedges or trees, or if you would like to have some for your own hedge or property, please contact us on [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## BioBlitz analysis: Lyminge-on-sea?



Kent Case-bearer moth, a coastal species now recorded twice in Lyminge



Royal mantle Moth, another rare species recorded during the bio-blitz



Red-necked Forman moth, another highlight of bio-blitz

As reported last month, we were very fortunate to have the Kent County Moth Recorder, Dave Shenton, join us during the Parish bioblitz. Dave has now confirmed a few more moth species, bringing the total to 170 different moth species recorded during the bioblitz weekend. Dave commented that "not only has the overall tally increased but we also added two species which are currently known mostly as coastal specialists! The Kent Case-bearer (*Coleophora galbulipennella*) and White-spot Groundling (*Neofriseria peliella*), both rare Red Data Book species, are mostly found at or around Dungeness but appear to call Lyminge home too. Whilst these two may not be the most striking to look at - they're certainly no Elephant Hawk-moth - they are really important records and add more power to the value of citizen science!"

To explore the results more fully please visit [www.irecord.org.uk/join/lyminge-parish-bioblitz](http://www.irecord.org.uk/join/lyminge-parish-bioblitz)

## King Diving Beetle in Lyminge

Many thanks to Cllr Gillian Heywood for bringing a large beetle to our attention following the bioblitz, that was attracted to a patio light on Woodland Rd. With some expert help we have identified it as a King Diving Beetle (*Dytiscus dimidiatus*), very similar to the closely-related Great Diving Beetle (*Dytiscus marginalis*) but much rarer. A great record for Lyminge!



King Diving Beetle found in Lyminge

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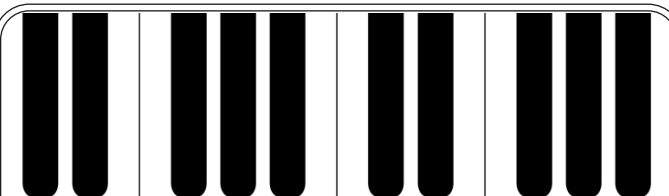
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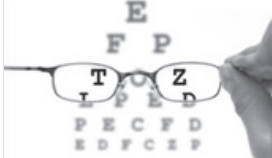
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