

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION  
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**February 2023**  
**From The Lyminge Association**



With the harbingers of Spring beginning to appear, many people's minds turn to looking forward and planning the year ahead. Decorating, spring cleaning, moving home, attacking the garden, booking holidays, etc - all are part of the mix.

If you are an organisation within the parish boundaries that is looking to put some plans together to better your organisation, please remember that the Lyminge Association is always open to requests for grants towards capital items. Please touch base with the Treasurer, Martin Fry ([martin@rhodesminnis.org.uk](mailto:martin@rhodesminnis.org.uk) or 01303863177) or the Chair, Nancy Benham ([nancybenham@aol.com](mailto:nancybenham@aol.com) or 07840796383) who will do their very best to give you the support you need.

In the meantime, please check the Events Page (P3) for a comprehensive outline of how events are beginning to shape up in the year ahead.



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# Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

Bright colour is what I am seeking on this afternoon walk at the turn of the year, and I know that it will be hard to find. But after so many wet or dull damp days, grey skies and a muddy coloured landscape, I am determined to find some, however little.



I was expecting to see deep red hawthorn berries, but every tree has been stripped. This is unusual as they normally last well into the new year. The spindle berries too have disappeared as have the shiny red berries of black bryony. So it is rosehips that provide the first splash of colour, but more importantly, these will provide birds with much needed food until the Spring brings its own food sources.

Red and orange leaves in a hedgerow catch my eye, their colours vibrant against the background, having survived the frosts, snow and wind thanks to their sheltered position. Crossing over the Skeete Valley I discover some more coloured leaves, tucked in amongst the hedge which borders the narrow footpath. Ivy and coniferous trees do have colour, but the low light levels at this time of year only serve to darken the green to such an extent that it is difficult to think of them as being colourful.

dried remains of hogweed standing proud, whose magnificent seedheads never fail to attract me, so much more beautiful than the flowers from which they come. Ragwort stand out but their dark brown profiles do not hold the fascination of the starburst stalks of hogweed. Turning left onto Skeete Road, I am expecting to see the ruby red-black bryony berries, which last month were so vibrant but now are conspicuously absent. In a garden hedge small pink berries are clinging on, either waiting to be eaten or for time and the weather to release them from their stalks. I take the footpath which links through to Woodland Road. The leaf litter offers little colour as it begins to rot in the endless cycle of soil enrichment. However, the underside of a large leaf shows silvery white against the murky brown, its veins showing clearly, surrounded by pale yellow and brown hawthorn leaves. Nearby white mould lines the smooth underside of a trunk from a chopped down tree. Although white is not strictly a colour, these two items stand out and catch my eye.



My next vibrant colour is moss covered wood 'flowing' from the base of a tree like green lava, reaching down towards the path. Moss is well worth close inspection as the leaves form interesting patterns, not unlike the Jack Frost patterns we used to find on windowpanes. A tall copper beech hedge edges the path, its leaf colour providing the reason for its name, almost glowing in the afternoon light. A strong breeze through the branches makes the dried leaves rustle. On the opposite side of the footpath, a swathe of daffodils are already standing tall, in places flower buds full and fat. What a sight these will provide once they begin to open.



Dogwood shows deep cherry red in the field margins. As the branches of this tree are very straight and tough, they were traditionally used to make arrows, butcher's skewers and herding poles. Mixed amongst this red are hazels, their catkins well-formed and in places beginning to lengthen and wriggle in the wind. Balls of dark purple ivy seeds hang down like Christmas tree decorations and snowberries stand out in the dark hedge.

Although not cold, the days have been wet and windy, with few glimpses of sunshine, so it will be a relief to leave this dreary time of year behind and look forward to Spring.



# 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.plus.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.
25-Feb	6.30pm	Guide Quiz	EVH	7964295218	22-Apr	10am	Spring Litter Pick (Lyminge)	LVH	862508
25-Feb	1pm	Bingo Afternoon	LBC	862467	16-Sep	3pm	Newsletter Deliverers Tea	TBC	863737
25-Feb	10am	Farmers' Market	LVH		17-Sep	9am	Autumn Garage Sale		863856
18-Mar	4pm	Cantores - Vivaldi's Gloria	St John's, Folkestone	07840796383	TBC	10am	Autumn Stream Clean	TF	862508
24-Mar	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RMVH		12-Oct	7.30pm	LA AGM	TBC	
25-Mar	9am	Spring Garage Sale		863856	14-Oct	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH	07544 670363
25-Mar	2pm	Lyminge Spring Plant Show	862816	07544 670363	21-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
01-Apr	7pm	Spring Quiz	EVH	863076	23-Nov	4.45pm	Switching on of Christmas Tree Lights	LL	
01-Apr	10am	Spring Stream Clean	TF	862508	26-Nov	4.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting	Meridian Park & EVH	07544 670363
22-Apr	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH		03-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
13-21 May		Lyminge Festival		863856	18-Dec		Parcel Delivery		
20/21 May		Garden Safari		863856					

## Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Wed	10am	Painting and drawing	AUKL	269602
Mon	10am	Open House Coffee House	EVH	863394	Wed	10.30am	Pilates	RMV	07944028445
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	2pm	Bingo (Start date TBC)	EVH	
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed <sup>5</sup>	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	AUKL	269602	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	5.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	AUKL	269602
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	11.45am	Streetz to Streetz (fish and chips)	AUKL	07955926835
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Thurs	3.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	6pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	10.30am	Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	Thurs	6.45pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation (Cogs)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Thurs	7.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	1pm	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	5pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	9.30am	Pilates with Katherine	AUKL	269602
Wed	9am	Morning munchies (breakfast)	AUKL	269602	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Fri	10.30am	Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	AUKL	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	AUKL	269603	Fri	10.45am	Movement to Music	AUKL	269602
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	
Wed	10.15am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07811682045	Soon		Reading Group	LL	03000413131

## Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley Branch	St Mary's	862508	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544670363	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	01303901011
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	07715221705	3rd Thurs	7.30pm	LA Committee Meeting	TC	07840796383
1st Tues <sup>3</sup>	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	Last Thurs	1.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602
2nd Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	862972	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
3rd Tues <sup>2</sup>	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	AUKL	269602
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	
2nd Wed	11am	Singing For All	AUKL	269602	4th Sun	10am	Farmers' Market	LVH	

<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

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



## St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

### Sunday 5th February

Lyminge 10am WOW  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

### Sunday 12th February

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion - BCP  
6pm Sung Evensong

### Sunday 19th February

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

### Wednesday 22nd February - **Ash Wednesday**

Elham 6pm Benefice Ash Wednesday Service

### Sunday 26th February

Lyminge 10am Family Praise Service

### Sunday 5th March

Lyminge 10am WOW Service  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

## Lyminge Methodist Church

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

**5th February** Mr Richard Blackwell

**12th February** Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

**19th February 10.15am** Valley Service: Rev. Gill Songer

**26th February** Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

## Rhodes Minnis Chapel

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us for the following services at 9.30am in our small and beautiful Chapel and to share fellowship after the services over coffee and biscuits.

**5th February** Rev. Gordon Newton

**12th February** Mr. Ralph Bradshaw

**19th February** No service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley Service at Lyminge at **10.15am**

**26th February** Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

To contact the churches, please phone:

Rev Deb Scoble, Curate. The Rectory, Lyminge.

Tel: 01303 862747 [www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk](http://www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk)

[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)



## Postling Church Services

**5th February** 9.30am Holy Communion

**12th February** No Service

**19th February** 9.30am Morning Service

**26th February** No Service

## Christians in Lyminge

Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph, evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

## Lyminge Newsletter

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

TALK BY  
**MELISSA THOMPSON**  
"Simply Soil"

7:30pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME



## SPRING SHOW and PLANT SALES

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Doors open 2:00pm  
Prizegiving 4:00pm  
(Staging 8:30am until 10:30am)

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

Further details from Sara Packer on  
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For more information about the Gardeners' Society please email:  
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or call Anne on 07703 149008

# Guides

1st Lyminge Guides

A Fundraising  
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1st Lyminge Guides & Rangers have an exciting quiz evening planned – please come and join us! We need to fund-raise to support our unit and keep on top of our running costs. Please support us and come to our fundraising family quiz!

Saturday  
25th February 2023  
Etchinghill Village Hall  
~ 6:30pm start ~

Teams of up to 6 ~ £4 per person

There will be light refreshments available (but you are welcome to bring your own snacks) as well as a raffle! This is guaranteed to be a unique event and definitely one not to be missed!

Please support us and book your team in now!

Call Ann: 07964 295218

or email: [ann.lymingeguides@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.lymingeguides@btinternet.com)

We all look forward to seeing you there



## District Councillors' Update - February 2023

Your District Council will debate and set its budget for 2023/24 at a meeting of the Full Council on 22 February. The meeting will be webcast and the council papers will be available online. Our £19m budget provides the maintenance of our prize winning parks and gardens, housing services including help for the homeless, street cleansing, your kerbside waste collection and dealing with planning applications.

Council tax bills are sent out by the District Council but they cover all the other bodies that are allowed to charge a precept (tax). The largest share goes to Kent County Council which pays for social care, waste disposal, roads, school places etc. The rest of your council tax goes to Kent Police, Kent Fire & Rescue Service and Lyminge Parish Council. There are several council tax (and other) benefit schemes including a hardship fund for those whose circumstances don't fit other eligibility criteria and who are struggling financially. Information is on the council website where there's also a live chat facility or you can telephone Customer Services on 01303 853000. For those without digital access there's the Customer Access Point (CAP) at the Civic Centre where computers are available for self-service and staff on hand to assist if needed.

The utility companies also have schemes to help people who can't afford their bills. Southern Water is one of these and you can contact them at [payless@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:payless@southernwater.co.uk) or: 0800 027 0363 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm) Another scheme run by the council is the Home Essential Fund. There's funding available for boiler replacement or servicing and, particularly relevant to our area, oil boilers needing to be replaced or tuned up and checked for efficiency, top-up of oil or gas bottles. Application forms will be on the Council website shortly, however please advise us if you know a family who may benefit from this scheme as we are keen that residents in this ward do not miss out because funding on this particular project is only available until the end of March 2023. Other projects, under this heading will follow in the next financial year – we'll keep you updated.

On 27 January the District Council arranged an online engagement event with the Home Office about the Government's use of temporary accommodation in our district (Napier Barracks and hotels) for those seeking asylum in the UK. The meeting was chaired by David Monk, the Leader of District Council and included Roger Gough, Leader of KCC and Folkestone & Hythe MP Damian Collins. Representatives from the Home Office and Kent Police were also invited. The meeting was shown live on the council's Youtube channel and a recording should be available shortly if not already posted.

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

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# Public Consultation

Land rear of Broad Street House, Broad Street, Lyminge



Pentland Homes are intending to submit a detailed planning application to Folkestone & Hythe District Council to develop the land to the rear of Broad Street House, to provide 47 dwellings (including 10 affordable homes). The proposals also include the provision of car parking spaces for the adjacent Doctor's Surgery, a new footpath and 2no. self-build dwellings which have been previously approved.

A public consultation event is being held on **Tuesday 7th February 2023, at 'Etchinghill Golf Club, Canterbury Road, Etchinghill, CT18 8FA' from 16:30 - 18:00** to discuss the proposed development and provide you with an opportunity to give your feedback to the project team.

A public consultation website has also been set up which provides further information about the proposed development and an opportunity to provide your feedback to the project team. Please visit: **[www.pentlandhomes-lyminge.com](http://www.pentlandhomes-lyminge.com)**



## Etchinghill Update - February 2023

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe, 07939 076617 Email [dmccombe1@gmail.com](mailto:dmccombe1@gmail.com)

Website: [www.etchinghill.info](http://www.etchinghill.info) Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

**FILM NIGHTS - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - 7.30 PM - FEBRUARY 20TH "SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER" 12** - Comedy / Drama / Mystery - Starring Bill Nighy, Sam Riley and Alice Lowe. Alan (Bill Nighy) is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out over a game of Scrabble. With a body to identify and his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally move on and reunite his family.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry is only £6pp and includes refreshments and a free raffle. Prior booking is not required and new members are very welcome; please register at the door.

News contact: Jacqui Blandford - 07543 966830 or email: [jacqui.blandford@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.blandford@gmail.com)



'Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking'  
- Steve Jobs



## Beetle Drive Family Fun Game

A family fun game for mum, dad, kids and grandparents. We would love to have you join us; you would be very welcome as we need new players like you. Where else would you get an evening out for two adults and two children for £5?

The next  
**BEETLE DRIVE**  
Friday 24th  
February  
7:30pm

In Rhodes Minnis  
**\*\*warm\*\* Village Hall**

Tea, coffee and juice provided. There will also be a raffle. Hope to see you there.



## THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE HAPPY BOX OF IMPS

Join us for the fourth instalment of Happy Box of Imps! An improv show featuring local talent. If 'Whose Line is it Anyway' and 'Mock the Week' are up your street, then this is for you! An interactive evening, full of unpredictable dialogue.



Friday 10 March 7.30pm

BOX OFFICE 01303 223925 or [towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk](http://towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk)

## DECEPTION MAGIC NIGHT

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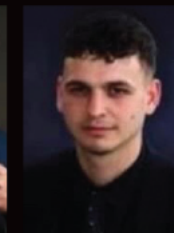
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## Lyminge Judo Club

(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.

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## Fifth Trust Update

[www.fifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.fifthtrust.co.uk)

It's an exciting time for The Fifth Trust. With the extra capacity afforded by our new Barham skills centre and more staff joining us we are now able to offer even more choice and opportunities for our students with learning disabilities. Life skills is a new session open to all but particularly aimed at younger students who are getting ready to leave home. It covers essential knowledge such as cooking, budgeting, housework and everything else they need to prepare them for a more independent life.

After positive feedback from students we will be offering additional Outdoor Active sessions, teaching bushcraft and enjoying nature in our woodland camp. We've seen huge benefits from this activity – including increased confidence and improved communication and teamwork skills all while having a lot of fun

To deliver all this, we need more brilliant people to join Team5T. We currently have a number of vacancies for instructors and carers – please visit [fifthtrust.co.uk](http://fifthtrust.co.uk) and click on Get Involved for details.

## Coach & Horses

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# Singing for All



## EVERYONE WELCOME

### £3 per person

Lower stress, boost immunity and lung function, enhance memory and improve mental health.

Age UK Lyminge, Station Road  
11am- 12pm

Wednesday 11th January

Wednesday 8th February

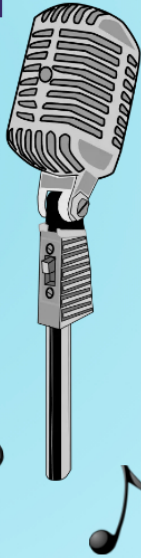
Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 12th April

Wednesday 10th May

Wednesday 14th June

Wednesday 22nd November



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- Free WiFi
- Free Flask (Limited availability)
- Fill up your own flask with hot water (save boiling your kettle)
- Free energy efficiency light bulbs

- Free hot water bottle (Limited availability)
- Tea and coffee available to purchase
- Light snacks available to purchase (including hot soup and bread & butter £1.00)
- Two course hot lunch £7.50



- Tea time snack pack to take home £3.50 (Sandwich, crisps and cake)
- Opportunity to join in many chargeable activities, meet others and stay warm



Age UK Hythe and Lyminge – Sanford House, Stade Street, Hythe, Kent, CT21 6BD  
Open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm  
Saturday 10.30am – 1.30pm  
Sunday 10.30am – 1.30pm

Age UK Lyminge – Station Road, Lyminge, Kent, CT18 8HQ  
Open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3pm  
Age UK Ashford – Stanhope Road, Ashford, Kent, CT21 6BD  
Open Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.00pm

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Call 01303 269602 for more information

## AGE UK - LYMINGE

Are you concerned about your memory?

Are you living with Dementia?

We can help guide you along your journey

Dementia & Me

COGS

Daybreak

MCST

Dementia Co-ordinator

Peer Support

Dementia Cafés

- Information
- Benefits
- Support

## Services and activities available.

**Information and Advice** is available to those by telephone, centre-based visits and home visits. We have a team of expert Information and Advice Officers who can help to maximise income by completing benefit checks to ensure individuals are receiving all they are entitled to. Our team are there to support individuals complete forms, using the right terminology for a more positive outcome. This service is free and available by appointment or drop into one of our many Dementia Cafés.

The **Dementia Co-ordination** team will work with and support those affected by dementia, including family and carers. The Dementia Co-ordinators will be there to help from pre-diagnosis, to support people to get a diagnosis, to access support services and provide the guidance they need to live as independently as possible within their communities. Free and available by appointment.

**Dementia Cafés** offer a safe place to socialise, meet others, ask questions and learn more about dementia and local services, whilst enjoying a hot drink and a slice of cake. Free, groups held at various locations throughout the month.

**MCST** (Maintenance cognitive stimulation therapy) is a 12 week programme that meet weekly for 1 hour 30 minutes for people living with mild dementia. Group members take part in meaningful and stimulating activities, proven to help maintain memory and mental functioning. The group provide a fun, supportive environment where people can build new friendships. £60 Mondays or Thursdays (moving to Friday from January) 10.30am -12noon.

**COGS** (Cognitive Stimulation Therapy) is a weekly 4 hour programme for people living with moderate dementia. COGS is a small group intervention for people who are experiencing difficulties with their memory. It works by providing ideas for people to help themselves maintain their cognitive abilities, including group discussions and activities. A 12 week programme, £20.00 per week on Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm, (Thursday starting in January).

**Daybreak** services offer activity-based day care in a safe and secure environment for people living with moderate to late-stage dementia who need a little more support or have additional needs. As well as providing a meaningful day for participants, it can provide a day of respite for family or carers. Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3pm £35.35.

Services delivered at our bespoke unit at **Age UK Lyminge**, Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ. Transport is available on request.

For more information or to speak to one of the team call: **01303 269602**, [dementiadaybreak@ageukhl.org.uk](mailto:dementiadaybreak@ageukhl.org.uk)  
call: Carlene Ryan, Dementia Organiser  
**07379 646426**, [demo@ageukhl.org.uk](mailto:demo@ageukhl.org.uk)

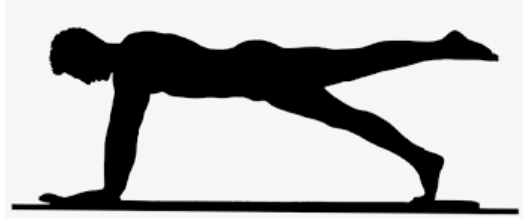


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## New PILATES class!

Thursdays 17:00

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall



Spaces are limited. Please book in advance.

The class is suitable for any level of ability from complete beginner to intermediate.

For more information:  
lucianaclarke.pilates@gmail.com  
07944028445  
www.lucianaclarkepilates.com

## ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Film Night

**'SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER'<sup>12</sup>**

Monday 20th February 2023

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £6pp

Open to new and existing members  
Free Refreshments and Raffle



[www.etchinghill.info](http://www.etchinghill.info)

## Rhodes Minnis Circle

We look forward to meeting -up again on the 22nd February when we hope to test our brains with a Quiz. The Competition is an item beginning with the letter "Y". Lets hope that Spring is just around the corner.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm and visitors as usual will be warmly welcomed.

Marion 862913

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com

## BUSTER PLAYS BUSTER

Saturday 11th March. 6.30 for 7pm

Elham Village Hall

**Buster Plays Buster**, led by drummer Buster Birch is a jazz quartet who play live jazz to a classic Buster Keaton silent movie. Their music is specifically arranged, scored out and sync'd to the movie, but also features plenty of improvised solos from these great jazz musicians, which all creates a cohesive work merging the two art forms into a unique experience for the audience.

Those lucky enough to have secured a ticket will also be served a three-course meal\*. Our Platinum Bar will be open with some fine wines and beverages to accompany the meal.

**Tickets are £20 (including food) for this unique event and are available from Miranda: [Miranda1232@hotmail.com](mailto:Miranda1232@hotmail.com).** Prompt booking is recommended.

Booking details: BACs to Elham Village Hall Ltd: 09-01-52 13698706 - please contact Miranda in the first instance.

**\*Menu is gluten free and comprises:**

Dips, crudites and tortilla chips. Chicken breast and mushrooms with a tarragon sauce served on rice and peas, or oven-roasted butternut squash, carrots and mushrooms with a sage sauce served on rice and peas (vegan). Individual pavlovas with red berry compote, or vegan chocolate coconut mousse and red berry compote.

Please ensure we are aware of any special dietary requirement when booking.



LYMINGE  
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We are taking our usual Winter Break in January and February.

Our next talk is on Tuesday 7th March, 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre

**'Lyminge in the Swing Riots, 1830'**  
with Derek Boughton

**!!Lyminge a History Part 12 now available!!**

This can be purchased at the Library, Lyminge Food and Wine or direct from Daphne on the number below. You can also purchase it at the monthly Lyminge Historical Society talks. N.B. We now have a card reader for purchase of books and payment of Membership Fees.

All Lyminge a history publications, can be purchased individually through the Lyminge Village Store, Lyminge Library 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. NB This bundle offer is not available from The Library or Lyminge Food and Wine.

\*Postage and packaging extra

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## **Kent County Council (KCC) has launched a public consultation on its Community Services which runs from 17 January to 26 March 2023.**

The consultation proposes changes to the way we use our buildings to deliver some of our community services. We invite your feedback on our proposals as part of this consultation.

### **Why are we proposing changes?**

The Council has experienced big increases in costs and has less money to spend. So we need to look ahead and do things differently to make sure we can still help residents in the years to come. Whilst ensuring effective support for residents who need our services, we need to:

- tackle the rising costs of maintaining our many buildings
- find savings, so we can balance the budget
- reduce our carbon footprint to meet our Net-Zero ambitions.

### **What services are included in the proposals?**

Children's Centres and Youth Hubs, Public Health Services for Children and Families, Community Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities, Community Learning and Skills, and Gateways.

### **What are we proposing?**

Having fewer permanent buildings, meaning that some of our buildings would close - we want to keep buildings in areas where they are needed the most

Co-locating more of our services, meaning more than one service would be available from some of the buildings you might visit

Continuing to deliver some services by outreach, which means they do not take place in a dedicated or permanent space, but move around to when and where they are needed

Ensuring residents can continue to access services and information online.

Our proposals have been designed by considering where there is greatest need for our services.

### **Find out more and share your views**

Please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/communityservicesconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/communityservicesconsultation) to find out about the proposals for your area. You can respond to the consultation by using the online questionnaire (or download the Word version).

On our website you will also find a list of our drop-in events where you can come along to talk about the proposals and ask your questions.

## **Lyminge Coronation Garden Safari 2023**



The Lyminge Association would like to invite entrants into this year's garden safari, to be held as part of the Lyminge Festival on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st May 2023

We had a splendid turnout in 2021 despite the threat of Covid restrictions and the "wrong type of weather". Here is hoping for an even better turnout this year.

We were asked by several gardeners if we could have an earlier safari. So we have brought it forward four weeks in the hope that the weather is kind to us.

If you love your garden, you will love showing it to others. You don't have to have a large plot for it to be of interest. So don't be shy; give me a call

Please contact me if you are interested in taking part or if you have any questions or concerns

**Ray Smith 01303 863856**



Hythe Aqua Swimming Club has vacancies for potential competitive swimmers Level 7 and above. Join a Club with a nationally accredited swim programme. Lessons/Coaching sessions are held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Hythe Pool.

We also welcome adult length swimmers to our Adult training on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9.00pm

To book your place

Email: [hytheaqua@btinternet.com](mailto:hytheaqua@btinternet.com) or checkout our website: [www.hytheaqua.org.uk](http://www.hytheaqua.org.uk) or [F/book](#)

### Vacancy:

The Newsletter Delivery Team needs a volunteer to deliver monthly Newsletters to the Farthing Common area, ideally starting with the next issue.



We also need a couple of volunteers to cover sickness or holiday as necessary.

Please call 862015 and leave us a message with your contact details and Richard will be in touch asap.

Thank you

The Lyminge Association Newsletter Delivery Team

**4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

# LYMINGE FARMERS' MARKET

**NEXT: 26 FEB**

**10:00 - 12:30**  
**LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL**

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### Lyminge Friends - February 2023

We ended the year with our New Year's Eve Lunch in China China which members enjoyed very much. To start 2023, we had a great talk in January, from John Buss on the 1960s bringing back many memories and on the 11th, we had an excellent lunch in The Drum Inn.

On Wednesday 1st February, we have a return visit by **Melanie Gibson-Barton**, who will talk on **'Elizabeth Barton, The Maid of Kent 1506 - 1534'**. We find out why this young visionary of Aldington in Kent was so dangerous to Henry VIII, Ann Boleyn and Catherine of Aragon. Please note: our 15th Anniversary event is postponed - details later.

On **March 1st**, **Wendy Fraser** will talk on **'Secrets beneath Siena, Italy'** - a medieval subterranean engineering feat to bring water into the fast-developing settlement of Siena in the 1200s.

On **Wednesday 5th April**, **Andrew Ashton** will speak on **'Goldenhurst'** - the History of an Ancient Kent Farmhouse and its countless celebrity connections, from Noel Coward to Julian Clary  
**We meet at 10.30am in the Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA**

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. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring a blanket with you if you feel the cold.







# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## February 2023 Newsletter

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

### LYMINGE PLAYPARKS GRAND OPENING

The wind and rain did not deter a great turnout for the grand opening of the new playparks on a very wet Friday in January, with the Pre-school and Primary school turning out in force. A great cheer went up as the ribbon was cut by Rob Baldwin from the Parish Council (see P27).

The Parks are a great new asset to the children of the village and school, and a culmination of a huge amount of work from a number of different groups and individuals coming together to make it happen, especially Lyminge Youth Action spearheaded by Tara Anderson.

The PlayPark on Tayne Field has quite literally been covered in children every day after school no matter the weather, and a particular hit on Fridays with many parents delighted that it's drawing attention away from the stream and the mud!

### PENTLAND DEVELOPMENT ON ETCHINGHILL GOLF COURSE

Residents will be aware that the planned developments either side of the golf course that were due to start last summer did not proceed. The Parish Council has been in regular communication with Pentland in the intervening period, and as some may now be aware, the company decided to postpone the start of construction work in order to seek consent on a revised plan for a larger number of smaller size houses. At the time of writing, Pentland is planning a public meeting to outline their new plans, so that everyone has a chance to see what is intended. The revised application for the Etchinghill site has already been submitted (ref 22/2091/FH on the FHDC Planning Portal). The revised application in respect of the site by the New Lyminge Surgery is understood to be imminent.

Our discussions with Pentland have focused on how the development can proceed without causing major disruption to our community. We are advised that the new plan for the site by New Lyminge Surgery should not involve the road closure that was envisaged last summer. Revised planning consent has not yet been obtained, so it is not certain that the development will proceed as requested.

However, as consent was granted for the previous scheme, at the current time, the expectation is that the changes are likely to be approved, allowing development to begin in the Autumn of this year. This would be during the financial year ending 31 March 2024, and consequently we would receive the first payment of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) during this period.

CIL is a statutory payment required to be paid by a developer to the local community affected, based on the floor area of the houses to be built. As we did in the current year when the development was expected to begin in the summer of 2022, the Council has budgeted for this receipt, and that is why it is included in the Council budget for 2023/24. The levy has to be used on capital projects and is earmarked principally to overhaul the running track and skatepark on Jubilee Field, although no commitments will be made for this project to proceed until the receipt is certain. At the current time, the precise amount is still subject to some negotiation, but it is expected to exceed £100,000.

### COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GRANT

KCC have funding to encourage and support communities to set up and maintain [community transport schemes](#) that are tailored to their local needs. Community-led groups or organisations can apply for a community transport grant to either set up a new scheme

or support an existing one. Applications are currently open until 12 February 2023.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

In very simple terms, a neighbourhood plan is:

- A document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications.
- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority.
- A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place.

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our sessions last year, and also to those who put their names down to help develop a plan.

We have been identifying sources of funding to support the plan's development, and in the next month we shall be putting a plan of action together and contacting those who are keen to be involved. More information about Neighbourhood Plans can be found at [neighbourhoodplanning.org](http://neighbourhoodplanning.org)

## FALLEN TREES

With the ongoing battering of storms, it is likely we will continue to see much debris on roads and paths, and trees at increased risk of falling.

Fallen trees blocking roads should be reported to KCC via their website if not urgent, or for urgencies 03000 418181 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or on 03000 419191 at all other times

## JOIN US!

We meet monthly to discuss community matters and the public are always welcome to come to meetings. All times and dates are published on our website.

## FEBRUARY MEETING DATES

Full Council Meeting – Monday 27th Feb 2023 at 7.30pm, Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church  
Finance and Administration Committee – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 at 7.00pm, Tayne Centre, Lyminge

### Sarah Harrison, Clerk

Correspondence Address: Lyminge Parish Council, 18 The Sidings, Lyminge CT18 8HH  
Telephone: 07999 403 948 (9am till 1.30pm Mon to Thursday only)  
Email: [clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk) [www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

## Community Safety Contacts

KCC Community Warden: Gary Harrison can be contacted on 07977 982185  
or [Gary.Harrison@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Gary.Harrison@kent.gov.uk)

## Pentland Homes Development, Etchinghill Public Consultation - 7th February 2023

4.30 - 6pm

Etchinghill Golf Clubhouse

*See P6 for copy of flyer*





## 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

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Tuesday 7th February 2023, 7.15pm** at The Coach and Horses. All welcome

## Pruning Advice



Phil Wilson has kindly offered some pruning instruction free of charge in his small orchard. These will start with some basics, looking at various pruned and un-pruned trees. You will be able to see how these basics are applied in a pruning demonstration.

**Two workshops are being offered on Saturday 4th February and Saturday 18th February, 9am - 12.30pm.** Places are limited to 6. To see if there are any places left, please contact phillip@pwarb.com or thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com

## Talking of Workshops.....

You still have time to book a place on the excellent Thoughtful Food growing workshops.

**'Get Ready to Grow'** Sunday 5th February 2023 14:00 -17:00

**'Seeds and Sowing'** Sunday 26th March 2023 14:00-17:00

**'Potting and Planting'** Sunday 23rd April 2023 14:00-17:00

To book your place, please email us at thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com

## Things to Do in the Garden in February...

Our thanks as ever to Charles Dowding for his brilliant website

[www.allotment-garden.org/garden-advice-month/fruit-vegetable-growing-february/](http://www.allotment-garden.org/garden-advice-month/fruit-vegetable-growing-february/)

Some of Charles's tips for things to do in the garden in February include:

- Sow under cover broad beans, spinach, lettuce, peas for shoots, onion, salad onion, early varieties of cabbage, calabrese, kohlrabi, cauliflower, turnips, radish, bulb/Florence fennel, parsley, coriander, dill.
- With warmth, aubergine, pepper and chilli – sow these by the end of March.
- Sow outside garlic if not already sown.
- And...fruit. Continue to plant bare-rooted fruit trees and bushes as long as the ground isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- Add a layer of well-rotted manure or multi-purpose compost around the base of your fruit trees and bushes to give them a boost before growth begins in earnest.
- Avoid pruning plum trees in winter as this can allow the destructive silver leaf disease to strike.
- If your allotment has a dedicated fruit area, consider erecting a fruit cage to protect it from birds. Now is the best time to do it while there are no leaves to damage.
- It's not too late to force rhubarb, making your early crops extra sweet.
- Pot on a few young strawberry plants to grow in the cold greenhouse. They will crop earlier than their garden counterparts.

**Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food**



# Getting to Grips with “Kent Plan Bee” at a Parish Council Level

*An article by Parish Councillor Tony King was published in the January edition of the newsletter of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC). An extract is below, while the full article can be provided on request to [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk).*

Kent County Council launched its pollinator action plan in 2021 named “Kent Plan Bee”, acknowledging that pollinators are vital to our food, economy and environment, and aiming to improve the habitat and the food sources of these insects and to reverse their rapid decline. Lyminge Parish Council has taken this call to help pollinators on board, by promoting local action and by adapting our management of three local community green spaces.

There are several guiding principles that help guide our decision-making processes when trying to improve our management of these green spaces. We recognise that the climate, biodiversity and pollinator “crises” are all interlinked, and that the impacts are



significant for people globally and locally. We understand our limitations and that we work at a relatively small scale, but we believe that “every little helps”; and we are driven to a large extent by the motto “If not us, who? If not now, when?” We realise that our management strategies for our community green spaces can be improved for benefits to biodiversity and pollinators and for people. We implement simple strategies that follow well-proven land management techniques, particularly by encouraging wildflowers by thoughtful mowing regimes, coupled with occasional seeding of yellow rattle and other appropriate native flowers and bulbs. We recognise that pollinators need trees too, so we have encouraged tree-planting of native species where appropriate. We recognise the value of participatory monitoring of our results, although again this is simple and relative to the scale and significance of this work. Finally we are very pleased to benefit from the contributions of local experts and volunteers, so thanks to everyone who has been involved one way or another.

It is important to explain our management strategies to local residents, which we do particularly through regular contributions to the monthly Parish newsletter. Recent contributions include explaining the rationale for the various cutting regimes, reporting the results of a participatory bioblitz (when for example over 150 species of moths

were recorded in just one evening with the help of the Kent Moth Group), explaining the role of yellow rattle flowers in suppressing vigorous grasses and therefore allowing other wild flowers to flourish, and reporting on the annual presence of the fairly localised red bartsia bee on one of our community green spaces, a species that collects pollen exclusively from red bartsia flowers and that is appearing in good numbers under the new management of the site.

We are very pleased with the results of our more thoughtful management regimes so far, and I take this opportunity to thank former Councillor Owen Standen and professional ecologist Dan Bennett who inspired this change in approach. Some of the challenges we have faced include that a “Cut and Collect” is more expensive than basic cuts, that whilst the timing of cuts is important our contractors don’t necessarily have time to cut at the ideal time, and that despite our colourful maps indicating where and where not to cut the mower operators tend to “cut more not less”. We are also challenged by public opinion, some people think our green spaces are “too messy” whilst others claim they are “too neat and tidy” – clearly we can’t please everyone all of the time, we need to recognise that we don’t need to. We do need to be brave in our decision-making, but we need to be informed and open and remind ourselves of our strategic guiding principles when making decisions. From a personal perspective as a Parish Councillor, we need to remember that Parish Councillors are all volunteers, we do this in our “spare time” which is a challenge in itself. We have to constantly remind ourselves of arguably the most important of the guiding principles mentioned above: “If not us, who? If not now, when?”



**Tony King**

Photos:

1. Encouraging yellow rattle flowers is an important component of management of wild flower areas.
2. Thoughtful management allows wild flowers and pollinators to flourish.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Squirrel and Cub Scouts from 1st Lyminge Scout Group are incredibly grateful to Lyminge Youth Action for the marvellous new play park and for all their hard work. We recently had a very enjoyable Squirrels and Cub Scout "Park in the Dark" night and now look forward to the sunshine and many more park-based sessions.



*Emma Jones (Alkela)*

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We look forward to seeing you all at  
our fundraising events this year

Boot & Spring Fayre ~ Saturday 29th April

Dog & Owners Fun Day ~ Saturday 10th June

Boot & Summer Fayre ~ Saturday 8th July

Boot & Late Summer Fayre ~ Saturday 5th August

Boot & Autumn Fayre ~ Saturday 9th September

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**BINGO AFTERNOON**

**Saturday 25 February**

**1pm for 1.30pm start**

**Lyminge Bowls Club**

**Cash prizes, raffle & refreshments**

**Please book your place**

**Telephone: 01303 862467 after 5pm**



**Rural and Wildlife Crime** has a large impact on local communities and often goes unreported to the Police. It is thought part of this issue is that these crimes are largely unknown when compared to other commonly known crimes, here is a short list to help identify what these crimes are:

**Wildlife crimes:** poaching, coursing, persecution of badgers, birds and bats, egg theft and collection, collection of trade in protected species and animal products, not registering animals that require a licence, taking protected plants, use of poisons, snares or explosives to kill or injure animals, animal cruelty, hunting with dogs, introducing invasive species, killing or capturing, damaging or destroying the habitat of any protected animal.

**Rural crimes:** theft of farming or agricultural equipment or fuel, damage to agricultural property, tack theft, theft of lead from churches, damage to ancient monuments, illegal metal detecting, livestock worrying.

For more information surrounding Wildlife and Rural crimes visit the Kent Police website rural crimes page, Rural crime | Kent Police.

As always, the best means by which to report these issues to us are via online, to speak to a member of staff via livechat use the blue chat icon at the bottom of the Kent Police website page.

**PCSOs Daniel Mills and Nicholas Hazell**



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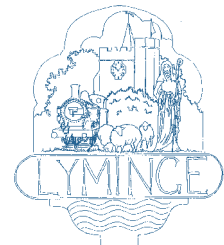
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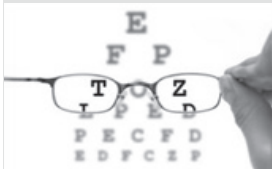
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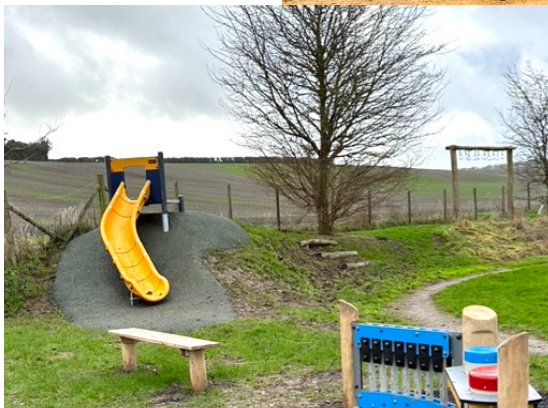


## The Opening of Lyminge Play Areas, January 2023



The whole of Lyminge Primary school turned out to witness the opening of the Lyminge play area.

Rob Baldwin (representing Lyminge Parish Council, a significant contributor towards the costs) opened the play area. In doing so, he thanked the Lyminge Youth Action (LYA) committee, Tara Anderson, Nicola Wilkinson, Adam Woodbridge, Mark Towse and Rachel Bartlett, who started the project back in 2016, for their determination and diligence in reaching this significant milestone.



In addition to this play area, a number of elements have been replaced in the play area associated with Jubilee Field.

## Christmas at The Methodist Church

The **Candle Light Carol Service** was led by Rev Gill Songer while Dean played the organ. On **Christmas Day**, the service was led by Chris Guyett with Mary Blanch playing the organ. Our thanks to them all for making this such an enjoyable event.

Both services raised a total £150.72p for the much needed Rainbow Centre food bank.







## LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

This is the third of a regular feature provided by the Lyminge Historical Society in which we hope to learn a little more about our historic community. Pairs of photographs will show how some well-known local views have changed, or perhaps how they have not changed very much, over the past 100 years or so.



The views above show the corner of Church Road and the High Street in Lyminge. The older photo dating to around 1904 shows that the view has not changed much, although the forge on the right hand corner closest to the camera was demolished in the blast from the flying bomb that also destroyed the Methodist Church. The old School opposite was demolished in the late 1980s, and replaced with housing, while the school itself was relocated to Tayne Field.



Almost every year, since our inception in 2000, **Ethelburga Quilters** have been making heart-shaped cushions for people who have had breast surgery. It isn't just women who sadly get breast cancer, men do too; so we always make sure to produce some in masculine colours as well. The most often used position for the cushion is with the 'dip' in the heart placed in the armpit, so that the arm is raised away from the wound. But placed across the chest, they also provide cushioning against a car seat belt.

It is difficult to say how many we have made over the years, but we do try to make at least 100 each January. This year we surpassed our target and made over 140 cushions! Most of the members were present on Saturday 14th January, supplemented by non-quilting friends (on 'stuffing and stitching up' duties!). The hall at Etchinghill was a hive of activity.

The cushions are made with good quality (patchwork or dressmaking) cotton fabric for ease of laundering and are stuffed with the polyester filling from brand-new cheap pillows (expensive pillows aren't quite as 'fit for purpose!'). This year we used the proceeds of a fabric sale to purchase 22 double packs of pillows and have a few left over for next year. We finish each cushion with a label that says, '**Made with love by Ethelburga Quilters**' alongside the Lyminge logo.

The pillows have been donated to the East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust.

Any queries about attending Ethelburga Quilters' workshops, please contact Liz Coleman at [Lyminge.liz@live.co.uk](mailto:Lyminge.liz@live.co.uk).