

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association



The forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III gives many of those wishing to celebrate a chance to join in local community events.

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

On Page 5 of this newsletter, there is a preliminary comprehensive programme of events which link this event with the Lyminge Festival that spreads over the period 5th-21st May.

In some cases, more detailed adverts can be found on Pages 6 and 7.

As in the past, please forward any photographs of these events to the Editor for inclusion in future copies.



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Join our new Beginners Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes

commencing

Monday 17th April 2023

6-30pm – 7.30pm

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Please call 07966 751991

For more information and to book your place

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings



Sibton's silhouettes are to be the subject of my walk today. It is a still day with the sky washed in a steel grey, no individual cloud visible, merely all over cover with no variation. Not a particularly enticing day for a walk so I had nothing much in mind that I thought would catch my attention. But trees always fascinate me, whatever the season: bare in the Winter months; buds swelling and bursting in Spring; full leaf in a multitude of shades of green in Summer and the gradual and glorious colour changes that Autumn brings.

What first catches my eye however, are some very tall hogweed seedheads, like dark starbursts against the sky. I look for more. Some are thin and mean but others still have seeds attached which give their silhouettes more solidity. As I walk, I look closely either side of the path and see frizzy little leaves which are the remains of nettles; what I think are bedstraw stems with tiny stalks and a few black seeds, little bigger than a full-stop; ragwort, shrivelled and dark brown, but nonetheless attractive in its starkness. All vegetation is pared back, but closer inspection is rewarded by showing a different attraction to that of their glorious former selves. I pick a selection which I will put into small vases and glass bottles on my return for a late Winter nature table of seed silhouettes, to remind me of nature's continuing beauty, whatever the season.

I walk past a huge and majestic old tree and decide to spend some time looking at it more closely. It's vertical ridged bark, textured and grooved, tells me it is an oak, which is confirmed when I look at the ground around the tree, still covered in oak leaves in various stages of decomposition, their distinctive shape making them easy to identify. According to the Woodland Trust, oaks can provide a wildlife haven for up to 2,300 species and jays help their proliferation by dropping around 3,000 acorns as they fly with over-full beaks. These acorns stand the best chance of growing when they are dropped into bramble patches, as there is less risk they will be eaten by squirrels and other creatures. Years ago a branch must have been cut off or have fallen and the grain of the outer ring of bark has formed a raised circle, in the centre of which is the remaining wood of the branch and its growth rings can clearly be seen. Fissures have appeared and I wonder how many of the 2,300 creatures have made this their home and food source. Looking up into the tree, the huge boughs form a tangle of wood as they have twisted and grown away from the solid trunk. Unseen, oak roots need to be strong, growing deep and covering a circumference equal to its branch span. This outer ring is known as the drip line, where drips fall from the leaves when it rains and the fine roots, which are the furthest away from the tree, take in the water and nutrients that then feed the tree.



Seven sycamores, forming a ring, attract my attention next. Their silhouettes make a pleasing group, almost symmetrical and as with the oak tree, the leaves beneath the tree help with identification. Many of these leaves have tar spot, a fungal disease which appears as black spots. The distinctive winged fruits of the sycamore are called samaras, sounding a bit like an Indian food delicacy!



Lime, or linden trees, form a row along the edge of a field. They are a symmetrical shape, neat and tidy - round at the bottom and becoming more tapered at the top. Their fruit, consisting of small balls with pointed tips, have a wing to help them spread in the wind. Much of the linden tree can be used for medicinal purposes and it is the national tree of the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia. Unter den Linden is a boulevard in Berlin which is lined with linden trees, as it's name suggests.



A group of three beech trees snuggle together, one of which is a copper beech. I love to observe these three trees over the seasons, especially when Autumn turns their leaves into a burning brightness of copper and gold - a veritable biblical burning bush.

Much more delicate than all of the above trees is the silver birch whose silhouette is fine and fragile looking. It's slender silver trunk supports equally slim branches which grow straight and at an angle of roughly 45°, ending in fine drooping twigs.

Looking out across a broad landscape before returning home, I see a variety of tree shapes, some single and others as part of hedgerows which have grown mature. Many are grand silhouettes, whereas others are a jumble of trunk, branches and twigs, but all have a unique purpose to fulfil.

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.
01-Apr	10am	Spring Stream Clean	TF	862508	20-May	10am	"Pick Up a Plant"	TF	
01-Apr	2.30pm	Rhodes Minnis Flower Show	RMVH	862616	16-Jun		Dog and Owners Fun Day	LW	
01-Apr	7pm	Spring Quiz	EVH	863076	24-Jun	7.30pm	The Rudes Outdoor Theatre See P14	TF	
08-Apr	10am	Postling Coffee and Cake Morning	PC		08-Jul	8am	Boot and Summer Fayre	LW	
12-Apr	7.30pm	Dr Gabor Thomas "In the Shadow of Saints.."	LPC		05-Aug	8am	Boot and Late Summer Fayre	LW	
13-Apr	10am	Scrabble See P14	LBC		09-Sep	8am	Boot and Autumn Fayre	LW	
22-Apr	2pm	A Touch of Swing' Tea	LPC		16-Sep	3pm	Newsletter Deliverers Tea	AUKL	863737
22-Apr	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH	07544 670363	17-Sep	9am	Autumn Garage Sale		863856
22-Apr	10am	Spring Litter Pick (Lyminge)	LVH	862508	TBC	10am	Autumn Stream Clean	TF	862508
22-Apr	2pm	"A Touch of Swing"	LPC		12-Oct	7.30pm	Lyminge Association AGM	TBC	
29-Apr	8am	Boot and Spring Fayre	LW		14-Oct	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH	07544 670363
05-May	7pm	Coronation Music & BBQ	LPC		21-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
08-May	11am	Etchinghill Coronation Celebration	EVH		23-Nov	4.45pm	Switching on of Christmas Tree Lights	LL	
09-May	7.30pm	LVH AGM	LVH		26-Nov	4.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting	Meriden Park & EVH	07544 670363
14-May	6pm	Etchinghill AGM	EVH		03-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
13-21 May		Lyminge Coronation Festival - see P5		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	10.15am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07811682045
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 ⁵	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation Therapy	AUKL	269602	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	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	10.30am	COGS	AUKL	269602
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Thurs	11.45am	Streetz to Streetz (fish and chips)	AUKL	07955926835
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602	Thurs	3.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445
Tues	10.30am	Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation (Cogs)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	12.45pm	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	5pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Wed	8am	Pilates	TC	07951698008	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	AUKL	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	AUKL	269602	Fri	10.45am	Movement to Music	AUKL	269602
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	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 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 ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	Last Thurs	1.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602
1st Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
2nd Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	AUKL	269602
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMC	862598	4th Sun	10am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
2nd Wed	11am	Singing For All	AUKL	269602	Last Sun	10am	Springrise Canine Care Pet	EVH	07582407637

¹In term time only ²Except Jan and Feb ³Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug ⁴Except Aug and Dec ⁵Not 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 2nd April **Palm Sunday**

Lyminge 10am Holy Eucharist with Passion Narrative
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

Thursday 6th April **Maundy Thursday**

Lyminge 6pm Benefice Maundy Service

Sunday 9th April **Easter Day**

Paddlesworth 6am Easter Daybreak Service and Breakfast
Lyminge 11am Easter Family Communion Service

Sunday 16th April

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd April **St Georges Day**

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge 10am Family Praise Service

Sunday 30th April

Elham 10am Benefice Service - Farewell
Service for the Rector on her retirement

Sunday 7th May

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong (BCP)

To contact the churches, please phone:

Rev Deb Scoble, Curate. The Rectory, Lyminge.

Tel: 01303 862747 www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com

Postling Church Services

2nd April 6.30pm Quiet Service for Palm Sunday

Friday 7th April 12 noon An Hour in Front of the Cross.
In the churchyard

9th April 9.30am Holy Communion for Easter Day

16th April 9.30am Morning Service

23rd April 8.30am Breakfast Service

30th April No service in Postling

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.

2nd April Mr. Colin Pearson

9th April **Easter Day 10.15am** Valley Service -
Mr. Hugh Burnham

16th April Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

23rd April Mr. Richard Blackwell

30th April Rev. Gill Songer

Rhodes Minnis Chapel

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

2nd April Mr. Colin Pearson

6th April **Maundy Thursday - 7pm** A Service of Light & Dark
including Holy Communion led by Rev. Gill Songer

9th April No Service at Rhodes Minnis - Easter Day Valley
Service at Lyminge at **10.15am**

16th April Mrs. Val Redding

23rd April Mr. Richard Blackwell

30th April Rev. Gill Songer



Christians in Lyminge

2nd April: Palm Sunday service with the reading of the Passion
1000 at the Parish Church

7th April: Good Friday Service 11.00 outside the Methodist
Church

9th April: 10.15am Valley United Service at the Methodist
Church, 11am Family Communion at the Parish Church

Lyminge Newsletter

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS LYMINGE CORONATION FESTIVAL 5-21 MAY



Friday 5 May

7pm Music on Friday with BBQ Lyminge Parish Church. See ad on P6

Monday 8 May

11am Family Celebration of The Coronation at Etchinghill Village Hall. See ad on P7

Friday 12 May

Live Act Tayne Field (bring own chairs or rug): 7-9pm 'Here Comes The Girls'

Food and Refreshments: Beer Festival - Coach & Horses

Saturday 13 May

12noon to 4pm Fun fair with rides, sideshows, bouncy castle, mini roundabouts, coconut shy, hook a duck, refreshments, and Circus Skills as well as 3 live acts on the stage on Tayne Field and Beer Festival.

Live Acts Tayne Field (bring own chairs or rug):
12-2pm Victoria Bass
2-4 pm The Undecided
5-7pm Rock of Aged

Art Exhibition in Tayne Centre

Food and Refreshments: Streetz to Streetz - Fish & Chips, Burger Van, Candy Floss, Ice cream, Tea & Coffee. Beer Festival - Coach & Horses

Sunday 14 May

10am to 1pm Fun Dog Show organised by Lyn Fagg. See ad on P6. Beer Festival run by Coach & Horses

Live Acts Tayne Field (bring own chairs or rug):
2-4pm Shades of Grey
5-7pm Queen Tribute Band

Art Exhibition in Tayne Centre

Beer Festival - Coach & Horses

Tuesday 16 May

7pm for 7.30pm start. Lyminge Gardeners' Society Quiz 'Gardening and The Natural World Quiz'. Tayne Centre. Open to all. £3 members. £5 non members.

Wednesday 17 May

7.30pm Cantores Prom Concert Lyminge Village Hall. See ad on P6

Thursday 18 May

11am Coffee Concert with John & Sue Mitchell in Tayne Centre. "Extreme easy listening". Refreshments served from 10.30am.

3.30pm - 6pm Family Seek and Find Quiz - hunt out interesting things around your village

Friday 19 May

6.30pm for 7pm Quiz in Lyminge Village Hall. Tables of 8. £3 a head and bring own drinks and snacks. Raffle will also be available. Closing date 16 May

Saturday 20 May

10am Pick up a Plant on Tayne Field - a chance to pick up some additional plants for your garden or share your excess seedlings/plants

9am onwards Garden Safari - passports available TBC

10am to 4pm Flower Festival in Lyminge Parish Church. See ad on P7. Light lunches and cream teas provided.

9am to 5pm Craft Fair in Lyminge Village Hall

Sunday 21 May

9am onwards Garden Safari - passports available TBC

12noon to 4pm Flower Festival in Lyminge Parish Church. See ad on P7. Light lunches and cream teas provided.

MUSIC ON A FRIDAY

Celebrate the Coronation

BBQ

Friday 5th May 7pm

St. Mary's & Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Free BBQ Free Wine

Plenty of Music

All welcome



Fun Family DOG SHOW

Lyminge Festival Fun Dog Show

(3 pedigree and 12 fun classes)

Sunday 14th May

10am - 1pm

Entry £2

Sponsored and run by Lyn Fagg
The ELHAM DOG TRAINING CLUB

Lyn can be contacted on 07866 234820 or
lyn.fagg@yahoo.co.uk

Hint for the day: bring your own chair



CANTORES
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presents

LYMINGE FESTIVAL PROM CONCERT 2023!

Wednesday 17 May at 7.30pm

at

Lyminge Village Hall

Programme to include:

Les Miserables

Simon & Garfunkel medley

Coronation pieces & the usual prom favourites

Bring your flags, hats, voices & most
importantly - yourselves!

For more information, please contact Nancy on 07840 796383 or check the Lyminge Newsletter



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Lyminge Festival 2023

Sue and John Mitchell will entertain you
at a Coffee Concert on Thursday 18 May
at 11am in the Tayne Centre.



Popular Songs, Well Known Favourites
and Easy Listening

Coffee and Refreshments from 1030

For more information, contact Nancy on 07840 796383 or see Lyminge Newsletter

Tel: 01303 863737



FLOWER FESTIVAL

This year's theme

POMP & CEREMONY

at

ST MARY & ST ETHELBURGA CHURCH, LYMINGE

20th and 21st May
 Saturday 10am to 4pm
 Sunday 12noon to 4pm

REFRESHMENTS
 Including:
**Ploughman's Lunches &
 Cream Teas**




Lyminge Coronation Garden Safari 2023

Open days Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May

With our garden open days four weeks earlier this year, we will need to consider what plants will be at their best in late May - spring flowering shrubs and bulbs should be in full bloom and hopefully no extended dry or wet spells to spoil our efforts.

The Lyminge Allotments will be open to the public on both days, with someone there to welcome visitors and show them around.

A big thank you to the seven gardeners who have offered to open their gardens this year. We still need a few more entrants, so please give me a call to secure your place.

If you require any further assistance, please contact me
Ray Smith 01303 863856

LYMINGE CORONATION FESTIVAL 5TH - 21ST MAY



**RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE**

**CORONATION OF
KING CHARLES III**

**ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8TH MAY
FROM 11 AM**



*A family focused day will start with a singles pétanque competition at 11am - no need to book, just register on the day. Entry to the competition is £2pp and is open to everyone, experienced or not, and includes children

*Bacon rolls and cream teas will be on sale while stocks last. Please bring picnics and a bottle of bubbly (or two!) to toast the King

*Raffle tickets for a Coronation hamper will be on sale and tables will be set up in the hall in case of inclement weather - it is a Bank Holiday after all!

The event is being jointly hosted by the ERA committee and Village Hall trustees



POSTLING COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Thank you to all who attended the first coffee and cake morning of the year. How lovely to see friends and neighbours after the long winter. We raised £117.80 for the Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford - a good start to our yearly fund-raiser.

Our next coffee and cake morning will be on

Saturday 8th April 10am to 12noon

in the beautiful Posting Church with all donations going to the Pilgrims Hospice.

District Councillors' Update - April 2023

Every household should have now received a copy of Your District Today with news about the work of Folkestone & Hythe District Council. If you've not received a copy it is available online or you can contact us for a copy.

Jenny attended the rescheduled meeting of Lyminge Parish Council on 06 February and made our District Council report. This included the good news that Veolia, the company that collects your kerbside waste on behalf of the District Council, has cut its carbon emissions by 5% over the last two years. They've optimised their routes to reduce fuel consumption, installed electric bin lifts on the waste collection vehicles, switched to LED lights and more efficient heating at their depot.

Another waste initiative is the Don't Let Your Recycling Go to Waste campaign to help residents put their waste in the right bin for recycling and avoid "wish-cycling", which is when something is put in a recycling bin in the hope it can be recycled. You can see tips and Frequently Asked Questions about recycling at www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/recycling-waste-bins/contaminationcampaign/1

Over 70% of Folkestone & Hythe District residents have signed up to MyAccount to access services, receive reminders about waste collections and pay their council tax online. Last month saw the launch of Housing Online where council tenants can view and update information about their property. They can also view balances and statements, book a repair, make payments and set up a Direct Debit. Online services provide 24/7 access and are increasingly popular. They bring an extra benefit by free-ing up time at our Contact Centre for staff to deal with people who don't have digital access. MyAccount is also a quick and easy way to report issues.

UK Power Networks has given £27,300 towards the District Council warm spaces at New Romney, Hythe, Folkestone and the Nepalese Community Centre in Folkestone. The money will help with the costs of running the warm spaces and fuel vouchers and wheatgerm packs to those most in need. The warm spaces are open to everyone in the district and provide not just somewhere to be warm but company and activities.

The District Council has won £205,000 of Government funding to install three Changing Places toilets. Specialist equipment includes ceiling hoists and changing tables. The need for such toilets was raised by residents during the Folkestone Place Plan engagement sessions and they'll be sited at the Lower Leas Coastal Park, Folca (the former Debenhams store) both in Folkestone and at the Coastal Destination project in Littlestone. This should enable more severely disabled people to enjoy visits to these places.

We expect the outline planning application of Otterpool Park Garden Town to go to the Planning Committee on 04 April. Otterpool Park Garden Town was first proposed in 2016 and it's taken a long time to reach this point. It's intended to provide new homes of all sizes and tenures (self build, joint ownership, council homes, housing associations, starter homes, family homes, homes designed for the elderly) complete with its own facilities such as schools, doctors' surgery, shops and green spaces. We think this is the best way to provide the majority of the new homes our district needs rather than growing every existing village and town. Do check the Otterpool Park website for details of events - there is a programme of learning and other events for the year like the storytelling competition that attracted over 40 entries internationally and Jenny was fortunate to be a judge and present the prize

We held our budget meeting on Wednesday 22 February: the Folkestone & Hythe District Council portion of council tax equates to about 16% of the total bill (including local Parish precepts). An increase of 2.97% (equivalent to less than 20p a week for an average Band D property) was agreed for 2023/24. Some projects will need to be put on hold or scaled back but services to our residents should not be affected. Residents who are in financial hardship can apply for help and you can find out more at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/help-support-cost-living> or ring the council on 01303 853000.

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



New Beginners EARLY MORNING Pilates Class



Wednesdays 8am
The Tayne Centre Lyminge

Pilates creates balance in the body, strengthens deep core muscles, improves posture & flexibility. Pilates is truly transforming.

I have four spaces left for this class. Please contact me for more details: Katherine 07951698008

Other classes - Intermediate

Mondays - Etchinghill - 5.30pm & 7pm

Thursdays - Lyminge Tayne Centre - 5pm & 6.15pm

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM will be held on Sunday 14th May 2023 at 6pm

To all Etchinghill Residents

Please come along to the AGM and show your support for this marvellous local facility.

This is your opportunity to find out more about the Hall, the activities that are available, together with an update on the finances and plans for the year ahead.

If you would like to be involved with the future management of the Hall you will have the opportunity to put your name forward as a future Trustee.

The meeting will last approximately one hour and refreshments will be available after the meeting.

Please support your Village Hall

JOHN WHITE

Chairman

Etchinghill Village Hall

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE GALA MILITARY CONCERT



The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment Band, supported by The Military Wives Choir are putting on this concert in aid of The Soldiers Charity.



Saturday 29 April 7pm

All tickets £12.50 | Doors from 6pm



BOX OFFICE 01303 223925 or towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

11-13 MAY **NOËL COWARD'S**
BLITHE SPIRIT

A FHODS
THE FOLKESTONE THEATRE COMPANY
& DRAMATICS SOCIETY LTD

This amateur production of 'Blithe Spirit' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone CT20 3HL
Registered Charity 1180504

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com

Tuesday 18th April
7:30pm
The Tayne Centre,
Lyminge



"Creating with Clay"

A workshop with Annie Begley

Refreshments from 7:00pm

Members £3 - Non-Members £5

(to include tea/coffee and biscuits)

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### TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2023

Seedlings will be available at the 'Pick Up A Plant' event on 20<sup>th</sup> May on Tayne Field and at some of the Open Gardens (Garden Safari) that same weekend, or you may grow your own.

Look out for posters around the village or email [lymingegardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lymingegardeners@gmail.com) for more details.



For more information about the Gardeners' Society please email [lymingegardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lymingegardeners@gmail.com) or call Anne on 07703 149008

# Singing For All

Wednesday  
11am-12pm  
12.04.2023

Age UK, Lyminge  
Everist Court



## Come and see us at our Dementia Cafés

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 12:30pm - 2:30pm  
Age UK Lyminge, Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
Age UK Hythe, Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BD

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1:30pm - 3:30pm  
Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am - 12pm  
Le Café Ganmac, 121 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2BL

Our café provides a drop-in service for anyone who may need support, information, or advice about Dementia. This informal get together can be attended without booking or a referral. See below for March dates and venues.

We offer a **FREE** bus service from Hythe to Lyminge  
Collection times are 1:00pm and drop off is 3:45pm (booking essential).



For more information  
01303 269602 or 07379 646426  
demo@ageukhl.org.uk

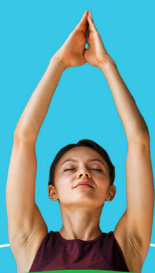
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## AGE UK - LYMINGE



# SEATED YOGA



Every Tuesday

*\*Limited Spaces*  
£5.35pp / £6pp from April

With Sam;  
12.45pm - 1.45pm

Age UK Lyminge,  
Everist Court

TO BOOK CALL 01303 269602



## Join us for Morning Munchies

Every Wednesday

9am-11am

AGE UK Lyminge, Everist Court



# ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Film Night

'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris'<sup>PG</sup>

Monday 17th April 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 enjoyed a get together and a quiz at our February meeting. The afternoon was a tribute to Diana Bennett who spent a lot of time preparing quizzes among many other tasks for us. She was a great supporter of the Circle and will be sadly missed.

The competition was won by Jacqui Storey with Fran Davis 2nd and Marion Hoare 3rd and Dorothy Athow 4th.

On **26th April** Betty Black is coming to tell us about **Sky-Ways at Lympne Airport**. The competition will be an item beginning with the letter "B"

On Wednesday **10th May** we hope to have an afternoon **Bring and Share Tea Party** to celebrate King Charles Coronation.

Our **AGM** is on the **24th May**.

Visitors will be made very welcome (£2.50p including refreshments)

Marion 862913



## Lyminge Judo Club

(Bushido 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: Craig Munn email: [craigmunn1@yahoo.com](mailto:craigmunn1@yahoo.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub](http://www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub)

Editor: [pbarnes20@icloud.com](mailto:pbarnes20@icloud.com)



# LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Come and join us



**Our talk in April is on Tuesday 4th at 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre**  
**The Countryside at War - Rural Kent in WW2**

Speaker: John Buss

Tuesday 2nd May join us for a talk on **Leas Lift** with James Walker-Osborn

**2023 Subscriptions due. Great value at £11.00**  
Cash or Card accepted.

**!!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

Email: [lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

Website: [www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Lymingehistoricalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/Lymingehistoricalsociety)

## PILATES

|           |         |                            |
|-----------|---------|----------------------------|
| TUESDAY   | 5pm     | Etchinghill Village Hall   |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.30am | Rhodes Minnis Village Hall |
| THURSDAY  | 3.30pm  | Etchinghill Village Hall   |
| THURSDAY  | 5pm     | Rhodes Minnis Village Hall |

All classes are suitable for any level of ability from complete beginner to intermediate.

Price: £10

Limited spaces,  
please book in advance.



For more information:

[lucianaclarke.pilates@gmail.com](mailto:lucianaclarke.pilates@gmail.com)

07944028445

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

## Etchinghill Update - April 2023

### ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

**Chairman:** David McCombe 07939 076617. Email: dmccombe1@gmail.com Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

**SPRING LITTER PICK - SATURDAY 15 APRIL 10 AM** - Please meet at the car park entrance to Etchinghill village hall (a family party is being held in the hall) to collect your pick-up sticks, bags etc. The litter pick lasts for about 1-2 hours and full sacks may be left by the waste bin at Chapel Close, to await collection by the council. All volunteers will be very welcome - thanks!

**FILM NIGHT - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - MONDAY 17TH APRIL 7.30 PM**  
- "MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS" PG. Drama / Comedy, starring Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert and Lambert Wilson. This is the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London, who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After she works, starves, and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook, but the very future of the House of Dior. 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 and pay at the door.

**A CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8TH MAY - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL & GROUNDS - EVENT STARTS 11AM.**  
A family focused day will start with a singles pétanque competition at 11am - no need to book, just register on the day. Entry to the competition is £2pp and is open to everyone, experienced or not, and includes children. Bacon rolls and cream teas will be on sale while stocks last. Please bring packed lunches and a bottle of bubbly (or two!) to toast the King. Raffle tickets for a Coronation hamper will be on sale and tables will be set up in the hall in case of inclement weather - it is a Bank Holiday after all! The event is being jointly hosted by the ERA and village hall trustees.

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



### Fifth Trust Update

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

Thank you to all the Tesco shoppers in Folkestone who voted for us to receive a £1,000 community grant. The money will be used to buy equipment and groceries for our new life skills session, developed for younger students getting ready to live more independently.

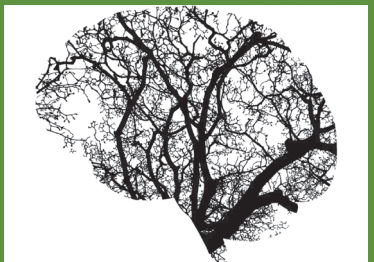
Since many of the items we need are sold at the Cheriton superstore, two of our students went on a shopping trip there. They were able to get many of the items on our shopping list, such as cutlery and tableware, an electric whisk and blender, and everyday cleaning items,

We are sorry we have had problems with log supplies recently. All restrictions on log deliveries have now been lifted. We are and will continue to receive regular deliveries of high quality kiln-dried logs.

For more information or to order, please call 01227 831052, option 2 (weekdays only).

### MINDCRAFT EDUCATION

### MENTAL HEALTH COACHING FOR TEENAGERS



As an experienced special needs teacher with a qualification in counselling, I now offer single sessions and a number of courses directed at improving the mental health of teenagers. This can involve focusing on specific areas of concern or more general mental health issues, designed to create happier and more resilient young people.

For more information please contact me on 07458 949222 or go to [www.mindcraftededucation.co.uk](http://www.mindcraftededucation.co.uk)

## Coach & Horses



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





## Opportunity to become a governor at Lyminge Church of England Primary 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 has the interest, time and commitment to progress in the role.

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 be able 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](mailto: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 Friday April 21st 2023.

Applicants will be contacted by the Chair soon after the closing date to arrange a meeting to discuss the role in more detail.

In aid of LORD WHISKY SANCTUARY FUND (Charity No 283483)

Park House Animal Sanctuary Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN  
Tel: 01303 862622 [www.lordwhisky.co.uk](http://www.lordwhisky.co.uk)  
[lord.whisky@btinternet.com](mailto:lord.whisky@btinternet.com)



### BOOT & SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 29 APRIL

At Park House, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

Boots from 8am (cars £7.50 / vans £10)  
Entertainment from 9am including  
The East Kent Pipers, The Fortunettes  
and much more

Classic Cars Welcome - Hot & Cold Refreshments  
Tombola - Lots of Stalls  
Entry by donation  
Ample free parking

## Railway Museum THE ELHAM VALLEY LINE TRUST Countryside & Craft Centre

Gates open  
Saturday 25th March at 10am

Join us over Easter for the  
Bunny Hunt, 7th to 10th April  
Enjoy Miniature Steam machines, 15th  
& 16th April

Open every weekend and Bank Holiday from  
25th March to the end of November

10am to 4pm

(Except for King Charles III Coronation, Saturday 6th May)

### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

Notice is hereby given that the Annual  
General Meeting (AGM) of Lyminge  
Village Hall (charity number 281845)  
will be held:

- ⇒ Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- ⇒ 7.30pm
- ⇒ at Lyminge Village Hall

ALL WELCOME



### AFTERNOON TEA

listening to the sounds of

## A Touch of Swing



SATURDAY 22ND APRIL  
2PM ST MARY AND ETHELBURGA CHURCH,  
LYMINGE

Refreshments, Homemade Cakes and Scones  
Tombola - Table Sale - and plenty of music  
Raising Funds for our Flower Festival in May

# 'Miss Popplewell's Garden'

## Outdoor Theatre with The Rudes

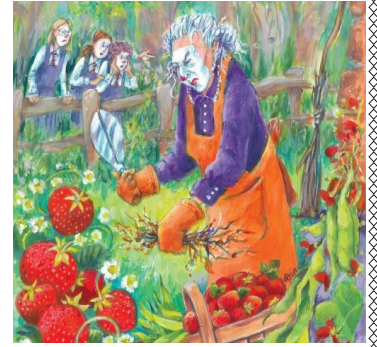
The Rudes are back in Lyminge again this summer with their outdoor theatre show on Tayne Field!!

It's April 1940 and Jocasta, Daphne and Dotty, will have to move from their school in idyllic Little Inkleing village to Buckinghamshire, where they will take refuge from the war. Lessons are suspended and they have two weeks left to have some fun and say goodbye to their friends. It's a disaster for Daphne. All she wants is to be kissed before she's seventeen, but now she's got to move away, she may never see Gerald again!

The girls decide to make one last raid on the old witch Miss Popplewell's strawberry patch. But an intruder gets in first. Who is he? Is it the gypsies, a burglar, a foreign agent, even an escaped convict? The entire village goes into a panic. But they're British! They must stick together.

In the meantime, will the girls get the strawberries? Will their kindly headmistress, Miss Tricklebank, confine them to their dorms? Will Daphne be kissed before she's seventeen?

You will have to be there to find out. The play is woven with poignancy and gently unearths buried things from Miss Popplewell's past.



**Tayne Field, Lyminge - Saturday 24th June - Start 7.30pm**

**Bring your own chairs or rugs and a picnic**

Visit [www.therudemecanicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.therudemecanicaltheatre.co.uk) or ring 01323-501260

## Lyminge Friends - April 2023

In March, Wendy Fraser told us all about the medieval subterranean engineering feat to bring water into the Siena of the 1200s. Afterwards we went to the Brockhill Country Park Café for lunch.

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. After this talk, we will pop over to Folkstone Garden Centre for some Spring shopping and lunch.

On **Easter Monday, 10th April**, we will meet at **Etchinghill Golf Club** at 12.30pm for Lunch. **This must be prebooked and prepaid in full with Marian (862015).**

On **Wednesday 3rd May**, **Steve Edney** will tell us how he won his two Golds in **A Tale Of Two Gold Medals (Chelsea and Hampton Court 2019)**.

**We meet at 10.30am in the Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA. Entry for 2023 is £4.00**

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.



## Scrabble

**10am Thursday  
13th April**

**Lyminge Bowls Clubhouse  
Woodland Rd, Lyminge**

## National Scrabble Day

Open to the community and Club members

£2.00 includes tea/coffee

**Contact : Mike 01303 862073**



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**



# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## April 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.*

### **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION ON 4 MAY 2023**

Many people will be aware that there is an election coming up in May. At the time of writing, the Notice of Election is due to be published on 17 March, and this should now be available on the Folkestone and Hythe District Council website. All the councillor positions on the parish council are up for election. If an existing councillor wishes to stand again, they must submit a nomination like every other candidate.

### **WHO CAN BE A COUNCILLOR?**

The role is voluntary (ie it is not paid) and does not require any formal qualifications. Eligibility to stand as a Parish Councillor in Lyminge is determined by a number of legal requirements that you can check here:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

If you follow this link, you can find out more about the role and the election process, and also download the nomination papers you need if you decide to stand.

### **YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION IN PERSON AT THE CIVIC CENTRE, CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE CT20 2QY BY 4PM ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023.**

The Parish Council elections are run for the parish by Folkestone and Hythe District Council. Further information on the electoral process in our district is available here:

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/elections>

### **VOTING ON ELECTION DAY**

There will be a ballot for Parish Councillors only if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacant positions. Lyminge Ward has 10 councillor positions and Etchinghill Ward has 3 councillor positions. In recent years, it has been rare for a ballot to take place for the Parish Council, and if this happens again, then any candidate nominated by the due date will be automatically elected.

Even if there is no ballot for the Parish Council, there will still be a ballot for the District Council on 4 May.

## VOTER PHOTO-ID

All electors need to be aware that new rules have been introduced requiring voter photo-ID at the polling station. More information on this is available here:

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/voter-id>

Valid forms of photo-ID include a passport, photo driving licence and older person's bus pass. You can check the full list of acceptable photo-ID at the link above. If you have no ID on this list, you can apply free-of-charge for a **Voter Authority Certificate**, which will allow you to vote on polling day. You must bring acceptable photo-ID, which includes a Voter Authority Certificate, to the polling station on 4 May in order to cast your vote. So check today if you need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, and if you do, apply without delay to ensure you have a vote on Polling Day.

## PUBLICITY IN THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD

The Pre-Election Period is a formal period that runs from 27 March to Polling Day. It used to be known as Purdah. It is a period when councils need to be extremely careful about the activities they undertake and the information they publish. These rules

are designed to prevent any activity, particularly communications from the Council, that might be thought to influence the outcome of the elections.

The Parish Council is concerned not to fall foul of the Pre-Election Period rules, and therefore the focus of our pages in the Newsletter this month is on the forthcoming Election. We are sorry not to be able to give reports on a number of activities that have taken place in the run-up to the Pre-Election Period and that we know are of concern to many residents. However, we would remind everyone that there is a news section on the Council's website. If you are looking for information about:

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

THE PENTLAND GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (See Reports P19 & P31)

THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AT OTTERPOOL

then follow the link to the Parish Council website and click the News tab at:

<http://www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk>

## APRIL MEETING DATES

Full Council Meeting – Monday 24th Apr 2023 at 7.30pm, Tayne Centre, Lyminge  
Finance and Administration Committee – Monday 12th Apr 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](https://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

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Tuesday 4th April, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

## When and What To Sow

Most of us will be starting to feel that spring is on the way. Be mindful of the weather but hopefully the earth is starting to warm up. A soil thermometer is a fail safe way of checking the soil temperature and they are an inexpensive piece of gardening equipment. Hopefully by April much of the main spring sowings will be under way. And there is much to be sown!

Our thanks to Real Seeds for this useful guide. [www.realseeds.co.uk](http://www.realseeds.co.uk)



- **Outside** (depending on weather and soil conditions)
  - Root crops including the first sowings of beetroot, turnips, carrots & parsnips
  - Mangetout & podding peas & broad beans - although these often do better started in pots/trays
  - The first sowings of summer salads including lettuces, endive, cress, rocket, radishes
  - Brassica crops for eating this summer & also through into the winter – kale, summer and (early) winter cabbages, Brussels sprouts, purple sprouting broccoli, calabrese and cauliflowers
  - Swiss chard & leaf beet
  - Leeks
  - Radishes and spring onions
- **In trays or pots**
  - If you have slug or weed problems, then you may find all of the brassica crops, leeks and salads do better started in trays/modules and then planted out when they are better able to withstand them.
  - Similarly broad beans and peas may have to be started indoors if you have trouble with mice
- **In trays or pots somewhere warm** (germinator/warm airing cupboard etc). Bear in mind that they will need somewhere warm & light to grow on
  - Tomatoes, peppers and aubergines, ideally by the end of March.
  - Celery/celeriac (again need heat to germinate)
  - Courgettes, squashes, cucumbers and melons (but not too early, or they will get too large before the weather is good enough for them to go outside)
- **In a polytunnel or greenhouse**
  - Summer salads
  - French beans for an early crop
  - Herbs including basil, coriander & parsley

## Creamy Leek and Potato Soup

This easy 4 ingredient soup is creamy and luxurious without using cream.

You will need 4 leeks, 4 medium potatoes, around 800 ml of veg stock, 1 tbl olive oil.

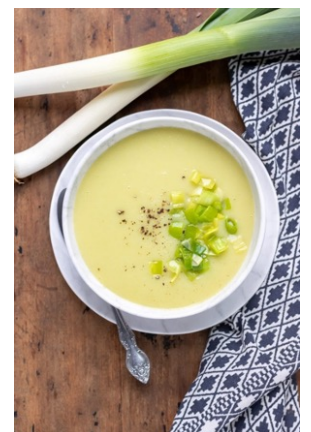
Simply fry the cleaned and chopped leeks in a little olive oil for around 5 minutes in a heavy bottomed pan. Remove a couple of dessert spoonfuls of the leeks to use as garnish.

Add the potatoes that you have peeled or scrubbed (its up to you) and thinly sliced. Keep them moving in the pan for around 5 minutes before adding the vegetable stock to cover.

Bring to the boil then simmer for around 20 minutes until potatoes are soft.

Use hand blender to liquidise or use a standing blender and do it in batches.

Add more stock if needed. Season to taste (you can add herbs if you like), add the reserved leeks for garnish, and Eat!



**Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food**



# Gardening in Climate Change

*Elise Moss*

Private gardens represent 5% of the land in the UK which is a vast area. We can help make a difference by reversing the decline in biodiversity and help us get through future extreme weather events by managing our gardens a bit differently. I don't claim to be any expert, just a beginner who wishes to share some helpful tips I've picked up along the way! I've recently attended a Kent Wildlife Trust online training course called "Gardening in Climate Change" which has inspired me to write this article.

## Drought

There are some easy steps to make your garden drought resistant.

- Leave your grass a bit longer, which will also act as a refuge for insects and other wildlife. And, no need to water it. It will come back!
- Plant more trees and bushes to create shade- which you'll be glad to have in these hotter summers to come.
- Collect water! As many water butts as you can. You'll be amazed how much water you can collect from a shed roof. Ideally, think about putting as close as you can to where you think you might need it most. Your vegetable patch for example. I struggled to buy a water butt during the summer as they kept being out of stock. I wasn't the only one to have the same idea. So maybe do it now.

## Floods

One of the best tools to fight floods is to use our gardens to "absorb" the rain. Plants have got this great ability to absorb rain in periods of high precipitation and release it during drier weather.

- Avoid paving or concreting. Even if you have a concreted area, you can have plants in pots or raised beds.
- Again, plant trees and shrubs if you can. They will absorb more rain than grass. Even if you have a small patch of grass at the front of your house, planting small trees and shrubs will make a difference.
- Don't leave bare ground. Maybe create a mini meadow and an uncut patch of grass.

## Wind

How many fences did we lose during the high winds last year? Planting hedges instead of erecting fences has many benefits. It will protect from the winds, but not break in high winds like a fence. It will provide habitats for wildlife and help restore our lost diversity. You might find it's less maintenance and less costly in the long run.

## In summary, plant, plant, plant.

This page from the Kent Wildlife Trust will also give you lots more ideas. [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/actions)

It's all broken down with clear instructions, For example: how to install a water butt, plant a tree, grow a wild patch or mini meadow, which I've mentioned above.

There are other Kent Wildlife Trust training courses coming up if you fancy. Just follow the link: [www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/events](http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/events).

Happy Gardening!

## Reminder: Our Wild Acre 2023



As advertised with full details last month, if you can commit a patch of your garden or land, or a window box or anything else, to be a wild area from March until at least August, please let us know by registering online <https://forms.gle/1vegnWHLKwFZ4wCE9> or scan this QR code. This is also available through the Lyminge Climate Action Facebook Page or by emailing [lymingeclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:lymingeclimateaction@gmail.com) or telephone 01303864347.



# Report from public meeting with representatives of Pentland Homes regarding the building of 49 new homes in Lyminge - Date: 8 March 2023

*Meeting requested by Lyminge Parish Council and representing Pentland Homes were Paul Kitchingham, Peter Reed, Jason Lewis and Matthew Woodhead.*

Pentland Homes answered questions from the public.

## **Houses for Lyminge**

The original planning permission, given last year, was for 30 homes. Pentland considered these plans weren't viable so new plans for 47 homes, consisting of mixed housing and 2 self-build detached homes, will be put forward to Folkestone and Hythe District Council.

The village of Lyminge is considered under-developed; Pentland feel that building 49 homes would save future green fields development. They also consider there are benefits which would include a higher CIL payment by them.

Each home will be built to a high standard with underfloor heating and EV charging points.

Social Housing: Ten units will be built for social housing. The homes will be offered on a tiered system where locals will be prioritised.

There were concerns that Pentland Homes would continue building between Lyminge and Etchinghill until they are joined together. Pentland stated that this wasn't so as the golf club belongs to a charitable organisation and is protected.

## **Drainage**

The development can't discharge their excess surface water onto neighbouring land. Within the plans are two holding areas for wastewater to be collected to stop this happening.

There will be two open ponds to collect the rain from a heavy downpour, to give it time to soak away. There was a discussion whether the ponds should be dry (as the design) or wet in style.

There would be an underground storage system of containers (attenuation crates) to collect foul waste which would be pumped into the village's drainage system at low volume times. The foul drainage system will join the village system in the Greenbanks area. Pipework will be installed mostly in the verge. Temporary closures and steel plate covers will ensure uninterrupted access to the Surgery and Greenbanks.

## **Highways**

Pentlands have had a transport assessment completed, including traffic counts, and the authorities deem it acceptable. There was a great deal of discussion around traffic and parking. A speed limit survey was also commissioned for KCC highways and was approved. The 30mph sign will be moved forward to cover the new road.

The development includes 115 parking spaces and 10 garages. This allows parking for 2 cars per household plus 17 visitor spaces.

There is no air quality map as developers are not required to provide one. Most roadway within the estate is for shared usage by vehicles and pedestrians. Roads with separate pathways are at the entrance area. The hedges will also be trimmed and there will be improved access to the golf course.

The new homes are within walking distance to bus stops and this could provide the bus service with extra customers and in the long run help keep those services.

KCC promote a no street lighting policy, but it isn't known if it applies to this development.

## **Pressures on infrastructure**

Concerns regarding the pressure of extra children for Lyminge school were acknowledged.

There were concerns about how the surgery next to the development would cope with the extra patients.

Any needs should be addressed by KCC as the CIL money is for providing extra needs that the development might put on the community.

## **Biodiversity**

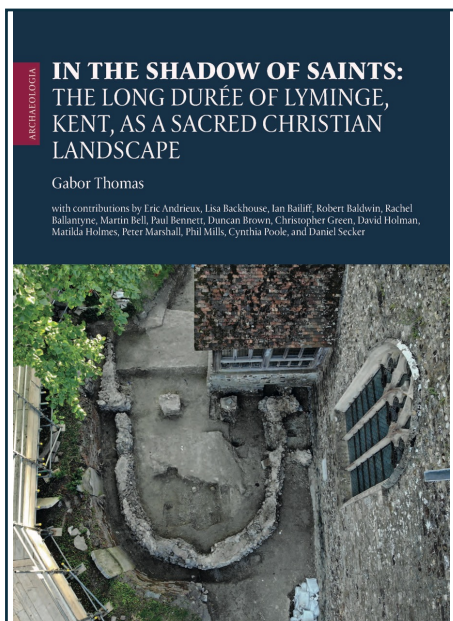
The planting schedule has yet to be agreed. Consultants are employed to advise on these matters – including impact on the River Stour. Natural England vet the reports and approve.

A landscape scheme will be submitted to FHDC.

## **Timescale**

The two self builds have been approved and sold. These owners will start building their homes this summer; therefore an access road will be built for their use. For the rest of the development, plans are going in immediately, and Pentland would like to begin building in the autumn.

To celebrate the publication of the report on the archaeological excavation in the church yard in 2019 and the re-examination of the 7th Century church that may have been built by Queen Ethelburga



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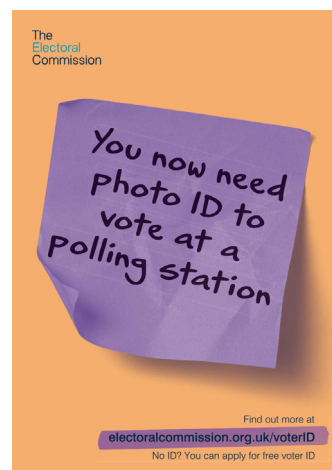
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***This free event is THAT opportunity for anyone interested in sustainability to join the conversation and be a part of creating new partnerships and collaborations. This is a challenge that needs joined up thinking at every part of the chain - so whether you are someone just taking their first steps on their sustainability journey, an SME aiming to reduce your footprint, a local group tackling green issues, or an ESG environmental expert, we need EVERYONE to be a part of the conversation and commitment to change.***

This event is bought to you thanks to the support of the Carbon Innovation Lab; an initiative led by a voluntary local steering group, and supported by Folkestone & Hythe District Council. Following this event, the council will be providing funding and support to help implement and further develop promising featured projects within and for the benefit of the community.

For more information visit: [www.SustainableFuturesForum.com](http://www.SustainableFuturesForum.com)

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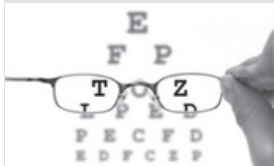
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## LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

This is the fifth 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.



Old Robus is instantly recognisable in the picture on the left that dates to around 1902. At this time it was still Robus Farm, although later it was bought by a doctor, and Lyminge Surgery was built in the garden. Standing in the road is William Carswell, wheelwright and undertaker who lived in South Cottage just behind the photographer on what was then known as Elham Road. His son Albert is sitting on the wall at the right hand end. Next to Albert is possibly Louis Head who lived on Nash Hill. Next to him are Ernest and Sidney Halls whose father was gardener at Lindon Hall, just round the bend in the road on the left, as it still is today.



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## Pentland Homes Presentation – 8th March 2023

Paul Kitchingham and members of his Pentland Homes team gave an excellent presentation at Etchinghill Village Hall on Wednesday 8th March to about 60 Lyminge, Etchinghill and surrounding area residents. Pentland Homes had no obligation to hold this meeting and Paul and his team should be given credit for arranging it jointly with Lyminge Parish Council.

Most questions were answered in an honest and open way and we have to accept that in a meeting like this not everyone is going to hear the answer they would like. (Editor: See P 24 for a summary report).



One interesting point resulting from the meeting is the importance of meeting venues like Etchinghill Village being available for public meetings. With more homes and increasing numbers of residents the pressure will continue on Village Halls to be able to maintain their facilities and provide the service local clubs and organisations require.

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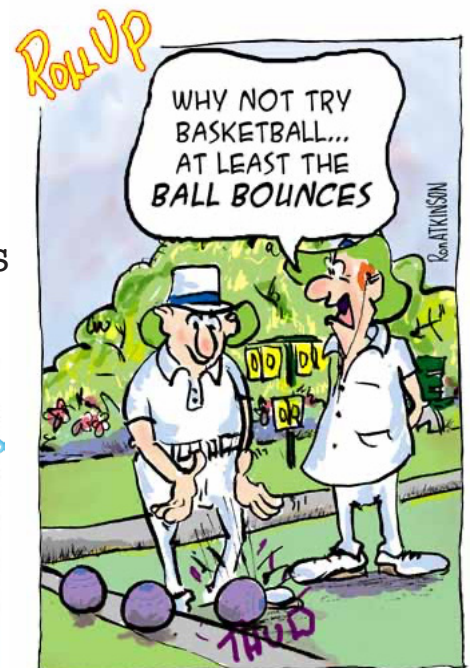


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