

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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Chinese New Year



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around 9pm

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

This morning dawned bright but frosty and with Autumn well advanced, nature's colours are rich and bright. It is the perfect day for visiting Nostel Priory in West Yorkshire which is now in the care of the National Trust. The house was built in the 18th century by the Winn family, replacing an older house. The design of this newer house is symmetrical and relatively plain in a style known as Palladianism, which was thought to express order and stability. It's original name was Nostel, Priory being added in the 19th century, referring back to the Augustinian monastery that had been on the site until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1540.

But it is not for the house that I visit Nostel Priory today. It is for a walk amongst its grounds, which are alive with the final flourish of colour that this season offers, before nature goes into hibernation for the colder Winter months, when colours are more muted save for the brightness of berries. So I set off to explore.



on, I walk down a slope between tall tree trunks, their elongated shadows stretching the length of the path. Long seedpods hang from a tree that I cannot identify. The still blue water of the lake perfectly reflects the further shoreline, seen through the skeletal branches of nearer trees. Close to me a patch of teasels makes striking silhouette shapes against the clear blue of the sky.

I can see why the Winn family chose this site to build a prestigious house, making a statement about their success and also why the Augustinians first used the land to build their priory. Although even before the Augustinians came, there is evidence that a hermitage, dedicated to St James, occupied the site, or one very nearby, that attracted hermits. Today the site is certainly at its best and quietest, as few visitors disturb its peace and tranquillity, the very peace and tranquillity that others before us had sought and found.

The rose garden, so full in the Summer months, is now stark - the bushes having been pruned, the beds cleared of weeds and then finally manured. Similarly, the lavender bushes have been cut back. In the kitchen garden a gardener is planting out differing varieties of garlic in methodical lines. Everywhere in this area the soil is a rich dark chocolate brown, tilled and fed ready for next year's Spring growth, giving plants the best opportunity to grow and thrive.

I move back into the general parkland and follow a footpath. Low Winter light dances through a few remaining leaves on a mature tree, lighting them up making each one glow gold. Squirrels scurry and scamper through the fallen leaves, searching for the food that nature has dropped from the trees. Canada geese move in line, side by side, across the grass, methodically and systematically pecking for roots, grass, leaves and seeds, contentedly emitting muffled honking as they glean. Birds flutter through the trees. Interspersed amongst the deciduous trees are tall and full holly trees in Christmas tree shapes, teeming with red berries as if already dressed for the festive season, their glossy dark green leaves a perfect foil for their rich and ripe shiny fruit. 'Shushing' through dry leaves as I walk, I enjoy the sound they make and the shapes that indicate from which trees they have fallen.

To my left is an elegant arched bridge spanning the huge lake that surrounds the park and through the trees I can see glimpses of water, blue from the reflection of the sky. Standing still I absorb the silence, save for the slight rustle of leaves and the faint honking of the geese, letting my eyes feast on nature's glorious Autumn display. Moving



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.
2022									
18-Jan	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society AGM	TC	07703149008	20-Mar	2.30pm	Thoughtful Food Workshop: "Seeds and Sowing"	See p15	07703149008
1 and 2 Feb		Chinese New Year	China China		24-Apr	2.30pm	Thoughtful Food Workshop: "Potting and Planting"	See p15	07703149008
13-Feb	2.30pm	Thoughtful Food Workshop: "Get Ready To Grow"	See p15	07703149008					

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	Carers' Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	10am	Open House Coffee House	EVH	863394	Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	1.30pm	Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	10.30am	Carers Coffee Morning	JC	269602	Wed	2pm	Bingo (Start date TBC)	EVH	
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	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	7.15pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	5.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	1.30pm	Lyminge Art Group	EVH	
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	2pm	Cream Tea	JC	269602
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	3.30pm	Art Group - afternoon	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	12noon	Pilates	EVH	863819	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thurs	7.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	8am	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Fri	9.30am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	JC	269602	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	10am	Art Class	??	??
Wed	10.30am	Pilates	RMVH	7944028445			Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH		Fri	12noon	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Wed	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602	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 Tuesday	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	
2nd Wed	10.30am	Mothers Union	NC	862221					

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 2nd January

Postling - 10am Benefice Eucharist

Sunday 9th January

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

Sunday 16th January

Lyminge - 11am Service of Christian Unity
at Methodist Church
Paddlesworth - 6pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd January

Lyminge - 10am Songs of Praise for Christian
Unity - Parish Church

Sunday 30th January

Elham - 10am Benefice Eucharist

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

2nd January 9.30am Benefice Communion Service
9th January No Service in Postling
16th January 9.30am Morning Service by Zoom
23rd January No Service in Postling
30th January No Service in Postling

Lyminge Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at the following services to be held at 11am, adhering to Government guidelines.

2nd January - Mr Roy Hollands
9th January - Mr Tim James
16th January - Rev. Gill Songer
23rd January - 10am Songs of Praise Service in Parish Church
30th January - Rev. Gill Songer

Rhodes Minnis Chapel

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us for the following services held at 9.30am. Some Covid restrictions may still be in place which will be strictly adhered to.

2nd January - Service will be led by the local congregation
9th January - No Service
16th January - Mr. Ralph Bradshaw
23rd January - No Service
30th January - Rev. Gill Songer - Annual Covenant Service

Christians in Lyminge



CHRISTIANS IN LYMINGE

A big **"Thank you"** to everyone who helped deliver the Christmas cards around the village. It really was a team effort.

Week of Christian Unity when the churches share their worship:

The service on **16th January** will be held in the Methodist Church at 11am.

On **23rd January** the service will be a **"Songs of Praise"** held in the Parish Church at **10am**.

Lyminge Newsletter

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

District Councillors' Update - December 2021

We'd like to remind people that the Hythe Community Hub, which is supported by the District Council, is there to help those who are in need. You can't visit the hub in person but you can email or phone. Email: covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk Call 01303 269602 (messages can be left outside opening hours).

On 2 December 2011 Folkestone & Hythe became the first district council in the country to commit to the Armed Force Covenant, a promise that those who serve or served in the forces and their families are treated fairly and not disadvantaged in their daily lives. Ten years on (on 03 December to be precise), a refreshed pledge was signed by Folkestone & Hythe District Council Chairman Councillor Philip Martin and Major Peter Houlton-Hart MBE, of The 1st Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles (RGR), at Westenhanger Castle. Last month, your District Council received the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award from the Ministry of Defence; this is the highest badge of honour for military support.

There's some good news about air quality in our district. The 2021 report on air quality in 2020 found no incidences of high levels of nitrogen dioxide gas at monitoring sites which means the District Council does not need to declare any Air Quality Management Areas. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has now formally accepted the report.

Most streetlights in Kent are owned and maintained by KCC but there is still a significant number owned by Folkestone & Hythe District Council. The District Council has decided to upgrade all its 1,063 lights to LED and transfer ownership of 340 of them to KCC. The whole project will cost £815,034 but will reduce running and maintenance costs so will save money (an estimated £2 million over 20 years). Importantly it will also reduce carbon emissions.

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and, together with Kent Police, your District Council is responsible for taking enforcement action against those who blight our countryside and towns. We are therefore pleased to report that 9 people have recently been successfully prosecuted for separate fly-tips which included sofas, beds and a mattress. All such waste can be taken for recycling at KCC's Household Waste Recycling Centres without charge or collected and disposed of properly for a small charge by the District Council. If you have evidence of fly-tipping (CCTV or eye witness accounts) do please report this to Kent Police or the District Council

We wish you all a Happy New Year and once again thank everyone who helps make our community thrive.

Susan

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





Cantores

*Don't just sing in the shower,
come and sing with us!*



Cantores is now recruiting members for Tenor and Bass parts
No audition required!

If you can sing in tune, follow music and would like to join a local friendly choir, then you are just the person we are looking for!

Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings (in term time)
7.30pm - 9.30pm in Lyminge Village Hall

For more information or an informal chat please contact:

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Kent Coast Volunteering

Folkestone & Hythe Hub

Good Neighbours Service

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LYMINGE YOUTH ACTION

Thank you to those who entered our Christmas craft competition. We loved seeing your festive bauble pictures. Congratulations to the winners Stanley and Sylvie who created these fantastic designs! The winning designs can be seen on the back page (P28).

We hope everyone is having a good start to the new year. We hope this year will see us reach our fundraising target, and that work can begin on bringing all the park plans to life.

But first we need to raise the final funds, so our efforts continue with grant applications and other activities. Please do support us if you can, every pound gets us a step closer. You can still donate on our crowdfunding page: gofundme.com/lymingeparks

All the best

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- from KCC Public Protection



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Legitimate lotteries will never ask you to pay anything to receive your winnings or to keep your winnings a secret. If you haven't bought a ticket, you can't be a winner. If you have entered a competition, you can only win the prize which has been advertised.

If you are unsure about anything you receive from People's Postcode Lottery, contact them on 0808 109 8765 or info@postcodelottery. For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact: Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133 or Consumer Advice scams action line: 0808 250 5050. Mon to Fri from 9am to 5pm. Or visit the website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/get-help-with-online-scams/>



Calling all 55 and over's

JANUARY 2022

Day	Activity	Time	Location
MON	Carers coffee morning for those living with Dementia	10.30am - 12pm	Forget Me Not Café Lyminge
	Seated exercise Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	10:45am - 11:45am	Age UK Hythe
	Lunch club Monday	10.30am - 12 noon	Age UK Lyminge
	Games, Bingo and quizzes	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Forget Me Not Café Lyminge
		1.30pm - 2.30pm	Age UK Hythe
TUE	Seated exercise	10:45am - 11:45am	Age UK Hythe
	Seated yoga	10:45am - 11:45am	Rainbow Hall Hythe
	Boules/Curling	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Age UK Hythe
	Dance Fit (starting back 11.1.22)	5pm - 6pm	Age UK Hythe
WED	Walking football	10.30am - 12 noon	Scout hall
	Low impact Aerobics	10:30am - 11:30am	Guide hall Hythe
	Seated exercise	10:45am - 11:45am	Age UK Hythe
	Reminiscence with Pat	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Age UK Hythe
	Book Club (5.1.22)	5pm - 7pm	Age UK Hythe
THU	Seated yoga	10:45am - 11:45am	Rainbow Hall
	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	10.30am - 12 noon	Age UK Lyminge
	Out and about	12.30pm - 3pm	Anywhere we fancy
	Cream Tea Thursday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Forget Me Not Café Lyminge
	Bingo Night (6.1.22)	6.30pm - 8pm	Age UK Hythe
FRI	Art	10:45am - 11:45am	Age UK Hythe
	Games and cards	10:45am - 11:45am	Age UK Hythe
	Shed project	1pm - 2.30pm	Age UK Hythe
	Games and quizzes or music	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Age UK Hythe
	Photography to Art	2pm - 4pm	Age UK Hythe
	Quiz night (28.1.22)	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Age UK Hythe

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

'Dream Horse' PG

Monday 17th January 2022

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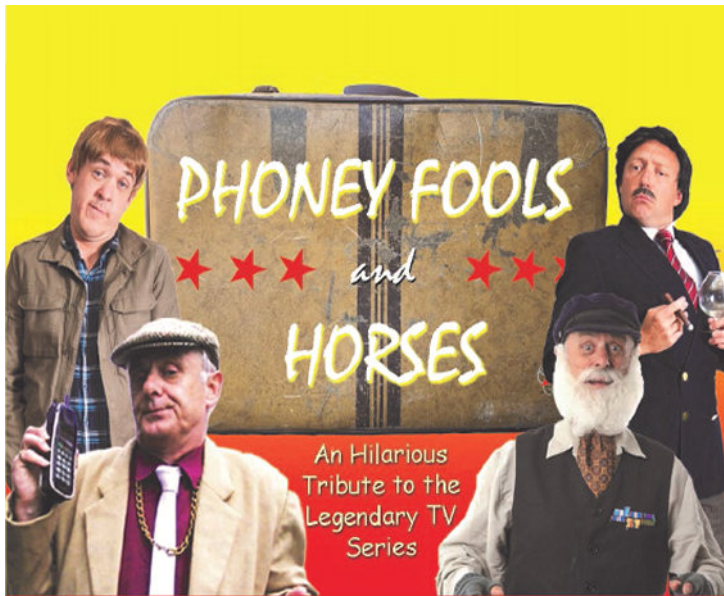
Coming Events

- 28th April - Roy Chubby Brown - Leas Cliff Hall
- 6th May - Walk Right Back, Eversley Brothers - Leas Cliff Hall
- 2nd June - Some Guys Have All The Luck - Rod Stewart - Les Cliff
- Hall 24th June - The Drifters - Leas Cliff Hall



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Lyminge Friends - January 2022

Happy New Year Everyone

In December, Andrew Ashton gave a very good talk on **Banksy** and this was followed by the Christmas Party which was great fun. Thanks to all who contributed to it.

Government pronouncements permitting, we will end 2021 with **lunch** in **China China** on **New Year's Eve**.

On **Wednesday 5th January 2022 Wendy Fraser** will take us on **A Visit to Florence** and this will be followed by a pre-ordered **lunch** in the **Kings Arms, Elham**. Please wear a mask or shield and use the hand sanitiser provided. Don't forget that the door will be open so you will need appropriate clothing.

**Fingers crossed for a Happy and Healthy New Year
Keep well and stay safe everyone**

If there is no change in the Covid regulations, we'll see you soon but **IF CONDITIONS CHANGE, ONE OF THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTACT YOU**

Meetings are 10.30am - 12pm in the Methodist Church.

Entry for 2022 will be £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.



Fifth Trust Update www.fifthtrust.co.uk

The Vineyard Garden Centre and Café will re-open on Tuesday 4th January (a slight correction to last month's newsletter). So pop along for some winter colour or perhaps a bottle of our fine wine. A very grateful thanks to those who supported our craft fair in December which raised an enormous £10,300.

2022 will be an exciting year for the trust as it will see the opening of new buildings at our skills centre site in Green Hills, Barham. The three new energy-efficient buildings will replace our original wooden huts which are now showing their age.

A Happy New Year to all our supporters.



Lyminge Bridge Club New Members Welcome

Come and play a friendly game of Bridge every **Monday from 10am to 12noon** at **Lyminge Bowls Club**.

We play Rubber and Chicago Bridge (not Duplicate) in a present, social atmosphere.

£1 a week includes tea, coffee and biscuits and there is a very small annual affiliation fee to the Bowls Club.

Just turn up on any Monday or for further information contact:

Janet Fry on 863177 or janet@rhodesminnis.org.uk

AGM
Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 18th January 2022
starting at 7.30pm
The Tayne Centre**

Please look out for emails and posters around the village in case of any change to the above.



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



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Update Your Group's Details



My request in December didn't fall on deaf ears and I'm very grateful to those who submitted updates and alterations.

Can I please ask any other organisations to check that the details printed each month in the Lyminge Newsletter are correct. Should they need altering, please contact me as quickly as possible and I'll change them in the following edition - there is no charge.

With kind regards

Peter E Barnes (Editor)

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Etchinghill Update - January 2022

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info, Facebook: Etchinghill

FILM NIGHT: MONDAY 17TH JANUARY: 'DREAM HORSE' (PG).

A Biography/Comedy/Drama, starring Toni Collette, Owen Teale, Alan David and Damian Lewis. The film tells the inspiring true story of 'Dream Alliance', an unlikely race horse bred by small town Welsh bartender Jan Vokes (Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise 'Dream' in the hopes he can compete with the racing elites. Entry fee is only £5pp (please have the exact money ready to reduce handling by our volunteers) and includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee and a free raffle. Prior reservation is not required and new members are welcome.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note: The wearing of face coverings (visors are not an acceptable alternative unless worn with a face mask) is now a mandatory requirement of our hall hire agreement. Exceptions are whilst eating and drinking (sitting down), children under the age of 11, attending an exercise class or for medical reasons. This information is correct as of 11.12.2021 and may change. For updates please refer to the Etchinghill website and to government notices. Currently there are no other restrictions imposed, but we recommend the continued use of hand sanitiser, which is located in the lobby, and that sensible safe distancing between people is encouraged.

Graham Barber, Honorary Treasurer and Lettings Officer

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS AND CAROL SINGING: Cold winds forced the event to be relocated at the last minute to the village hall, on the 28th November, where we were splendidly entertained and accompanied by members of the Shepway Brass Academy. Our thanks go to the band, the ERA committee and our hardworking volunteers for making the event such a success. The Christmas tree photo was kindly submitted by Susan Carey. Dave McCombe, ERA Chairman

"IS IT TRUE?" by Colin Manvell

A few days ago, a **golfing pal of mine, knowing I live in Etchinghill, asked me if I knew that about 50 years ago** when there was a hospital in the grounds, now known as Meriden Park, there had been a robbery in the hospital chapel and a golden chalice was stolen. As far as my pal knows, to this day, the chalice remains stolen. Is there anyone in the Parish who can "shed a light" on this story?

We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Jacqui Blandford, Etchinghill News Coordinator: jacqui.blandford@gmail.com, mob 07543 966830

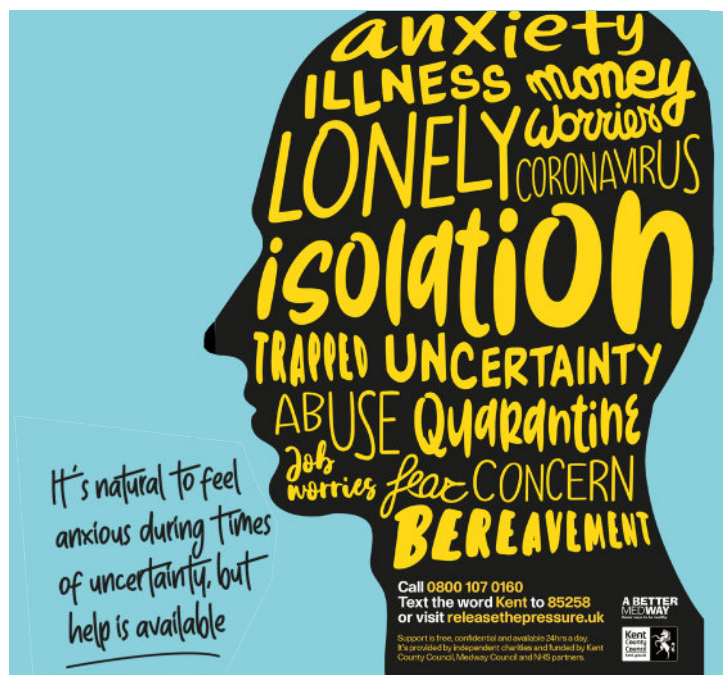


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Rhodes Minnis Circle

Our speaker in November was Owen Standen who has experience of work in and knowledge of fossil fuels.

It was worrying to hear of the deforestation in the Amazon and the temperature rises causing flooding and the potential loss of wildlife and also how important it is for us, at least to insulate our homes.

The competition was won by Helen Durrant with Mary Usher 2nd, Marion Hoare 3rd and Sandra Dowdall 4th.

In December, on a sunny afternoon we had our Christmas Party with a bring and share tea followed by a presentation of Christmas Music and poetry by Ann Finney which certainly raised our spirits!

We finished with a big raffle, and cards and presents on leaving - a lovely afternoon!

There is no meeting in January and we wish all our members and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Speaker: Dr. Ben Marsh

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With many thanks....

Dear Editor

As an elderly resident, living alone, I don't welcome strangers visiting after dark, but on this occasion, Monday evening, a group of young people braved the damp winter evening to sing carols and give gifts.

I would just like to say a big thank you to them who I understand represented the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Seniors and I believe some members of the Lyminge Association were involved. It left a lovely warm feeling in my heart. *Joan C*

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I want to say thank you to all involved in my Christmas dinner and whole day. I did enjoy being part of group and being looked after, plus the long pickup and drop -off to Brabourne. I ate my packed tea next day and I'm finding comfort in my knitted cuddly cracker. Many thanks to all involved. Xx *Vi Sprawling*

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Well-being yoga classes designed to release aches and pain and to increase your flexibility are now available. Accessible to all abilities and ages, these classes will also help you become calmer and more peaceful.

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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY 2022 Newsletter

Forthcoming Council and Committee Agendas are displayed on the Council notice boards in Station Road car park and 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.

WOODLAND COTTAGES - we have received reports that residents are upset and concerned about potential actions by FHDC, in respect of Woodland Cottages. We have therefore requested clarification on the matter and publish the response from FHDC on the next page.

CLERK TO LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL - as published last month a part-time vacancy has arisen for the post of Clerk to Lyminge Parish Council. For further details and a full job specification please contact the Clerk on 07715 221 705 or email: lymingepc@btinternet.com

COUNCILLOR VACANCY - Lyminge Parish Council currently have a vacancy for an additional councillor. If you would be interested in joining us or would like more information about the role, please contact the Clerk by email at lymingepc@btinternet.com or telephone 07715 221 705. Applications from Rhodes Minnis residents would be particularly welcome as that part of the parish is currently under-represented on the council.

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SALT BINS - hopefully by the time you read this we will have the 10 new salt bins in place around the parish.

CANCELLTION OF DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING - a late decision was taken to cancel the December meeting due to the increasing risk posed by Covid. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Finally for this month, your council would like to wish all parishioners a very Happy New Year

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES (Covid restrictions permitting)
F&A Committee – Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.00pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE

F&HDC Housing Briefing Note

8 December 2021

Woodland Cottages, Lyminge

The purpose of this briefing note is to update you on the preliminary work we are doing around the long-term future of housing stock in Woodland Road, Lyminge.

The eight semi-detached properties were built of reinforced concrete. They are inefficient to heat and consequently have a significant carbon footprint. Built post war, they present a challenge for both long-term maintenance and to improve against the aims of our zero carbon agenda.

Their future is part of a long-term project but we have written to and visited our tenants recently to explain why we are having to take some immediate steps. Contrary to rumours, none of our tenants are being evicted and there has been no compulsory purchase of any of the houses.

We have taken the opportunity to buy back one of the properties on the open market which had previously been purchased under the Right to Buy scheme.

To have all the properties again in council ownership allows us greater flexibility when considering the future of the site. To support this flexibility, demolition notices have been served meaning that no further homes can be sold whilst their future is being decided.

Our long term aim is to provide better homes for our Folkestone & Hythe District Council tenants and we shall be continuing to keep tenants and stakeholders fully involved in all the key stages of this project.

Once the future of the properties is agreed, each tenant will be fully involved in their options – one of which could be moving back into a new home at the same location which they have been involved in designing.

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

Our next meetings will be on **Tuesday 11th January** and **Tuesday 1st February**. Please get in touch if you would like to attend - we would love to see you at 7.45pm in the Coach and Horses pub.

New Year, New Start

There is so much we can do through our diets to have a positive impact on our environment. Eating local, seasonal, organic food, producing more of our own food, and avoiding food waste can all make a difference. Why not dabble with growing some of your own food, plant a fruit tree in your garden, or take on one of our mini allotment plots? We are again planning to host our popular plant and produce sharing events, so look out for dates in next month's newsletter.

What's in Season in January?

Apples, Beetroot, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots, Celeriac, Celery, Chicory, Jerusalem Artichokes, Kale, Leeks, Mushrooms, Onions, Parsnips, Pears, Red Cabbage, Salsify, Savoy Cabbage, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Squash, Swedes, Turnips, White Cabbage.



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Mini Plots Available at the Community Allotment

We still have some mini-plots available at the community allotment in Lyminge. If you or your community group would like to have a go at growing your own food, please do get in touch.

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Gardening Workshops 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new gardeners to next year's workshop series. We have a couple of spaces left if anyone else would like to book their spot. The workshops will be held in Lyminge on the following dates:

Get Ready to Grow-

Sunday 13th February 14:30-16:30

Seeds and Sowing-

Sunday 20th March 14:30-16:30

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Sunday 24th April 14:30-16:30

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Wishing you all a wonderful festive season, from all of us at Thoughtful Food.

The Return of the Choughs

Choughs were once an iconic species on the White Cliffs of Dover and hopefully they soon they will be again. Choughs went extinct in Kent more than 200 years ago due to changing farming practices and persecution. Legend has it that the chough got its red bill and beak following the murder of Thomas Becket when a crow flew down and walked in his blood, turning its bill and feet red and transforming into a chough.



The Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT), Wildwood Trust, English Heritage and Paradise Park, have created an aviary of Choughs at Dover Castle and this is now moving to an exciting new stage of reintroducing this wonderful bird to Kent.

There has already been some great work in Cornwall and nowadays you would be pretty unlucky not to see them at the Lizard National Nature reserve on the south coast. Their recovery has been through a combination of science-led practical interventions, communities pulling together, and a hefty dollop of belief.

Chough facts:

- Choughs are a distinctive member of the crow family, easy to pick out with red beaks and legs and sounding a bit like a jackdaw that's having fun
- Our species of chough (the red-billed chough) has a wide range across Europe, North Africa and Asia, with a northern limit in Scotland and southern limit in two outlying populations in Ethiopia.
- They are known as Cornish choughs locally though the association with the county has long been recognised further afield: in Wales and Scotland during the 17th Century, where choughs would also have been common, the chough was known as the Crow of Cornwall.
- The Cornish name for chough is Palores, which means digger.
- King Arthur departed the world in the form of a chough (or so they say).



The Egrets Are Back!

The little egrets are back on Tayne Field / Well Field / the Nailbourne, at least since the first week of December - a month earlier than last year, when they were first spotted from the first week of January (see the article in the February 2021 Lyminge newsletter). They stayed until late April last time.

Please keep an eye out for them again and feel free to add any sightings to our online village eBird list: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L10712709/media?yr=all&m=>

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QUACKS AND CROAKS – The question which sex of ducks quacks?, posed in local January quiz, and the quizmaster's gleeful answer "female – of course!", caused much discussion, not all from aggrieved feminists.

Subsequent research in Bushey Ruff was inconclusive. In the flock of mallards that we observed, males seemed to outquack females if anything. The consensus among duck experts is that generally, given that sounds vary according to function and between species, females make "loud" quacks and males make "raspy" quacks.

At Middlesex University, academics have now taken the research further, discovering, according to a report published last month, that ducks have regional accents. Dr Victoria de Rijke compared quacks recorded at Spitalfields City Farm in east London and at the tranquil Trerieve Farm near Looe in Cornwall, and concluded that the ducks had developed distinct regional accents in response to their environments. The cockney ducks had rough "shouting" quacks with short open vowels that allowed them to be heard above the din of city transport, while their Cornish cousins had gentle burrs, more like "giggles", with longer and slower vowels.

Not surprisingly, regional accents are also found in other creatures such as frogs. Amphibian expert Julia Wycherley discovered the accents while trying to find out exactly which sub-species of pool frog (*Rana lessonae*) had lived in East Anglia before becoming extinct. She spent much time listening to frogs' mating calls and detected three accents directly related to the frogs' genetic heritage, from ancient Iberia, Italy and the Balkans. The problem for displaced frogs is that mating can prove impossible if they make calls in the wrong language. English Nature now plans to acquire a single-source population of Balkan pool frogs in the hope that they will, one day, exchange croaks and repopulate the East Anglian wetlands. (July 2004) © Steve Osborne



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Lyminge Baby and Toddler Group

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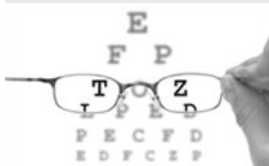
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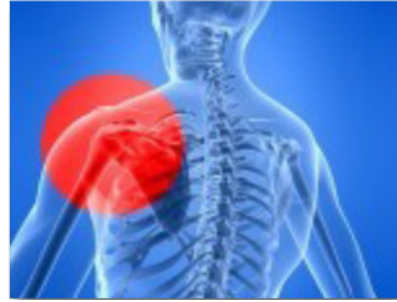
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A few photos of from The Christmas Tree Festival held in the Parish Church. The 'Best Decorated Tree' was awarded to Lyminge Primary School (centre) out of the seventeen entrants



The winners of the LYA Christmas Bauble Competition.

They are Stanley and Sylvie (see P6)



Santa with his elves and local help from The Lyminge Association delivering presents to homes in the area.