

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association



As you receive this copy of the newsletter the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be upon us.

The poster to the left gives a summary of the events happening in the area and the full programme of Lyminge events can be found on P5. You will find a few amendments and changes to the previous one, so please double-check the timings, etc.

We hope you find something of interest in the programme and have the opportunity to join in with your friends and neighbours in celebrating this truly unique occasion.

Through this newsletter, and on behalf of our community, we wish to thank Her Majesty for her devotion and service to this country over the past 70 years and wish her well in the years ahead.

The Rude Mechanical Theatre

Tayne Field, Lyminge

Saturday 9th July

GODS AND DOGS



Our brand new show is an hilarious dystopian allegory set in 2084 on the fictitious island of Abatina based loosely on Monaco in a world where people are either glamorous celebrities or slobbering followers of them gripped to their telepafones – except, that is, the Nevnops, as Big AI, the all-seeing all hearing President, calls them, that is, 'Not Very Nice People', who choose to pursue their own thoughts on the matter.....

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOK ON-LINE

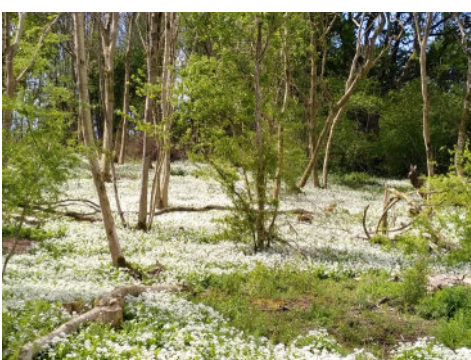
Visit our website - www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk, ring 01323-501260 or email: therudes1948@gmail.com

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

There is a slight breeze and the blue sky is showing evidence of winds high up, with white wispy clouds interspersed with streaks of vapour trails, mostly Europe-bound. As I climb the steep path towards the brow of the hill, I look for evidence of fossils in the chalk, which only seem to appear in one very small area. A couple of lumps of chalk show signs of flat shell material and another has the tell-tale indentations of a clam. Rounding the corner and dodging into the edge of the wood to climb the stile, I enter a field of long grass whose seeds are nearing ripeness. Strong sunlight catches the hundreds of buttercups which mingle with the tall grass. The track cuts through the swaying grass and weaves its way across the top of the field as a magnificent view reveals itself spread out below to the south, with more fields full of golden buttercups.

Postling Wood is to my right and every so often a small animal track dives off through a hole in the undergrowth to disappear into the wood. An animal hole such as this is called a smeuse and is likely to have been made by rabbits, foxes, badgers or small rodents, whose nocturnal habits mean we seldom see them. I can no longer hear the larks whose song accompanied me on the earlier part of my walk, but now I see and hear a couple of buzzards, wheeling and circling over the wood emitting their plaintive mewling cry. Further away a kestrel hovers, patient, silent and still above its prey.

A triangle of ground left unploughed for many years is beginning to show signs of wild flower growth, which once the rains arrive, should blossom forth with a riotous variety of colour and shape, so essential for our diminishing insect population. Sitting on the dry ground I pause to take in the view, with the sea



forming the backdrop. The horizon is faintly misty but Dungeness and the wind farm near Rye are visible, the turning vanes of the latter just discernible. Further to the west the land rises to form the High Weald. Cloud shadows move across the landscape turning the fields a darker shade as they pass from west to east. As I sit and enjoy the scene comprising land, sea and sky, I cloud watch, looking for recognizable shapes. I spot a young chicken running from some unseen foe and a trail of steam as if coming from a steam engine at full speed. Some days lend themselves to cloud watching and this is one of them. Next to me, in the grass, three dewdrops along a blade of grass catch my eye, shining silver in the strong sunshine. Next to them smaller droplets have formed a jewelled rim around a clover leaf. These will soon vanish in the breeze and strengthening warmth of the sun as they begin to emerge from the shade of the taller grasses that surround them.

I have been keeping track of my walk using an app on my phone that shows me a map dating from between 1888 and 1930. It marks features such as old chalk pits and near me now I see there was a sand quarry. Walking along the footpaths today, I have come along smooth white chalk paths, creamy coloured clay paths that are beginning to resemble crazy paving due to the sustained period of dry weather, and now the colour has changed yet again as I am walking along a more sandy track.

Turning northwards I take a sunken lane downhill, taking note of all the wild flowers that inhabit the banks. White flowers include cow parsley, white deadnettle, wood anemone, ramsons, jack-in-the-hedge and greater stitchwort. Yellow flowers are dandelions, buttercups, yellow archangel, celandines, groundsel and yellow herb bennet. Pink and purple are red campion, herb-robert, red deadnettle, ground ivy plus two blue flowers – bluebell and alkanet. Oceans of ransoms fill a cleared woodland area, releasing their gentle garlic scent. A pile of wood is burning, a thin plume of smoke rising skywards until a puff of wind sends it sideways and into my nostrils – a pleasingly sweet and rural smell.

I descend back into the village - today's walk has been balm for the soul.



AN EVENING FOR UKRAINE

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE 2022

7 - 9pm

St. Mary's Parish Church

The Lower Square, Elham CT4 6TT

- Come and find out about all things Ukrainian - the country, the people and their flight to safety in Europe.
- Find out how the **'Elham Valley Ukraine Support Group'** is helping to support and host their guests.
- Listen to a prominent Ukrainian journalist, now living in Elham, and hear the stories of other recently arrived Ukrainians.
- Hear about the camper van journey - with a Ukrainian cat in tow - from a couple of brave locals.
- There will be plenty of time for all your questions and discussions on how you may be able to help, support and even become hosts.

The evening will end with a beautiful piano recital from accomplished Ukrainian pianist who is also a recent guest arrival.

You will be welcomed with tea, coffee and cakes.

'Elham Valley Ukraine Support Group'

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.
02-Jun	7pm	An Evening For Ukraine	Elham Parish		30-Jun	10am	Midsummer Art School	Cheriton	See P9
2-5 June		Queen's Platinum Celebrations	Lyminge	See P5	02-Jul	11am	Lyminge Primary School Favre	LPS	See P7
4-5 June		Queen's Platinum Celebrations	Postling		09-Jul	6pm	Cantores Prom Concert	The Pent, Postling	See P12
05-Jun		Queen's Platinum Celebrations	EVH		09-Jul	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	See Front Page
05-Jun		Queen's Platinum Celebrations	RMVH		25-Sept	9am	Garage Sale		01303863856
18-Jun	10am	Lyminge BioBlitz	Scout Hut	See P18					

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Wed	10.30am	Pilates	RMVH	07944028445
Mon	10am	Open House Coffee House	EVH	863394	Wed	10.30am	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	RMVH	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	0783483980	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	See P8
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	See P8
Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	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	01303901011
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	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMC	862598					

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 5th June - Pentecost. Whit Sunday

Lyminge 10am Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Commemoration Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

Sunday 12th June

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

Sunday 19th June

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

Sunday 26th June

Lyminge 10am Family Praise

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

5th June 9.30am Holy Communion
12th June 8.30am Breakfast Service
19th June No service
26th June 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.

5th June - 10am Service of Thanksgiving at Parish Church
12th June - Mr Richard Blackwell
19th June - Local arrangement
26th June - 10.15am Valley Service at Elham
3rd July - Rev Gill Songer

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.

5th June - Rev. Gill Songer
19th June - Mr. Hugh Burnham
26th June - No Service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley Service at Elham at **10.15am**
3rd July - Rev. Alan Hewitt

Christians in Lyminge



No further Tayne Centre Markets. See P7

Every Monday Knit & Natter in the Methodist Church at 2.30pm
Thank you to those who donated money for "Water Aid".
Money is still coming in.

Lyminge Newsletter

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Lyminge Programme of Events

Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June

Thursday 2 June

6pm	Quiz through the Queen's 7 Decades (Bring own food and drink Cost: £10 for whole table. Regal dress encouraged)	Village Hall
9.45pm	Beacon Lighting - National Event (Can be viewed from around the Church and LVH car park)	Parish Church

Friday 3 June

2.30-4pm	Treasure Trail with refreshments (for all ages)	Methodist Church
6pm	'Queen' Tribute Act (Rock music)	Tayne Field

Saturday 4 June

10am-12.30pm	Games and Maypole Dancing (Free side shows for all ages and have a go at Maypole dancing)	Tayne Field
11am-12.30pm	Dog Show (Cheekiest and funtastic dog show - rosettes and prizes)	Tayne Field
11.30am-1.30pm	Fish 'n' Chips Van (A chance to be very British - bring your own newspaper!!)	Tayne Field
12noon-1.45pm	Canterbury Brass Band (A renewed welcome visit from a well-known brass band)	Tayne Field
2.30-4pm	The Dulcettes (1940's music....)	Tayne Field
6-8pm	80s Music	Tayne Field

Sunday 5 June

10-11.30am	Church Service (Service of Thanksgiving)	Parish Church
Morning	Morris Dancing on the field	Tayne Field
10am-5pm	Planting for Our Future display (The Next 70 Years' - Village Container Display)	Tayne Field
2-4pm	The Big Lunch (Church Road. Please bring your own picnic. Enjoy some music, cupcakes and mementoes)	Church Road
4-5pm	Cantores Prom Concert (a selection of music representing the Queen's jubilee years -- come and join in with familiar songs and bring your own chairs/rugs/flags. A rousing end to the weekend of activities)	Tayne Field

A beer/cider festival will run throughout the four days, hosted by the Coach & Horses.

For more information, contact: The Chair of The Lyminge Association,
Nancy Benham 07840 796383 or email nancybenham@aol.com

District Councillors' Update - June 2022



Around 40,000 households in the Folkestone & Hythe District were due to receive a £150 Energy Bill Rebate. Properties in council bands A to D are eligible and those who pay their council tax by direct debit should have received this payment automatically in April or early May. Those residents who do not pay by direct debit should have received a letter asking them to apply for the rebate. Those who do not reply within 28 days will receive a credit on their council tax account for £150 which will either reduce their present bill or, if the account is fully paid it will be held as a credit. The resident can ask for that sum to be paid to them. There's more information on the council website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk One Lyminge resident has said he'd prefer the council to keep this payment but we'd like everyone to know that whilst the payment comes via the council it is funded by the Government and our services are in no way reduced by the payment.

We've written many times about Otterpool Park Garden Town which will provide the majority of the housing and employment sites required for the next decade and more in our district. The Otterpool Park site is between Westenhangar railway station and near Junction 11 of the M20 taking in Stanford and Westenhangar and extending towards Lympe and Sellindge but with buffer zones between. There's now a planning application submitted for the very first stage of the town. You can see all the documents online here: <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/otterpoolpark/planningapplication/updated/2022> It's necessarily a large document but there's also a guide explaining the main changes proposed. For those without internet access, a paper copy of the updated application can be viewed by appointment at the Civic Centre in Folkestone. Please call customer services on 01303 853000 for details. Stanford Parish Council also has a paper copy of the application, which can be viewed at Stanford Parish Room, Folkestone Racecourse. To make an appointment, please call the parish clerk on 01303 814283. A public consultation now runs until Friday 24 June. Anyone wishing to comment can visit the planning portal or you can email your comments to: otterpool.applications@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Many people make the point that existing communities can struggle to cope with new homes and building a new town allows facilities to be built in step or in advance of need. We have supported Otterpool Park as we believe it will not only be an attractive place to live and work with its own schools, medical facilities, parks etc. but it will also limit the number of extra homes/employment sites across the rest of our district.

Jenny has been in the lead for the District Council in co-ordinating efforts to welcome the Ukrainian refugees and parish councils and local societies are invited to a Community Safety Event to discuss this. Do contact Jenny if you would like to be part of these efforts. Susan attended a fund-raising quiz for Ukraine held in Etchinghill Village Hall on 23 April and was pleased to meet the Ukrainian family in the village. We are likely to see more such refugees as around 8,000 households in Kent have volunteered to take part in the homes for Ukraine scheme.

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

Welcome to Newcomers

Whether you are a day visitor, a holiday maker, have recently moved into a new home or joined an existing family in the area - you are all most welcome.

It can be very daunting when we arrive somewhere new - it could be moving house, moving school, moving away from your homeland or joining a new activity or group. Did anyone do anything that made you feel welcome? I certainly hope so.

For some of our new arrivals from Ukraine this is a overwhelming situation. Consider the extra barriers they may face - for example, they may have to learn a new language, get used to a new culture; they may not have many things, and they may have faced some difficult times in their lives so far.

So please welcome our new arrivals, whoever they are or from wherever they come, whether they are here for the day, a week, a year..... or a lifetime.

Please bring people to events and welcome them into our community.

You Are All Welcome

Lyminge Friends - June 2022

In May, we had a talk from Melody Foreman about Women Pilots of World War II. Melody is an excellent speaker and the talk was really interesting. Afterwards we went to Elham Valley Vineyard to check out their Garden Centre and Café

On 1st June we will have a return visit from Nicholas Reed who will give us his illustrated talk Wish You Were Here: The Seaside Holiday in Art. And, on 15th June, we have our trip over to Walmer Castle - let's hope the sun shines!

On 6th July, Alan Haines will be with us with Part 2 of his Baby Boomer Talk

Everyone Welcome

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

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



"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."

Steve Jobs



Lyminge Primary School Summer Fayre

Saturday 2nd July 2022

11am – 2pm
on Tayne Field

Free entry. Inflatables, stalls and games. BBQ, refreshments, bottle tombola, books & toys, raffle, live music and lots more!
Please come and support our school.

Run by Lyminge School PFA –
raising money to support the children at our village school.

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE

CHARLIE WALKER

43,000 MILES BY BICYCLE

Wednesday 22 June

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

HASTINGS PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Friday 24 June

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TAYNE CENTRE MARKET

Due to lack of support the decision has been made to cease the monthly market as it is no longer financial viable to run, especially in these difficult economic times. Thank you to every one who has supported us. For further information:

Debbie 07977 899559



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

FOCUS ON LYMINGE LIBRARY

The Elham Valley Railway ran from Canterbury to Folkestone through Lyminge from 1887 until 1947, when it was closed down. The station building, situated in The Sidings, off Station Road, then became a home and was eventually converted into a cosy library. Lyminge Library has been closed over the last 2 years because of covid, but has now re-opened and is welcoming everyone back.

When I called into the Library at the beginning of May, I met Louise and Helen, who happily answered my questions about what is being planned at the library over the next few months. The group meetings and events mark a return to normality after a very difficult couple of years:

Baby Rhyme Time will have re-started on Thursday 12th May at 10.15am. This is a fun time for pre- school children aged 0 – 4 years old and parents/guardians.

Talk Time will be restarting on Fridays at 10.15am for coffee and a chat with occasional speakers.

Poetry Group will be restarting on the last Tuesday of the month, 10.30-11.30am.

There will be a **Summer Reading Challenge** from July to September for 4 – 12 year olds.

Reading Group - Starting soon!

Home Library Service - If you're unable to visit the library because of ill health, disability or your caring responsibilities, our friendly local volunteer will pop round to you each month to bring your books to you.

Volunteering opportunities - There are various opportunities to volunteer within the library service, for more information please contact us.

eLibrary - The eLibrary provides access to thousands of free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers, just log in via the Kent Libraries website.

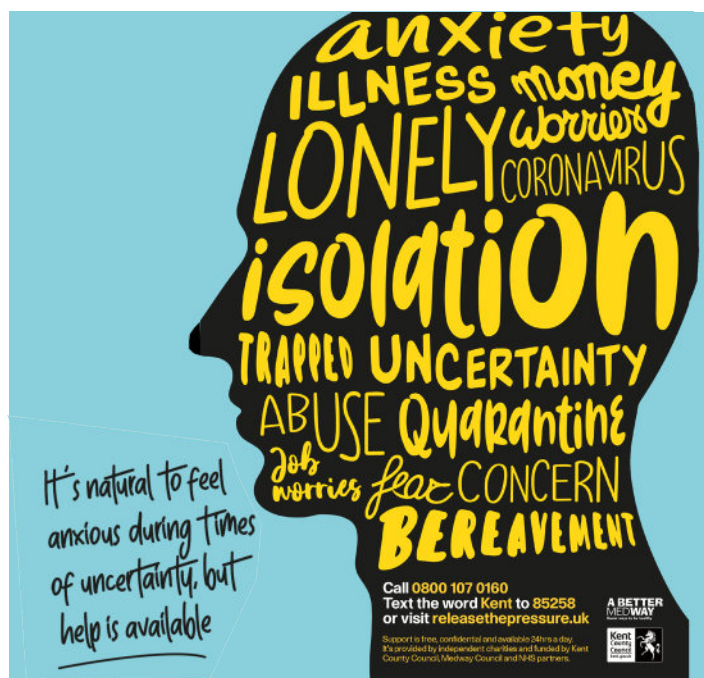
Ukrainian Families, who have moved to the area are encouraged to go into the Library with a member of their host family (who needs to take proof of address) so they can be registered and they will receive their own card.

We are lucky to have our community library and we need to use it to keep it as a vibrant focal point and asset in our village. Books, both reference and fiction, books for homework/projects /research as well as dyslexia friendly books for juniors, can be taken out for 3 weeks at a time. Books can also be reserved from other libraries. It can be contacted by either phone: 03000 41 31 31 or email: LymingeLibrary@kent.gov.uk

Besides books, there are also computers, photocopying, and printing facilities together with a free wi-fi.

The Kent County Council website is very helpful, but nothing replaces being able to talk to a librarian!

By Jacqui Blandford with the help and support of Louise Edwards



Fifth Trust 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.

MIDSUMMER ART DAY

COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY 30th JUNE

- 10.00am until 4.00pm

at

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, HORN STREET,
CHERITON

Entrance to the art group for the day is £5.00 and includes refreshments of tea/ coffee/ squash/ and cake

Please bring your own packed lunch and a chair to sit on!

If it rains then we will go inside the church.

The churchyard is large with lots of interesting views and vistas to sketch and paint.

Bring whatever art materials you wish to use ... no formal tuition but a professional artist will be available for help and advice.



*Lyminge
Historical
Society*



COME AND JOIN US!

Our last meeting until we break for the Summer is
'Fashion on the Ration' – A WW2 talk
Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre
Speaker: Judi Knight

When we resume in September, the talks are:

- 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

All Lyminge a history publications, including the latest Part 11, can be purchased individually through the Lyminge Village Store, Lyminge Library and the Coffee Cabin, or online via our website using Paypal.

Plus: purchase Parts 1-5 as a bundle for £22 or Parts 1-10 for £50*

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ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Film Night

"The Book Thief" ¹²

Monday 20th June 2022

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £5 pp

Open to new and existing members
Free Refreshments and Raffle



www.etchinghill.info

Rhodes Minnis Circle

An entertaining afternoon was spent at our meeting in May when Derek and Steve from Farthing Common Nursery gave us a demonstration of planting colourful hanging baskets and tubs and we were able to purchase plants to take home.

The competition was won by Paula Peers, with Fran Davis 2nd, Pauline Hodder 3rd, and Diana Bennett 4th. On the 22nd June we welcome back Ann Finney giving us a musical rendition of Ivy Benson and her All Star Band.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall and visitors will be very welcome to join us.

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"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."

- Napoleon Hill

Lyminge Calendar 2023

The Lyminge Association is considering printing a 2023 calendar reflecting the way Lyminge and surrounding areas celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The success of this project depends very much on **YOU** as we will be asking you to get your cameras and phones out to photograph the events as they unfold over the four days culminating in the Street Party and Cantores Prom.

So we would like a maximum of five photographs per person, preferably in digital format, although a paper copy is acceptable, in colour or black and white.

Please contact Robin Mackonochie (robinmac2@gmail.com or 01303 863346) who will arrange collection by the deadline which is Sunday 31st July.



Coach & Horses



A beer/cider festival will run throughout the four days (2nd - 5th June) of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, hosted by the Coach & Horses.

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Etchinghill Update - June 2022

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

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

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT - MONDAY 20 JUNE AT 7.30 PM - "THE BOOK THIEF" (12). Drama/War, starring Sophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson and Ben Schnetzer. In 1938, young orphan Liesel arrives at the home of her new foster parents, Hans and Rosa. When Hans, a kindly house painter, learns that Liesel cannot read he teaches the child the wonders of the written language. Liesel grows to love books, even rescuing one from a Nazi bonfire. Though Liesel's new family barely scrapes by, their situation becomes even more precarious when they secretly shelter a Jewish boy whose father once saved Hans' life.

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.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - SUNDAY 5 JUNE STARTING AT 11 AM. The event will open with the unveiling of a new Platinum Jubilee bench followed by a pétanque competition. The Big Lunch will begin at around 12.30 pm - bring your own picnic and bubbly - and refreshments, bacon butties, cream teas and cakes will be on sale throughout the day. Raffle tickets for a special Jubilee themed hamper, together with other prizes, will be available during the event. There will also be games for the children and a memorabilia stand. The event is planned to be held 'al fresco' although the hall will be open all day for use in the event of inclement weather. The occasion will close around 4 pm. The event is being jointly hosted by the ERA and the village hall trustees

DIAMOND JUBILEE BENCH - The bench sited on St Marys Field had not been stolen, as some people thought, but has recently been removed, cleaned and renovated by a caring local resident who has freely given their own time to restore it. The person wishes to remain anonymous and the ERA wishes to publicly thank them for their hard work; the seat looks good for another 10 years - thank you.

UPDATE - UKRAINE FUNDRAISING QUIZ - 23 APRIL - Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz, made donations and contributed raffle prizes. See P31 for some photographs. You raised a staggering amount of £568 (a small amount to offset expenses has already been deducted) by the end of the evening which will go to a local charity, the Canterbury Umbrella Centre. This charity is supporting C4U - Canterbury for Ukraine - so your donations will be able to be used for the benefit of local Ukrainian refugees. A public Facebook group 'Canterbury for Ukraine' has been set up, in addition to the charity's own website and Facebook page, if you wish to support or follow the group.

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



In aid of the LORD WHISKY SANCTUARY FUND
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www.lordwhisky.co.uk

Dog & Owners Fun Day & Boot Fair
Saturday 11th June

at Park House Animal Sanctuary, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

Boot Fair from 8am (cars £7.50 ~ Vans £10)
And entertainment including the Southern Golden Retrievers,
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Saturday 9 July 2022



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Concert will **NOT** be cancelled due to bad weather
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FREE ENTRY Community Support Hub

We are having a

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 16th July
10am - 2pm

AT OAKLANDS PARK

Thanking the community for their support during Covid -19

The day will consist of entertainment on the bandstand
Stalls - Games - Craft - Refreshments - Face painting - Raffles - Tombola and much more

Those involved in organising are:   

ELHAM VALLEY MOVIE CLUB

UPCOMING DATES

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4:00PM

WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE
6:30PM

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WHAT'S ON JUNE 2022

Monday	Cognitive stimulation therapy Seated exercise Bingo Cartooning for fun, the basics (Final session 6.6.22)	10:30am - 12noon 10:45am - 11:45am 1:30pm - 2:30pm 3pm - 4pm	Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe
Tuesday	Chatty Table - Lyminge Botanical casting with Clare (through June) Seated Yoga Dance Fit Out and about Adult ballet (starting 7.6.22)	9:30 - 11:30 10am - 12noon 1pm - 2pm 5pm - 6pm 12:30pm - 3pm 6:15pm - 7:15pm	Coffee Cabin - Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Wherever we fancy Age UK Hythe
Wednesday	Morning munches (breakfast) Walking football Low impact aerobics Seated Exercise Reminiscence with PAT Dementia Café (29.6.22) Book Club (8.6.22)	9:30am - 11am 10:30am - 12noon 10:30am - 11:30am 10:45am - 11:45am 1:30pm - 2:30pm 1:30pm - 2:30pm 5pm - 7pm	Age UK Lyminge Scout Hall - Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe
Thursday	Seated Yoga Cognitive stimulation therapy Streetz to Streetz Out and about Hand building with porcelain with Clare (through June) Walking Tennis Knit and natter (9.6.22) Bingo Night (9.6.22)	10:30am - 11:45am 10:30am - 12 noon 11:45am - 12:45pm 12:30pm - 3pm 1:30pm - 3:30pm 3pm - 4pm 5pm - 7pm 6:30pm - 8pm	Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Wherever we fancy Age UK Hythe Hythe Tennis Club Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe
Friday	Pilates with Katherine Dance fit with Charlotte Simple cooking with Philippa Low impact aerobics Arts and crafts Games and cards Shed project Games and quizzes Ukulele	9:30am - 10:30am 10:45am - 11:45am 10:45am - 11:45am 10:30am - 11:30am 10:45am - 11:45am 10:45am - 11:45am 1pm - 2:30pm 1:30pm - 2:30pm 1:30pm - 3pm	Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge

Coming up:
24th June - The Drifters - Leas Cliff Hall

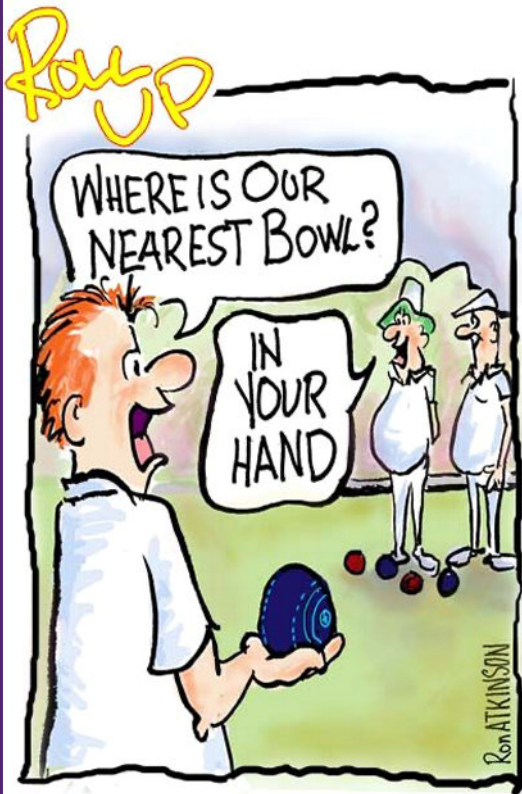
Bank holidays coming up:
2nd June 3rd June
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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

June 2022 Newsletter

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

PARISH BIOBLITZ - The long anticipated Parish Bioblitz is planned for Saturday 18th June, from 10am with the Lyminge Scout Hut as the hub of the activities. County wildlife experts from the Kent Field Club will be joining us, as will representatives of other county conservation organisations. This is going to be a great opportunity to meet with experts to learn and share knowledge of our local wildlife.



We will also be trying to establish a baseline of the state of our local wildlife, to help monitor changes over time due to factors such as climate change but also the impacts of the more thoughtful management of our local green spaces.

Sites for surveying will include Court Lodge Green and Tayne Field in Lyminge and the Recreation Ground in Rhodes Minnis.

Records from gardens or anywhere else in the Parish are very welcome as well - please submit observations online using : iRecord.org.uk or contact us via email or at the Scout Hut on the day. For a full programme and more details see page 16.

COUNCILLORS NEEDED - The council are still looking to co-opt additional councillors to join Lyminge Parish Council. If you would like to have an informal chat about what this involves please call the Clerk who will arrange for the Chair of the Council to call you. Call 07999 403 948 or email: clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk.

The council meets once a month usually on the last Monday of the month. The following link provides a good introduction to the role of town and parish councils.

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

SPEEDWATCH - Do you have a few hours free and would like to contribute to the safety on our roads? A new coordinator is still urgently needed in order to start up the Speedwatch again this year.

Additional volunteers are also required.



If you think you could help either as the coordinator or as a member of the team, or would like more details, please contact the Clerk who will arrange for the Speedwatch Team to contact you.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY PLAQUES - are now on order and will be installed at each of the 3 sites where trees have been planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

FOOTPATHS - Please remember to keep to designated footpaths when out walking and do not stray through growing crops. Information is available on local Public Rights of Way at : <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysid/eaccesscams/standardmap.aspx>

This website can also be used to report problems with footpaths.



QUEEN'S JUBILEE - Finally for this month, Council would like to thank Nancy Benham and all those involved in planning events for the Jubilee, for all the hard work that is being put in to ensure we have a memorable and enjoyable week-end.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to enjoy the varied events that are taking place.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

F&A Committee – Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Full Council Meeting – Monday 27th June 7.30 at Rhodes Minis Methodist Chapel

Sarah Harrison, Clerk

Correspondence Address: Lyminge Parish Council, PO Box 1159, Canterbury, Kent CT1 9PR
Telephone: 07999 403 948 Email: clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
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Community Safety Contacts

The **PCSO for Etchingill, Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis** is
Nicholas Hazell, who can be contacted on 101

KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison can be contacted on 07977 982185



Thoughtful Food....

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

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

Our next meetings will be on **Tuesday 7th June** and **5th July** Please get in touch if you would like to attend - we would love to see you.

'Pick Up a Plant'

Thank you to everyone who supported our third annual community plant share event on Saturday 21st May. We are grateful to the Parish Council who allowed us to hold the event on Tayne Field, and the weather was very kind too! Our selection of plants included aquatic plants, trees, soft fruits, shrubs, flowers, indoor plants, and of course a huge range of different veggies. It was great to see so many plants off to their new homes to be enjoyed.



Vegetable Growing Workshops

We have had a great Spring working with new vegetable gardeners during our workshop series, in February, March and April. The sessions were fully booked, so we met lots of lovely new people and enjoyed being part of their gardening journey. An enormous thank you as always to Anne and Geoff for hosting these workshops and for giving their time to share their expertise.

We are not yet booking for workshops in 2023, but if you might like to attend, please do register your interest via email thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com



What's in Season in June?

Asparagus, Aubergine, Beetroot, Blackcurrants, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cherries, Chicory, Chillies, Courgettes, Cucumber, Elderflowers, Gooseberries, Lettuce, Marrow, New Potatoes, Peas, Peppers, Radishes, Raspberries, Redcurrants, Rhubarb, Rocket, Runner Beans, Samphire, Sorrel, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Strawberries, Summer Squash, Swiss Chard, Tayberries, Turnips, Watercress.



Thoughtful Food Group @thoughtfulfoodgroup
A Lyminge Climate Action initiative

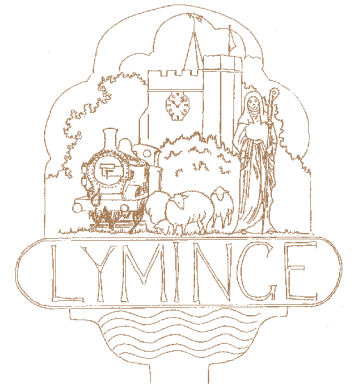
What's In Season?

There's so much produce that's now in season - check out your local farmer's market or veg box scheme to eat sustainably with the seasons. Here's what to look out for in June...

Very best wishes from Thoughtful Food



Lyminge Parish Bioblitz, Saturday 18th June



Please join us for the long anticipated Parish Bioblitz, Saturday 18th June starting at 10am at the Scout Hut by the Lyminge Village Hall.

This is going to be a great opportunity to meet with experts to learn and share knowledge of our local wildlife. The programme below is open to all, please also record as much wildlife as you can over the course of the weekend, wherever in the Parish you are, including in gardens - please submit your observations online using iRecord.org.uk or contact us via email (lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com) or at the Scout Hut on the day. Please also contact us if you can help on the day, with organisational aspects at the hut, with wildlife identification, or with wildlife photography.

- 10am-3pm:** Lyminge Scout Hut open for refreshments, with stalls run by local wildlife and environment groups. Wildlife recording sheets, identification guides and microscopes available for use by all.
- 10am:** Welcome, Introduction, and discussion on surveys and events for the day. Scout Hut.
- 10.15am:** Discovery of local moths attracted to a light run during the previous night. Scout Hut.
- 10.30am:** Training in online wildlife recording using iRecord. Scout Hut.
- 10.45am:** Plant and insect survey on the bumpy field, starting from the Scout Hut.
- 11.45am:** Pollinator count (bees, butterflies etc) on the bumpy field, churchyard, and Ethelburga Grove, starting from the Scout Hut.
- 1pm:** Stream survey on Well Field and mini-beasting on Tayne Field.
- 1pm:** Wildlife survey of the Recreation Ground, Rhodes Minnis. Volunteers required please.
- 1pm:** Wildlife survey from St Mary's Field, Etchinghill. Volunteers required please.
- 2pm:** Collation of records, photos etc. Scout Hut.
- 2.45pm:** Debriefing and discussion of results. Scout Hut.

Additional events requiring booking please (via lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com):

Friday 17th June, Lyminge moth evening, from 8.45pm.

Saturday 18th June, Lyminge "dawn" bird walk, from 6.30am.

Saturday 18th June, Lyminge bat walk, from 8.45pm.

Notes on using iRecord

Please try to submit your wildlife observations online using iRecord.org.uk, this will allow us to create summaries of the results of the bioblitz. There are two versions, an online version and an app that can be downloaded onto your phone. The phone app is great for adding real-time observations when you're out and about, with the app taking advantage of the GPS capacity of the phone to locate where you are making an observation. The online version is better for recording observations once you're back home with a computer, and for exploring and editing your records, and for viewing other people's records. All observations submitted to **iRecord** are automatically incorporated into national wildlife databases, available to experts for reviewing observations and for research and monitoring. Entering records is fairly self-explanatory, and if possible try to use location names that will be easily understood and useful for sorting records, for example by starting with the village name (eg. "Lyminge - Ethelburga Grove" or "Rhodes Minnis Recreation Ground"). Adding photos to observations is always helpful as well, but the main thing is to enjoy making any contributions you can.





BEAVERS



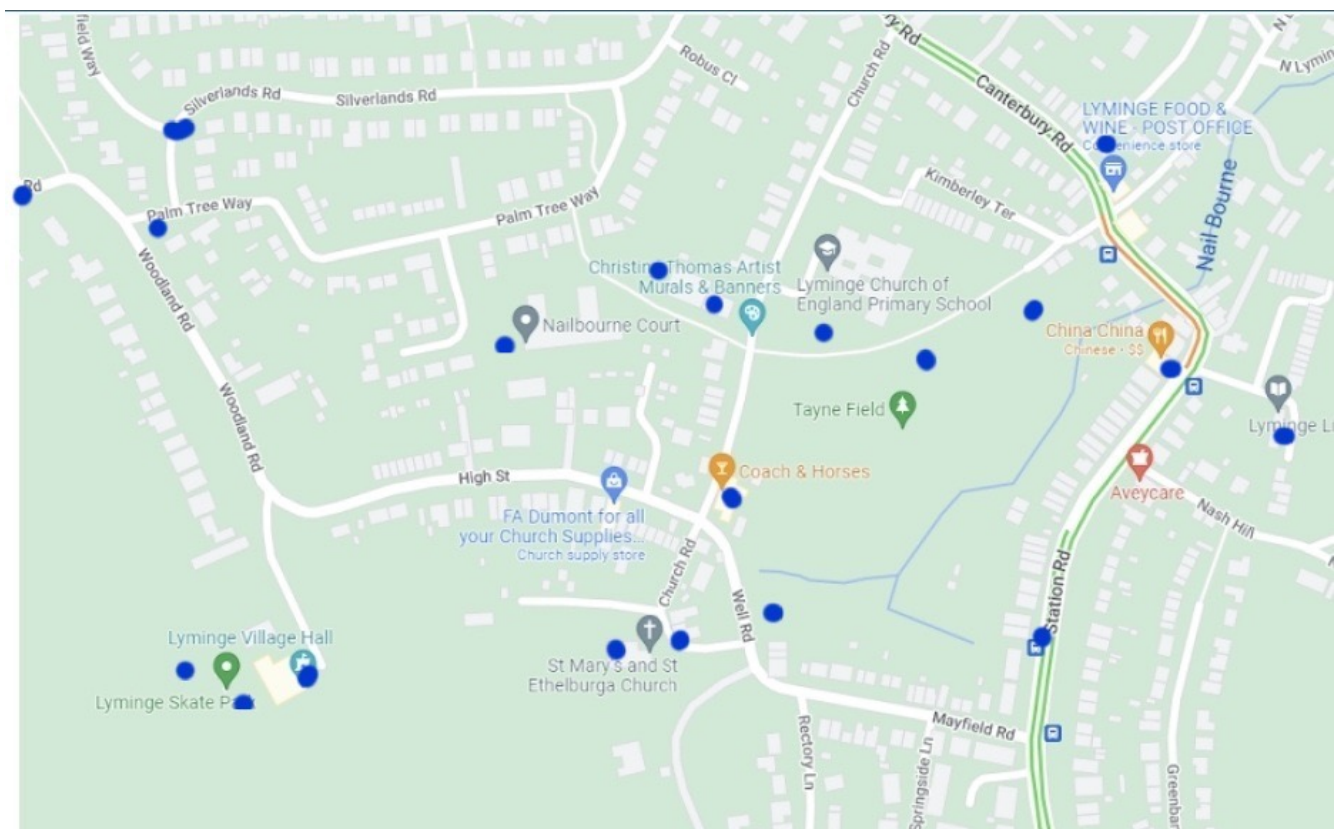
1st Lyminge Beaver Colony

As part of their Navigator badge, 1st Lyminge Beavers have been looking at maps of the village. To put their map skills to use they have painted pebbles and using the maps have selected places where they want to hide them.

They will then use their maps to hide their pebbles on a walk around the village (available to find from 24th May). We thought it would be fun to share our map and hiding places so you can all join in our pebble treasure hunt!

If you find one of them, or all of them, please take a photo and tag us on social media using the hashtag #lymingebeaversrocks but please return them to their hiding place for someone else to find. **Enjoy!!**

Each blue dot represents a hiding place.



Lyminge Youth Action enjoyed a wonderful disco last month - we hope those who came enjoyed dancing the night away!

We raised **£350.94** on the night, so thank you so much for your support. With every donation we're getting even closer to making the new parks a reality.

We look forward to seeing you at the

**Lyminge Primary School
Summer Fayre on Saturday 2 July**

for more fun!

Thank You to.....

....Caroline Hodgeman who has, for the past nearly ten years, looked after the flower trough at Yewtree Cross at the top of Longage Hill. She has now moved away and The Lyminge Association (who has the ultimate responsibility) would like someone new to carry on the great job that she has done. Funds are available for any supplies that you may need. The trough is very well established and needs minimal maintenance.

If you are interested and able to help to keep our village looking cared for and welcoming, we would be most grateful if you could contact:

Robin Mackonochie (robinmac2@gmail.com)

Tel: 01303 863346 07850 961032



PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE - THE NEXT 70 YEARS

**Sunday 5th June
10am until 5pm**

The Lyminge Gardeners' Society members are sponsoring part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Tayne Field by marking out the numerals '70' using pots containing plants. So please bring all your lovely pots and containers along to the Tayne Field to take part in our planned display. We are keen for as many people as possible to get involved – not just Gardeners' Society members.

Ideas for containers include: a vase of pollinator friendly flowers, a pot of home-grown vegetables, saplings grown from pips or nuts, plants that provide food or nesting materials for wildlife. We are sure there will be lots of other ideas too – the more the better. A note attached to the container with some information about your container would be helpful but not essential. Containers can be any shape or size but must be light enough to be carried easily by our helpers. Containers are to be brought to the Tayne Field between 10am and 12noon and collected by 5:30pm at the latest.

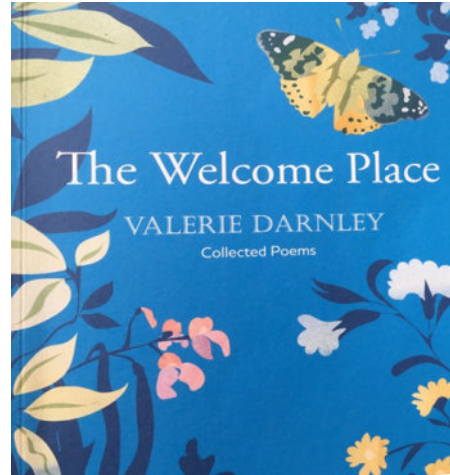
For more information email:
lymingegardeners@gmail.com
or call Anne on 07703 149008



**Write 300ish words on any subject -
then send it to the editor**

Local resident, Val Darnley, has compiled a book of her poems, an example of which can be found below. The book "The Welcome Place" is available from Amazon and from a few booksellers. ISBN 978-1-915067-06-7

Supporting DEC Ukraine Appeal.



Compensations

I'll get this one thing off my chest
If I'm down or feeling depressed
I remember my dear grandmother
Whom once I heard chiding another
"Stop complaining, give it a rest!
Just be thankful, for you are so blessed!"

I contemplate life's hard test
Its ups and downs, of those perplexed
Yet there are pleasures to delight
Fresh-noted joys of sound or sight
I'm there for others, I'll do my best
I'm not just lucky, I am blessed

Lock-down perspective, you won't be impressed
Just reflect on what matters, not over-dressed
Find beauty in nature, colour and song
A neighbourly smile, the call to belong
To friends where words mean "You are caressed"
And those times when tenderness calms the distressed

So let's work together, admit if we're stressed
Share moments, though distanced, is what I suggest
Small compensations, good things from above
I'm consoled by the joys with those whom I love
Stir-crazy, distracted and coffee-obsessed
But my gran said "Be thankful", I'm lucky, and blessed!

**Write 300ish words on any subject -
then send it to the editor**



COLD CALLERS: We have been made aware by the local KCC warden that recently there were cold callers in the area of Lyminge.

These individuals are unlikely to have the required licenses and often rely on pressure selling to get the resident to purchase either goods or services from them. The goods that they sell are often of poor quality or are greatly overpriced.

If you, or anyone you know, has a cold caller attend their address, never feel pressured to engage with them or purchase the goods or services. If you are unsure of their identity then close the door and contact us either on **101** or through the **Kent Police website**.

The Kent Police website has some further information on door-to-door and courier fraud. We continue to patrol the area and will deal with any reports when we receive them,

Kind regards,

PCSO Daniel Mills

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com

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

Visit: letstalk.kent.gov.uk

Time to get walking again!

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

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

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

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

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

www.walkinginengland.co.uk john@walkinginengland.co.uk

"Move out of your comfort zone. You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something new."

- *Brian Tracy*

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During an interesting and inspiring presentation, you will get an insight into how we work, innovate and save lives.

As a charity we would welcome an opportunity to raise awareness of our work and to explain how your members can get involved in supporting us.

If you would like to know more, we would love to hear from you. Get in touch now to book a talk at a time and place that suits you.

01634 471 900 talks@aakss.org.uk

*All in person talks will adhere to government guidelines.

Please note that our presentation is only suitable for audience members over the age of 16.



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Saturday 11 June 12 noon - 4.30pm
& Sunday 12 June 12 noon - 4.30pm

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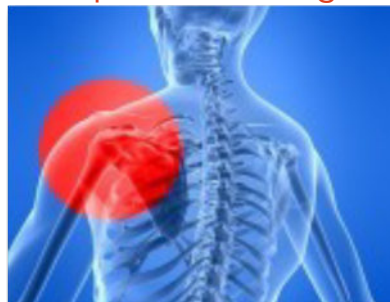
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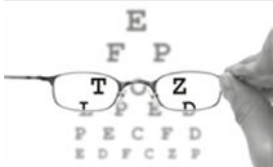
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The Lyminge Gardeners' Society picked the right day (17th May) for their recent outing to **Bilting House** near Ashford. The glorious weather off-set the beauty of the gardens and they were able to enjoy a very quintessential English garden.

In late April, the Society had their much belated Christmas Lunch, or rather Spring Lunch at the **The Gatekeeper** in Etchinghill.



Etchinghill Residents Association St George's Day Fun Quiz

Some of the contestants deliberating over their answers, (while others paused from eating to have their photograph taken!!) during a fund-raising quiz for Ukraine held in Etchinghill Village Hall on 23 April which raised a staggering amount of £568.



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Railway Museum
ELHAM VALLEY
Countryside & Craft Centre

Photographs from two recent special weekends at **Elham Valley Line Trust**.

One was the Miniature Steam Weekend and the second was the Military Event. Both were well attended, the weather was good and everyone had plenty to see and do.



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