

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

**THANK
YOU!**



There were so many people involved in making **The Lyminge Festival** such a wonderful success. The sunny weather helped and people really supported all the activities arranged. It was so good to see the community joining in and enjoying themselves and to showcase the amazing local talent we have - whether it's musically, agriculturally, artistically, creatively, intellectually and socially!

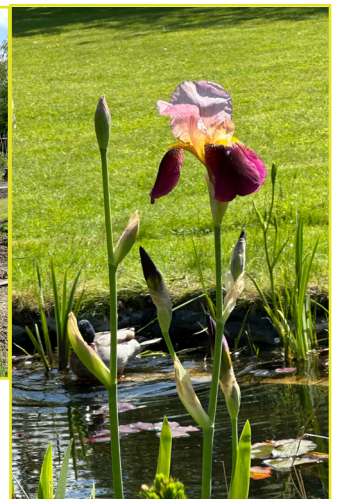
A very massive thanks and shout out to Dave Hunt-Cooke, Dennis Huntley and Emily Arnold for laying on a fantastic first weekend and to Ray Smith, Adrian Willcox and the church flower arrangers for the second weekend. Thank you Cantores and John & Sue Mitchell for your concerts; Lyn Fagg for the dog show; the Hunt-Cookes and the Frys for the Quiz; the Carrs for the Seek & Find Trail; The Art Club for the exhibition, Thoughtful Food and the Primary School for their support and contributions, the gardeners who kindly opened their gardens for all to seethe list is endless. We enjoyed working with the teams in the Tayne Centre, the Parish Church, Village Hall and Coffee Cabin - thank you for your help and flexibility!

The Lyminge Association is always pleased to put on activities that bring the community together. The newsletter and website kept everyone informed - posters and banners were visible and our social media presence also reminded folks of what's happening. A team set up the flags in the village and removed them(!) and we had constructive feedback on what worked and what could have been done differently. Thank you to the committee members for all they do behind the scenes. It's a huge amount of work and time and their spouses deserve a medal too.

We are always looking for more people to join the team and help plan and execute events and activities that the community enjoys - do get in touch and we'll tell you what we do and how you can help us continue bringing people of all ages together in the wonderful community in which we live.

So a big **THANK YOU** to you all, no matter how big or small your contribution.

Nancy Benham, Chair, The Lyminge Association



The Garden Safari

(more Festival photographs throughout the newsletter)

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

It is not a very promising start to my walk today. Yesterday was sunny but this morning heavy rain is falling. However, I had made plans to walk with a friend to Elham, have lunch at the Cosy Tea Rooms and then walk back. By the time we finally set off towards midday, the rain has stopped although the sky remains leaden. The walk naturally falls into three parts: down to Yew Tree Cross and along the edge of the copse towards Ottinge, across the valley road and down to the Nailbourne; along the valley floor towards Elham and then up into Elham, past the parish church and into the main street.

Late April and new leaves are bursting forth on almost every tree and bush, some smooth and shapely such as hawthorn, others such as beech, crinkled and folded as they gradually unfurl. Paths are muddy, the grass is wet and drips hang from every surface. There is a north-easterly breeze, fresh against our faces with no sign of further rain, but equally no sign of sunshine either, although the sky is lightening. To our right rabbits are running riot in the paddock, little ones chasing each other



and older ones content to sit and eat. Evidence of their burrowing is everywhere and we take care not to twist or break an ankle in one of their excavations. Gnarled elder trunks to the left look dead but newly sprouting leaves give the lie to this. Nettles abound, their fresh green shoots, rich in nutrients, ideal for adding to compost heaps, tea and soups! Once through the gate at the bottom the Nailbourne is close to flooding the surrounding area as it does a right angle turn at speed, giving the optical illusion of running uphill. It is flowing with no sound today, too full to be tumbling over obstacles on its bed.



Fresh molehills litter the field and in one these, a lone daisy has managed to keep its head above the disturbed soil. Grazing sheep keep the grass growth in check and as yet few Spring flowers are visible except for the ubiquitous dandelion. Over the fence, a small

white feather floats down, gently rocking in the breeze. Branches of weeping willows with their fresh yellow-green foliage hang and sway gracefully in the breeze like gentle waterfalls. This year's larch cones, soft and green are emerging amongst the little tufts of new needles, as Europe's only deciduous conifer begins another year of its life. Our ancestors thought that the wearing and burning of larch would offer protection against evil spirits.

Crossing over Shuttlesfield Lane the Elham Valley Way does a dog-leg before taking off along a hedge line with open fields to the east, which rise to the ridgeline above the valley. Forming the hedge are elder, hawthorn, wayfarer and blackthorn all intertwined with brambles and wild rose. No crop appears to be growing in the field to the right – it is full of old self-seeded rape, groundsel, speedwell, both red and white deadnettle, all providing much needed forage for insects. Crossing over the lane leading up to Acrise the path continues, past a piece of old rusty farm machinery designed to stop vehicles entering the field. Running alongside is the Nailbourne, cloudy after the recent rain and running fast and full. Birdsong fills the air and as the wind is coming from the north-east, no sound from passing traffic reaches us, giving the illusion of a greater remoteness than is the reality. Occasional passing bumblebees add to the sounds of birdsong and a weathered elder tree has bent through time into a seahorse shape. Wheat is growing in the field next to the path, tall thin shoots pushing skywards. As the cloud base lifts and the sky begins to brighten, we turn left into the delicious sounding Lickpot Lane and head towards Elham village centre via The Square.



Having had lunch we are pleased to see the sun shining and with coats undone we set off again, this time southwards back towards Lyminge, alongside the stream and between houses. An ash tree, cut back drastically and looking lifeless, except for its characteristic black buds, stands like a natural sculpture, small black knobs of King Alfred's cake fungus visible indicating a less than healthy tree. Celandines brighten the shady path and pale pink lady's-smock, or cuckoo-flowers, grow close to the water, loving the riverbank habitat the Nailbourne provides. Through the gate and back out into the open fields, the path follows the hedge line. After a while a lark's song fills the air and we search the sky for the creator of this uplifting sound. No sign of the singer until I see a lark rise from the field, which has not been ploughed or sown thus providing ideal nesting places, flying skywards higher and higher, its strong song becoming fainter as it soars. With this beautiful sound ringing in our ears, four swallows swoop across the path in front of us, flying fast from east to west, dipping and diving over grazing sheep, catching insects on the wing, their aerial elegance never failing to amaze. One swallow doesn't make a Summer, but surely four might well be an indication that Summer is not far away.

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.
03-Jun	3pm	Haywardians in Concert	LMC		09-Sep	8am	Boot and Autumn Fayre	LW	
10-Jun	8am	Dog and Owners Fun Day	LW		16-Sep	3pm	Newsletter Deliverers Tea	AUKL	863737
16/17 June	7.45pm	Murder at The Manor	LVH		17-Sep	9am	Autumn Garage Sale		863856
17-Jun	10am	RBL Coffee Morning	St Mary's, Elham		TBC	10am	Autumn Stream Clean	TF	862508
19-Jun	2pm	Mature Drivers Safety Presentation	EVH		12-Oct	7.30pm	Lyminge Association AGM	TBC	
24-Jun	7.30pm	The Rudes Outdoor Theatre See P14	TF		14-Oct	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH	07544 670363
25-Jun	9.30am	Lymunge Farmers' Market	LVH		21-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
08-Jul	8am	Boot and Summer Fayre	LW		23-Nov	4.45pm	Switching on of Christmas Tree Lights	LL	
08-Jul	11am	Lyminge Primary School Fayre	TF		26-Nov	4.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting	Meriden Park & EVH	07544 670363
08-Jul	4pm	Lyminge Prom Concert	LVH		03-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
05-Aug	8am	Boot and Late Summer Fayre	LW		18-Dec		Parcel Delivery		

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817777975
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10.30am	Pilates	RMV	07944028445
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	11am	Singing For All	AUKL	269602
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	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	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	10.30am	COGS	AUKL	269602
Tues	9am	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Thurs	11.45am	Streetz to Streetz (fish and chips)	AUKL	07955926835
Tues	9am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Thurs	12.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	3.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Pottery	AUKL	269602	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10.30am	Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation (Cogs)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	1.30pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	9am	Pilates	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	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07870494644
Wed	8am	Pilates	TC	07951698008	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	9am	Morning Munchies (breakfast)	AUKL	269602	Fri	10.30am	Maintenance Cognitive	AUKL	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Fri	10.45am	Movement to Music	AUKL	269602
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	AUKL	269602	Fri	6pm	Junior Cricket Training Sessions	SPCC	07869283195
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	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	01303901011
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544670363	3rd Thurs	7.30pm	LA Committee Meeting	TC	07840796383
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	07715221705	Last Thurs	1.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
1st Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	AUKL	269602
2nd Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	4th Sun	10am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	LMC	862598	Last Sun**	10am	Springrise Canine Care Pet	EVH	07582407637

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

AUKL Age UK Lyminge; **C&H**: Coach & Horses; **EVH**: Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH**: Elham Village Hall; **ERA**: Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES**: Elham Square; **EVL**: 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 4th June **Trinity Sunday**
Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

Sunday 11th June
Lyminge 8am Holy Communion CW2
6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 18th June
Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 25th June
Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge 10am Family Praise

Sunday 2nd July
Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong (BCP)

To contact the churches, please phone:
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Tel: 01303 862747 www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk
www.achurchnearyou.com

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.

4th June Mr Richard Blackwell

11th June Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

18th June **10.15am** Valley Service – Mr Tim James

25th June **NO SERVICE** Ordination of Rev Gill Songer at
Coventry Cathedral

2nd July Mr Stewart French

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.

4th June Mr. Richard Blackwell

11th June Service led by the local congregation

18th June **10.15am** Valley Service at Lyminge

25th June No Service

2nd July Mr. Roy Hollands



Postling Church Services

4th June 9.30am Holy Communion
11th June 5.30pm Tea Service
18th June 9.30am Morning Service
25th June No service in Postling

Christians in Lyminge

June 3rd: Haywardians Concert in Lyminge Methodist Church at 3pm

*Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree;
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they might see.*

Lyminge Newsletter

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District Councillors' Update - June 2023

From: **Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee** (Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk **07887918458**) - your district councillor for North Downs West, Folkestone and Hythe District Council



Thank you for re-electing me as your District Councillor. I am grateful for the support of those who have voted for me and especially those who have helped with the campaign. North Downs West covers many villages and many houses are tucked away in the countryside which makes reaching every house a challenge but it's one I always think worth the effort. I would also like to thank my colleague Susan Carey for her support, friendship and help over the last 24 years which has covered many changes in parish boundaries. Susan did not stand again for election to District Council but as she is our KCC Councillor we will continue to work together for the benefit of our residents.

Elaine Martin from the Green Party was the other candidate returned in our ward. Overall the results were Green 11, Labour 8, Labour & Co-operative 2, Conservative 5, Liberal Democrats 2, Independent 2. The Annual Meeting of the council is on 24 May at which a Leader will be elected and appointments made to committees. I wish the new council all the best in delivering our local services and balancing our finances at what is a challenging time for everyone in local government.

I am likely to continue to serve on the Planning Committee and be Leader of the Conservative Group. However you voted, you should feel free to contact me for help with District Council matters and I will continue to help. I have asked for Planning Application 23/0503/FH/CON Land Rear of Broad Street House Lyminge to be called in for consideration by the Planning & Licensing Committee and this has been noted by the Case Officer.

I'm sure you'll be as pleased as I was to learn that enforcement action by district councils was up and fly-tipping was down across Kent in 2020/21. The figures are in the annual report of the Kent Resource Partnership. As well as the fly-tipping information, the report includes data on the amount of waste collected, how much is recycled and where it goes to. You'll find it here: www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/130596/Kent-resource-partnership-annual-report-2020-21.pdf

A recent example of enforcement action in our district was against Lee Nelson from Folkestone who sold waste disposal services on Facebook and then fly-tipped the rubbish. The fly-tipping was found on 15 March and Nelson was quickly identified as being responsible. He pleaded guilty in court on 12 April and his penalty was £950. (Anyone using a private contractor should check they hold a trade waste license and ask to be given a trade waste notice for the waste collected or they too could find themselves fined.) The District Council offers a bulky waste collection service from just £35 (Lee Nelson charged £90!) or you can take the waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre yourself at no charge.

It was heart-warming to see so many people come together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Let's hope this joyful occasion will set the tone for the rest of his reign.

From: **Cllr Elaine Martin** (Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)- your district councillor for North Downs West, Folkestone and Hythe District Council

I'm hugely honoured to be elected by the people of North Downs West to represent them. Local people have put their trust in me to seek improvements with an emphasis on the environment and the community, I will do my utmost to repay their trust.

I joined the Green Party to help protect and defend our precious environment for future generations. I am a community oriented person, volunteering for both local and national charities.

Just to let you know a little more about me, I have lived in Hythe since 2007, I have two married sons and four grandchildren. I originally trained as a midwife but, having taken a degree as a mature student, I worked for the last 20 years of my career in computer information systems, mainly for large organisations.

I was absolutely delighted to attend the Lyminge Festival on the 14th May, enjoying the lovely weather and meeting many of the people from the beautiful village. I have to confess, my husband and I also spent some time looking around St Ethelburga, which is always a treat.

Whilst looking around at the rolling hills from St Ethelburga, having attended the festival, it occurred to me this summed up my three key priorities as Ward Councillor: preserving our precious countryside, conserving our historic heritage and supporting our communities.

Following the election results, the new Council will place a much greater emphasis on the needs of local people and the environment in which we all live. The first meeting of the Council, the AGM, is being held on the 24th May and I am very much looking forward to taking on my casework and assisting wherever I can. I look forward to meeting you all!



Free Goldfish to Good Homes



We have accidentally managed to breed lots of goldfish - more than we want to keep in our pond. We would therefore like to offer them free of charge to good homes if anyone in the village has space in their fish ponds.

Please contact Kate: kakellett78@gmail.com or 07967 203501

Etchinghill Update - June 2023

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe 07939 076617. Email: dmccombel@gmail.com

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FILM NIGHT - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - MONDAY, JUNE 19TH "THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN" (15) Comedy / Drama. Starring Colin Farrell, Brenden Gleeson and Kerry Condon. Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, the Banshees of Inisherin follows lifelong friends Padraic and Colm, who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Padraic endeavours to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. But Padraic's repeated efforts only strengthen his former friend's resolve and when Colm delivers a desperate ultimatum, events swiftly escalate, with shocking consequences. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Entry is only £6 pp 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.



CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8TH MAY



The jointly funded ERA and Village Hall Trustees event was a huge success. Around 60 people attended the event and 36 players entered the pétanque competition. The main photograph shows the **winner Don (left) and runner-up Dean (right)** being presented with their medals by John White, the village hall chairman. The winner also received a commemorative Coronation coin and will hold the winner's shield for a year.

Local resident Pat Manvell won the Coronation themed hamper in the raffle - well done Pat! A big 'thank you' goes to all the hardworking volunteers, the bakers and cooks from the ERA, the village hall trustees and members of the community, for helping to make the day so memorable. More importantly, thanks to our lovely local residents, their families and friends, for coming along and enjoying themselves; you made all the hard work worthwhile.

Lastly, could the holder of pink raffle tickets 451 and 460 from the King's Coronation Event please contact Geraldine on 07544 670363 to arrange collection of their prizes?



MATURE DRIVERS SAFETY PRESENTATION

When: **Monday, 19th June, 2pm – 3.30pm** plus Q & As.

Where: **Etchinghill Village Hall, Free Entry.**

This session is mainly aimed at drivers over 60 who are currently driving. Topics covered include: common crash causation, impairments including driver fatigue, driving whilst taking prescribed medication, smart motorways and eco driving tips. To book your place, please contact: Anna Allan, Lettings Officer on 07514 758936 or E- mail: d.allan142@btinternet.com. **See P14 for further details.**

THE NURSERY SITE

If you missed the meeting on the 19th May about the development of the Nursery Site, off Teddars Leas Road in Etchinghill, please see posters on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall and on the main road by the bus stop opposite the pub as well as in the Village Hall. Sunningdale House Developments reviews are on the Internet.

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



Sibton Park Cricket Club

JOIN US AT THE PARK THIS SPRING AND SUMMER TO WATCH QUALITY CRICKET & ENJOY A DRINK WITH FRIENDS

** BAR OPEN EVERY FRIDAY 6.00PM UNTIL LATE **

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JUNE HOME FIXTURES

FRIDAY 2ND	U13 VS WALMER	6.00PM
SATURDAY 3RD	KCL DIV 5 HURRICANE VS RAINHAM	12.30PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH	U15 VS FOLKESTONE	6.00PM
SUNDAY 11TH	U11 VS HYTHE	9.30AM
THURSDAY 15TH	U13 VS ASHFORD	6.00PM
FRIDAY 16TH	U13 VS HYTHE	6.00PM
TUESDAY 20TH	U15 VS BOUGHTON & EASTWELL	6.00PM
THURSDAY 22ND	U13 VS BOUGHTON & EASTWELL	6.00PM
FRIDAY 23RD	U15 VS ST LAWRENCE & HC	6.00PM
SATURDAY 24TH	KCL DIV 5 HURRICANE VS BAPCHILD	12.30PM
TUESDAY 27TH	U15 VS GREAT CHART	6.00PM
THURSDAY 29TH	U13 VS FOLKESTONE	6.00PM

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4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

LYMINGE FARMERS' MARKET

NEXT: 25 JUNE

9:30 - 12:30
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

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CRAFTS
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LYMINGE PROM CONCERT 2023!

Saturday 8 July at 4.00pm
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!

Grand Raffle

Admission £10 on the door – children FREE!

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



MUSIC ON A FRIDAY

...would like to thank all of those people who came to our **Coronation BBQ concert** on the 5th May. It made all the hard work worthwhile. Particular thanks to all the helpers, including Mike Chinneck the head chef, plus the **Fortunettes, Dom Burrell, Pink Champagne Walk Right Back** and the **Touch of Swing** for making the concert so enjoyable. Our next BBQ is the **1st September** - see you then




GARDEN VISIT TO TRAM HATCH



Join us for an afternoon visit to Tram Hatch, Barnfield Road, Charing Heath TN27 0BN (meet at the garden 2:15pm for a 2:30pm tour).

Tuesday 20th June
Entry charge £10 per person to include tea, cake and guided tour

If you would like to join us please email:
lymingegardeners@gmail.com
or telephone Heather on 07427 664084 for more details.

SUMMER SHOW AND PLANT SALE

22nd July
at The Tayne Centre
More details next month

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

Pent Farm Solar Project



Pent Farm Update – RNA Energy’s ambition to bring solar to Postling, Hythe

In December 2022, RNA Energy ran a consultation on its plans to bring a new solar facility to Postling to help tackle climate change and keep energy costs down. We are delighted to announce that following the feedback received during the consultation, the final plans have now been submitted to Folkestone & Hythe District Council for consideration.

The solar facility will cover 22ha of land and export up to 18MW of electricity, generating enough energy to power around 3,800 homes. The site is adjacent to Stanford substation, making it an excellent location to supply the national grid with our clean, renewable energy.

RNA Energy would like to thank readers and the wider community for taking the time to share their feedback on the initial plans. In total, we received 57 individual submissions which have been instrumental in helping us shape the final application. We were also delighted with the overwhelming amount of support we received, with 95% of feedback form respondents agreeing that there is a need to generate more of our energy from renewable sources.

A key consideration for RNA Energy when developing the plans, was to boost biodiversity and ensure habitats for local wildlife are protected and enhanced. We were thrilled to read that respondents agreed with our ambition to deliver 4ha of habitat protection, as well as measures to create new ponds, woodland wet and woodland reed beds, and meadow areas to establish robust habitat corridors to help local wildlife flourish on site and across the wider landscape. We believe these measures will have a significant impact on increasing the numbers of birds, barn owls, brown hares, common toads, bats and small mammals within the area.

We are grateful that respondents shared our ambition to deliver cheaper energy in the UK, with 93% of feedback from respondents agreeing there is a pressing need to generate cheaper electricity to help tackle the cost-of-living crisis. Solar energy is the cheapest form of electricity generation in history and our proposals for Pent Farm will help bring down energy prices at a time when consumer costs are soaring.

As the plans have been submitted, we are now calling on those who believe in the urgent need to generate clean renewable energy and protect our environment for future generations to let Folkestone & Hythe District Council know.

We have set up a website for supporters to share their views on the final plans which can be accessed via the QR code below or following the website URL: **support.pentfarmsolar.co.uk**

Your opinion matters and it's important for your councillors to hear the views of the community when making a decision on planning applications. **We thank you in advance for proactively making a positive change for our planet.**

RNA ENERGY



Scan me to visit our supporters website



The Fourth POSTLING COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Our next coffee and cake morning will be on

**Saturday 10th June 10am to 12noon at
Postling Church.**

All donations will go to the Pilgrims Hospice



Lyminge Primary School Summer Fayre

Saturday 8th July 2023

**11am – 2pm
on Tayne Field**

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

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



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH MIDSUMMER COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 17th June
1000 - 1230**

**At St Mary's Church Hall,
Elham**

Come and enjoy some refreshments and
fellowship. Cake stall and raffle

**Free entry and refreshments;
retiring collection**

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At Park House, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

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Special Guests renowned animal behaviourist Dr Roger
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Letter To the Editor

With reference to the meeting with Pentland Homes report I would make the following comments. I don't consider Lyminge to be underdeveloped! I also note the drains can't cope with this development as reported at the meeting. Do not forget the houses to be built at the golf course entrance and the 30 or more to be built on the nursery site at Etchingill also using the same foul water drainpipe. How will pumping out the foul water tanks of the new development be synchronised with the other new estates and/or rain downpours?

I see that this development is supposed to take the pressure off further greenbelt development. I thought that was the reason for the newly approved Otterpool town development. How many times can this reason be used to allow a new estate being approved?

Yours *A Gledhill*

Singing For All

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AGE UK - LYMINGE

Pottery Workshop *with Clare*

TUESDAYS
10AM-12NOON

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Community Fun Day

Save The Date

Oaklands Park,
Age UK Hythe

July 22nd
10am-2pm

Age UK Ashford,
Farrow Court

July 29th
10am-2pm

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

'The Banshees of Inisherin' ¹⁵

Monday 19th June 2023

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £6pp

Open to new and existing members

Free Refreshments and Raffle



www.etchinghill.info

Rhodes Minnis Circle

In April **Betty Black** gave us an interesting talk on **Skyways** - the story of post war passenger aviation at

Lympne Airport. It began as Silver- City Airways flying to Le- Touquet in 1948 and in 1955 became Skyways Coach Air flying Dakotas it was the only private airline in England. In 1968 the Dakotas were replaced by Avro 748s and the next year Lympne was renamed Ashford Airport. Dan Air took over Skyways in 1972 and in 1974 they moved to Lydd Airport when Lympne closed.

The Competition was won by Daphne Andrews, with Jackie Storey 2nd, Margaret Chambers 3rd and Marion Hoare 4th

At the beginning of May we enjoyed a Tea Party to celebrate the King's Coronation and on June 28th we look forward to Ann Finney entertaining us with a presentation on the singer **Marie Lloyd**.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm and visitors will be made very welcome. **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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub

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LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Come and join us for our June talk
with **Judi Knight**
'Making Do Without - How civilians coped with shortages and rationing in WW2'.

Tuesday 6th June, 7.30pm at the Tayne Centre,
Church Road, Lyminge

Please note that the usual Summer Break will be in July and August.

Recommencing in September, the talk will be on Tuesday 5th September, 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre. **'Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone'**
Speaker: **Ian Gordon**

All Lyminge a History Books, Parts 1-12 are available to purchase. See below for details.

Do you have an idea for a story to go in Lyminge a History part 13, now in preparation? Email us with your thoughts.

All Lyminge a history publications can be purchased individually through Lyminge Food and Wine, Lyminge Library, or on-line via our website using PayPal, direct from Daphne or at our monthly talks. Plus: purchase Parts 1-5 as a bundle for £22 or Parts 1-12 for £60. Lyminge archaeology chapters in Parts 2,4,6,7,8,10 &12 for £35*. **To take advantage of the offer please call Daphne Andrews on 01303 862865. NB These bundle offers are not available from The Library or Lyminge Food and Wine.**

*Postage and packaging extra.

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Website: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

Facebook: 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

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Fundraise For Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex This Summer

Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) delivers world-leading pre-hospital emergency care 24/7 to the 4.8 million people who live in its region – plus the many millions more who travel through this area, which has some of the busiest roads in the country. Its crews of pilots, doctors and paramedics responded to 3,224 incidents in 2022, the charity's busiest year in its 33-year history.

Each year, the charity must raise £16.6M – equivalent to £45K per day - to operate its life-saving service, with 87% of its total income raised through the generosity of its supporters. Throughout the year, KSS organises a number of different fundraising events and, this summer, there are lots of opportunities to take part and help the life-saving charity raise vital funds.

Cuppa for your Crew

This summer, why not host a Cuppa for your Crew by bringing together friends and family for a cuppa and slice of something nice? Whether you host a coffee morning or bake sale stall - at home, work or as part of a community group – each sweet treat sold and cuppa consumed will help KSS to keep flying and save lives.

100 miles in July

Can you cover 100 miles in a month and raise money for your local air ambulance charity? You have the whole of July to complete the miles in any way you want, from roller skating to running, swimming to skipping, paddle-boarding to power walking - it's up to you! Team up with family or friends and split the miles between you or complete your miles solo.

KSS Ride

Returning for its third year on Sunday 20 August, KSS Ride offers horse riders the opportunity to enjoy an eight-mile hack through the beautiful woodland and farmland of the Bilsington Priory Estate in Kent whilst raising funds. Pre-booking is required: aakss.org/kssride

Lauren Simmons, Head of Events at KSS, said: "Every pound raised by taking part in our fundraising events makes a real difference, helping us to ensure we can be there for the most critically ill patients in their hour of need. On behalf of KSS, a very big thank you to everyone who supports us. We could not do what we do without you."

For further information: aakss.org.uk



Fifth Trust Update

www.fifthtrust.co.uk

We are very excited to announce that our summer fundraising event, the Team5T Triathlon, will take place on 28th July 2023. To kick things off, CEO Nikki Marley will be doing a 1,500-metre indoor swim before handing the baton over to Operations & Care Manager Mike Theoff (of Lyminge). Mike will then cycle a mixed terrain 40km route to Toddlers Cove, Canterbury, where our Chair Suzanne O'Brien will conclude the event with a 5km run towards Chartham and back. The funds raised will go towards the purchase of new sports equipment which will allow us to run accessible and inclusive sport sessions. The health benefits for our students will be vast as they move and groove around to get more active. To support us, you can donate to our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/campaign/team5triathlon.

Don't forget to visit the Valley Vineyard Garden Centre for all your summer gardening needs, especially ready planted lovely hanging pots - while stocks last!

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

Coach & Horses

CHECK OPENING HOURS

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



'Miss Popplewell's Garden'

Outdoor Theatre with The Rudes

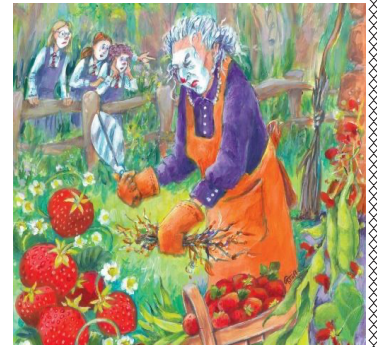
The Rudes are back in Lyminge again this summer with their outdoor theatre show on Tayne Field!!

It's April 1940 and Jocasta, Daphne and Dotty, will have to move from their school in idyllic Little Inkling 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.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk or ring 01323-501260

R.I.P

Richard L. R. Bunn

27/3/1937 - 7/5/2023

Lyminge Friends - June 2023

In May, **Steve Edney** gave us an interesting and enjoyable talk on how he won his two Golds in '**A Tale of Two Gold Medals (Chelsea and Hampton Court 2019)**' and he brought some of his plants for sale.

On **Saturday 3rd June** we will meet to celebrate our **15th Anniversary** with an **afternoon tea party in Lyminge Age UK Centre, Everist Court, Station Road.**

The cost is £15 pp in advance. Members, new and old, and friends are welcome.

Please contact Marian (862015)

On **Wednesday 7th June**, we have a return visit from **Toni Mount** and this time her subject will be '**Henry VIII - Hero or Villain**'. Henry had more reasons than lust to divorce and behead, could he have been a hero, or was he just a villain?

On **Wednesday 5th July**, we have another visit from **John Buss** who will give us a talk entitled '**Hawking Airfield, 50 years of Aviation History**'

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.



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Mature Drivers Safety Presentation

KCC Safer Road Users Team Delivered Presentation for The Local Community



Monday 19 June 2023

2pm

Etchinghill Village Hall

St Mary's Drive, Etchinghill, Folkestone CT18 8NQ

FREE - There is no charge to attend this presentation

The KCC Safer Road Users Team have developed a Mature Drivers Safety Presentation.

The Presentation is predominantly aimed at drivers over 60 who are currently driving.

We are offering a friendly, informal, and informative session.

We hope everyone that attends will leave feeling they have gained a little extra knowledge and improved self-confidence to help them remain driving safer, for longer. Topics covered will be common crash causation, impairment, including driver fatigue, driving whilst taking prescribed medication, smart motorways and eco driving tips.

The presentation is **FREE** to attend.

The session will run for a duration of around one & a half hours, with provision at the end of the presentation for an informal question & answer session.

For further information regarding booking your place at your local presentation please contact:

Anna Allan, Lettings Officer - 07514 758936 Email: d.allan142@btinternet.com

"It will jog the memory and make you think!"

"It would make you feel happier in yourself knowing if you're still okay to drive."

"After listening to this, it's given me the confidence to say that I'm still alright to continue driving."

These are comments from people that have attended some of our previous presentations!

Kent County Council Safer Road Users Team (saferroadusers@kent.gov.uk)

LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Etchinghill - Lyminge - Rhodes Minnis

www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

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Forthcoming council and committee agendas are displayed on the council notice boards on Tayne Field (Lyminge), the entrance to the Village Hall car park, (Etchinghill) and the bus stop opposite Home Farm (Rhodes Minnis).

Agendas, minutes and relevant reports are published on the council website. If you would like a copy of council documents please contact the clerk.

NEW COUNCIL

Following on from the May 4th election, Lyminge Parish Council now consists of five councillors.

The following people were elected:

Emily Arnold (Chair) - Lyminge Ward

Roger Joyce (Vice-Chair) - Etchinghill Ward

Gillian Heywood - Lyminge Ward

Tony King - Lyminge Ward

Paul Trayner - Etchinghill Ward

The need to co-opt people onto the council still exists as Lyminge Parish Council is made up of 13 seats and at present only five are filled.

If you would like to join Lyminge Parish Council, please email the clerk or pick up an application form from the Coach and Horses in Lyminge or at any of LPC's meetings. Alternatively, you can contact us with ideas for the council to consider!

KENT PLAN TREE

Have you considered having more trees in your garden or on your land? KCC has an ambition of planting 1.9 million trees in the next ten years, and the Kent Men of The Trees (KMOTT) and Lyminge Parish Council are helping to achieve that aim.

If you are at all interested, please contact us and we can talk it over together and take advantage of this huge opportunity. We will be working the Forestry Commission, the Woodland Trust, Kent Wildlife Trust, Natural England, KMOTT and KCC. More information is available on the LPC website.

Contact Gillian Heywood - LPC's Tree Warden
gillian.heywood@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

REMEMBER:

We have received reports of dangerous/inconsiderate parking outside the Lyminge Village Stores and other places in the parish. Please park safely and walk!

RARE BUMBLEBEE SPOTTED IN LYMINGE

A rare, all-black bumblebee was spotted on Court Lodge green on 3rd May, foraging on the abundant flowers of white dead-nettles that have grown up on the bank close to the ponds at the bottom of the green.

This is the first time that this particular bumblebee species (The Ruderal Bumblebee "*Bombus ruderatus*") has been reported from Lyminge Parish, and brings the total number of bumblebee species found in the parish to 11 (of which three are "Cuckoo" bees).

It is one of the UK's largest bumblebees and the only one to regularly produce all-black individuals. Banded individuals are very similar to the common Garden Bumblebee, hence the alternative English name of the Large Garden Bumblebee.

The Ruderal Bumblebee declined greatly in the UK during the 20th Century but has benefitted, in recent years, from various schemes to encourage clover-rich arable margins and meadows.

Overwintered queens are known to forage on the white dead-nettle. The species may have benefitted locally from our efforts to increase wild-flower diversity on our community green spaces. This beautiful pollinator is a welcome sight in the parish, and we hope to see plenty more. (Pictured below)

WORKING GROUPS

LPC are committed to serving the community. We are currently setting up working groups for the following: Rhodes Minnis land and play parks. The first meeting will be 10:30am on 5th June at the Coach and Horses in Lyminge. See LPC website/social media for more information.



JUNE MEETING DATES

Full Council - 26th June 19:30 - 21:30 - Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church

Finance and Administration - 12th June 19:00 - 21:00 - Rigden Room, Tayne Centre, Lyminge



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 6th June, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

To Dig or Not to Dig??

Over my many gardening years there has always been some controversy over the way the ground is prepared prior to planting. Double dig, single dig or now, no-dig!! What is it to be??

More recently, my allotment neighbours have been opting for no-dig as this, I am reliably informed, helps to reduce the carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere and help to reduce global warming. So I'm in the process of giving it a go. This is no double-blind trial with a placebo, but I do know both vegetables gave good yields last year having dug the soil.



This year the ground was prepared in the autumn/winter by spreading a couple of inches of manure/waste compost on the surface and left for Mother Nature to incorporate it into the soil. Many of the dormant weed seeds are inhibited by this practice, but not all, as I found. Buttercup and bindweed remain undeterred by the lack of light and remain vigorously committed to growing.

Following the dry weather last summer, I decided to dedicate the majority of the allotment to broad beans and potatoes. In early spring, I planted rows of beans, quite simply by using a dibber into the soil and popping a bean into each hole.

With regard to the potatoes (Charlotte variety), I chose to create a hole in the compact ground for each chitted potato using an auger attached to my drill. This made the process of planting the chitted potatoes considerably easier.

At the time of writing this article, I can confirm that the broad beans have shown a very healthy response and are now in the process of flowering. As far as the potatoes are concerned, they have started to push through the soil which I am starting to earth up. This has proven to be a more difficult task since the ground is consolidated around them. However, with a spade and a little bit of elbow grease the soil was loosened and placed over the new growth.

So it remains to be seen how well these two vegetables crop later in the season and I will keep you up-to-date with their progress.



New Gardener's Workshops: February-April 2023



We greatly enjoyed hosting another group of new gardeners on this year's workshop series. As always, Anne and Geoff were wonderful hosts, sharing their garden and expertise with the group, mixing some group discussion with practical hands-on activities. One of this year's delegates was kind enough to share their reflections from the workshops:

'I recently attended the wonderful workshops that were offered by Thoughtful Food in Lyminge.

Three fantastic ladies...Emma, Anne and Jackie guided us from the very beginnings of all aspects of seeds and soils right through to being able to separate our seedlings to grow successfully in our own gardens.

The group was made up of all ages, and people with very different set ups from balconies to acres of land. The ladies were full of knowledge, helpful, and very friendly. Our novice questions were answered with the passion they very obviously take in sustainable gardening and their love of it. And it was infectious! I couldn't wait to come home and try out all I'd learnt.

I had had a little go at growing last year but not from seeds. I'm over the moon at what I have learnt and achieved by attending these free workshops. The use of any materials we had was encouraged as opposed to buying all new and expensive from a garden centre. Hence my beans growing along with bamboo canes from my neighbours cuttings and my potatoes growing in a cage I found in a skip (with permission of course).

Reduce, reuse, recycling at it best which I really liked the emphasis on.

I've learnt a lot and with some fantastic people. Emma - thanks for the lovely cake always provided! Jackie - thanks for your advice and time and Anne - can't thank you enough for your teaching, showing us your lovely gardens and especially for the worm wee!

We hope to be able to offer these again next year. So do look out for dates in the autumn when we open for bookings.

Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food



Lyminge Climate Action: Our journey so far...

Back in the summer of 2019, the Chair of the Village Hall and Parish Councillor Owen Standen, held several meetings for residents concerned about the climate crisis and other environmental issues. Four years on, we have lived through the fear and uncertainty of the Covid pandemic, emerging even more secure in our conviction that our planet desperately needs our help.

The news shows us that this feeling is not just in Lyminge Parish but part of a wider shift and a deep societal concern for our environment and natural heritage. Despite the troubles we have faced over the last few years, the Lyminge Climate Action Group has now firmly established itself as a part of our amazing community. And make no mistake, our group could not have achieved any of this without the support and goodwill of so many other organisations and societies. Lyminge Parish is truly a remarkable community.

Our focus to date has been to:

- Raise awareness of climate change, biodiversity and environmental issues.
- Work with community groups to find ways for everyone to embrace sustainability.
- Actively work to improve the natural environment and biodiversity within our Parish.
- Encourage and support sustainable food and shopping choices.

Our journey so far ...



Thoughtful Food

Run workshops and events to encourage sustainable veg growing and gardening alongside Lyminge Gardeners Society

Planted over 10,000 trees

Native tree and hedge planting across the area



Parish Green space management plan

Wildflower seeding and changes in mowing regimes to improve biodiversity



Remodelled pond area

Providing extra capacity to the pond at the bottom of Woodland Road to deal with extreme rainfall and reduce flood risk



Community Engagement

Working with local community groups such as the Cubs and Scouts as well as running community engagement events eg: Bio Blitz, Our Wild Acre and Pick Up A Plant

School Eco Club

Continued working with Lyminge Primary School to engage the younger generation in the Environment



We have a long way still to go but if you are interested in being part of this group then please contact us on kakellett78@gmail.com or follow our Facebook page Lyminge Climate Action (QR code links to page).

What would you like to see happen next...?? Ideas put forward so far include solar panels on community buildings, more nature based family events, more re-wilding in the village, a repair cafe to encourage recycling and up-cycling etc... Please get in touch to have your say or become involved by emailing kakellett78@gmail.com





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The campaign is part of a trial by the NHS to use home test kits on a large-scale to identify people with a certain blood type and book them on to priority appointments and is one way in which new donors can fast-track to book their first appointment if they have this blood type. This is part of an ongoing focus by the NHS to collect enough of the right blood types, instead of collecting as much blood as possible.

Over the next six weeks 36,000 home testing kits will be sent to people who have recently registered but have not yet made an appointment. Those found to have O negative blood will be offered priority appointments.

If needed, the search will widen out and kits will be posted to up to 100,000 people registered with Give Blood over the coming months, until enough people with O negative blood are identified and booked on to donate. People who register but don't book an appointment are contacted by phone and email with opportunities to donate in their area to encourage them to make their first donation.

From the 29,000 kits sent out last autumn, 715 people who responded were O negative and two in five has either gone on to complete a donation or has an upcoming appointment to donate.

Last summer NHS Blood and Transplant announced a five-year strategy to recruit one million new donors of all blood types to ensure better matched blood for patients in the future and reduce health inequalities.

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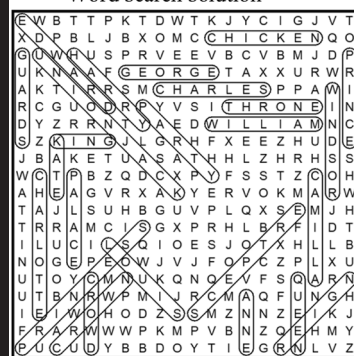
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- Which is faster, hot or cold? =**Hot, you can easily catch cold.**
- Forwards I am heavy backwards I am not? What am I?
=**A TON**
- What question can you never answer yes to?
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- What wears a cap but has no head?=**A bottle.**
- Why is six afraid of seven?=**Because seven eight (ate) nine**
- What country is popular on Christmas Day?=**Turkey**
- It is black, but you say it is clean but
when it is white, you say it's dirty! What is it?=**Black board**
- What's never eaten until it's broken?=**An egg.**
- What is the smallest room in the world?=**A mushroom**
- Why did I throw the butter out of the window?
=**Because I wanted to see the butterfly**
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one letter?=**An Envelope**
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- From what number can one take half and leave nothing? =**8**
- What has hands, no feet, a face, no eyes, tells but does
not talk?=**A clock**
- How many months have 28 days?=**All of them**

Word Search Solution



8	7	2	1	9	5	6	3	4
9	1	6	3	2	4	8	5	7
4	5	3	7	8	6	9	2	1
2	3	1	4	5	8	7	6	9
6	4	8	9	3	7	2	1	5
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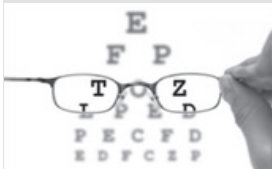
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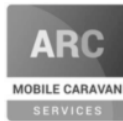
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Our monthly look at how Lyminge has changed over the years, with thanks to Lyminge Historical Society.



This is an example of a view that has changed radically in quite a short timeframe. Long-term residents may recognise the picture on the left, taken in 1977, eight years before the petrol station was demolished to make way for Wentworth Close, seen on the right. In those days, driving along the Elham Valley, you had a choice of where to fill up, with Elham and Barham both having petrol stations. The houses to the right of the picture, Mayfield Terrace, in Mayfield Road are still there, although what was Mayfield Stores ceased to be a shop some years ago. The façade of the now demolished Ethelburga Café is also just visible. Another sign of a bygone era is the notice on the petrol station advertising Quadruple Green Shield Stamps. Promotional trading stamps are now a thing of the past, but they were the direct ancestor of the consumer loyalty schemes that are still very much with us.



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