

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

March 2022

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION  
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From The Lyminge Association

Now the government restrictions have eased, we are delighted to be able to announce that dates have been set for some of the varied and exciting activities run by the Association. They include the much acclaimed **Garage Sales** which are now scheduled for **Saturday, 26th March**, and **Sunday 25th September**, a **stream clean** on **Saturday 23rd April**, a **litter pick** on **28th May**.... these are just a few of the planned events, with more on the way.

**WITH REGARD TO THE FORTHCOMING GARAGE SALE ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM COFFEE CABIN AND SNIPPERS AND CLIPPERS FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AND RETURNED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - A SHORT WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY As WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE.**

So why not, get your diaries out and note down the events that appeal to you and make sure they aren't missed.... and not forgetting, of course the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** (see below).



The **Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022** is set to run over the long weekend, **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June**, which happens to coincide with the Spring Bank Holiday and half term.

The **Lyminge Parish Council** are taking the lead in this weekend, which includes funding some of the events. See P 14 for details.

For our part, **The Lyminge Association** is organising a couple of events to support the extensive programme being lined up, such as a **'Funtastic Dog Show'** on the Saturday 4th June (see P6) and a **street party** on Sunday 5th June in the area between the Coach and Horses pub and Lyminge Primary School (subject to KCC approval). **Etchinghill Residents Association** are organising a separate event on Sunday 5th June.

The full programme will hopefully be published next month when many of the bookings and events will have been confirmed.

So we are asking you good people to put the dates in your diary, consider offering any help that will be needed to help run the events and then turning up to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Any offers of help, or the need for any help or clarification can be done through Nancy ([nancybenham@aol.com](mailto:nancybenham@aol.com), 07840796383 or 01303-863076).

# Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

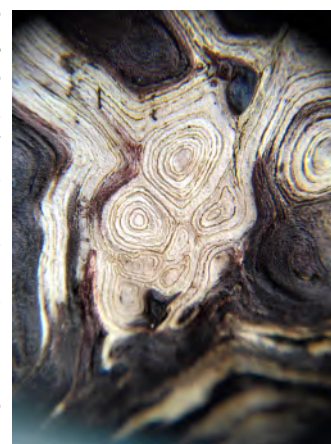
Broad brushstrokes of watery white clouds paint the pale blue sky and the air is bracing. The field I am in runs parallel to Longage Hill and faces south. Fresh molehills are dotted along and either side of the footpath, indicating a soil rich with worms. It is too early in the year for flowers but there is plenty of evidence of last year's ragwort, their rusty coloured seedheads still standing. Fresh green graces the fields from winter sown crops that are beginning to put on growth. Here and there are spent maize cobs from a distant field, brought by bird or rabbit perhaps. A blackthorn tree in a hedge is already beginning to show swelling blossom buds and the occasional leaf buds of elder have started to open but the rest of the hedgerow and trees are still stark and bare. These are signs of early Spring and are welcome after the short dull days of Winter.



With the sun gaining in strength, and shadows showing evidence of shortening, in this sheltered field its rays are beginning to warm me. I pass two fallen ash trees, their demise having taken place probably some decades ago. One is a pure tangle of trunk, branches and twigs, all having steadily decayed, with new slender branches growing upwards from the base of the tree, which remains at right angles to the ground where it was uprooted. This jumble will be providing rich sources of food and housing for myriads of insects. The second tree has split from the main trunk and its long thick branches, mostly lying parallel to the ground, show some evidence of continuing growth. Insects have bored into the now soft interior of the original trunk and black fungal growths, hard and shiny, are attached to the outer

bark, year round. These are commonly known as King Alfred's cakes (*Daldinia concentrica*). They can be used as tinder and archaeological evidence has been found in Spain showing that they were used for firelighting over 7,000 years ago. The fungus does not harm a tree, it is a 'saprotroph', which means it decays already dead plant material. On close inspection of the smooth barkless branches, small whorls decorate an otherwise plain surface, and one or two tiny insects can be seen moving quite quickly over the wood.

Amongst the branches, and very much alive, a great tit flits, singing its well known 'teacher-teacher' song. Life and death living side by side, death giving the means for new life to rise from the ashes, literally.



## Bob Webb 1923 - 2021

Bob sadly passed away on Christmas Day 2021 after a short illness. He had lived in Lyminge for just over 98 years.

Bob was one of six children and was born in Wesley Terrace. He went to Lyminge Primary School until the age of 13 then went to work for The Lyminge Newsagent (where the cafe is now). There he delivered newspapers, worked in the shop as well as serving petrol at the pumps which were on the pavement outside.

After 2 years, Bob joined local firm JJ Clayson as an apprentice painter and decorator. He wasn't there long when at 18, he was called up to the Army to go and fight in The Second World War. Bob served as a gunner in The Royal Artillery and saw action in Italy at The Battle of Montecasino among many others, and was taken to many places including Egypt, Israel and Yugoslavia.

When the war was over, Bob left the Army and re-joined JJ Clayson and remained there until they ceased trading. He then went to work for Hythe builders Charlier & Son where he was the painting and decorating manager until he retired aged 67. He then taught painting and decorating part-time at South Kent College until he finally called it a day aged 70.

During his working life, Bob became a Master Decorator and was a very talented signwriter. He painted many of the village shop fronts, church signs as well as the church clock and his handiwork can still be seen on some house name boards in the village.

Bob was married to Olive for 63 years until she passed away in 2009 following a stroke. They had 2 children, Bryan who lives in Broadstairs and Sandra who still lives in the village and one grandson, Nick who lives in Hong Kong.

In his younger days, Bob was a talented footballer, playing for Folkestone and Dover as well as other local teams. Ever the sportsman, Bob took up golf when he retired and continued playing into his 90s. Not one to sit still, he was also a keen gardener and had an allotment behind the Methodist Church for many years.

Since Bob's death, Sandra found that he had written his life story when he was 90. At the end he wrote the following words: ' By Bob, four score years and ten - what a wonderful life'.

Bob was well known in the village and had a very happy and sunny nature. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends but they are comforted to know that he lived a very full and happy life in the village that he loved.

Sandra and the family would like to thank everyone who attended Bob's funeral and for the messages of condolence that have been received.



# 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](mailto: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.
11-Mar	7pm	Quiz	AgeUK		21-May	10am	Pick Up A Plant	TBA	
20-Mar	2.30pm	Thoughtful Food Workshop: "Seeds and Sowing"	See p15	07703149008	28-May	10am	Litter Pick	LVH	862508
25-Mar	7pm	Music On Friday	LPC		2-5 June		Queen's Platinum Celebrations		
	9am	Garage Sale		07840796383	18-Jun		Lyminge BioBlitz		
09-Apr	2.30pm	RM Spring Flower Show	RMVH	862616	09-Jul	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	
23-Apr	10am	Stream Clean	TF	862508	25-Sep	9am	Garage Sale		07840796383
24-Apr	2.30pm	Thoughtful Food Workshop: "Pottin' and Plantin'"	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	Pilates	RMVH	07944028445
Mon	10am	Open House Coffee House	EVH	863394	Wed	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10.30am	Carers' Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	10.30am	Carers Coffee Morning	JC	269602	Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	1.30pm	Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Wed	2pm	Bingo (Start date TBC)	EVH	
Mon	12.30pm	Lunch Club	JC	269602	Wed <sup>5</sup>	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	5.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Wed	7.15pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	1.30pm	Lyminge Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Thurs	6pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	9.30am	Dance Fitness Class	EVH		Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	9.45am	Young at Heart Dance/Fitness	EVH	07565182259	Thurs	6.45pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	7870405567	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	12noon	Pilates	EVH		Thurs	7.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	12noon	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Wed	10am	Baaby/Toddler Group	EVH		Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	

**Editor: Would organisers/clients please double check the accuracy of the Weekly Events details since some of them have proven to be incorrect - with my apologies. Peter**

## 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 <sup>3</sup>	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	JC	269602
3rd Tues <sup>2</sup>	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	1st Sat	9am	Saturday Market	TC	07977899555
Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMC	862598	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	

<sup>1</sup> In term time only <sup>2</sup> Except Jan and Feb <sup>3</sup> Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug <sup>4</sup> Except Aug and Dec <sup>5</sup> 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

### Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday

Lyminge 7.30pm Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 6th March

Lyminge 10am. WOW Service  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

### Sunday 13th March

Lyminge 8am Prime  
6pm Evensong

### Sunday 20th March

Paddlesworth 9.30am Holy Communion CW2  
Lyminge 10am Morning Prayer  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

### Sunday 27th March - Mothering Sunday

Lyminge 10am Songs of Praise

### Sunday 3rd April

Lyminge 10am WOW Service  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

To contact the churches, please phone:  
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[www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk](http://www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk) or  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

## Postling Church Services

**6th March 9.30am** Morning Service

**13th March 8.30am** Breakfast Service

**20th March 9.30am** Morning Service by Zoom

**27th March 9.39am.** Short service for Mothering  
Sunday in the churchyard

## Lyminge Methodist Church

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

**6th March** - Mr Richard Blackwell

**13th March** - Miss Barbara Lunn

**20th March - 10.15am** Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

**27th March** - Local arrangement

**3rd April** - 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.

**6th March** - Mr. Richard Blackwell

**13th March** - No service

**20th March** - No service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley service at Lyminge at 10.15am led by Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

**27th March** - Service led by the local congregation

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

## Christians in Lyminge



### CHRISTIANS IN LYMINGE

**March 5th:** Tayne Centre Market 9am. Restock Kent from Folkestone will be there.

**March 25th: Music on a Friday "Big Band Sound"** at the Parish Church at 7pm.

Although we are not holding Lent Lunches this year we would still like to make a gift to Water Aid. During Lent could you please collect any loose change you have in a jam jar and bring it to the Parish Church at the end of Lent for us to send it to Water Aid. Every addition makes a difference however small. Thank you

## Lyminge Newsletter

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## District Councillors' Update - March 2022



A reminder that the District Council has been given a Government Grant to help households that are struggling to afford essential food and utility bills and have no other available support. This Household Support Fund is available until 31 March for families with or without children and (subject to fund availability) it is open to anyone living in the district aged 16 or over in a vulnerable household. Full details can be found at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/household-support-fund>

The District Council has also been administering Government grants to help businesses and organisations impacted by Covid and there have been special grants for projects supporting vulnerable residents. There are many schemes in place to help those in financial difficulty and a good place to ask for advice is Kent Together. Go to [www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether](http://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether) or call 03000 41 92 92.

We're pleased to report that the District Council is taking part in two Environmental schemes led by Susan in her KCC role. Solar Together is a collective buying scheme for solar panels and batteries open to all Kent householders, businesses and community buildings. For more information see <https://solartogether.co.uk/folkestone-and-hythe/home>

The other scheme is the EV600 network where KCC has partnered with Connected Kerb and councils across Kent to provide 600 Electric Vehicle Charging Points in council owned car parks. The ones in our district should be in operation by the time this newsletter appears.

Thank you to those of you who gave their views on the District Council's budget. The consultation on this closed on 01 February and we set our budget on for 2022/23 at a meeting of the full council on 23 February. The District Council will then issue the council tax bill on behalf of all the bodies entitled to set council tax – these include your Parish Council, the District Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police and Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

You may be aware that the Great British Spring Clean takes place 25 March – 10 April but did you know that there are people who are looking after our environment year round? Across our district over 200 individuals regularly collect the litter others so carelessly leave in their wake. We're also grateful for the volunteers who turn out for community litterpicks in Lyminge and Etchinghill.

The District Council will be holding a public consultation from 24 February to 04 May on its Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders. These set out where dogs must be on a lead or are banned completely. If you have views on this do take the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

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

### Poetry Corner

A joyful reunion was enjoyed in the Library on 25th January by the Lyminge Laureates. It was so refreshing to spend an hour away from politics and the plague discussing words and ideas with like-minded people. The next meeting of our poetry appreciation and writing group will be on 29th March at 10.30am in the Library.

## PILATES

in Etchinghill



**TUESDAYS 5pm**

**THURSDAYS 3.30pm**

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Booking required

Etchinghill Village Hall

Luciana Clarke

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## Missing



### Have you seen my cat?

Her name is Ginny. She is micro-chipped and has been missing since Christmas from the Elham area. Any information would be much appreciated. We are offering a small cash award to whoever finds her. Many thanks

**Luciana Clarke 07944 028445**

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ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

**Film Night**

'The Courier'<sup>12</sup>

Monday 21st March 2022

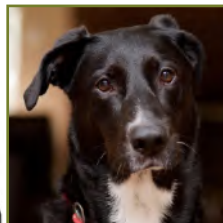
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To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
The Lyminge Association will be holding a Furry, Friendly, Fabulous

**FUNTASTIC DOG SHOW**

Saturday 04 June - midmorning (SAVE THE DATE)

As well as preparing your furry dog friend to have the cutest face, the waggiest tail, the cheekiest smile, the softest ears, the loudest bark, we need human friends to help in the planning and marshalling on the day.

If you'd like to get involved in the planning and can help on the day,  
please contact: Colin Benham 07906259378  
or email: [lymingenomad@aol.com](mailto:lymingenomad@aol.com)



# QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th March  
Age UK Lyminge

£5 pp (pay on the night) tables of 6  
Booking essential 01303 269602

Refreshments available but you are welcome to bring your own food and drink

Hythe & Lyminge ageUK

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## WHATS ON MARCH 2022

Monday	Cognitive stimulation therapy Seated exercise Bingo Cartooning for fun, the basics (starting 7.3.22)	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 - Hythe Photography to art Seated Yoga Sing along with Sue (8.3.22 & 22.2.22) Seated Exercise (15.3.22 & 29.3.22) Seated Yoga Starting (22.3.22) Boules/Curling Chatty Table - Lyminge Dance Fit	9:30am - 10:30am 10am - 12noon 10:30am - 11:30am 10:45am - 11:45am 10:45am - 11:45am 1pm - 2pm 1:30pm - 2:30pm 1pm - 2pm 5pm - 6pm	Costa Coffee Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Coffee Cabin - Lyminge Age UK Hythe
Wednesday	Morning munches (breakfast) Talking football Low impact aerobics Seated Exercise Reminiscence with PAT Dementia Café (30.3.22) Book Club (9.3.22)	9.30am - 11am 10:30am - 12noon 10:30am - 11:30am 10:45am - 1:45am 1.30pm - 2.30pm 1.30pm - 2.30pm 5pm - 7pm	Age UK Lyminge Scout Hall - Hythe Guide Hall - Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe
Thursday	Seated Yoga Cognitive stimulation therapy Streetz to Streetz Out and About Photography to art Walking Tennis (3.3.22) Knit and natter (10.3.22) Bingo Night (3.3.22)	10:30am - 11:45am 10:30am - 12 noon 11:30am - 1pm 12:30pm - 3pm 1:30pm - 3pm 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	Low impact aerobics Arts and craft Games and cards Shed project Games and quizzes Ukulele Quiz night (11.3.22)	10:30am - 11:30am 10:45am - 11:45am 10:45am - 11:45am 1pm - 2:30pm 1.30am - 2.30pm 1.30am - 3pm 7pm - 9pm	Guide Hall - Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge

Coming up soon

6th May - Walk Right Back, Eversley Brothers

Leas Cliff Hall

2nd June - Some Guys Have All the Luck

Leas Cliff Hall

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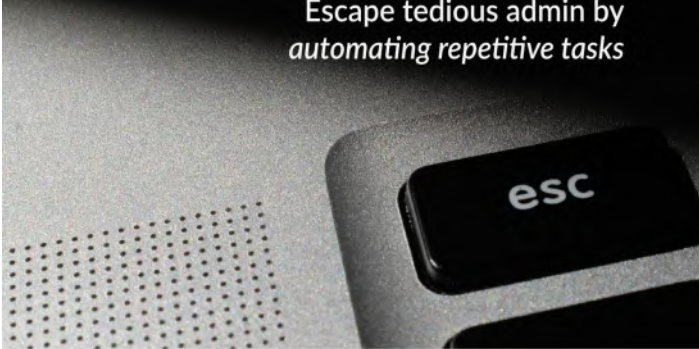
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## Lyminge Friends - March 2022

In February, we had an interesting talk from Mike Bundock on the Craft of the Clockmaker

Our next meeting is **2nd March**, when **Steve Edney** will give an illustrated talk on **The Salutation Gardens**, where he is Head Gardener

On **6th April**, **Dr Martin Watts** will give an illustrated talk entitled **Richborough, the Secret Port**

### Everyone Welcome

Please wear a mask or shield and use the hand sanitiser provided.

**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.



## Fifth Trust Update [www.fifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.fifthtrust.co.uk)

Following the success of Vineyard Garden Centre supervisor Jo Taylor's Christmas wreath making workshops, we are delighted to announce the first of our seasonal classes for 2022.

On Saturday 26th March, qualified florist Jo will be demonstrating how to make a beautiful country-styled flower basket. The perfect treat for you and your mum, or the chance to make a truly personal Mother's Day gift, the three-hour workshop at the Vineyard starts at midday.

On Saturday 9th April, you can learn how to make your own Easter door wreath, using spring flowers, woven branches and Easter decorations.

Both workshops are £50 per head, which covers all materials and tuition and includes refreshments. Spaces are limited, so book now on 01227 831052 or speak to Jo in the garden centre.

## Lyminge Judo Club

(British Judo Club Registered)



We are a small friendly village club.

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

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

**Contact:** Selwyn Nichols 01303 862946 or selwyn\_nichols@hotmail.com

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GERSHWIN SOUNDS AND MANY MORE

Thank You....

Recently, we replaced two of the trees in the Memorial Grove up the hill from the village hall. After the original planting (nearly 3 years ago already), one Beech was not well and then an Oak suffered 'sudden oak death' at the end of the summer. **The Kent Men of Trees**, who originally supplied all the trees, were happy to give us 2 replacements which we planted in mid-January. **Alun Griffiths** has been our main contact and has been very helpful with everything. Thanking him through the Newsletter would record our gratitude for what he, and **The Kent Men of Trees** have done for the village memorial. *Tony Seymour*

## The Lyminge Dog Walker

Wish you could walk your dogs more often or for longer? Are you in poor health and need a hand to exercise your pooch or maybe you just don't have enough time to do it all?

I currently have availability in the Lyminge area to walk your dog/s and am taking on new clients. I am local to Lyminge, have 4 dogs myself and a BTEC diploma in Animal Care so can offer a safe & helping hand. Happy to discuss any other pet sitting requirements you may have.



Regular and *ad hoc* bookings welcomed.

Please text Ruby for prices and to discuss availability & your dog's individual needs on 07702572480. References available on request.

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**The Surgery**  
**Church Road**  
**Lyminge**  
**CT18 8JG**

[tarawoolgar@nhs.net](mailto:tarawoolgar@nhs.net)

## Rhodes Minnis Circle

Unfortunately, our February meeting was cancelled at short notice due to the road closure making it difficult for some of our members to reach the hall but we look forward to welcoming everyone back to our March meeting when **Daphne Andrews** will tell us about her **Hobbies and Collections**.

The competition is an Item beginning with the letter 'P'. We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 2-30pm and look forward to welcoming visitors.

Marion 862913

## TAYNE CENTRE MARKET

**Saturday**  
**5th March 2022**

**Refreshments available.**

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



## Lyminge Historical Society



**COME AND JOIN US!**

### *Unravelling Dreams - A Story About Silk*

**Tuesday 1st March 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre**

Speaker: Dr. Ben Marsh

### *'The White Cliffs'*

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

**Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre**

An illustrated talk with John Buss

### *'Shall we or Shan't We - Yes we SHAL'*

Studying History and Archaeology in Lymyne - SHAL

**Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre**

Speakers: Guy Topham and Fiona Jarvest

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

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

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

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**Lyminge Youth Action** are hoping to run an Easter-themed event on Friday 1 April after school, but are awaiting final sign-off on the plans.

So pop a note in your diary for now, and make sure you're following us on Facebook - @LymingeYouthAction - and as soon as the details are confirmed we will let you know!

As well as plans for fundraising events like these, the team is continuing to seek out any other funding opportunities available as we get closer to the finish line.



And we really are so close now! So if you haven't yet donated please do give what you can via our crowdfunding page [gofundme.com/lymingeparks](https://gofundme.com/lymingeparks).

All the best



## Etchinghill Update - March 2022

### ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info, Facebook: Etchinghill

### ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT - 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH "THE COURIER" (12)

Drama / History / Thriller. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Rachel Brosnahan, Merab Ninidze and Jessie Buckley.

The true story of a British businessman unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. Forming an unlikely partnership with a Soviet officer hoping to prevent a nuclear confrontation, the two men work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

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.

Please note: The wearing of face coverings is a mandatory requirement of our hall hire agreement. Exceptions are whilst eating, drinking, or for medical reasons. This information is correct as of 14.2.22 and may change without notice. For updates please refer to our website and to government notices

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

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - SUNDAY 5 JUNE** - The ERA is working closely with the village hall trustees to jointly host a 1 day event on Sunday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Plans are currently being formalised but will include a village petanque competition on Sunday morning and a residents' Big Lunch in the afternoon. Watch this space and check out our website and notice boards for further details over the coming months.

### PARISH SPEEDWATCH TEAM by Colin Manvell

Usually about this time of the year, I would be preparing the schedule for the Speedwatch Sessions to begin in Feb/March. Unfortunately, since announcing my intention to step down as Co-ordinator, no one has volunteered to take over from me.

**Therefore, it would seem that we will no longer have Speedwatch Teams manning the Parish roads. If you'd like to help, please contact Colin: colinmanvell@btinternet.com**

If you have any village news please contact: Jacqui Blandford - 07543 966830 or email: jacqui.blandford@gmail.com



**TALK BY MAUREEN RAINEY  
FROM KENT WILDLIFE TRUST  
"Beautiful Gardens"**  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at The Tayne  
Centre, Lyminge – starting at 7.30pm

**NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME**

**SPRING SHOW**  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Doors open 2.00pm  
Prizegiving 4.00pm  
(Staging 8.30am until 10.30am)

Show Schedules are available in The  
Library and will be emailed to  
members.

Further details from John and Sara  
Packer on 01303 862816  
or email:  
lymingegardeners@gmail.com



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

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**Park House Animal Sanctuary  
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www.lordwhisky.co.uk**

We look forward to seeing you at our  
fundraising events.

**Boot & Spring Fayre - Saturday 7th May  
Dog & Owners Fun Day - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June TBC  
Boot & Summer Fayre—Saturday 6th August  
Boot & Late Summer Fayre - Saturday 10th September**

All events are held at Park House Animal Sanctuary.  
Boot Fair from 8am, Entertainment from 10am

Helpers and new ideas are urgently needed.  
Please contact us on 01303 862622 or email  
lord.whisky@btinternet.com if you can help.



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

All that sign up to the system will receive updates on various things such as community events; latest Scam alerts; Crime prevention advice as well as personal messages from your PCSO.

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Please [sign up online on the My Community Voice Kent website](#) to start receiving updates.

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The Lord Whisky Tea Room, Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY  
Winter opening hours 10am-4pm  
Summer Opening hours 9am-4pm

Don't forget we can cater for birthday parties, wakes, meetings etc., at times to suit you. We also have a function room available.  
Please ring 01303 862349

**Low-Income Veterinary Clinics**

*The Lord Whisky Centre, Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY*  
Tuesday & Thursday afternoon by appointment.  
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# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## MARCH 2022 Newsletter

**Sarah Harrison, Clerk**

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

**NEW CLERK** - We are very pleased to announce that Sarah Harrison has been appointed as Clerk to Lyminge Parish Council with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. Cherri Norman is continuing as our Responsible Financial Office and we would like to thank her for her past hard work as Clerk.

**A few words from Sarah to introduce herself:**  
*Hello, my name is Sarah Harrison and I am delighted to be appointed the new Lyminge Parish Clerk. My husband, daughter and I moved from Ashford nearly 5 years ago and absolutely love living here. After Ava was born, we decided we wanted her to grow up in a village setting, attend a small primary school and for us to all be part of a community. We love our daily dog walks and the wonderful people we have met.*

*I am excited to see what new things will come to the village from the re-vamp of the play parks to embracing and nurturing more wildlife in the area and getting to know more people - Sarah Harrison, Clerk to Lyminge Parish Council*

**PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023** - Each year in January, the Parish Council has to decide what money we will need in the following financial year, beginning in April, firstly to manage the things for which we are responsible in law, secondly to maintain the assets that we look after on behalf of the parish, and thirdly to deliver improvements in facilities where we think this will be beneficial. The amount we need to do all these things is known as the Parish Precept, and this is collected for us by Folkestone and Hythe District Council through the Council Tax that is paid by every household. Compared to the amounts you pay to Kent County Council and to the District Council, the proportion of your total Council Tax received by the Parish Council is very small. You can see how much it is on the Council Tax bill you receive each year from the District Council. But though it is a relatively small amount, the Precept is used by the Parish Council specifically for the benefit of local people, so you receive a very direct payback.

Within the Parish, there are many different interest groups. We try to spread the money we have available over as wide a range of activities as possible. Not everyone receives an equal benefit from each pound spent, but overall, the intention is

to use the money we have to make the Parish a better place to live. Better facilities and an improved environment enhance the quality of life. So each year, we seek to undertake one or more capital projects aimed at delivering improvements. In the year that is just ending, we have funded major environmental works in Court Lodge Green ("the Bumpy Field"). These works are still in progress, but when they are complete, the area around the pond, should be greatly enhanced for wildlife. Further environmental works were carried out during the year on Tayne Field and in Well Field. In addition, the well house over St Eadburg's Well, which was built in 1898, was extensively repaired so that the structure will continue to stand into the future. We have plans for other capital projects in the coming year.

In a normal year, the majority of the annual Precept is spent on maintaining existing facilities. The amount we spend on such things goes up each year through inflation and we have to cover this cost. Next year, recurring maintenance will account for some 62%, just under two thirds, of the Precept. The rest will be allocated to one-off projects. In addition to the Precept, if planning permission is granted for the two housing developments on the Golf Course site, the Council can also expect to receive money from the developer. This is a statutory levy quantified by the size of the development. Our budgeting for 2022/23 is taking this into account, although we cannot treat this money as certain until the development actually begins.

Our plans for the next financial year therefore include a number of projects. We hope we will be able to carry them all through, but at the moment this is not certain because the Golf Course development has still not received planning consent. This note is to give you a better understanding of what is planned so you know why we have set the Parish Precept at the level we have:

- We are providing funding designed to support a range of activities to take place to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Work is currently in hand to identify the activities, who will run them and what this will cost, so we can allocate the funds appropriately.

- Last year, we committed to providing a sum each year to cover small scale environmental projects in addition to large scale work such as that carried out in the Bumpy Field. We have renewed this commitment in 2022/23 and this will enable work to be carried out in a range of locations right across the parish in accordance with the plan created by our Natural Environment Working Group.
- The running track in Jubilee Field was installed many years ago, and the surface has now deteriorated badly. We plan to renew and upgrade the surface to make it easier to maintain in future, and to create a much better all-weather facility.
- The skate park in Jubilee Field needs upgrading and we have allocated a substantial proportion of the funding we believe is required to carry this work through. We intend to explore grant opportunities to cover the balance needed for this work to proceed.
- The existing children's play facilities in Jubilee Field have deteriorated to the point where they need to be replaced entirely. We plan to undertake this work with some of the money we will receive as a consequence of the Golf Course development.
- Plans have been in hand for some years to replace the existing play facilities on Tayne Field with an expanded range of equipment in two zones, one aimed at younger children and the other at an older age group. There will also be seating integrated into the design that will make it easier for families to spend time together. We have been working closely with Lyminge Youth Action on the delivery of this project. LYA themselves have done great work already securing grants and donations. In order to undertake this work, we will combine this money already collected by LYA with some funding from the Precept for 2022/23 and will also utilise the bulk of the levy we will receive as a result of the Golf Course development.

Much of this work represents significant improvement and upgrading of existing facilities that have reached the end of their useful life. These are all facilities that we believe contribute significantly to the quality of life in the parish, and as a Council we are committed to ensuring that they continue to be available for residents. In this respect, with so much work that needs to be done, we are fortunate that we will receive a substantial six figure sum as a result of the statutory levy on the new development on the Golf Course, but even that is not enough to cover everything that needs to be done. We will raise the balance of funding needed through the Precept for 2022/23. The increase for a Band D property will amount to 32.8p per week. Overall, this will deliver an extra sum amounting to a little over £20,000. This will be ploughed back into the community immediately through the projects outlined above.

In the wake of the Covid Pandemic, we have all come to appreciate the benefits of social activity out of doors. As a Council we believe that the projects we are planning for 2022/23 will deliver substantial benefits for everyone and will do much to make our

community an even more attractive place to live. Through the Precept, we spread the cost across all households. In this way, we believe the Precept still represents exceptional value for money, and it remains the most effective way to deliver benefits for the community as a whole. - *Rob Baldwin, Chair, Finance and Admin Committee*

**QUEEN'S JUBILEE** - The parish council is working with local clubs and associations to plan a series of village events to celebrate the Jubilee. It would be great to have any ideas you may have. To date our ideas include:

- Dog show
- Big picnic and lunch
- Lighting of the beacon
- A fete
- Music events

Please email ideas to

[clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk),

We are also meeting on a regular basis so would welcome anyone who is interested in helping us plan this special event so that we can ensure that we have a wide range of events for everyone. Grant applications for funding in connection with this need to be submitted to the Clerk by 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**QUEEN'S GREEN CONOPY TREE PLANTING** -

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. (See <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>).

Lyminge Parish Council has agreed to support the planting of QGC trees in each of Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis. The proposal for Lyminge is to plant seven rowan trees on Tayne Field, the exact location yet to be decided. In Etchinghill the proposal is to plant seven flowering cherry trees on the FHDC-owned field in front of the village hall, and in Rhodes Minnis it is to plant fruit and nut trees on the LPC-owned field beside the allotments. Planting is hoped to be organised before the end of March, to give the trees the best chance of establishing. Official QGC commemorative plaques are likely to be placed at each set of planted trees.

Local organisations are invited to contribute to the costs of one or more trees, or equally to make alternative arrangements for participating in the QGC initiative. Anyone who would like to participate or to provide feedback is welcome to contact us via the clerk.

**MARCH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

F & A Committee – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm at  
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge  
Full Council - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at  
7.30pm at Etchinghill Village Hall



## 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 1st March** and **Tuesday 4th April**. Please get in touch if you would like to attend- we would love to see you.

### What's In Season

Here is what to look out for in March to eat in sync with the season....



### Help to reduce food waste with Olio

We are fortunate enough to have some Food Waste Champions that live in the village. Here is a message from Rowena, who has just joined them...

'I just wanted to let you know I collect unsold surplus food from Tesco every Sunday and I share this food for free within the local community! Collection from Dog Kennel Lane. I list the food on the OLIO app which is like Gumtree, but for food. I do this because I believe good food should be eaten, not binned. To get some, all you need to do is download the app (for free) and request it. You can check out OLIO's site at [olioex.com](http://olioex.com)'

### Another recipe suggestion, this time a Winter Coleslaw...

- 1 medium Parsnip (grated)
- 1 medium Carrot (grated)
- Half of a medium red cabbage (finely shredded)
- 2/3 spring onions (finely chopped)
- 1 grated apple, variety of your choice. No need to peel.
- Simply mix all of the ingredients with your preferred mayonnaise, adding as much as you like to reach your preferred consistency of coleslaw.
- Great accompaniment to a burger meal, meat or veg varieties.

### New growers getting started at the Community Allotment

We have just 2 mini-plots remaining if there is anyone who would like to dabble in a bit of vegetable growing this year.... Once they are gone, they are gone! Drop us an email if you are interested in one of the two remaining mini-plots.

It's lovely to see those plots allocated starting to be prepared for this season's planting.



Very best wishes from Thoughtful Food



# Gardening for Pollinators

Pollination is at the heart of plant reproduction and therefore is crucial for food production and a host of ecosystem services, from flood control to nutrient cycling to our own aesthetic experiences. Wild insect species, especially bees, butterflies, hoverflies, wasps, moths

etc., are thought to be responsible for twice as much agricultural pollination in Britain as are managed honey bees. And yet wild pollinators are struggling, nationally and globally. I have been observing our local pollinators within the parish for a few years now, and have seen first-hand the way gardens and other green spaces can help pollinators and consequently help maintain our food supply and other aspects of our lives. We have a great variety of pollinators in Lyminge Parish, including at least 75 different species of bee (most of which are solitary bees, rather than the better known social bumblebees and honey bees), 50 hoverflies, 50 wasps, 25 butterflies and 500 moths. But how can we help pollinators in our own gardens?

Creating wild areas is important, including diverse habitats such as ponds, compost heaps, decaying wood, or bee-hotels, as is having hedges of native



Orange-tip butterfly on bluebells



Bee-fly on lesser celandine

flowering plants. In general, whilst many of our non-native garden flowers can be used by generalist pollinators, to help the more specialised native pollinators you really need native flowers, and you need to think about seasons. Early season flowers can be particularly rare so make sure you have some of them - dandelions are very good, lesser celandine, red campion, ground ivy, wild primrose, English bluebells, goat willow, grey willow, cherry plum, and then many of the slightly later flowering spring blossom trees such as apples, cherries etc. Cow parsley is very good for mini-mining bees in April/May. Mid season there are plenty of flowers around, ragwort is a favourite of native pollinators, while red clover, bird's-foot trefoil, hedge woundwort, ox-eye daisy, wild carrot, yarrow, hogweed, knapweed, dogwood, and field maple, are all great for bees and other pollinators.

Late season the best are probably bramble, late-flowering Asteraceae (Autumn hawkbit for example), and ivy. There are several native wild-flower seed-mixes available commercially that include a selection of these flowers, plus I'd suggest some of those spring-flowering shrubs/trees. A flowering lawn is great as well - transforming a grass mono-culture to a diverse habitat of native grasses, clovers, trefoils, self-heals etc., beautiful and great for pollinators!

Providing flowers for pollinators is only part of the story though. In simple terms, pollinators need food, shelter and breeding sites. Most pollinators in the UK are adult insects, but before they become pollinators they tend to have even more diverse needs - food plants for caterpillars, well-stocked food larders for bee grubs, moist or wet habitats for

many hoverfly larvae, and so on. Additional resources required by our pollinators include mud for mason bees to seal their nests, certain types of leaves for leaf-cutter bees to do the same, and undisturbed sheltered sites for some adult bumblebees, wasps, butterflies and hoverflies to hibernate over winter. For links to more information and advice see [www.643world.com/lymingebiodiversity](http://www.643world.com/lymingebiodiversity) or contact us on [lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com) or 01303 863426 or via our Lyminge Climate Action facebook group.



Early flowering willows are important for pollinators



Mining bee pollinating fruit tree blossom



Solitary bee covered in pollen

## Kent Moths - New Website

Talking of pollinators, a new website has been launched this past month by the Kent Moth Group which tells you everything you need to know about moths in Kent, enjoy it on: [www.kentmoths.org](http://www.kentmoths.org)



# Letters To The Editor.....

## Station Road Notice Board

I am greatly disappointed that the Parish Council have decided to remove the community advertising space from the notice board in the Station Road Carpark. This advertising space has always been available on the back of the Council boards for our large number of groups during the 18 years I have been in the village. I was concerned last year when they replaced the wooden one for a metal fully lockable unit, but they assured me the rear would be left unlocked for the public use. Below is the reply I received from a Parish Councillor when I questioned why the board was locked after they had installed two walking posters created by the Elham Valley Walkers Group in conjunction with the Council which takes up two thirds of the space leaving one third clear.

*"The situation is that we planned the new noticeboard arrangement on the basis that the new visitor poster would be displayed on one side and the other side would be available for other things, which could include village event notices. Then we received the offer from EVWG of the new posters which seemed too good an opportunity to turn down, but the new posters do take up space. The reality is that even though there is some space left, it would not look good to add village notices in the small amount of unused space. So we will most likely look to fill this with other walking related material. This means there is no space in the Station Rd car park for village notices except in the Lyminge Association board.*

*At the moment, LPC is offering two noticeboards in the village to advertise village activities. There are no plans to install another board, but we will see what the demand for another is. It is a question of demand."*

Let us show the Council that there is a demand for free to use Notice Board at the Station Road car park area in addition to the other two boards around the village by sending a letter from each of the groups to the Parish Council; their email and postal address is on the Council's green pages.

I am not against advertising our area to visitors or the walkers that the area receives but that should not be at the expense of the resident's assets.

Thanks to the Lyminge Historical Society, they are to allow groups to place their posters on the back of their metal Diamond Jubilee Board using the magnets which they will supply.

*Richard Chubb*

## Reply from Rob Baldwin, Chair, Finance and Administration Committee, Lyminge Parish Council

Richard Chubb's letter to the Editor quotes our initial response to him concerning why the rear of the Parish Council Noticeboard in the Station Road Car Park is no longer available to advertise village activities. Over the past 12 months, in partnership with community groups, the Council has put a lot of effort into developing and supporting new publicly available information about our parish. We believe that the display across the noticeboards in the car park is useful to both residents and visitors alike and makes good use of the space. We think this is beneficial for our community, and provides a good welcome to encourage visitors to stop and explore.

It is difficult at the present time to gauge the need for noticeboard space to take notices about village activities, not least because the Covid Pandemic has disrupted the normal routine. When we put up the new material in the car park in the middle of January, there was one notice advertising a village activity and one promoting a commercial activity. By contrast, the noticeboards on Tayne Field and at the end of the High Street have remained well-used throughout the pandemic. This is simply our observation.

As Richard says at the end of his letter, the Committee of Lyminge Historical Society has now agreed that magnets will be provided so that the rear of the LHS board can be used for notices going forward. This will be helpful in assessing whether there is a need for public noticeboard space in the car park. The Parish Council is not averse to putting up a new noticeboard in this area, or indeed elsewhere in the parish, if there is a need. But at the moment, this need remains to be demonstrated.

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In line with his wishes, there will be a celebration of his life to be held in May.

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

#### **TIME, THE OLD MILLER**

The mill as a metaphor for time and change is an ancient theme. St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) in his 'Expositions on the Psalms' described the world as a mill, because of the way the wheel of time is ever revolving and in the end crushes everyone. The ancient Greek proverb dating back to at least the 1st century expresses a similar idea - 'the mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind fine'; i.e. justice will in the end be served, however long it may take. It was rendered into English by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) as:

*Though the mills of God grind slowly;  
Yet they grind exceeding small;  
Though with patience He stands waiting,  
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St Augustine's image of the mill as representing the endlessly revolving activities of the world was taken up by later religious writers, such as the 12th century French monk Gérard lthier who wrote that "the mill signifies the unstable movement of the world full of continuous upheavals, disturbances and tribulations." The endless revolving of millstones reflects the endless change and turmoil of the changing world - for the religious writer, something to be contrasted with the peace and tranquillity found in the monastery.

Taken from the Mills Archive Newsletter for October 2021

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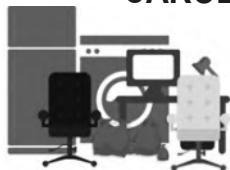
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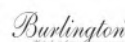
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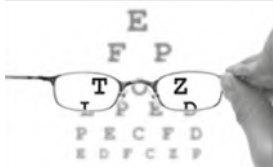
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**The 10th Annual Pétanque** completion between residents of Etchinghill took place on Tuesday 28th December at Etchinghill Village Hall. Last years competition did not take place due to lock down and therefore it was going to take more than rain and the cold to stop this year's competition going ahead. **After more than 2 hours of intense competition The Drive beat The Close, 13-5, 13-10.**

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I am also taking the opportunity on behalf of us all of thanking all the services and people involved in helping to restore the community to some semblance of order as fences are repaired, electricity restored, roads and paths cleared of debris and chimneys and roofs repaired ..... as well as all the other unsung heroes - **Thank you!!**

## Lyminge Village Hall Tidy-Up

Recently, a working party set out to tidy-up the area around the village hall, just ahead of the recent storms.

