

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

Produced by
THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION
www.lyminge.org.uk

July 2023
From The Lyminge Association

Is there MAGIC in Lyminge?

Have you noticed that

- Festival and Fun Days happen as if by MAGIC?
- Twice a year we get the chance to sell some of our surplus goods at a Garage Sale with posters and maps of the addresses appearing.
- At other times we see posters advertising craft fairs, farmers markets, stage shows,..the events are endless... posters advertising local history and gardening talks..... all put on by MAGIC.
- Choirs hold concerts and young people join judo or Scouts and Guides for the evening.
- The village halls MAGIC up suitable surrounding for community events.
- The Parish Council voluntarily provides vital infrastructure and guidance for our community.
- As Christmas approaches, the fairy MAGIC is used to put up small Christmas trees with lights along Canterbury Road and Station Road and as we get nearer to Christmas, a special Delivery Service is organised with Father Christmas.
- Every now and then the stream flowing from the St Etheburga's Well is suddenly cleared of excess vegetation...and any wayward litter gets collected and binned by MAGIC.
- And then every month, a 28 or 32 page Newsletter drops through your letterbox full of local information and news... all put together by MAGIC.
- You can probably think of many other things that just seem to happen by MAGIC in your area!



But is all this really happening just by MAGIC?

The community needs some help to keep the MAGIC going and source even more MAGIC. Support is needed by all the voluntary groups including the Lyminge Association, the Parish Council and Village Halls.

So please contact **Peter Barnes** (pbarnes20@icloud.com, 01303863737) or **Gerry D'cruz** (gerrydcruz@hotmail.com, 07525 909185) with your contact details and in no time we'll be in touch...as if by MAGIC and whatever time or help you are able to offer will be directed to the relevant organisation.

You can be sure you'll receive a very warm and heartfelt welcome.

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL presents.....

your local band raising funds for the village hall.

bring your family and friends for a fun evening while raising money for much needed work at

the village hall!

tickets: gerry@dacruz.eu

The undecided



**saturday 22nd July 2023 @ 7:30pm music from 8pm.
£5 a head or £45 a table up to 10.
bring your own food. please support our bar.**

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

Although it is just before 6am in mid June, the sun is already way up in the sky, an early mistiness beginning to clear. I am starting my walk today at Rhodes Minnis Chapel and am vaguely planning to do a circular walk on lanes new to me. The Chapel is bathed in this early sunshine, and opposite, the field has cylindrical bales dotted around haphazardly, just as they fell from the baling machine. Walking eastwards along Chapel Lane I breathe in the early morning scents of the countryside, damp and fresh. A wren flits out of the grass and into the hedge as I walk.



Birdsong, both near and far, keeps me company and a cow bellows in the distance. Otherwise silence. Hedgerows line the lane: hazel is the dominant plant for much of this stretch, with some hawthorn mixed in. Herb-robort, fading cow parsley, stitchwort, white dead nettle, vetch, buttercups, bramble blossom, all are there, with dog roses having struggled up through the hedge to show their faces at the top. Gateways provide more extensive views across meadows teeming with grass and flowers or fields of well developed wheat – ears pale green and leaves a darker hue making for a mottled calm colour. One field I passed was full of barley mixed with wheat, which I have never seen before. Was this deliberate or a mistake I wonder? Leaning on the cold damp metal gate, I listen again to the deep

silence broken only by birdsong and I absorb the stillness. I look up and spot the quarter moon, well disguised in its chalky whiteness amongst high thin clouds, which remind me of sand patterns that are made by a retreating sea. Back to earth again where the ground is beginning to crack through lack of rain.



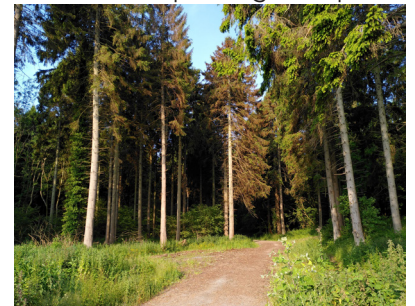
Recent hot days make the freshness of the air pleasing. Ahead I need to make a decision as to where I continue so I choose the Droveway as this will take me towards Lyminge Forest and eventually back to Rhodes Minnis. Another meadow is filled with pink tipped grasses, barely moving in the morning air. The Droveway would have been the route along which farmers drove their animals to market, the nearest being in Elham, where they would have been penned in Pound Lane prior to being sold. The Droveway undulates, the

animals probably rushing along the down stretches and then labouring up the inclines. It would have meant a very early start in order to reach the market in time for the sales.

Hedgerows continue to feature although at one point, fences suffice which open up the view on alternate sides. Along one such fence line, hedge cutters have missed two young lone oaks that are now growing in strength, presumably starting from stray acorns that a bird might have dropped. Turning the corner I descend into deep shadow and passing a huge oak, I wonder if this is the parent of the two adolescents a hundred or so yards back. Three coniferous



trees form a part-hedge into a drive, reminding me of the brushes in a car wash. I can smell the pine trees as I skirt the forest edge – the trees standing tall and straight, dwarfing the smaller deciduous trees in between. Purple foxgloves push skywards, mimicking the pines but miniature in comparison. Birdsong echoes through the silence of the trees. Footpaths lead into the forest but as I do not know where they will lead, I decide to leave their exploration for another day, when that can be the sole purpose of my outing. A pretty and well-stocked garden to my right catches my eye and I admire its colour and



variety. Leaning out of the forest edge is a copper beech, the deep colour offering a bold contrast to all the varied greens.

Having not travelled on these lanes before, I now turn left onto the Stelling Minnis road and am glad to be on familiar territory. The early No 18 bus passes me, only the second vehicle I have seen since leaving home. To my right is another field of ramrod straight wheat, but sadly no field margin for wildlife to flourish. The edges that border the road have been treated with weedkiller and have turned burnt yellow. And now amidst open fields the skylark sings strong and lyrical. More oaks have missed the hedge cutting and have grown mature. A sprinkling of scarlet poppies decorate the corner of the wheat field bringing colour to an otherwise uniform green. Bearing left the road enters the forest towards Park Wood and I see insects dancing in the last of the sunlight before the trees block it out. The strong perfume of the pines once again fills my nostrils. Fluffy flowers fall silently from overhead trees, forming a soft brown edge to the road. Boughs of beech trees are laden with mast along the length of every branch and twig. Finally, Gate Lane to the left takes me past the pond, now completely hidden by yellow iris plants and along honeysuckle laden hedgerows towards Chapel Lane, where I will turn right back towards the Chapel.



It has been over two hours of sights, sounds and scents enhanced by the stillness of an early morning in June. The perfect start to a day.

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.
08-Jul	8am	Boot and Summer Fayre	LW		09-Sep	8am	Boot and Autumn Fayre	LW	
08-Jul	10am	Postling Coffee & Cake	PC		16-Sep	3pm	Newsletter Deliverers Tea	AUKL	863737
08-Jul	11am	Lyminge Primary School Fayre	TF		17-Sep	9am	Autumn Garage Sale		863856
08-Jul	4pm	Lyminge Prom Concert	LVH	07840796383	TBC	10am	Autumn Stream Clean	TF	862508
16-Jul	11am	RM Cat Sanctuary Open Day	See P8		12-Oct	7.30pm	Lyminge Association AGM	TBC	
22-Jul	7.30pm	The Undecided	LVH		14-Oct	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH	07544 670363
23-Jul	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	07547545601	21-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
24-28 July		Junior Cricket Week	See P 9		23-Nov	4.45pm	Switching on of Christmas Tree Lights	LL	
02-Aug	10am	Bumblebee Walk and Talk	Court Lodge Green		26-Nov	4.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting	Meriden Park & EVH	07544 670363
05-Aug	8am	Boot and Late Summer Fayre	LW		03-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
05-Aug	2.30pm	RM Summer Show	RMVH	862616	18-Dec		Parcel Delivery		
09-Sep	10am	Surplus Saturday	TF						

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	0781777975
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	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	863879	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	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
4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913					

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; **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 July

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

Sunday 9th July

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion CW2
6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 16th July

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd July

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge 10am Family Praise

Sunday 30th July

Acrise 10am Outdoor Benefice Service

Saturday 5th August Acrise Church Festival 10am - 5pm

Sunday 6th August Transfiguration of Christ

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 July 9.30am Holy Communion
9th July 8.30am Breakfast Service
16th July 9.30am Morning Service
23rd July No services in Postling
30th July No services 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 July Mr Stewart French
9th July Mr. Ralph Bradshaw
16th July 10.15am Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis
23rd July Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)
30th July Rev. Helen Hollands

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 July Mr. Roy Hollands
9th July Service led by the local congregation
16th July 10.15am Open Air Valley Service - Rev. Gill Songer (If inclement weather it will be held inside)
23rd July Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)
30th July Rev. Helen Hollands
6th August Service led by the local congregation



Christians in Lyminge

*Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King,
The Heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.*

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District Councillors' Update - July 2023

From: **Cllr Elaine Martin** (Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

On 24th May Folkestone & Hythe District Council had their AGM where the new Leader was elected and the Cabinet Members were appointed. Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly was elected as Council chair and Cllr Anita Jones was elected Vice Chair. Cllr Jim Martin was also voted in as the new Leader of the Council. The new Cabinet Members were appointed: Cllr Mike Blakemore for Community and Collaboration, Cllr Polly Blakemore for Transport, Regulatory Services and Building Control, Cllr Gary Fuller for Resident engagement and accountability, Cllr Rich Holgate for Place Plan, Heritage, Tourism and District Economy, Cllr Jim Martin for Otterpool Park and Planning Policy, Cllr Tim Prater for Finance and Governance, Cllr Stephen Scoffham for Climate, Environment and Bio Diversity, Cllr Rebecca Shoob for Housing and Homelessness and Cllr Jeremy Speakman for Assets and Operations.



I am pleased to tell you that your District Council have recently announced their Community projects grant funding of £90,000. Each ward member has a budget of up to £3,000 to award to initiatives in their ward. Applications for 2023/24 are now being accepted. These grants can be vital to smaller, local organisations that have fewer opportunities to access grant funding from other sources so I would encourage eligible groups to contact me, and I can give you details of how to apply.

The last month has been a very busy time for me; attending several Parish Council meetings and attending the Councillor training sessions that Folkestone & Hythe District Council have provided. Unfortunately, I have not been able to attend all of the Parish Council meetings because of these essential Councillor training sessions.

I went to the Pentland Homes consultation in Etchinghill and have continued to meet many other residents in the ward.

Please contact me if you have any questions, always happy to discuss.

From: **Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee** (jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887918458 Twitter @jennyhollingsbee)

It has been quite a different start to the new political term with a Green/Liberal Democrat Administration supported by Labour. Cllr Jim Martin, the new Leader, confirmed the current plans for Princes Parade have been cancelled, but has yet to say how the funding already spent will be dealt with – there was no announcement about replacing the existing Hythe Swimming Pool. Further details on Cabinet appointments and announcements can be seen on the website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

I have been elected as Leader of the Conservative Group, I am a member of the Planning & Licensing and the Personnel Committees. I do not know yet whether I will continue to be a Director of the Otterpool Park LLP: I very much hope to continue as it is an important project in a large part of our Ward. At the recent 'Otterpool Gallop' including family runs, a 5K and a 10K run held at the Racecourse, I presented the medals and prizes to the winners. For further information and to sign-up for regular news on the Otterpool project, please see www.otterpoolpark.org

The Ward Budget Scheme is now open and the application form can be found on the website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk – search for ward grants. We have £3,000 per Councillor to help support community organisations throughout the Ward.

I recently met our newly appointed Police Constable for the North Downs Wards (East and West), George Brace. Although the North Downs is a large area to cover, he is keen to get out and meet residents and community groups as well as attend Parish Council Meetings, when he can and depending on his shifts. He can be contacted at George.brace@kent.police

A further reminder about signing-up to 'My Account' on the FHDC website. This allows you to report issues, check your details, see any planning applications within 500 metres of your property etc, with other facilities being added all the time.

SUMMER SHOW

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 5 August

OPENS 2:30PM

PRIZE GIVING 4:00PM

REFRESHMENTS

Entry Free

Raffle

Schedules available from

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Etchinghill Update - July 2023

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

FILM NIGHT - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - MONDAY 17TH JULY "A MAN CALLED OTTO" (15)

Comedy / Drama. Starring Tom Hanks, Marianna Trevino and Rachel Keller. Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm 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.

SAVE THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT MERIDEN WALK! The tree was in poor condition after a dry summer last year but has recovered nicely during the wet winter. We did water it regularly in the summer, which probably helped to save it. If a few volunteers who live close by to the tree would throw a couple of buckets of water over the roots a few times a week, that would help immensely. Please contact the chairman for more info; maybe we could organise a watering rota to spread the workload?

SUNNINGDALE DEVELOPMENT, ETCHINGHILL

There was a meeting recently to outline the proposed development of the old nursery site between Teddars Leas Road and Canterbury Road.

The developer is proposing 30 houses of detached, semi-detached and affordable design. Access to the site would be via Teddars Leas Road during construction, but the proposed main access is off Canterbury Road half way along the hedge line between Teddars Leas and the Auto Economy garage.

As the proposal retains the majority of the hedging, residents viewing the proposals were very concerned about the safety of access to the development. Furthermore whilst a link to the existing footpath on Canterbury Road is evident, there is nothing to link the site with the Auto Economy Garage, meaning Etchinghill residents will still have to walk along a very dangerous section of road. When questioned if it were possible to put a roundabout opposite the Meridian Park access, which was felt to be a better solution, the developers said this was too expensive for a 30 house plan.

See a copy of the "Residential Sketch Masterplan" on the village noticeboard opposite the pub.

MATURE DRIVERS ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION by Anna Allan

The presentation by KCC on 19th June at Etchinghill Village Hall was well attended with more than 30 villagers participating.

The main topics covered were:

- Give yourself space to be aware of your actions and the actions of others.
- Give yourself time to react in any given situation.
- Be aware of what is around you.
- Take regular breaks if on a long journey.
- Check your route beforehand to ensure you have the best driving plan in place.
- Don't drink and drive.

Did you know that 65% of accidents are caused by human error? The videos shown covered tailgating, smart motorway driving, various speed limits, driving at the correct distance (only a fool breaks the two second rule), age related subjects such as vision/health/ hearing/agility, eco-driving and driver fatigue.

If anyone requires help in having their vehicle fitted out to suit their needs, their doctor can organise an "Assessment of Driving", or you can book this yourself, through East Kent Drive Ability.

Good news that THE GATEKEEPER has reopened!

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



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your local band raising funds for the village hall.

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saturday 22nd July 2023 @ 7:30pm Music from 8pm.
£5 a head or £45 a table up to 10.
Bring your own food. Please support our bar.

RHODES MINNIS RESIDENTS

Your defibrillator needs you!



In order to pay for essential maintenance, we have established a special fund, managed by The Community Heartbeat Trust, to cover the cost of such items as replacement batteries and pads etc. A small donation per household would enable us to retain this valuable asset in the village.

You are able to donate by either:

- 1. Bank Transfer** – A/C: The Community Heartbeat Trust
Account No: 33949745
Sort Code: 20 – 63 – 66
IMPORTANT NOTE: it is vital that you quote Ref: RHO001
(RH, letter O, then zero, zero, 1)
- 2. Online** using the “**Enthuse**” donation page at:
[Communityheartbeat.enthuse.com/cf/Rhodes-minnis-community-defibrillator-fund](https://communityheartbeat.enthuse.com/cf/Rhodes-minnis-community-defibrillator-fund)

Many thanks for your support.

Teresa Foster, Defibrillator co-ordinator

Email: teresa.foster2@gmail.com

Tel: 01303 863 927

4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

LYMINGE FARMERS' MARKET

NEXT: 23 JULY

9:30 - 12:30
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

PIES
CRAFTS
GLASS ORNAMENTS
SWEET TREATS
KIMCHI
VEGAN GRUB

BREAD
FRESH VEG
LOCAL BUTCHERS
MONTHLY CHARITY STALL
HOT FOOD/DRINK
AND SO MUCH MORE!!

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TEXT 07547545601
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FREE ENTRY - PARKING AVAILABLE - CASH AND CARD




Cantores
presents

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



RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 16TH JULY 2023
11AM - 3.30PM

LIVE MUSIC
STALLS
B-B-Q
TOMBOLA
HOMEMADE CAKES
MEET THE CATS
HAMPER RAFFLES
PLANTS
BARROW OF BOOZE RAFFLE
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Sibton Park Cricket Club

JULY 2023

Home Fixtures at The Park

Tuesday 4th July	U15 v Rye (Ashford League)	6pm
Wednesday 5th July	U15 v Hythe (SSL)	6pm
Saturday 8th July	KCL Division 5 Hurricane v Folkestone	12.30pm
Sunday 9th July	U11 v Deal Victoria & Barnes Close (SSL)	9.30am
Tuesday 11th July	U15 v Mersham (Ashford League)	6pm
Thursday 13th July	U11 & U13 SAXON SHORE CUP FINALS	6pm
Friday 14th July	U13 v Folkestone (SSL)	6pm
Sunday 16th July	U11 v Hythe Gold (SSL)	9.30am
Wednesday 19th July	Seniors T20 v Mersham	6pm
Saturday 22nd July	KCL Division 5 Hurricane v The Mote	12.30pm
Sunday 23rd July	U11 v Sandwich Town (SSL)	9.30am
Monday 24th July	Junior Cricket Week - u9 tournament	2pm-7pm
Tuesday 25th July	Junior Cricket Week - u11 tournament	2pm-7pm
Wednesday 26th July	Junior Cricket Week - u13 tournament	2pm-7pm
Thursday 27th July	Junior Cricket Week - u15 tournament	2pm-7pm
Friday 28th July	Juniors end of season summer party for all members, family and friends	2pm - 11pm

Bar open every Friday 6pm - late
Club social membership only £5.00
Club venue available to hire

Email: sibtonpark@outlook.com
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**Sibton Park
Cricket Club**

JUNIOR CRICKET WEEK

Free
entry on
ALL
days

Monday 24th - Friday 28th July

At The Park this Summer...

Monday 24th

Tuesday 25th

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

U9's tournament

U11's tournament

U13's tournament

U15's tournament

**** Matches begin every day at 2pm until late ****

**** Bar open every day, ALL day, with hot food served from 5pm ****

**** CAMPING available Thursday 27th & Friday 28th - BOOK A SLOT ****

**End of Season Summer Fun Day
from 2pm on Friday 28th July**

Parent/Carer and Child Pairs Competition

Raffle and prizes to be won

End of season presentations

Local hot food truck on site from 3pm

PLUS...

**Live music from local
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For more details email: sibtonpark@outlook.com

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The Fifth POSTLING COFFEE & CAKE MORNING

Our next coffee and cake morning will be on
Saturday 8th July
10am to 12noon at Postling Church.
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Saturday 16 September
2.30pm & 7.30pm

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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.

In aid of LORD WHISKY SANCTUARY FUND(Charity No 283483)
Park House Animal Sanctuary Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN
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Boot & Summer Fayre

Saturday 8th July at Park House

Boot Fair from 8am ~ cars £7.50 / vans £10

Arena Entertainment ~ Classic Vehicles Welcome

Hot & Cold Refreshments ~ Tombola—Admission by donation

Plenty of free parking

Boot & Late Summer Fayre

Saturday 5th August at Park House

Boot & Autumn Fayre

Saturday 9th September at Park House

Letter To the Editor

Following the Art Exhibition during the Festival...

Over 200 people came to visit the exhibition and several paintings were sold. With over 15+ votes to 1st visitors choice painting was by Jackie Morey called "The Coal Miner". Maureen Linghorn was 2nd with her white paint and black card "Small Dog". 3rd was Patience Oetzmann's "Winter Wonderland". Then nine of the artists received six votes and Leo Willcox's water colour, painting of "Woodland Trees" was therefore given a prize as he was the youngest artist in that group! He was six when he came to a morning session to paint his picture. Well done on a great Festival Week.
Regards, **Linda Wilshire**



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Every Wednesday

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A chance to connect and socialise with other carers of those living with Dementia, whilst we care for your loved one.

LYMINGE 10.00 - 11.30 (every 4th Thursday of the month)
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£2.50 minimum donation per person - includes bacon sandwich and a hot drink.



 Jo Gregory - dementialead@ageukhla.org.uk
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ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

'A Man Called Otto' ¹⁵

Monday 17th July 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

We had a successful AGM in May when Sandra Dowdall was presented with the competition cup.

We look forward to our meeting on 26th July when **John and Jane Buss** are giving us a talk on **Folkestone Warren's** unique environment.

The Competition will be an Item beginning with 'D'

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm and visitors will be made very welcome. **Marion 862913**

GARDEN VISIT

DOWNNS COURT
BOUGHTON ALUPH TN25 4EU
Tuesday 18th July – Meet at the garden at 2:15pm for 2:30pm start
Entrance Fee £10 to include tea and cake



SUMMER SHOW and PLANT SALE

Saturday 22nd July
at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Plant Sales from 11am

Doors open 1:30pm
Presentation of Cups 4pm
(Staging 8:30am until 10:30am)

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

Further details from John and Sara Packer on 01303 862816

or email:
lymingegardeners@gmail.com



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

The Coffee Cabin Tea Room Ltd Celebrates its 2nd Year in Lyminge

Since opening **The Coffee Cabin** in Canterbury Road, Lyminge in 2021, Nicky and Eric Glover are celebrating their second year of business on June 25th 2023.

"We cannot thank the residents of Lyminge and the surrounding areas enough for their continued and valued support from the word go. It's been tremendous. We would also like to thank the team at Sibton Park for their support and recommendations to their visiting clientele. We look forward to seeing all of our regular and new customers throughout the coming year."



We are open Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 3pm, for Breakfasts, Light Lunches, a large selection of locally made cakes and hot and cold drinks. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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## The Coffee Cabin Board Games Club, Lyminge

With a growing number of players attending every Tuesday from 6pm until 9pm **The Coffee Cabin Board Game Club** is going from strength to strength.

Why not come and join us. Bring your own games, anything from Snakes and Ladders, Cluedo, to Munchkin and Marvel United. All levels of players are welcome.

There is no fee to join or play, just purchase your hot or cold drinks and cakes provided by the Coffee Cabin and have a great evening. We look forward to seeing you.





# Pilgrims Summer Fair at Sandyacres

Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford, TN25 4PE

**Free Entry**



**Sunday 30 July 2023**  
**12-5pm**

- Lots of stalls
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- Cream teas
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- Grand prize draw



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## THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S!



### LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB 2023

Wednesday 26 July to Friday 28 July  
10am - 12 noon

The earth is the Lord's! will take us on an adventure which starts in the Garden of Eden, through the Psalms straight to Jesus. We will look at some of the wonderful creatures we share Planet Earth with and meet some whacky characters who are swimming in a sea of rubbish and can't seem to find a way out!

Holiday Club is a fun-based, Christian, activity week for children aged from 5 to 11 years. It includes songs, drama, puppets, craft, stories and much more. There is no charge for children to attend.

For more information Email: [lymingemethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lymingemethodistchurch@gmail.com)  
Or contact Revd. Gill on 01303 240228



## Fifth Trust Update

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

We are very excited to announce the relaunch of our Friends of The Fifth Trust scheme! To say thank you for the support, Friends will receive a membership card which entitles them to special offers, including 10% off plants, food and drink purchased on-site (T&Cs apply), priority event booking, early bird discounts, a monthly newsletter, Friends exclusive emails and more. To become a Friend, simply pick up a leaflet from our Elham Valley Vineyard site and start supporting us for a minimum payment of £25 a year! The Friends scheme is one of the essential ways we raise the additional income we need to deliver the quality and breadth of experience we want for our students – it is a great way to support our work while receiving some fantastic benefits.

## 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)

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## Lyminge Friends - July 2023

In June, Toni Mount talked about Henry VIII - Hero or Villain. An interesting talk. Also in June, we had our delayed 15th Anniversary Tea in the Lyminge Age UK Centre. We had tasty sandwiches and delicious cakes supplied by Lyminge Age UK, a Quiz, a Raffle and some great tunes we could sing along to from Harriet Drury. A great time was had by all.

**Wednesday 5th July, John Buss** will give us a talk entitled *Hawking Airfield, 50 years of Aviation History*

Finally, on **Wednesday 2nd August, Alan Haines** will be returning to speak on *Max Miller*

We meet at 10.30am in the Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA.  
All welcome, £4.00.



## LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Please note that the usual Summer Break will be in July and August. Recommencing in September, the talk will be on

Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre  
**A talk on: 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 online 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. N.B. These bundle offers are not available from The Library or Lyminge Food and Wine.**

\*Postage and packaging extra.

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## LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL presents.....

your local band raising funds for the village hall.

bring your family and friends for a fun evening while raising money for much needed work at

the village hall!

tickets: [gerry@dacruz.eu](mailto:gerry@dacruz.eu)



saturday 22nd July 2023 @ 7:30pm music from 8pm.  
 £5 a head or £45 a table up to 10.  
 bring your own food. please support our bar.



# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Etchinghill - Lyminge - Rhodes Minnis

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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 CHAIR

Emily Arnold has been elected as the new chair of Lyminge Parish Council.

Emily runs the Coach and Horses pub in Lyminge alongside her husband Fred and is a central part of the parish community.

Emily has been involved in community initiatives/local politics for around twenty years, raising over £10,000 for charity in her year as Folkestone Town Mayor.

Over the years Emily has shown her passion for the community she serves and hopes that she can bring together all of the hard-working volunteers in our wonderful parish so that we can showcase what the area has to offer.

Emily struggles with dyslexia and hopes that she can demonstrate that you don't need to have perfect grammar or innate political knowledge to be able to be a part of Lyminge Parish Council.

## CO-OPTION

We have received several applications to join the council and by the time you are reading this, we will have welcomed new councillors aboard. We can't wait to get to work with new councillors and make positive changes in the community. We will likely do another intake of councillors later in the year so please consider whether you would be an asset to the council.

## MATURE DRIVERS

We would like to thank the Etchinghill Village Hall committee for organising a free safety presentation for mature drivers. The event was well attended and highly educational.

### MEETINGS:

Every Monday 10:30am - Coach and Horses, Lyminge. General action meetings.

Every 4th Sunday 11:00am - 12:00pm Lyminge Village Hall. Council surgery.

## BROAD STREET DEVELOPMENT

Last month, as part of the Annual Parish Meeting, Lyminge Parish Council discussed the proposed Broad Street development with residents of the parish.

We have listened to your questions, asked plenty of our own questions, taken advice and provided our comments to FHDC.

Lyminge Parish Council would like to stress that attending the meeting does not count as an objection. The comments submitted by LPC, taken from the meeting, count as one comment. Each and every person with an opinion, positive or negative, needs to submit a comment. There is still time.

If you would like more information on the development, help with submitting a comment or just more information in general, please contact us.

The councillor leading on planning is Roger Joyce. You can contact Roger directly on the email address below.

[roger.joyce@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:roger.joyce@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## VANDALISM/FLY TIPPING

Lyminge Parish Council is aware of the rising level of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the parish. Please remain vigilant and contact us/the police (where relevant) if you spot any vandalism or areas of concern.

In addition to this there have been reports of grass cuttings or other garden waste being dumped on Tayne Field/Court Lodge Green.

Please dispose of your waste appropriately so we do not have to take further action.

We thank residents of the parish who have been reporting the issues and working with the council to get to the bottom of it. Please continue to inform us accordingly.

## CAR PARKING

We have received concerns from residents regarding vehicles being parked over pavements. Please consider where and how you park. Wheelchair and pram users need the full width of the pavement to safely get to their destinations and properly parked cars act as speed management.

## SPEED WATCH

We would like to thank the Speed Watch team who have started up again after a break. If you would like more information on the Speed Watch team, please contact the clerk.

## JULY MEETING DATES

Full Council - 26th July 19:30 - 21:30 - Etchingill Village Hall

Finance and Administration - 10th July 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 4th July, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

## What to do in July

July is often hot and dry, so a lot of the time may be spent watering. With the weather, at time of writing, set to hopefully replenish our water supplies, we may be able to rely on the rain gods but if not keep watering plants to get them established and leave those already well established to fend for themselves. Watering the roots with a lot of water twice a week is better than sprinkling the plants every day. Try to water early in the morning – yes 6am is lovely at this time of year! You can reduce water loss and save time by mulching around your veggies with a layer of organic matter (straw or hay, grass clippings etc.) which will help keep the moisture in the soil. I am using wood chips this year but remember, NEVER mulch on a dry soil!

Don't forget that you can keep sowing throughout the summer months, not only to create a successional harvest of vegetables (e.g. French beans for a late crop in September) but also to start growing your winter veg that will supply you with valuable crops throughout the colder months and into spring.

Sow kohlrabi, lettuce, chard, chicory, Florence fennel, coriander. At the end of the month start sowing your oriental greens like pak choi, salad rocket, mizuna, purple frills etc. and turnips. Now is a good time to sow spring cabbage (e.g. greyhound) as well. If they haven't gone out already it is time now to plant out your leeks. Dib holes about 15cm deep and place the leeks inside. Give them a good water and leave the weather to fill up the hole with time.

Most tomatoes have been late getting going but on cordon varieties don't forget to pinch out the side shoots and either add them to the compost heap or pot up for more tomato plants! Feed your plants with nitrogen rich feed – worm tea, comfrey tea, nettle tea or banana tea – obviously all diluted 10/1 weekly.

Your cordon tomatoes may not be ready for this but if they are...don't forget to stop them by removing the main shoot. Look for the leaf that's above the fourth truss (set of developing fruit) and cut it off here. This should ensure that all the fruits ripen by the end of the season. Bush tomatoes can be left to their own devices. Remember they will only give one crop so keep feeding. Climbing beans may also need stopping, to maximise cropping on existing side-shoots. Stop them when they reach the top of their support canes.

Beans need sufficient watering to help the seed pods set.

Keep on top of your weeds, it is so much easier to get rid of them as small seedlings. Hoeing also helps to keep the moisture in the soil as it breaks up the top of the soil and stops the water from being drawn up by capillary action through evaporation

If you haven't netted your brassicas, it may be worth picking off the caterpillars of the cabbage white butterflies that are munching away on your leafy vegetables before they have eaten them all.

And don't forget to enjoy your garden in all its beauty!

## Rhubarb And Ginger Jam

Prep four 240ml jars. Wash well and pop in the oven at 140°C for at least 10 minutes.

Clean 1kg of rhubarb and cut into 1cm long pieces. Sweat till a bit watery. Add 3tblsp lemon and 1/2 of lemon rind and a cored grated/finely chopped apple. Add 50grm finely grated root ginger. Dissolve in 750grm granulated sugar. Gently simmer till reduced and set, demonstrated by dropping a little onto a refrigerated plate. Cover and cool for 20mins stir a couple of times. Ensure jars are dry and hot. Pour and seal. Label and date.



## Surplus Food Sharing

In light of both the climate and cost of living crises, community food resilience is more important than ever. If you have excess produce from your garden over the next few months, and you're not sure you can use it yourself please consider these options.

It is great to share excess especially in glut times with friends, neighbours and family.

If you have a safe spot with good footfall, pop it outside your house with a note explaining it's free to be taken.

The community allotment was visited by representatives of FareShare recently, an organisation based in Ashford that acts as a go between, co-ordinating food suppliers like Supermarkets with food banks and community pantries across Kent. They are struggling to find supplies of fresh food. A seed (forgive the pun!) was sown, if all of us growers could be encouraged to grow a little more than we need.....

If you are visiting Folkestone or Hythe, you could drop off your excess at The Folkestone Community Fridge or The Hythe Pantry.

**Folkestone Community Fridge** is at Wood Ave Library, 17, Wood Ave, Folkestone CT19 6HS. Open: Thu, Fri, Mon. 10.30am -1pm and 2-4.30pm. Wed, Sat 10.30am -1pm. Tues, Sunday closed

**Hythe Pantry**, Folkestone Rainbow Centre, 69, Sandgate Rd, Folkestone CT20 2AF. Open: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm. Sat and Sun closed.

We will be running our annual **SURPLUS SATURDAY** at the end of the summer. Pop **Saturday 9th September** into your diary for a chance to share produce from across the parish. Pick up some yummy veg along with growing and cooking tips.

**Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food**



# Bee Walk & Talk with Bumblebee Conservation Trust on 2nd August

Following the recent discovery of a rare Ruderal Bumblebee on Court Lodge Green, reported in the Parish Council pages last month, the Bumblebee Conservation Trust has kindly offered to host a *'Bumblebee Walk & Talk in Lyminge'* on **Wednesday 2nd August, starting at 10am on Court Lodge Green.** Everyone is welcome, please come



along to meet their experts and to learn about bees and about opportunities to get involved. For more information on the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and their Bee Connected project please read the article below from Aydan Khan, and feel free to contact us on [aydan.khan@bumblebeeconservation.org](mailto:aydan.khan@bumblebeeconservation.org) or [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk).



## We are Bee Connected! -

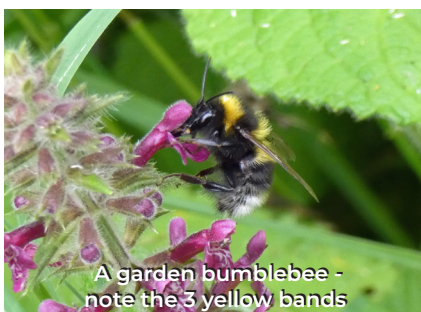
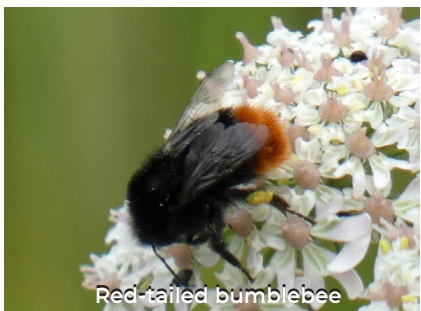
**Aydan Khan, Bumblebee Conservation Trust**

We are Bee Connected, a Bumblebee Conservation Trust project based in South Kent. Over the past 15 years, our focus has been on conserving rare and common bumblebees through habitat conservation work. Our landscape-scale project involves restoring lost wildflower meadows, monitoring bumblebee populations through bee walks and blitzes, and engaging local communities through ID sessions and walks/talks. We have recently expanded into the Folkestone/Pent Downs area, aiming to improve monitoring records, recruit volunteers, conduct bee walks and surveys, and enhance pollinator habitats.

Kent is the best region in the UK for rare bumblebee species, hosting 5 out of the 7 rarest species, making it an exciting location for bee walks. We will be in Lyminge on August 2nd to conduct a Bumblebee Walk & Talk, providing information on our bumblebee species, offering a taste of a bee walk survey, and sharing community updates and opportunities to get involved. Following this, we will organise a Bumblebee Identification session next spring covering bumblebee ecology and key identification characteristics, reasons for declines and what we can all do to help.

If you're interested in volunteering with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, you can join our Bumblebee Blitz days held twice a month in Dungeness, Folkestone, and Rye; upcoming dates are 5th and 21st July, 8th and 24th August, 8th and 20th September, and 7th and 19th October.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact me via email at [aydan.khan@bumblebeeconservation.org](mailto:aydan.khan@bumblebeeconservation.org). You can also stay updated through our social media channels: Facebook (Beeconnected), Instagram (beeconnectedproject), and Twitter (@nikkigammans).





# From Kent Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Matthew Scott

Rural crime has always been a priority for me. Crime is important no matter where it takes place and this has always been a guiding principle of my Police and Crime Plan. I therefore wanted to update you on rural matters that have been raised with me in recent months that Kent Police and I have acted upon. First, I'm pleased to report that the Chief Constable has added Rural Crime to the Control Strategy. The control strategy is the document that sets out the operational priorities for crime prevention, intelligence and enforcement.

It provides the force with a framework to ensure officers and staff focus on the crime types and offenders causing most harm within our communities and presenting most risk to law-abiding residents. This was a key ask of the NFU and I'm pleased this has been listened to.

Secondly, the Neighbourhood Policing Model has started its transition this week. This means that every ward will have a named Officer, and as the Chief Constable has said at my Performance and Delivery Board this week, this will effectively mean having rural beat Officers. These changes are already being seen across the county as the phased roll out of beat Officers begins. On top of this seven PCSOs will be added to the specialist Rural Crime Taskforce.

I have worked with MPs to lobby for greater penalties for flytipping. The Government has listened and will be bringing forward plans on this issue to put these in place. Additionally, the Government is consulting on legislation relating to equipment theft and prevention, so it would be great to see submissions from Kent. You can access the consultation at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/equipment-theft-prevention-bill-call-for-evidence/equipment-theft-prevention-bill-call-for-evidence-accessible-version>.

24-hour period were down to less than three minutes. A long term plan is being put in place that will see resources focussed on the Force Control Room so that the improvements that we have seen so far continue in the months ahead. Please remember you can call 999 when life is in danger or when there is a crime in progress, regardless of how serious it is. You can find out more about all the options to report crime at [www.linktr.ee/victimvoice](http://www.linktr.ee/victimvoice).

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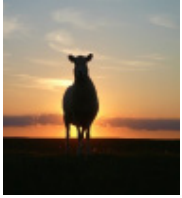
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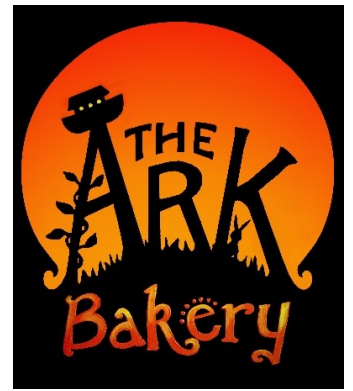
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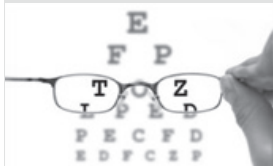
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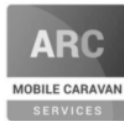
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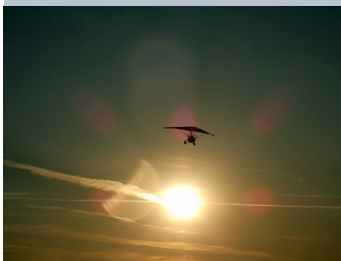


## LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

Our monthly look at how Lyminge has changed over the years, with thanks to Lyminge Historical Society.



The view on the left of Station Road in 1910 shows it very much busier than the comparable view taken 112 years later from the garden of no 47. The livestock market drew in sheep from the surrounding farms. At that time, sheep farming was central to the life of the village and surrounding area. Sheep were grazing Tayne Field for another 50 years after this photograph was taken, showing how much Lyminge was a farming village until very recently. From the market, sheep could be loaded directly on to stock wagons at the adjacent railway halt, a special stop that was used solely for picking up livestock sold at the market. The line of the railway is still visible in the cutting behind the back gardens of the houses in Greenbanks. The houses visible in both pictures were built as a direct result of the opening of the railway in 1885, since it made it practical for the first time to live in Lyminge and commute to work daily in either Folkestone or Canterbury.



## Lyminge Scouts at the Kent Scouts “Best Air Camp Ever”

Eighteen scouts, and four leaders from the Lyminge Scout Group enjoyed the “Best Air Camp Ever” organised by Kent Scouts over the first weekend in June near Paddock Wood. A total of 105 scouts joined the camp, from seven groups (1st Lyminge, 1st Herne Bay, 1st Whitstable, 5th Dartford, 14th Royal Tunbridge Wells, 17th Tonbridge and 20th Gillingham). Activities included archery, shooting, power kiting, rocket-making and, of course, flying. Every scout was treated to a 5 to 10 minute flight, mostly in micro-lights but a few fixed-wings also participated during the course of the weekend. A great time was had by all, despite the heat, the hay fever, and the mosquitoes (the biting variety)!

Thanks to everyone at Kent Scouts who organised this weekend, and to the pilots who made all those 100+ flights in the space of a day and a half!





# Bloomin' Wonderful results from No-Mow May and our Wild Acre

It's been wonderful to see wild areas popping up around the village and people have been sharing with us the wildflowers spotted in June where we have left areas unmown. I loved seeing the vibrant cluster of poppies at the bottom of Silverlands and lots of people have shared orchid photos with us. Up here on the North Downs we have precious chalk grassland habitats that are home to some of Kent's most iconic orchids. As well as being



a highlight of popular nature reserves like Kent Wildlife Trust's Park Gate Down (between Elham and Stelling Minnis), they are being spotted in our gardens and in the fields around the village popular with dog walkers. This just goes to show how valuable your garden can be as a habitat for wildlife!

Orchids are a hugely diverse group of flowering plants worldwide (approximately 28,000 species) and within this group are some of the most striking of our UK wildflowers. We are really lucky to be able to find almost half of the fifty or so UK species in Kent. Different species flower in specific months and last a short time, most are over before the heat of summer but a few flower late in the year such as autumn lady's tresses. Many species have very complex life cycles and rely on specific insects for pollination. For example, the fly orchid flowers resemble females of a particular solitary wasp, the males of which are fooled into mating with them and pollen is transferred.



Here are some the ones spotted in Lyminge throughout June and ones to look out for in the coming months: In June we have seen lots Common Spotted Orchids (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*). These are the ones you are most likely to find in your garden and flower between May and June. They can be identified by their spotted leaves (see photo). Their flowering spikes can be very variable from almost white through to pale pink and purple. After leaving our front garden in Barton Field uncut from April to July we now have about 20-30 flowering 'spikes' emerge each year. The Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*) generally flowers around the same time. This lovely example was from Dog Kennel Lane. It has a very striking flower that mimics a bumblebee. At the time of writing in late June we are starting to see Pyramidal Orchids (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) appear. These tend to have a much bolder dark pink-cerise colour than the common spotted orchids.



All these species can be found in the fields around our village and gardeners may be lucky enough to find them appear in their wild acre contributions! Please share any photos of your wild acre with us at [kakellett78@gmail.com](mailto:kakellett78@gmail.com)



## THE MURDER MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED!

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through everyone was able to have a break for an American Supper style meal and then at the very end the Murderer was revealed and the first correct Table Answer out of the Detective Barrel was declared the winner and each member of the table went home with a box of Celebrations! The first night it was Miss Ketina Scarlett who did the foul deed and the second night, Colonel Nick Mustard had dispatched the victim with a golf club!



The cast of "Murder at the Manor"

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