

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 is set to run over the long weekend, **Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June**.

- In **Lyminge**, there promises to be a great celebration with a full programme of events that can be found on **P5**, including a quiz, lighting the beacon, music, dog show, brass band, street party, etc.
- In **Etchinghill**, their planned events revolve around Sunday 5th June. These can be found on **P6** with a pétanque competition and 'Big Lunch'.
- **Rhodes Minnis** is also planning a celebratory party in the village hall on the Sunday. Details can be found on **P6**
- **Postling** is organising Open Gardens and teas as well as the grand opening of the refurbished telephone box. See **P6**

IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO THE EVENT, WE ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO DECORATE THEIR PROPERTY WITH BUNTING AND FLAGS.



'Elham Valley Ukraine Support Group'

The 'Elham Valley Ukraine Support Group' has been set up to help sponsors who have registered under the government 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme to link up to Ukrainian refugees. By facilitating such things as initial and ongoing queries, video calls between the two parties and helping with visa applications, we have so far helped match seventeen households within the Elham Valley.

We are working in conjunction with the several local hubs that have also been set up and are compiling a list of local volunteers to help with a wide variety of things, such as transport, car sharing and any form of social activities, such as play dates for little ones, outings, coffee mornings and meet & greet days - the possibilities are endless. We also need people who are able to offer English lessons and act as translators. We are delighted that offers of employment, treatments and other services have already been pledged. As we live in a rural area and public transport isn't always available when required, and so a directory of willing helpers is being compiled who could drive our local Ukrainian visitors to attend job interviews, shopping, doctors, dentists or car share on shopping trips, days out, etc.

Our group feel very fortunate to live in such a beautiful, peaceful place as the Elham Valley, and in return we feel that we are very privileged to be able to help ease the traumatic experiences these people have had to endure in any little way we are able.

We still have a need for more host families. **PLEASE contact us, as any offer of help - no matter how large or small - will be really appreciated.**

Please either **email elhfur@gmail.com** with your name, telephone number and what help you are able to offer or **telephone 01303 863256** or **07704105854**.



LITTER PICK - 28 May. See P2 for more details

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

Dandelions dot the field I am walking in, their colour strong and cheery. This flower is seen by most people as a weed that is troublesome to remove from lawns. It also goes under the names of Irish daisy, wild endive, faceclock, swine's snout, and blowball. The name dandelion comes from the French, 'dents de lion', meaning lion's teeth, referring to the jagged shape of the long leaves.

To most gardeners, the dandelion is a stubborn weed which is very difficult to eradicate permanently, partly due to its long and strong roots. Unless the whole root is removed, it will re-grow with as much vigour as previously, and this is one of its strengths. Another strength is its method of seed dispersal. We all know the fun children have, and ourselves too, if truth be known, in blowing the dandelion 'clocks', arriving at the time by counting each puff. When left to nature, these seeds, designed to be airborne, can be carried for miles in strong winds, ending up in new environments, where they can germinate and flourish - they need very little soil in which to get a purchase.

Its flower is reminiscent of the sun and its seed head that of the moon. Whole areas of fields in Spring can be full of its cheerful blooms, almost shouting for joy with the vibrancy of its yellow flowers, followed shortly by the quieter silvery white 'clocks', their soft spheres catching the sunlight on bright days.

Dandelions have other strengths too - medicinal. It is reputed to lower cholesterol, act as both a laxative and diuretic (a French name is 'pis-en-lit!'), and work as a skin healer. It is also rich in Vitamins A, B, C and folic acid and contains iron, copper, calcium, potassium and manganese. The young leaves are edible and add a certain piquancy to salads, so, we should be eating dandelions in order to benefit from all the goodness they contain, rather than pulling them up. Their cheerful appearance, especially when seen in large quantities, might also be said to act as a visual 'pick-me-up', uplifting to the mind and spirit.

Bordering one side of this field is a mixed hedge comprising hawthorn, holly, horse chestnut, hazel, beech, blackthorn and hawthorn, all at different stages of Spring growth. It is the horse chestnut's sticky buds which attract me today, rich, red and shiny that will gradually open into beautiful palmate leaves, followed by dramatic flowers.

A wren flies up in front of me, onto the trunk of a mature tree which is entwined with thick and woody ivy stems. Skittering up the trunk, its milk chocolate colouring makes it difficult for me to keep it in my sights. It is nest building time, and birds are busy collecting material to build a vast variety of dwellings suitable for rearing their young.



The Lyminge Association is organising

A LITTER PICK

in Lyminge

ahead of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

The village is generally well looked after but there are a few 'hot spots' that seem to attract litter and rubbish and need our attention. Please meet at:

Lyminge Village Hall Car Park

10am

Saturday 28th May

Please bring gloves and protective clothing and plenty of energy and enthusiasm!! Rubbish sacks and litter pickers will be provided.

Derek can be contacted on 862508 should you need any further help or guidance.



**Do something amazing
Give blood**

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.
15-May	6pm	Etchinghill Village Hall AGM	EVH		05-Jun		Queen's Platinum Celebrations, Etchinghill	EVH	See P6
21-May	10am	Pick Up A Plant	TF		05-Jun		Queen's Platinum Celebrations, Rhodes Minnis	RMVH	See P6
24-May	8pm	Lyminge Village Hall AGM	Zoom	See P12	18-Jun		Lyminge BioBlitz		
28-May	10am	Litter Pick	LVH	862508	09-Jul	6pm	Cantores Prom Concert	The Pent, Postling	
2-5 June		Queen's Platinum Celebrations, Lyminge		See P5	09-Jul	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	
4-5 June		Queen's Platinum Celebrations, Postling	Postling	See P6	25-Sept	9am	Garage Sale		07840796383
04-Jun		Tayne Centre Market	TC						

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Wed	10.30am	Pilates	RMVH	07944028445
Mon	10am	Open House Coffee House	EVH	863394	Wed	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10.30am	Carers' Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	10.30am	Carers Coffee Morning	JC	269602	Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	1.30pm	Dementia Café	JC	269602
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Wed	2pm	Bingo (Start date TBC)	EVH	
Mon	12.30pm	Lunch Club	JC	269602	Wed ⁵	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	LMC	863049	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	5.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	1303211364
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Thurs	6pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	9.30am	Dance Fitness Class	EVH		Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	9.45am	Young at Heart Dance/Fitness	EVH	07565182259	Thurs	6.45pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	12noon	Pilates	EVH		Thurs	7.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	12noon	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	JC	269602
Wed	10am	Baaby/Toddler Group	EVH		Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	

Monthly Events

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

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

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



St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Sunday 1st May

Lyminge 10.00am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 8th May Lyminge

8.00am Holy Communion. BCP
6.00pm Sung Evensong. BCP

Sunday 15th May

Lyminge 10.00am Holy Communion. CW1
Paddlesworth 6.00pm Evensong. BCP

Sunday 22nd May - Rogation Sunday

Paddlesworth 8.00am Rogation Walk to Lyminge
Lyminge 10.00am Family Praise for Rogation

Sunday 29th May

Acrise 10.00am Benefice Service

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost. Whit Sunday Lyminge 10.00am Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Service

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

1st May 9.30am Holy Communion
8th May No Service
15th May 9.30am Morning Service
22nd May 3pm Prayers for Rogation Sunday
29th May No Service



The Easter message from outside the Tayne Methodist Church

There was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. While the sun's light failed, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Luke 23: v44 to 46

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.

1st May - Miss Barbara Lunn
8th May - Local arrangement
15th May - Mrs Lisa Cooper
22nd May - **10.15am Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis**
29th May - Mr Ralph Bradshaw

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.

1st May - Service will be led by the local congregation
8th May - **2.30pm Chapel Anniversary** led by Rev. Wes Hampton
22nd May - **10.15am Valley Service** led by Rev. Gill Songer

Christians in Lyminge



7th May: Tayne Centre Market 9am. Held in the Tayne Centre.
Restock Kent from Folkestone will be there.
Every Monday: Knit and Natter In the Methodist Church at 2.30pm. For further information please call 863049

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** **Village Hall**
(Pre-registration for Quiz essential. (01303 863076 nancybenham@aol.com Bring own food and drink Cost: £10 per table (up to 8 per table). Regal dress encouraged!!)
- 9.45pm** **Beacon Lighting - National Event** **Parish Church**
(Can be viewed from around the Church and LVH car park)

Friday 3 June

- 4pm** **Treasure Hunt for all Ages** (to be confirmed) **Methodist Church**
- 6pm** **Queen Tribute Act** **Tayne Field**
(Rock music)

Saturday 4 June

- 10am-12.30pm** **Games and Maypole Dancing** **Tayne Field**
(Free side shows for all ages)
- 11am-12.30pm** **Dog Show** **Tayne Field**
(Cheekiest and funtastic dog show - most adorable puppy; waggiest tail; fittest looking; dog and owner look alike; dog you most want to take home; the most obedient. Rosettes for top 3 and prize for the winner).
- 11.30am-1.30pm** **Fish 'n' Chips Van** **Tayne Field**
(A chance to be very British - bring your own newspaper!!)
- 12noon-1.45pm** **Canterbury Brass Band** **Tayne Field**
(A renewed welcome visit from a well-known brass band)
- 2.30-4pm** **Dolcettes** **Tayne Field**
(1940's music...)
- 6-8pm** **80s Music** **Tayne Field**

Sunday 5 June

- 10-11.30pm** **Church Service** **Parish Church**
(Service of Thanksgiving)
- Morning** **Morris Dancing on the field** **Tayne Field**
10am-5pm **Planting for Our Future display** **Tayne Field**
'Planting for our Future - The Next 70 Years' – Village Container Display
The Gardeners' Society and Thoughtful Food wish the community to bring potted plants with them to reflect the immense need for plants to help maintain the equilibrium of the planet and our understanding of their importance. This will be at the top of the Tayne field as a backdrop to the street party on Church Road.
- 2-4pm** **Street Party** **Church Road**
(Church Road closed from The Coach & Horses to the Tayne Methodist Church. Please bring your own food and drink, cups and plates. Free commemorative cup cakes, mementos and drone photograph. Seating limited to the first 250 people).
- 2-3pm** **Background music with Lyminge pianist John Mitchell and singer Susan Mitchell-Cook** **Church Road**
- 4-5pm** **Cantores Prom Concert** **Tayne Field**
(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)

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

We would welcome any support that volunteers can offer to help run some of these events. If you are willing and able, then please contact Nancy on 863076, 07840 796383 or email nancybenham@aol.com



**QUEEN'S
PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY 5TH JUNE
ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**



**RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A DAY OF CELEBRATION TO
COMMEMORATE OUR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

TIMES & ACTIVITIES:

- 11 AM - OPENING & UNVEILING OF A NEW PLATINUM JUBILEE BENCH
- 11.30 AM - PÉTANQUE COMPETITION - ALL WELCOME
 - £5 JUBILEE COINS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE 2 FINALISTS
- 12.30 APPROX - THE 'BIG LUNCH' - BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC - AL FRESCO OR IN THE HALL DEPENDING ON WEATHER. DON'T FORGET THE BUBBLY!
- THROUGHOUT THE DAY
 - GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN; MEMENTOS; MEMORABILIA TENT & RAFFLE FOR A JUBILEE-THEMED HAMPER
- BACON ROLLS, CREAM TEAS + HOT & COLD REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE
- 4 PM - CLOSE

The event is being jointly hosted by the ERA and the village hall trustees
Funding is kindly being supported by a KCC member grant from councillor Susan Carey

**Rhodes Minnis Jubilee
Afternoon Tea
5th June 2022 2-4pm
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall**

-  Pop in or bring a picnic
-  Cake and prosecco, teas and coffee
-  Raffle and donations for Pilgrims Hospice
-  For more info and offers of help:
elisabeth.hirlemann@gmail.com or
01303 864256

**Postling Jubilee Weekend
4th & 5th June 2022**

-  Village Open Gardens from 12 noon to 5pm on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June, with teas in the village hall.
-  On Saturday evening there will be a lighting of a beacon on the Downs.
-  On Sunday morning there will be the grand opening of the refurbished telephone box with a village photograph.

**Union Jacks will be delivered to properties with holders used for Christmas trees
along Station Road and Canterbury Road - houses 27th May and businesses 30 May.**



CANTORES
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Cantores

warmly invites you to

Lyminge

Platinum Jubilee



Sunday 5 June

at 4:00pm

Tayne Field, Lyminge

Wear your best glad-rags

Bring flags and a chair

Retiring collection
NO TICKETS

See you there!



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Lyminge Association
will be running a cheeky

FURRY, FABULOUS, FUNTASTIC DOG SHOW

Saturday 4th June 11am-1230pm

Tayne Field, Lyminge.

Free registration from 10.30am.

 **Most Adorable Puppy (under 2 years)**

 **The Fittest Dog**

 **The Dog with the Waggiest Tail**

 **The Most Obedient Pooch**

 **The Dog and Owner Look-alike**

 **The Dog You'd Like To Take Home**

Rosettes and prizes for winners.

Please ensure your dog is on a lead and you
clean up its mess!

Contact Colin Benham 07906 259378

or email: lymingenomad@aol.com



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2023 Calendar

The Lyminge Association is proposing to print a calendar of **YOUR** photographs capturing the essence of what the Queen's Platinum Jubilee meant to you and your family.

With this in mind, please ensure you have your cameras ready to capture **...that quirky shot, ...that special smile, ...the unique time and situation.**

We will then collect them altogether (details to follow next month) and put them into a calendar format which will be available in the months leading up to Christmas.

We look forward to your contributions.

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District Councillors' Update - May 2022

Here's a quick summary of work under way in our district to support those fleeing Ukraine and seeking to settle in the district:

- A key role for the Council is to carry out checks on properties put forward for the Homes for Ukraine programme. The position at 11 April was 197 Ukrainian guests had been matched to 77 sponsors / properties across the district, with 41 property checks completed. The remaining checks should be completed by the end of April.
- A Council web page www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/support-for-Ukraine provides updated information on support available for those taking part in the Homes for Ukraine programme. Welcome Packs with advice and guidance for hosts and families is being translated into Ukrainian and Russian.
- A dedicated telephone number (01303 853600) and email address (Ukraine@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) have been set-up to manage enquiries which come to the Council. (This is in addition to KCC's dedicated contact number 03000 412424.)
- The three Community Hubs in Hythe, Folkestone and New Romney which we used during lockdown have been re-established as local contact points to support both hosts and guests, offering initial support and signposting to other services as required. We are working closely with KCC and the Hubs will also be a base for KCC Support Workers who will provide local bespoke support for each household.
- A Folkestone & Hythe Ukraine Community Support Network has been started and this includes key local stakeholders, voluntary groups, charities and the Council. The aim of the group is to ensure that key role played by the voluntary sector and our communities across the district is co-ordinated and good practice shared.



On 30 March the Full Council debated the final iteration of our Core Strategy which sets out where development (homes, employment sites, retail and leisure) should be sited. We're pleased to report that it was agreed and our district now has significant protection from speculative development.

The Council has recently issued a District Wide Carbon Plan which is intended to involve the whole district in carbon reduction. Full details are on the website and it is hoped individuals and communities from across the district will get involved.

Susan attended Postling Parish Council on 29 March and briefly joined the Etchinghill Litterpick on 09 April to do the official photos. Both Jenny and Susan attended two of the preview events for F51 the world class indoor skatepark venue. As well as skateboarding it also offers wall climbing, bouldering, BMXing and boxing. It's a truly remarkable building filled with art (one of the walls is by Banksy) and is being run by the Sports Trust (Sir Roger de Haan's sports charity). Why is it called F51? The F is for Folkestone and 51 is the latitude of where Folkestone is located. See F51.co.uk to book both sessions and training. It's another part of the jigsaw in the regeneration of Folkestone to the benefit of our whole district.

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

CLARIFICATION AND CORRECTION

In the April Newsletter there was a brief outline of the Parish Council's role in the village.

The Council would firstly like to clarify the reference to "*being responsible for running the structure of the parish*". Lyminge Parish Council is indeed responsible for a number of structures within the village, such as St Eadburg's Well, the Bus Shelters and Notice Boards. Also some of the open spaces such as Jubilee Field, part of the Tayne Field, Rhodes Minis Allotments and Lyminge Village Hall Car Park. However, the Parish Council is not responsible for a number of other facilities such as the Toilets, the Station Road Car Park and Street Lighting which come under Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC). If you are in any doubt about where such responsibilities lie, please contact the Clerk for further clarification.

Secondly, Lyminge Parish Council do not have authority to approve planning applications; that is the responsibility of FHDC. The Parish Council do, however, see all planning applications and have the opportunity to comment, object or support any of these proposals.



Home Wanted for Two Male Guinea Pigs

They aren't neutered and come with a two storey hutch - all free of charge.

Contact Diana on 862134

(Colouring maybe different to the image above)

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MUSIC ON A FRIDAY

...wishes to thank the Folkestone Community Swing Band for playing at Lyminge Parish Church on Friday 25th March and for all of those who helped organise and supported the evening. (Photos p32)

Our next concert will be our Autumn BBQ, 2nd September, featuring a local recording singer and others - please make a date in your diary.

Letter To The Editor.....

"Thank you to the kind gentleman who, when his dog ruined our grandsons' football on Tayne field just before Easter, promptly gave them £20.00 to buy a new one. A kind gesture and much appreciated by Sam and Ted."

Mike and Linda Chisnall



Opportunity To Become A Governor At Lyminge School

Do you have the skills and insight needed to become a School Governor? We are looking for someone who is willing to give their time and commitment to

take up this vital and important voluntary role in our local community. While specific experience is always welcome, we especially value applicants who can demonstrate a good understanding of the principles of governance and who is willing and able to take up the many opportunities for training.

Lyminge School aims to ensure that all pupils will start their secondary education with the knowledge, wisdom and skills needed to flourish, and with the confidence to use their gifts and talents for the benefit of others. As a Governor of Lyminge School you will work with an experienced and committed team to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of the Governing Board and support staff to ensure the school provides the best possible education for all its pupils.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please write a brief statement outlining what you would like to bring to the Governing Board and send it:

- By email addressed to the Chair of the Governing Body, via Susan Foster, Clerk, at sfoster@lyminge.kent.sch.uk
- By letter addressed to the Chair of the Governing Body via the school office or by post c/o Emma Wren (Senior Administrator), Lyminge Church of England Primary School, Church Rd, Lyminge, CT18 8JA

The closing date for applications is May 16th 2022

Applicants will be contacted soon after the closing date to arrange an informal meeting to discuss the role in more detail.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

"The Personal History of David Copperfield" ^{PG}

Monday 16th May 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

FOLKESTONE & DISTRICT HARD OF HEARING CLUB

For many years now, I have been running a club for local people who are hard of hearing and I know, having grown up with a very deaf mother, that hearing loss can be very isolating and can make socialising difficult. Sadly, as we get older, many of us find that our hearing deteriorates and for many, it can have an impact on our lives. Our club members all belong to this group, have varying levels of hearing loss and they all enjoy coming along to meetings once a month to meet up with others who have similar problems to their own.

We meet in the Holy Trinity Church Hall and have regular games afternoons, as well as meetings when speakers give presentations, which always have a visual aspect – and we always make sure that we have plenty of time for a chat over a cup of tea and cake! When able, we also arrange several pub lunches during the year which members enjoy. We have a great deal of support from Hi Kent, a local charity for the deaf, and a member of their team of volunteers comes to our meetings every other month to hand out NHS batteries and do minor repairs to hearing aids.

Sadly, as a result of Covid and our members getting older and more frail, numbers have fallen and we are looking for others to join us. We meet on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month and are a very friendly and welcoming group, so if you, or anyone you know, would like to come along to a meeting, we would love to see you. You can call me on 01303 266668 for more details.

Jenny Brandon

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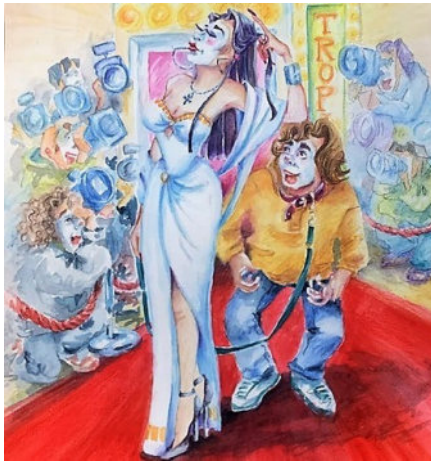
Please don't forget to recycle your old paper editions of the newsletter

Coach & Horses



For bookings and any help needed, please phone 01303 901011 or check Facebook page 'Coach & Horses'

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Children's Society

making childhood better

We are a children's charity who help children of all faiths and none, including children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers

or those within the youth justice system. Through our lobbying and research, we seek to influence CHILD PROTECTION policy and perceptions at all levels so young people have a better chance in life.

A sincerest thanks to all our Box Holders for collecting **£514.07** this year **February 2022**.

Roger and Juliet Filby (01303) 862276

POP ME ON THE FRIDGE

MOBILE FISH & CHIPS



EVERY THURSDAY

From

11.45pm - 12.45pm

**Age Uk Car Park
Eat In Cafe
or Take Away**



STREETZ 2 STREETZ

TELEPHONE:

07955 926 835

Major Cards Accepted



Lyminge Friends - May 2022

In April, we were totally riveted as Dr Martin Watts told us about the secret port created in Richborough during the First World War. We also met on Easter Monday to have an excellent Lunch in the Kings Arms, Elham

Our next meeting is on 4th May and our speaker will be Melody Foreman with an illustrated Talk on Women Pilots of 2nd World War.

Following the meeting we are going to the Elham Valley Vineyard to check out their Garden Centre and Café (car shares permitting).

On 1st June we have a return visit from Nicholas Reed who will give us his illustrated talk Wish You Were Here: The Seaside Holiday in Art

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.



The Lyminge Association is organising

A LITTER PICK

in Lyminge

Please meet at **Lyminge Village Hall Car Park 10am Saturday 28th May**

Please bring gloves and protective clothing and plenty of energy and enthusiasm!! Rubbish sacks and litter pickers will be provided. **Derek can be contacted on 862508 should you need any further help**

IT'S DISCO TIME!!

IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

Lyminge Youth Action Disco

FRIDAY 20 MAY
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL
5.15-6.45PM

TICKETS £2.50 PER CHILD

MUSIC
HOT DOGS
SNACKS

GAMES
DRINKS
SWEETS



BUY AT SCHOOL GATES OR VIA EMAIL: LYMINGEYOUTHACTION@GMAIL.COM

We hope you had a lovely Easter, and are enjoying the recent sunny weather.

Sadly it didn't arrive in time for our Easter Fete, forcing us to cancel the main events in light of the snow!

However, we did go ahead with the bake sale, and thanks to your support we raised £168.69. A HUGE thank you to those who baked the delicious treats on offer.

We have decided the time has now passed for an Easter Fete, so will instead turn our attention to our next event - the return of the disco!

The next disco will be held on Friday 20 May from 5.15-6.45pm, at Lyminge Village Hall, and is open to all primary school-aged children.

Tickets are £2.50 per child and can be purchased from Tara Anderson, Christelle King or Rachel Bartlett at school.

Alternatively you can request tickets via email - lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com - or text 07960548977.

As well as plenty of party tunes, there will also be hot dogs and other refreshments to enjoy, along with sweet treats, a raffle and teddy tombola.

We look forward to seeing you there!

All the best



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

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE

HAPPY DAYS PRODUCTIONS UK ARE PROUD TO PRESENT...

HAPPY DAYS
Are here again!

Saturday 28 May
2.30pm
CELEBRATING HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

JOIN US FOR A PATRIOTIC, FUN-PACKED SHOW FULL OF NOSTALGIA, MERRIMENT AND SONG



The WIZARD of Oz

10th-12th & 16th-18th June

A FHODS
THE FOLKESTONE THEATRE COMPANY
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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

BOX OFFICE 01303 223925 or towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk



the fifth trust
supporting adults with learning disabilities

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.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

All Etchinghill residents are welcome.

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

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

Refreshments will be available after the AGM.

TAYNE CENTRE MARKET

Saturday 4th June 2022

We are currently looking for more stall holders for the regular market. In addition, we're offering 6 boot fair style spaces (weather permitting) outside the Tayne Centre on Saturday 4th June. Just bring your own table £5 per pitch for anyone. Refreshments available. 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

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com



*Lyminge
Historical
Society*



COME AND JOIN US!

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

'Shall we or Shan't We – Yes we SHAL'

Studying History and Archaeology in Lymyne - SHAL

Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre

Speakers: Guy Topham and Fiona Jarvest

'Fashion on the Ration' – A WW2 talk

Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre

Speaker: Judi Knight

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

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

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

To take advantage of the offer please call Daphne Andrews on 01303 862865. This bundle offer is not available from the shop.

*Postage and packaging extra

Email: lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Website: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lymingehistoricalsociety

Rhodes Minnis Circle

We had a lovely afternoon on the 23rd March when Daphne Andrews gave us a talk on and presentation of her Hobbies and Collections.

We were amazed at the number and variety of items ranging from crested china and thimbles to horse brasses, feathers and even pictures of aircraft and local floods to name but a few.

The afternoon just flew by - thank you Daphne.

The competition was won by Molly Walker, with Paula Peers 2nd, Ann Laker 3rd and Jackie Storey 4th.

On **25th May** we are holding our members **AGM** followed by a **Cream Tea** to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Anniversary.

There will be a raffle but no competition.

Marion 862913

**Lyminge Village Hall AGM
Tuesday 24 May
8pm**

Via Zoom.

Please let us know by email if you would like to attend so we can send out the Zoom invite/link.

Email: lvh.bookings@outlook.com

Etchinghill Update - May 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 16 MAY AT 7.30 PM - "THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD" (PG). Comedy / Drama, starring Dev Patel, Hugh Laurie, Tilda Swinton and Peter Capaldi. A fresh and distinctive take on Charles Dickens' semi-autobiographical masterpiece. Set in the 1840's, the film chronicles the life of its iconic title character as he navigates a chaotic world to find his elusive place within it. From his unhappy childhood to the discovery of his gift as a storyteller and writer, David's journey is by turns hilarious and tragic but always full of life, colour and humanity. 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 CELEBRATIONS - VILLAGE HALL- SUNDAY 5 JUNE.

The ERA and Village Hall Trustees will be hosting a 1 day event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event opens at 11 am with the unveiling of a new Platinum Jubilee Bench, which will be sited overlooking the hall's pétanque area. A pétanque knockout competition will commence shortly afterwards, followed by the Big Lunch from 12.30 pm (bring your own picnic). Bacon rolls, cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be on sale throughout the day and games will be organised for the children. Raffle tickets for a quality, Jubilee-themed hamper will be on sale. Look out for the advert in this edition of the Newsletter and visit our website for more detailed information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for local residents who are 70 years of age, either now or during this year, to assist with our opening and closing ceremonies at the event. If you would like to help, please contact the ERA chairman for further information.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY - A national tree planting initiative is taking place to plant trees to commemorate the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thanks go to Lyminge Parish Council who have kindly donated and planted 7 flowering cherry trees on St Mary's field, together with 2 nut trees, to celebrate the 7 decades of Her Majesty's reign. Thanks also go to LPC volunteers, local committee members and residents for their help on the day.

THE ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL Annual General Meeting will be held on SUNDAY

15th May from 6pm to 7pm. All Etchinghill Residents are welcome! It is your opportunity to find out what is going on in your Village Hall, to ask questions or get involved. Refreshments will be available following the AGM. **John White, Chairman,** Etchinghill Village Hall.

THANK YOU to all village litter pickers who helped to clean up the village streets on the 9th April. Photo (back page) kindly submitted by Susan Carey.

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



Stelling Minnis Garden Safari

29th May

(the Sunday before the Jubilee Bank Holiday)

12noon to 5pm.

Advance Garden Safari tickets are available at the Stelling Minnis village shop: £6 for adults (accompanying children are free) or £7 on the day from either the shop (up to 2.30pm) or the Stelling Minnis Village Hall from 11.30am.

There will also be refreshments, a produce and plant sale, raffle and art display at the Stelling Minnis Village Hall (also 12-5pm). You are welcome there even if you are not taking the Garden Safari; there is no admission charge.

Please support these events which are in aid of Stelling Minnis and Upper Hardres churches.

Bridge Farm Plants



This Spring we have a large selection of plants for both hanging baskets and planters.

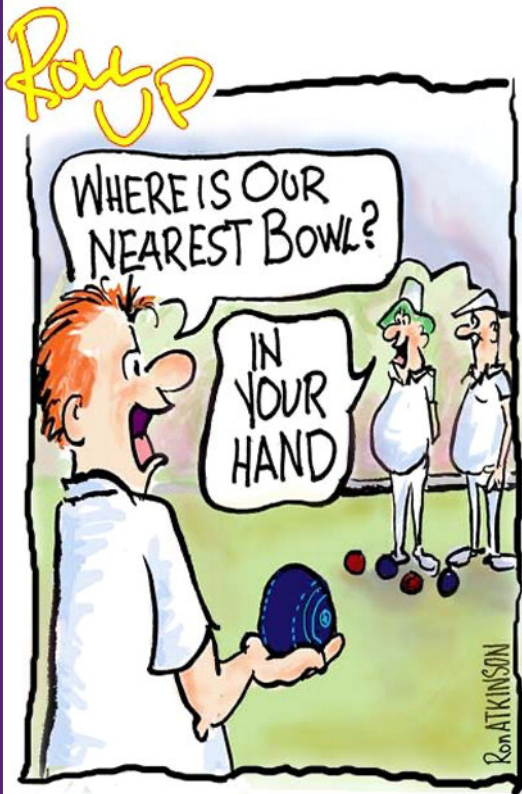
Hanging baskets and planters can also be made up to order

There is also a large variety of perennial plants.

**Bridge Farm, Redhouse Lane, (off Greenbanks)
(01303) 863625**

LYMINGE BOWLING CLUB

Woodland Road, Lyminge
CT18 8EW



Roll up, Roll up!!
Learn to Bowl for Free!!

Enjoy the fresh air
in beautiful countryside
surroundings

10am - 12 noon

Starting Sunday 01 May

Free refreshments from age 8 - 80+yrs
Just wear flat soled shoes or trainers and
comfortable clothing

Contact:

John 01303 272521 or

Terry 01303 863404

if you need help in advance of the day.





LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

May 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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING v ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – both these meetings are normally held in May, but what is the difference?

Like any other organisation, the Parish Council needs to hold an annual meeting to carry out those things that are only done once a year, such as electing a Chairman, appointing committees and appointing representatives to other local bodies. This is known as the Annual General Meeting. Members of the public can attend but cannot speak at this meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of all electors within the parish and any elector can speak on any matter of local interest. If present, the Chair of the Parish Council must by law chair the Annual Parish Meeting, but it is not a meeting of the Parish Council. The meeting may discuss parish affairs, and may pass resolutions, but these are not on the whole binding on the Parish Council. The meeting gives a chance for electors to make the Parish Council aware of matters of concern. This meeting will have its own minutes which are kept separately from the meeting minutes of the Parish Council.

In Lyminge we also treat the Annual Parish Meeting as an opportunity for parishioners to hear what the council has accomplished during the last year. Village groups and organisations are also invited to submit a short report on the year's activities and any plans for the future.

SPEEDWATCH - a new coordinator is 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, please contact the Clerk who will forward your details to the Speedwatch Team.

PARKING ON YELLOW LINES – There continues to be a problem with motorists parking inconsiderately on yellow lines around the village, in particular near the shop and near the pharmacy. We would remind everyone that you should not park on double yellow lines at any time and that you should not park on single lines in the village between 8.30am and 6.30pm.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE - Council are pleased to confirm that grants have been awarded to a number of groups to help fund the costs of proposed events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

EV CHARGING POINTS – You may have seen that work has been taking place in Station Road Car Park, to install Electric Vehicle Charging Points. These are part of a joint project between KCC, FHDC and Connected Kerb. We are advised the charging points should be commissioned by the end of April and the 4 parking bays behind the feeder pillar will be for EV charging only.

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY TREES PLANTED

As explained in previous newsletters, the Parish Council has supported the participation of our villages in the Queen's Green Canopy initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. In Lyminge seven rowan trees were planted on Tayne Field with support from the Lyminge Association, Lyminge Gardener's Society, Lyminge Cantores, Lyminge Historical Society and Lyminge Climate Action.

Rowan is a small native tree that has white flowers in spring and red berries in autumn, and as such is great for bees, birds and other local wildlife. According to the Woodland Trust, "bane of witches, diviner of the future and producer of jam, rowan is an elegant tree with a mystical history".

In Etchinghill seven flowering cherries were planted on St Mary's field with support from Folkestone and Hythe District Council, Etchinghill Residents Association and Etchinghill Village Hall. Two flowering almonds and two purple-leaf "Pissardi" cherry plums comprise the back row, whilst the front row consists of three slightly later-flowering "Okame" cherries. In Rhodes Minnis seven fruit and nut trees were planted on the Recreation Ground, comprising two eating apples (Spartan and Sunset), a pear (Concorde), a cherry (Stella), a plum (Marjories Seedling), an almond (Ingrid) and a walnut (Buccaneer). All these trees have been registered on the Queen's Green Canopy online map, as have the 106 trees planted around Lyminge by Lyminge Scouts, kindly provided by The

Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and Kent Men of Trees. Thanks to everyone who helped with the planting of all these trees.

RHODES MINNIS RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT PLAN -- In Rhodes Minnis the 7 Queen's Green Canopy trees are contributing to a new management plan to improve the biodiversity value of the Recreation Ground whilst also providing a variety of edible fruit and nut trees for the benefit of the local community. To this end two Kent cobnut bushes were planted alongside the QGC fruit and nut trees, five rowans were planted in the north-west corner of the field (great for biodiversity and for making jellies and jams), and some damson seedlings were added into the hedge along the road to the allotments.

We hope to add a few more edible fruit and nut trees around the edges of the field in due course, and we will try to modify the mowing regime of the field to encourage more wildflowers to flourish (following a similar strategy to that implemented for Court Lodge Green in Lyminge).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - What is a Neighbourhood Plan? - Lyminge Parish council have decided to embark on a major development with and on behalf of the local community. We wish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan that will take the next few years to develop with you all, but we believe there will be many important benefits for the community.

A Neighbourhood Plan puts in place planning policy for a neighbourhood area to guide future development. It is about the use and development of land and allows local community representatives to have a say in proposed future developments. It also deals with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, design, heritage and transport) and will be used by us, your parish council, to help us make the best decisions for the community. More information is available at: www.neighbourhoodplanning.org & www.cpre.org.uk

Why do we want a Neighbourhood Plan? - A Neighbourhood Plan is important and offers you, the residents of the Parish, a number of advantages:

- It is community led which means that local community organisations, like your Parish Council, will engage with the community to make sure the plan genuinely represents the range of wants and needs in our local area
- A Neighbourhood Plan gives the community more influence in planning considerations and as it is a statutory document all planning decisions must take it into account
- A Neighbourhood Plan is focused on the needs of our specific neighbourhood and allows the local community to specify what they expect from development. This might include things like urban design, allocation of affordable housing and other developments
- The initial discussion, that we will undertake this year, will establish a range of relationships and conversations, which may not otherwise take place, and may potentially influence the activities of other local organisations
- The Neighbourhood Plan allows the community to develop criteria and an approach to choose sites to be allocated for different kinds of development. At the same time there is the option to identify and designate green spaces valued by the community as Local Green Space, which should be protected from inappropriate development
- Should future developments be allowed the neighbourhood plan will mean that a larger contribution must be made to the Parish; this contribution can then be invested back into community projects

What is happening next? - This is only a very basic description of the neighbourhood plan, and we want to start talking to all of you as soon as possible. Firstly, we are looking for volunteers to support us in the development of the plan. If you are interested and comfortable to share your details with the team leading on this, then please contact: clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

Secondly, we will be looking to set up four community events over the summer. We will keep you informed as to when these will be happening, and it would be great to see as many people as possible there so we can all discuss the plan and get authority to continue on your behalf.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

F&A Committee – Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Annual General Meeting – Monday 23rd May at 7.30 at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 7.30pm at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Sarah Harrison, Clerk

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Telephone: 07999 403 948 Email: clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
www.facebook.com



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 3rd May** and **Tuesday 7th June**. Please get in touch if you would like to attend- we would love to see you.

'Pick Up a Plant'

Seedling Swap/Share Event

- **Tayne Field**
- **Saturday 21st May**
- **10:00 – 13:00**

Don't miss our popular plant swap/giveaway event, to be held on on **Saturday 21st May**, from **10:00 – 13:00** on **Tayne Field**.

It's a great opportunity to stock up your veg beds, or have a go with veg that you haven't grown before. If you have a small garden, lots of veg can be successfully grown in pots and this is a great way to dabble if you want to give it a try. Likewise, if you have more seedlings than you need or can accommodate in your garden, why not drop them down to Tayne Field to share with others? We are looking forward to seeing you.



Things to note this month: (courtesy of RHS)

- **Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants**
- **Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining**
- **Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month**
- **Water early and late to get the most out of your water, recycle water when possible**
- **Regularly hoe off weeds**
- **Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges**
- **Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs**
- **Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs**

What's In Season?

Some super produce to look out for in May to eat seasonally and with a lower carbon footprint. Nothing quite like new peas and new potatoes

What's in Season in May?

Artichoke, Asparagus, Aubergine, Beetroot, Chicory, Chillies, Elderflowers, Lettuce, Marrow, New Potatoes, Peas, Peppers, Radishes, Rhubarb, Rocket, Samphire, Sorrel, Spinach, Spring Greens, Spring Onions, Strawberries, Watercress.

Very best wishes from Thoughtful Food





“It’s now or never” - latest IPCC report

It’s never easy to summarise a report covering 2,913 pages, but it appears that “It’s now or never” is the take-home message of the latest report from the IPCC (the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).

There are plenty of alarming warnings in there,

but to quote one of the more positive statements regarding the report, according to the IPCC chair Hoesung Lee, “The decisions we make now can secure a liveable future. We have the tools and know-how required to limit warming”. Other positives include that the costs of solar and wind energy, as well as batteries, dropped by up to 85 per cent over the past decade, and that moving towards more “sustainable healthy diets” will be beneficial for public health and for the environment. More details and commentaries are available online.



Parish Bioblitz coming soon

The long anticipated Parish bioblitz is planned for Saturday 18th June, possibly with activities extending throughout the weekend. 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. Obvious sites for surveying include Court Lodge Green and Tayne Field in Lyminge and the Recreation Ground in Rhodes Minnis. If you have any other ideas for public or private sites that we could survey please let us know via lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com or call us on 863426.

Flower diversity increasing on “bumpy field”



Even without the results of the upcoming bioblitz, we continue to see the benefits of the revised management of Court Lodge Green with the welcome sight this past month of numerous cowslips flowering in the patches that were rotavated and sowed with wildflower seeds a couple of years ago. Thanks to ex-Councillor Owen Standen for these photos of the cowslips, and for all his exceptional efforts to initiate the more thoughtful and strategic management regimes for our community green spaces. Thanks as well to all the volunteers who have helped put this strategy into action.



Our Wild Acre registration still open

As advertised in last month’s newsletter, if you can commit a patch of your garden or land, or a window box or anything else, to be a wild area from now until at least August, please let us know by registering for the parish Our Wild Acre project, online on forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VT0XhUA, or via lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com or 863426.

“No Mow May”

Another easy way to help biodiversity is through PlantLife’s “No Mow May”: “Join legions of gardeners and say “no” to the mow this May to help our bees, butterflies, wildlife and us!” See www.plantlife.org.uk

WHAT'S ON MAY 2022

Monday	Cognitive stimulation therapy Seated exercise Bingo Cartooning for fun, the basics	10:30am – 12noon 10:45am – 11:45am 1:30pm – 2:30pm 3pm – 4pm	Age UK Lyminge Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe
Tuesday	Chatty Table – Hythe Photography to art (3.5.22 & 10.5.22) Seated Yoga Chatty Table - Lyminge Dance Fit Out and about	9:30am – 10:30am 10am – 12noon 1pm – 2pm 1pm – 2pm 5pm – 8pm 12:30pm – 3pm	Costa Coffee Hythe Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Coffee Cabin – Lyminge Age UK Hythe Wherever we fancy
Wednesday	Morning munches (breakfast) Walking football Low impact aerobics Seated Exercise Reminiscence with PAT Dementia Café (25.5.22) Book Club (11.5.22)	9:30am – 11am 10:30am – 12noon 10:30am – 11:30am 10:45am – 11:45pm 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 Lyminge Age UK Hythe
Thursday	Seated Yoga Cognitive stimulation therapy Streetz to Streetz Out and about Botanical casting with Claire (5.5.22 & 12.5.22) Walking Tennis Knit and natter (12.5.22) Bingo Night (5.5.22)	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 Low impact aerobics Arts and craft Games and cards Shed project Games and quizzes Ukulele	9:30am – 10:30am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:30am – 11:30am 10:45am – 11:45am 10:45am – 11:45am 1pm – 2:30pm 1:30pm – 2:30pm 1:30pm – 3pm	Age UK Lyminge Age UK Lyminge Guide Hall - Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Hythe Age UK Lyminge

Coming up:
19th May – Mary Poppins - London
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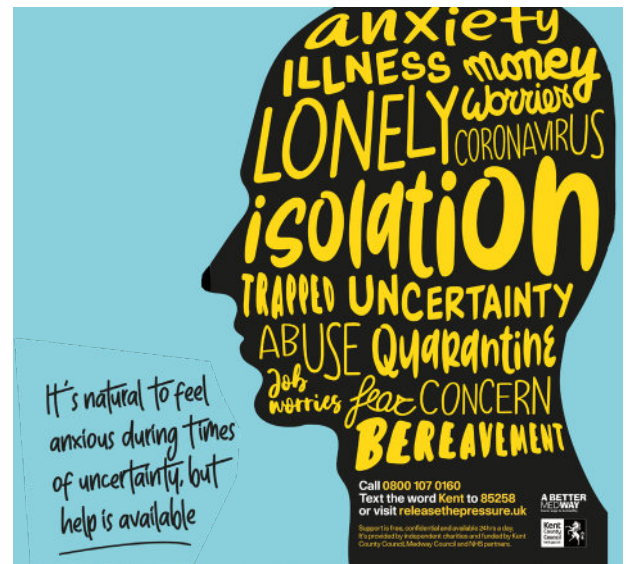
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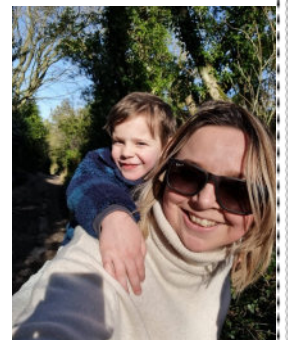
Etchinghill resident Emma Spiller has been preparing to take on a 100km trek of the Pembrokeshire (Wales) coastline on behalf of breast cancer prevention charity **'CoppaFeel.'** After losing her beloved cousin to the disease at the age of thirty five in 2018, and following the restrictions of the lockdown periods Emma was keen to take on a challenge that would raise both funds and awareness for a charity that was dear to her heart. The charity trek involves 6 nights of camping, and 5 long days of trekking 20km with an average elevation of 800m., reaching some of the most stunning Welsh beaches, and remote coves along this rugged stretch of coastline.

Selected from over a thousand applications, Emma will be one of 120 trekkers taking on the challenge, most of whom have been either directly or indirectly affected by the disease. Author Giovanna Fletcher will be leading the trek in her capacity of charity patron, alongside 5 celebrity team captains yet to be named.

The main benefits of signing up to this huge challenge, so far have been meeting the other trekkers who are dotted around the UK, and the adventures exploring the numerous local walks offered in and around Tolsford Hill and along the old rail lines.

So far Emma has raised £1,492 of her £2,250 fundraising target and if you would like to learn more about Emma's challenge and fundraising mission you can read all about it here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ems-coppafeel-trek>

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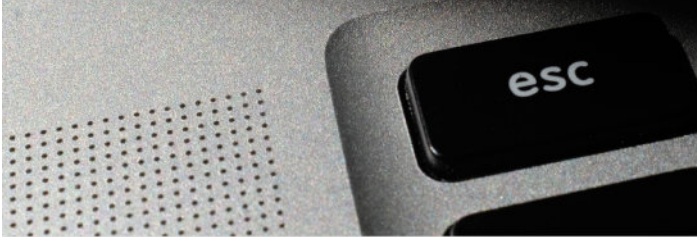
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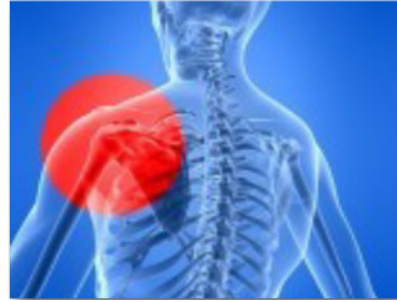
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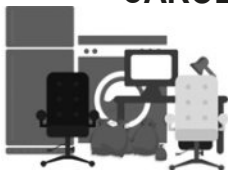
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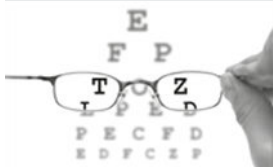
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Councillor Susan Carey and Derek Smith of Lyminge at the inauguration of a memorial bench in Elham for last year's centenary of the Royal British Legion as well as remembering its past president, Henry Shackleton.



Etchinghill volunteers at the recent litter pick - wearing Hi-Viz jackets with the message "Keep Etchinghill Clean - Don't Drop Litter. Bin It"



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Lyminge residents (L to R - Katharine Barber, Rosemary Selman, Tony King, Nancy Benham, Anne Gould, John Packer) planting seven rowan trees on Tayne Field as part of the Queen's Green Canopy to mark her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. See P 15



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Lyminge Guides serving refreshments at their recent fund-raising coffee morning for Ukraine when they raised over £521. They also took the opportunity to enrol their most recent recruit - Mia.

Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis Flower Shows - Daffodil exhibits (Lyminge), floral arrangements (RM), cup winners (Lyminge) and Gerry Newman who won the Best in Show for his daffodils (RM).



Music on a Friday - Folkestone Community Swing band and Katherine Goody performing at Lyminge Parish Church on Friday 25th March