

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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October 2023
From The Lyminge Association

The Lyminge Association

AGM 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Annual General Meeting
of the Lyminge Association**

will be held in the
**Rigden Room,
Tayne Centre
12 October 2023
at 7.30pm**

All members of the
community are welcome
to attend.



Significant delays

Station Road

From Newbarn to Greenbanks

Overnight on 2nd, 3rd and 4th October

Stream Clean

The Lyminge Association will undertake a stream clean of the
Nailbourne headwaters on Tayne/Well Field on Saturday morning

14th October starting at 10am

Please join us - appropriately dressed and with some implements to help
move the excess weed out of the stream and help prevent local flooding.



NEW NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS

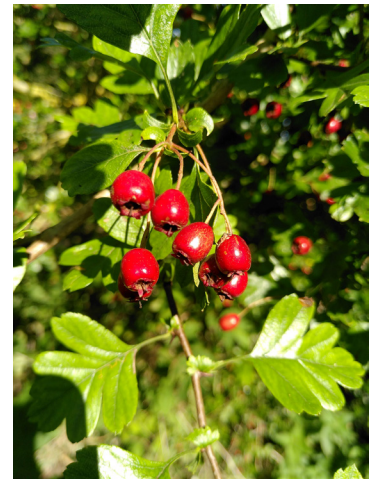
A big thank you to all those who offered to be deliverers of the Newsletters. I have had such a good response to my advert that I now have all rounds covered and a good number of volunteers on the backup list to cover for holidays, sickness etc. So, once again, thank you for your help.

Richard Chubb

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

We are suddenly in a warm run of days as we leave Summer and approach Autumn, with temperatures up in the high twenties. Setting off towards New Barn in the latter part of the afternoon, the breeze is strong but warm. Passing the village pond I notice ripe plump blackberries, which I hope will still be there on my return. Climbing the steep hill towards the Remembrance trees, I will be glad to reach the shady path, the ancient track that links Lyminge to New Barn and beyond. Bright red hawthorn berries, already ripe, shine in the sunlight, a rich feast for the birds when the weather turns cold. Rapidly ripening rosehips push out from the path margins, some already red, others pale green or orange. Early ivy flowers are formed, which will provide late pollen for foraging bees in the next couple of months.

Taking a well worn path through the foliage, I am now on the east side of the footpath along the field margin, which runs close and parallel to the main track. Harvesting has taken place and the stubble has yet to be ploughed in. Ridges of straw run in rows along and across the field, the stalks glistening in the late afternoon light. Underneath



these and crosshatching the field, thin lines pattern ground, left behind by the plough. Underfoot, every now and then empty cobnut shells show evidence of squirrel activity; fresh fallen greener nuts waiting for their next foray. Stalks of cuckoo pint, also known as lords-and-ladies and Adam and Eve, are beginning to show in the hedgerow, their toxic bright red berries conspicuous amongst the browns and greens prevalent at this time of year. Elderberries hang in huge clusters, ready for birds to glean and humans to gather. Field maple tree seeds are changing colour from green to a pinky orange, as they too begin to ripen, their symmetrical 'wings' designed to carry their seeds far and wide in the Autumn winds.

The white pom-pom seedheads of sow thistle shine in the slanting sun next to the spiky heads of burdock, the small hooks of the latter having evolved to attach themselves to the fleece of passing sheep or fur of other animals as a means of dispersal. Other names for burdock include sticklebacks, sticky Jack and sticky Bobs. The Wildlife Trust states that 'The flower heads of Greater burdock form the basis of the traditional 'Burry Man' parade in Edinburgh - dressed head to toe in burs, he walks about the town'.

A few fallen leaves, dry, brown and brittle, scrunch underfoot; a beech tree, laden with mast – pig's heaven – absorbs the post meridian sun; a scattering of red poppies, their colour gradually fading; old man's beard flowers, pale yellow and star-like are just beginning to open. I walk alongside the field that circles the village hall.



Milk chocolate coloured and as yet unharvested flax covers the hillside, the occasional pale purple petal clinging to the plants. Small white feathers are caught amongst the flax globes, fluttering in the breeze. Descending along the path, the church bells suddenly ring out – it is Monday and bell ringing practice has begun. Near the village hall, a bank of convolvulus climbs up the trees, their bold white trumpet flowers all facing the light source. Between bell peals I catch the sound of a wren, it's song high pitched but strong.



Back to the village pond to pick those juicy blackberries. The pond bed is dry and a mass of vegetation is growing around the banks, including great hairy willow-herb with its pink and cream flowers, also known as Codlins-

and-cream, codlins being the name of a cooking apple.

The strong breeze has made photography a little difficult, as close shots require the subject to remain still. Patience was rewarded however, but stung ankles was the price paid for some of the photos as I tried to get that little bit closer.



Diary of Forthcoming Events

This page is printed to give readers and organisers the opportunity of planning events without clashing with existing ones, which are already in the 'diary'. It is not intended as a means of advertising and we take no responsibility for errors or omissions. Acceptance is at the discretion of the editor. Please send your updates by email to pbarnes20@icloud.com or via methods outlined on Page 4.

Location and name codes below:

One-Off Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
07-Oct	7pm	Raising Funds for Maya	LVH		29-Oct	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
12-Oct	7.30pm	Lyminge Association AGM	TC		23-Nov	4.45pm	Switching on of Christmas Tree Lights	LL	
14-Oct	10am	Autumn Stream Clean	TF	862508	26-Nov	4.30pm	Christmas Tree Lighting	Meriden Park & EVH	07544 670363
14-Oct	10am	Etchinghill Litter Pick	Meet EVH	07544 670363	01/12/2023-05/01/2024		Mount Pleasant Christmas Lights	Mount Pleasant	
15-Oct	7pm	Wave of Light	LMC		03-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
21-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363	09-Dec	10am	Christmas Craft Fair	LVH	
26-Oct		Elham Christmas Market	Elham VH	840430	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	10am	Clear Ears	AUKL	269602	Wed	11am	Singing For All	AUKL	269602
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed ⁵	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	5.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10am	Carers' Brunch	AUKL	269602
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
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	Coffee Cabin		Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	8am	Pilates	TC	07951698008	Fri	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602
Wed	9am	All Day Breakfast	AUKL	269602	Fri	10.45am	Movement to Music	AUKL	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Fri	6pm	Junior Cricket Training Sessions	SPCC	07869283195
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	AUKL	269602	Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670					

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley Branch	Methodist Church, Elham	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	LPC	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

Re-ordering work on the rear of Lyminge Church has been delayed and therefore services will resume as normal.

Sunday 1st October

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

Sunday 8th October

Lyminge 8am. Holy Communion CW2
6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th October

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 22nd October

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge 11am Family Praise (at Methodist Church)

Sunday 29th October **All Saints**

Stanford 10am Benefice Service

Sunday 5th November

Lyminge 10am OW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

If more information is required please contact the Church Wardens, Derek Smith 01303 862508 or Mike Chinneck 01303 863911.

Postling Church Services

1st October 9.30am Holy Communion for Harvest
8th October 8.30 am Breakfast Service
15th October No service in Postling
22nd October No Service in Postling
29th October 5.30pm Tea Service

Lyminge Methodist Church

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

1st October Mr Roy Hollands

8th October **10.15am** Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis

15th October Mr David Songer

22nd October Anglican led Local Arrangement

29th October Mr Roy 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.

1st October A celebration of Harvest led by the local congregation

8th October **10.15am** Valley Service - Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

15th October Mr. David Songer

22nd October Service will be led by the local congregation

29th October Mr. Roy Hollands



Christians in Lyminge

12th November: 10.45am at the memorial in the Parish churchyard for the Service of Remembrance, followed by a service at the Methodist Church.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Lyminge Newsletter

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Further details from Peter Barnes (editor) on 01303 863737 or pbarnes20@icloud.com

Etchinghill Update - October 2023

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe 07939 076617. Email: dmccombe1@gmail.com

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

AUTUMN LITTER PICK - SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 10AM - MEET AT THE VILLAGE HALL. Please join our band of willing volunteers for our Autumn Litter Pick - hoops and refuse sacks, pick-up sticks, gloves and reflective jackets will be supplied. The litter collection usually lasts around 1-2 hours maximum. Please leave full sacks by the waste bin at the entrance to Chapel Close to await collection by the council.

FILM NIGHT - MONDAY 16 OCTOBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL - DOORS OPEN 7PM (7.30PM START) - "THE FABELMANS". Drama (PG12), starring Michelle Williams, Paul Dano, Seth Rogan and Judd Hirsch. Young Sammy Fabelman falls in love with movies after his parents take him to see "The Greatest Show on Earth." Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother. Inspired by director Steven Spielberg's own childhood, rediscover the magic of movies in this coming-of-age story about a young man uncovering a shattering family secret and the power of film and imagination.

AUTUMN FUN QUIZ - SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL - DOORS OPEN 6.45PM for a 7PM START. Entry cost is only £4pp (payable on the night) - full time students and children aged under 18 are free. To reserve a table (6 persons maximum in a team, please), email Geraldine: gpmccombe49@gmail or call her on 07544 670363. We urgently need raffle prize donations: to make a donation, please contact Geraldine as above, thank you. Please bring your own refreshments and snacks as none are provided during these events.

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



BALLROOM & LATIN DANCING

*Cha Cha Cha ~Waltz ~ Jive ~ Quickstep ~
Rumba ~ Foxtrot and more*

Etchinghill Village Hall

New Beginner Class

Commencing 12 October 2023

Thursdays 7.30 - 8.30pm

Improver Class

Thursdays 8.30 - 9.30 pm

£6 per person per hour

Bring your two left feet and your sense of humour.

Get FIT, get HEALTHY & get DANCING
Partners not necessary

Xmas buffet party 14 December 2023

Everyone welcome

To join any of the classes,
or for further details, or information
about private lessons, contact Lynn on
07967979610

lynn.chapman0127@btinternet.com

IDTA (AB), (AL), (SalDip)



POSTLING

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING SATURDAY 14th October

Thank you to all who have attended our monthly 2023 Village Fund-raiser, for the Pilgrims Hospice. How lovely to catch up with friends, neighbours and meet new residents from the village, our Lyminge friends and new faces from the surrounding area.

We welcome any helping hands to make a cake for this important fund-raiser for the Pilgrims Hospice. Contact Jane 01303 862142 or Jenny 01303 863341.

Be included, have a good gossip and find out about village events.

Our next coffee and cake morning is on Saturday 14th October 10am to 12noon in the beautiful Postling Church. All donations go to the Pilgrims Hospice in their ENTIRETY.

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.

- Walt Disney



No matter where you are from or where you live, the message is the same. Please clear up after your dog has fouled the pavements and footpaths, including the country paths.

It's more important than ever to keep our outside spaces clean and pleasant for all to enjoy. We have noticed an increasing amount of dog fouling around the village which is not only spoiling the area but it can also have deadly consequences.

If keeping community spaces clean and tidy isn't an incentive enough, those caught failing to pick up after their pets could receive an on-the-spot fine of £1000.

So we're encouraging residents to **Bag It and Bin It** to keep the outdoors safe and clean for everyone.

District Councillors' Update - October 2023



From: **Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee** - jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Planning – I have received a number of enquiries on planning issues throughout the Ward recently and have visited a number of sites. If you have an issue with a planning application please do contact me.

A great Community event at Lyminge Church on 1 September. Lovely music from Will Wright and The Undecided – first time I have danced in a church! Well done to all involved. Earlier in the day I visited the Charity Shop at Lyminge Age UK Centre and we discussed a Ward Grant to help with external signage.

Waste service - A report by East Kent Audit Partnership has identified that some aspects of the District's street cleansing service need to improve, particularly in relation to town centres and busier areas of the district. This has resulted in a number of improvements being recommended in a report being considered by the Audit & Governance Committee.

Otterpool Park – On 8 September, I joined the Design Team for Phase 1b (Barrow Hill Sellindge) on a tour of the area surrounding the site and pointed out some of the characteristics and issues for the Villages. I joined the morning session of the Planning Day on 9 September.

Do sign up to 'My Community Voice' - a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves: it allows you to reply to the alerts sent to you, share information and tell Officers about the issues affecting you.

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

Stagecoach has implemented a set of wide ranging and savage cuts to local bus services across the district. These cuts in services have caused a great deal of stress and disruption for people in the district. Please check the Stagecoach website (<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>) for up-to-date timetables.

F&HDC were awarded £570k Rural Prosperity Fund to be used between 2023 and 2025. When the details are confirmed, on what the grant can be used for and how to apply, they will be placed on the Folkestone Works website (<https://folkestone.works/>).

FHDC Councillors who represent the North Downs wards recently held a meeting to discuss the issues facing those communities and how the District Council can best support them. A number of topics were discussed and we are hoping to arrange a forum to explore these important issues further. The Parish Council quarterly Joint meetings held with the District Council take place online and the next meeting is on 16th November. The meeting can be viewed via the live stream on YouTube: bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings

The review of the Otterpool Park project is continuing. The Governance report has been received and the recommendations are being implemented. The Financial report has been received and the recommendations are being discussed. The third element, Management Review, is ongoing.

F&HDC are predicting a £4.5million deficit for next year and there is likely to be a reduction in services to save money. Consultations are ongoing, all front-line services and statutory services will be fully protected. I'll provide further updates when available.

Rhodes Minnis Circle

In August we had an outing to the Folkestone Garden Centre at Densole. They gave us a lovely afternoon tea which we cannot praise enough.

We also had goodie boxes to take away, and the service was excellent.

On 25th October we look forward to a talk on the *Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown Lifeboats*.

The Competition is an item beginning with "F".

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm and look forward to welcoming visitors.

If you require any further information please contact Marion on 862913



RM Circle Afternoon Tea at the Folkestone Garden Centre



After a year away, we would like to once again put on the Christmas Day Lunch Club.

Do you live alone and will be on your own on Christmas Day or an older couple in the same situation?
or

Would you be able to help on 24th, 25th or/and 26th December?

**If so, please contact Sam on
Mob: 07704105854
Email: s.cun@outlook.com**



**WAVE OF LIGHT
15 October at 7pm
Lyminge Methodist Church**

Light a candle in memory of all babies gone too soon.

Join us at 7.00pm

A time of quiet reflection for everyone in the baby loss community and beyond, to come together and to remember our much loved and missed babies.

Baby Loss Awareness Week, 9 – 15 October



Lyminge Primary School

The school is looking for a new cleaner to join our fantastic staff as one of our current team is leaving.

- Working hours are 3.30 – 6pm Monday to Friday
- 38 weeks per year (paid for 43 weeks)
- Pay Scale: Kent Range 3 (full time Equivalent £21,293)

If you are interested, please contact Matt or Carol at the school for further information:

Phone: 01303 862367

Email: office@lyminge.kent.sch.uk



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Join our volunteer
TEAM



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Aged 4 to 18 our sections rely heavily on volunteers every week.

A team based approach means it doesn't matter how little time you have to give, we need you.

From skills to hand holding, making and building, planning and expenses, setting up and clearing away, we need you.



Many hands make scouting work

Email-1stlyminge@gmail.com

4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

LYMINGE HALLOWEEN FARMERS' MARKET

NEXT: 29 OCT

9:30 - 12:30

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

PIES - CRAFTS - GLASS ORNAMENTS - SWEET TREATS - KIMCHI

BREAD - FRESH VEG - LOCAL BUTCHER - MONTHLY CHARITY STALL - HOT FOOD/DRINK

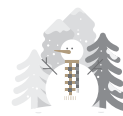
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PRIZES FOR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

FREE ENTRY - PARKING AVAILABLE - CASH AND CARD



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



Lyminge Village Hall

Woodland Rd

Lyminge CT18 8EW



Saturday 9th December 2023

10am-4pm



**Refreshments available
and free parking!!**



ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

'The Fablemans' ¹²
Monday 16th October 2023
 Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm
 Entrance Fee £6pp
 Open to new and existing members
 Free Refreshments and Raffle



www.etchinghill.info



LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Join us for our next talk.

Tuesday 3rd October, 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre
A talk on: The Mysterious Lost Borough of Seasalter
 Speaker: Rob Baldwin

Please note the change of talk in November.
 Tuesday, 7th November, 7.30pm in the Tayne Centre
FLYING PAST - AVIATION IN KENT
 Balloons, airships, aircraft and airfields
 Speaker: Guy Bartlett

All Lyminge a History Books, Parts 1-12
 are available to purchase. See below for details.
Part 13 out in November!!

Do you have an idea for a story to go in Lyminge a History series?
 Email us with your thoughts.

All Lyminge a history publications can be purchased individually through
 Lyminge Village Store (formerly Lyminge Food and Wine),
 Lyminge Library, or online via our website using PayPal,
 direct from Daphne or at our monthly talks.

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 web site and using Paypal which automatically adds postage. Payment via
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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
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Email: lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com
 Website: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk
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Lyminge Friends

10.30am in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre
Extraordinary General Meeting

Come and hear the results of your feedback
 and to vote on a proposal

There will be a cup of a Tea or Coffee and a small Raffle
Free Entrance

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GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME



Tuesday 17th October 7:30pm at The Tayne Centre,
 Lyminge
 Refreshments from 7:15pm
 Members £3 / Visitors £5 (including refreshments)

We are delighted to welcome back *Derek* and *Steve* from
 Farthing Common Plant Centre to answer all your
 gardening questions.

Join us for what is always an entertaining evening and
 come prepared with all those questions you have always
 wanted to ask.



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

Letter to the Editor

We would like to thank all those who helped us when
 our beloved cat *Mystique* was run over recently on
 our road. Especially *Veronica* who arranged for her
 to be scanned and identified as one of ours.

Much appreciated *Will and Mel*

MUSIC BINGO NIGHT

RAISING FUNDS FOR MAYA

07.10.2023

£6 per ticket

7pm Start

Lyminge Village Hall

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Elham Village Hall

(From 5.30 pm for our disabled visitors)

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Fifth Trust Update

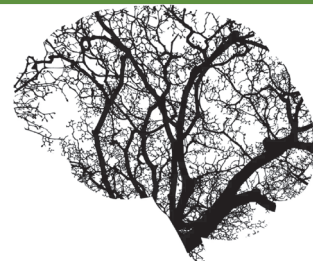
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From 8am - All Boots £5

MUSIC ON A FRIDAY

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Thank you to all the chefs and all the people who helped behind the scenes, not forgetting **YOU** for being there.

Watch out for news of the next one.



Chairperson and coaching positions

Lyminge Youth FC have an exciting opportunity for a new chairperson to join our club.

You don't have to be a football expert - just passionate about helping us to grow the football club as part of our community.

If you or someone you know would like to help continue to improve Lyminge Youth FC and player opportunities, we would love to hear from you.

As the club grows, we're also looking for people to join our team of coaches to support training sessions and help on match days.

This is a call for mums, dads, carers, grandparents or anyone who can help build our players' football skills, as well as their character and confidence. (We cover costs for coaching badges, other qualifications and DBS checks.)

To find out more information about the chairperson role, please contact Kerry, our Club Secretary, on 07850 762 729 or kerry.godden265@btinternet.com.

To register interest in coaching or other ways of supporting our club, please email us at lymingeyouthfc@gmail.com.

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- Mindfulness Meditation is about WAKING UP to yourself.
- Waking up to who you REALLY are, beneath all the over-stimulation and constant noise of everyday stresses.
- And perhaps it is about WAKING UP to what we are collectively doing to our beautiful planet.

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I invite you to join me on my

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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.

PENTLAND HOMES

On Friday 15th September, Cllrs Arnold, Joyce and Norman met with Peter Reed and Paul Kitchingham of Pentland Homes. The agenda for the meeting was centred around the development with the aim of gaining clarity on some of the questions more commonly asked by our residents.

Pentland Homes have engaged in a lot of discussion with the FHDC planning department resulting in many amendments to their original planning application.

All relevant legal documentation and specialist checks have been adhered to and, at present, the proposed number of dwellings for the site is 45 (This is 15 more than the original approved application 20/1397/FH). The 45 includes 10 affordable dwellings (up from 6 in the original planning application) and two self-build plots.

Of the 10 proposed affordable homes, 6 will be affordable rent and 4 will be intermediate housing aka shared ownership.

Pentland Homes have suggested that they will be requesting an additional local connection criterion so that before the affordable homes are offered to the wider district, anyone eligible, who has a local connection to Lyminge Parish will be given priority. Pentland Homes have iterated their desire to be transparent and have agreed to regular 'catch-ups' with LPC to keep us and the parish aware of any developments. The planning application is due before FHDC planning committee at the start of October in which a final decision will be made.

MEETINGS/SURGERIES:

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

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

PENTLAND HOMES (CONTINUED)

The meeting was very positive and despite a full agenda with lots of questions, Peter and Paul made sure to answer everything in great detail.

A full write-up is available in the 'news' section of the Lyminge Parish Council website.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

GRANTS

LPC still welcome requests for funding and we have made it a little bit easier to apply. The application form is now on its own page on the website and can be submitted as a Google form directly to us online. You are still able to print it and hand write it as before but this way anyone without a printer can submit it quickly and directly!

ALLOTMENTS

Please can any of our allotment holders contact the clerk via email at:

clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

We are looking to make improvements at the allotment site and would like to communicate regarding this.

HANDYPERSON

As you may have seen, Lyminge Parish Council were on the lookout for a handy person to come on board and help with day-to-day tasks in the parish. We received applications from incredibly skilled, experienced and interesting people and after thorough interviews we are delighted to have found a person to employ. Final details and checks are being completed and our new handy person will start towards the middle of the month. Look out in the November newsletter for a full introduction but I'm sure you will see him out and about before then.

GRASS CUTTINGS

Please do not improperly dispose of your grass cuttings and other garden waste. If you need assistance with disposal, get in touch with us and we will be happy to help.

VILLAGE HALLS

As many of you may have heard, the volunteers who currently manage Lyminge Village Hall are struggling to meet the workload and feel there is a lack of support from the parish. This is a sentiment echoed across the entire parish and as such all of our wonderful village halls are struggling. LPC are doing what they can, however, we need the community to turn up and show support or we will lose these amazing commodities.

OCTOBER MEETING DATES

Full Council – 30th October 19:30 – 21:30 – Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church

Finance and Administration – 9th October 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](https://www.instagram.com/thoughtfulfoodgroup)

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Tuesday 3rd October, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

Surplus Saturday

Thank you to everyone who took part in Surplus Saturday- whether through donations of produce, taking produce or both! It was great to see food being shared outside houses across the village, as well as at our stall on Tayne Field.

We had a large variety of herbs, as well as tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, pumpkins, figs, apples, onions, leeks, kale, blackberries and squashes shared on the stall. We hope you made some lovely things with all these seasonal, local goodies! We are looking to expand community food sharing year on year, so please do let us know if you'd like to help with this. The more the merrier!

If you'd like to have produce to share next year, but not yet confident in your growing abilities, check out our gardening workshops.



Vegetables Growing Workshops 2024 - Book now!

Since 2020, Thoughtful Food has run workshops for new and novice gardeners looking to grow more of their own produce. With the cost of living crisis and mounting impacts of climate change on our farming industry, there has never been a better time to learn how to grow your own, using sustainable and nature-friendly techniques.

This year, we are pleased to be able to offer workshop sessions again, in a revised format.

The two sessions offered are a series, giving you all you need to make a successful start. These are:

Workshop 1 - Getting Ready To Grow Sunday 22nd October 2023 10:30-15:30

Workshop 2 - Sowing and Growing Sunday 17th March 2024 10:30-15:30

The workshops are held in Lyminge, with lots of practical opportunities to have a go and meet other like-minded people. They are run free of charge.

There are a limited number of places - to book yours, please email thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com

Hazel who took part in workshops earlier this year was absolutely delighted with her summer crop.....

"Here are some of this year's goodies. Thanks a lot for all your help"



Pumpkin Butter

Ingredients

- 1 (3-pound) pumpkin, stemmed, halved lengthwise, and seeded
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 teaspoon grated fresh nutmeg
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- pinch of ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Brush cut sides of pumpkin halves with oil. Arrange pumpkin halves, cut side down, on a large rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in preheated oven until very tender when pierced with a fork, about 50 minutes. Remove from oven, and let cool slightly, about 10 minutes.
2. Scoop flesh from cooled pumpkin; transfer to bowl of a food processor. Discard pumpkin shell. Add apple cider; process until smooth, about 1 minute, stopping to scrape down sides of bowl as needed. Add brown sugar, honey, vinegar, cinnamon, ginger, salt, nutmeg, and cloves; process until smooth, about 20 seconds, stopping to scrape down sides as needed.
3. Transfer pumpkin mixture to a saucepan; bring to a simmer over a medium heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally with a rubber spatula to ensure bottom of saucepan does not scorch and sides of saucepan stay clean, until mixture is reduced by one-third and turns slightly darker in colour, about 25 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes.

Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food



Berkeley Earth Global Temperature Update

It may not have felt like it here, but globally August was the hottest August since records began, according to an update from Berkeley Earth, clocking in at 1.68°C above pre-industrial temperatures – a full 0.3°C above the previous record. They went on to say that 2023 is now “virtually certain (>99%)” to be the hottest year on record. See <https://berkeleyearth.org/>

Record Red Admiral Butterflies - a Sign of Our Changing Climate

We reported last month that Red Admirals were the most commonly reported butterfly in Lyminge Parish during the Big Butterfly Count. Butterfly Conservation have now published the full results, with Red Admiral also top of the country-wide list. This is an increase of 338% on last year's Count and the first time the species has taken the top-spot. Why the big increase? The Red Admiral is a migratory species that breeds primarily in warmer regions of the world including southern Europe and north Africa. Migrating individuals usually arrive in the UK in spring or autumn, but our changing climate is creating more opportunities for the species to breed and reside here in the UK.



Red Admiral on ivy flowers

Sadly some other of our favourite garden butterflies aren't doing so well. The most notable is probably the Small Tortoiseshell, probably the commonest non-white garden butterfly in my childhood, now not making the “big six” most reported species and with a 30% decline recorded over 13 years of the Big Butterfly Count.

One of the take-home messages from Butterfly Conservation was that everyone can help make more space for butterflies. Rather like our very own “Our Wild Acre” initiative, Butterfly Conservation commented that “Whether it's leaving a patch of long grass in your garden or planting a small selection of nectar rich plants on a balcony, the opportunities are vast and everyone can make a difference... We can build a UK-wide network of spaces for butterflies to feed, breed and shelter. By creating a Wild Space everyone can make a difference and help butterflies and moths thrive. Butterfly Conservation has free resources and guidance on creating a Wild Space available, including accessible, tailored, simple advice for anyone to have a go.” See <https://wild-spaces.co.uk/> and <https://butterfly-conservation.org/> for more details and information.



Hornet-mimicking hoverfly on ivy flowers

Ivy Flowers - an Autumn Life-Line for Pollinators

Ivy flowers may not appear particularly striking to our eyes, but take a look at or just listen to a patch of ivy in bloom and it becomes quickly apparent that the flowers are alive with insect pollinators. One of the most abundant is the ivy bee, with stunning cream-coloured bands on its otherwise dark abdomen, which collects pollen almost exclusively from ivy flowers. Other bees, hoverflies, wasps and butterflies will also be spotted, including the impressive hornet-mimicking hoverfly which often gets mistaken for a hornet but is far more common here than hornets are. There is no doubt that flowering ivy is one of the most important plants for our pollinators during late autumn and into early winter. As such it is worth being considerate when cutting ivy back, wherever possible leave it until the flowers are finished, or even better once the berries are finished, which are a significant food source for birds over winter. Late winter or very early spring is perhaps the best time, as ivy is then a very popular nesting choice for many birds.



Ivy bee on ivy flowers

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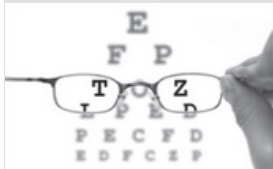
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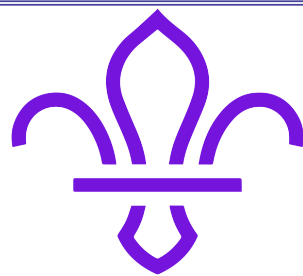


This house stands just beyond the top of Longage Hill, opposite the bus stop at Rhodes Minnis on the main road running from Sibton towards West Wood. The carpark opposite (not visible in the picture) is a clue to its former life as a pub. In around 1912 when the photo on the left was taken, this was a Rigden's pub, known as The Prince of Wales. The landlord was William Roberts and he ran the pub with his wife Harriet, who is probably depicted in the photo with their 5 year old daughter Hilda. By this stage, the pub had been operating for around 40 years old. In the wake of the announcement of the engagement of Prince Charles (now King Charles) to Lady Diana Spencer in February 1981, it became briefly The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana, and then The Prince and Princess of Wales, but after they were divorced in 1994, it changed name yet again becoming The Battle of Britain before it closed shortly afterwards. The house today presents a Kent tile-hung façade that looks authentic and original. It is therefore interesting to note that over a hundred years ago, it was covered in painted weatherboarding, so while it looks old, this is not the appearance it had when it was built.



Deliverers' Tea Party

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Scouts

Lyminge Explorer Scouts had a great weekend camping at **Bewl Water** from **15-17 September**, one day canoeing in the sun and one day kayaking in the wind and rain. Great fun was had by all with thanks to the volunteer leaders and instructors who made it all possible.





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LYMINGE 2023 TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION RESULTS!

Thank you everyone who, so enthusiastically, grew sunflowers for the competition - and those who grew them but decided not to enter! Thanks also to the Lyminge Gardeners' Society members who grew the seedlings to give out in May. There were many, very tall sunflowers seen around the village and these are the results:

- 1st 118 inches Kurt Daniels of Brady Road
- 2nd 115 inches Family Douglas and in particular, Felicity, of Mount Pleasant Close
- 3rd 112 inches Lorna Copland - of Brady Road

A Certificate of Merit to for being one of the youngest to enter - Lucy Williams-Poulter of The Sidings

We also had some entries from outside the village and Certificates of Merit were awarded to: Chani Sanger for her 116 inch sunflower and her great enthusiasm for growing! and Lyn and Ed of Elham for their 115 inch sunflower.



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