

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association



Happy New Year
from
The Lyminge
Association
to all our Readers
and Contributors

We hope the New Year
is kind to you all.

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Chinese New Year



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Fireworks
around 9pm

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

This month's meanderings are, as the French would say, *vignettes* - some *petites promenades*, rather than one purposeful walk.

Rain before seven, gone by eleven the weather saying goes and today it has proved to be true. Grey skies and rain looked set-in for the day but by eleven o'clock, the clouds had cleared and a mostly blue sky allowed the sun to brighten the day. In these short Winter days, sunshine is at a premium: it not only brightens the home but gives life to the countryside, especially as there are colourful leaves still clinging on to the branches of trees. Recent wind has scattered bright yellow leaves from a sycamore tree spilling them out across the pavement and onto the road by the green



space at the bottom of Ethelburga Drive. Ornamental cherry trees have pools of red and yellow leaves, their size and weight ensuring they stay around the tree base. Bright red berries from various shrubs and trees shine out against their dark green foliage, the colours at opposite ends of the spectrum perfectly complementing each other.

Unseasonably mild weather means that many flowers are still in bloom. I pass purple pansies, colourful fuchsias, a couple of brave lavender flowers, dandelions, roses, and I even had a small cluster of apple blossom on my apple tree, tricked into thinking it was Spring! Winter jasmine, appropriately blooming at this time of year, is a joy with its star-like yellow flowers.

The family of four partridges continue to roam the Silverlands estate foraging for food in gardens and under hedges, sometimes settling for a rest and preen under the end of my beech hedge. Another time, one of them indulges in a dust bath in a slight dip in the pavement. Today a pheasant appears, strutting arrogantly, whereas the partridges' waddling gait is more hurried and humble. These birds certainly give a festive feel, as befits the season. A few mornings later, it is cold and frosty and the partridges are back. They have settled under the apple tree – the next best thing when no pear tree is available – fluffed up against the cold.

As I move about they retreat under the car and then onto the wall. I try for a photo but miss the opportunity as by the time I am in a good position, they have moved on to another garden.

Locking the village hall car park at Rhodes Minnis one evening, after a fundraising event, I stand still and enjoy the peace and quiet that nature is affording me after a busy but enjoyable day. It has been a perfectly clear day and now it is turning gradually into a perfectly clear night. Wind rustles through the beech hedge; the gate gently squeaks as it moves; the moon, two days from its fullness, and accompanied by a bright star, shines across the countryside, its light falling on the sheep in the field in front of me, turning them into slow moving spectral shapes in the crepuscular light. Turning to the north west, the light is draining from the sky, bright blue fading into soft yellow. Silhouetted against this last light are the pine trees of Lyminge Forest, their pointed tops standing sentinel.



Beech mast, dark brown and already damp and decomposing in the shade of the footpath alongside the Methodist Church. Elder tree trunks, twisted and textured, some elegantly decorated by nature with spiralling ivy trails steadily climbing skywards. As I walk across Tayne Field a squirrel runs along the path before me, in its characteristic undulating gait. Pausing, I sit on the bench in the watery sunshine, and try to imagine the life of the Anglo-Saxons 1,400 years ago on this very spot. The area before me would have been a hub of activity especially at this time of year when they would have decked the hall in celebration of the Nativity.

Moving into the 21st century, I am in 'Christmas City', as my six year old godson calls the lights in Mount Pleasant. Rain and a blustery wind means that I am struggling with my umbrella. However, it is well worth it as I enter a wonderland of light. Dangling lights sway and joggle in the wind,



bringing the scene to life. Old favourites have been joined by new additions and it takes time to do justice to all of the scenes. Unsurprisingly I am the only one here tonight, until I begin to retrace my steps as a car pulls up full of excited children. I pause again at my personal favourite – the shepherds, sheep and angel, recalling the true meaning of Christmas. How lucky we are to have such a wonderful display on our very own village doorstep. Thank you Mount Pleasant and thank you to all those who give donations to such worthy causes.

If we get another cold snap, as we did at the beginning of December, with a surprise fall of snow overnight, maybe my next walk will be a white one.

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.
01/12/2023-05/01/2024		Mount Pleasant Christmas Lights	Mount Pleasant		29-Jan	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07846177409
2024					23-Mar	7pm	Let your hair down with the local group - The Undecided	LVH	
15-Jan	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07846177409	06-Apr	9am	Spring Garage Sale		
16-Jan	7.30pm	Gardeners' AGM	TC	07703149008	13-Apr	10am	Spring Stream Clean	TF	
28-Jan	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH		18-May	7pm	Late Spring Quiz	LVH	

Weekly Events									
Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817777975
Mon	10am	Clear Ears	AUKL	269602	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 ²	3pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	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	10am	Carers' Brunch	AUKL	269602
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	9am	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Thurs	10.30am	COGS	AUKL	269602
Tues	9am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Thurs	11.45am	Streetz to Streetz (fish and chips)	AUKL	07955926835
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Thurs	12.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602	Thurs	3.30pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445
Tues	10am	Pottery	AUKL	269602	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10.30am	Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation (COGS)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	1.30pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	5pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445	Fri	9am	Pilates	AUKL	269602
Tues	1pm	Active Minds Club	AUKL	269602	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

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	863879	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	TC	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 7th January

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

Sunday 14th January

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion
11am Christian Unity Service – Methodist Church
6pm Sung Evensong BCP

Sunday 21st January

Lyminge 10am Benefice Christian Unity Communion with
Methodists and Farewell Service for Rev. Deb

Sunday 28th January

Lyminge 10am Family Praise

Sunday 4th February.

Lyminge 10am WOW 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

7th January 9.30am Holy Communion
14th January No service in Postling
21st January 10am Holy Communion in Lyminge
28th January 5pm 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.

7th January 10.15am Valley Covenant Service:

Rev. Malcolm Peach

14th January United Service with Anglicans: Mr David
Songer: Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

21st January 10am Service at the Parish Church

28th January Rev. Gill Songer

Rhodes Minnis Chapel

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

7th January No service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley
Covenant service at Lyminge at **10.15am**
led by Rev. Malcolm Peach

14th January Mr. Ralph Bradshaw

21st January Rev. Malcolm Peach

28th January Mr. Hugh Burnham

4th February Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)



Christians in Lyminge

Thank you to everyone who helped to deliver the Christmas cards to the village.

Week of Christian Unity: On the 14th January the congregation from the Parish church will join the Methodists' service in their Church.

On the 21st January the Methodist congregation will join the service in the Parish Church.

This will also be a service of farewell for the Right Reverend Deb Scofield who is leaving us to join a Church in South Wales.

Lyminge Newsletter

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Opportunity to become a governor at Lyminge Church of England Primary School

Do you have the skills and insight needed to become a School Governor? We are looking for someone who is willing to give their time and commitment to take up this vital and important voluntary role in our local community. Applicants who can demonstrate a good understanding of the purpose and principles of governance are especially welcome, but we also value applicants who have the interest, time and commitment to learn and progress in the role.

As a Governor of Lyminge School you will work with an experienced and committed team to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of the Governing Board, supporting staff to ensure the school provides the best possible education for all its pupils. Governors are expected to uphold the school's Christian values, and to maintain high expectations for behaviour and academic achievement. The school has recently undergone a very successful Ofsted inspection.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please write a brief statement outlining what you would be able to bring to the Governing Board and include contact details for two referees. Send it:

- By email addressed to the Chair of the Governing Body, via Susan Foster, Clerk, at sfoster@lyminge.kent.sch.uk
- By letter addressed to the Chair of the Governing Body via the school office or by post c/o Emma Wren (Senior Administrator), Lyminge Church of England Primary School, Church Rd, Lyminge, CT18 8JA

The closing date for applications is Friday 19th January 2024.

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

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Film Night

'The Great Escaper'¹²

Monday 15th January 2024

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £6pp

**Open to new and existing members
Free Refreshments and Raffle**



www.etchinghill.info

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Basics and demonstration

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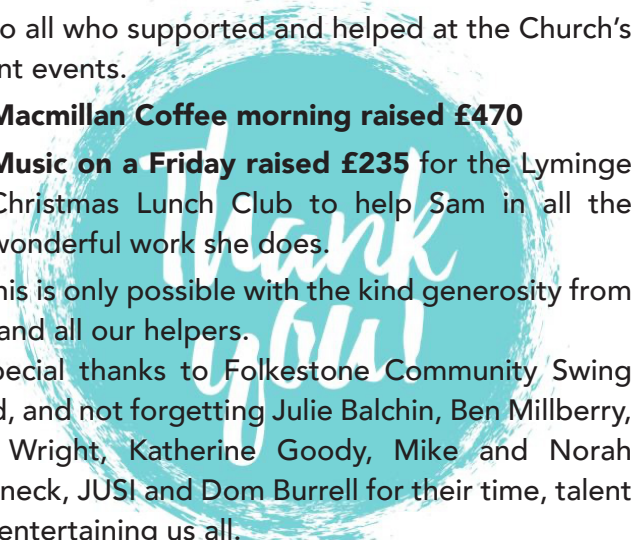
A MASSIVE THANK YOU FROM LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH.....

.....to all who supported and helped at the Church's recent events.

- **Macmillan Coffee morning raised £470**
- **Music on a Friday raised £235** for the Lyminge Christmas Lunch Club to help Sam in all the wonderful work she does.

All this is only possible with the kind generosity from you and all our helpers.

A special thanks to Folkestone Community Swing Band, and not forgetting Julie Balchin, Ben Millberry, Will Wright, Katherine Goody, Mike and Norah Chinneck, JUSI and Dom Burrell for their time, talent and entertaining us all.



Etchinghill Update - January 2024

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe - 07939 076617 E-mail: dmccombe1@gmail.com

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

FILM NIGHT - MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2024 at the VILLAGE HALL - DOORS OPEN 7PM for 7.30PM START - "THE GREAT ESCAPER" 12

Drama. Starring Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson and John Standing. Set in 2014, Bernie and Rene live in a care home in Hove. Bernie decides to attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy and, despite missing out on a place on the official trips, he gets a bus from Hove to Dover where he travels by ferry to France. Based on a true story that made national news, the film tells the story of the people he meets and places he goes. Entry fee is £6 pp and includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee with biscuits and entry into a free raffle. New members are welcome, simply register and pay on the night - no need to book.

ERA AGM HELD 3RD DECEMBER 2023: a very interesting and productive meeting supported by 18 residents. The key posts and committee remain unchanged. The 4 main topics raised in the public Open Forum were:

- 1) Consideration of parking restrictions near the junction of Canterbury Road and Chapel Walk due to indiscriminate parking near the junction, particularly on the pavements, which are causing difficulties for locals.
- 2) Improvement/maintenance to the play area at St Marys Close (gate to be locked temporarily for safety reasons until work is complete).
- 3) Consideration of an adult outdoor gym on St Marys Field.
- 4) Maintenance to the emergency access area from St Marys Close into Westfield Lane (missing signage is causing indiscriminate parking and there are damaged/unlocked posts). The ERA is grateful to Lyminge Parish Council's support in helping to resolve these matters.

With reference to the **PLAY PARK**, Councillor Roger Joyce adds: "The idea of 'what to do' with the Play Park in St Mary's has been the subject of some debate. Having discussed the matter with the Village Hall Committee, and with residents at the ERA AGM, it is almost certain that the current play area will be updated with new equipment and safety flooring in its current position. In what form is to be debated and decided by the Lyminge Parish Council, but ideas about the play area and possible adult gym from residents are welcome (particularly from young users!)"

Please contact Cllr Joyce at: roger.joyce@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

The LPC has also asked the ERA for suggestions for any improvements that can be made in Etchinghill, so that these can be considered for inclusion in the budget as and when Community Infrastructure Levy monies are received from developments that are currently underway.

The broken sign in the middle of the green at the Teddars Leas Road crossroads has been reported to the Council (listed as No. 763526). Incidentally any highway faults can be reported at: www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

WITH BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, FOR A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!

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



**The Christmas lights
in Mount Pleasant
have raised £3900 to date (31 Dec)**



Hythe Aqua Swimming Club has vacancies for potential competitive swimmers Level 7 and above. Join a Club with a nationally accredited swim programme.

Lessons/Coaching sessions are held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Hythe Pool.

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

To book your place

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

Reindeer Missing

If anyone knows the whereabouts of a toy reindeer with a Merry Christmas label, which has gone missing from the letterbox at the end of Beddingfield Way, please would they return it to it's home on top of the letterbox, so that he can be safely taken home, washed and returned next year. His sole purpose was to bring a little cheer.

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We would like to thank our loyal supporters and friends, old and new, who have supported us this year. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone who has given a loving home to one or more of our animals.

We wish you all a Peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2024

Visit the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms, Gate Lane, Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY.
Open every day from 10am-4pm. 01303 862349

District Councillors' Update - January 2024

From: **Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee** -

jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887918458

Where has 2023 gone? It certainly has been a challenging year for many residents. And perhaps it is good to be reminded that there are a number of 'Cost of Living' Schemes run by the Council to support people who are struggling – see Help and support with the cost of living – Folkestone & Hythe District Council (folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

Rural England Prosperity Fund – just a reminder that this fund is now open and expression of interests can be made via the website Rural England Prosperity Fund - Folkestone Works I have been encouraging Village Halls and Community Centre's in North Downs West to consider applying to this fund for energy efficiency improvements, ie solar panels.

Dungeness Nuclear Industry – I put forward a motion to Full Council on 29 November to support the nuclear industry at Dungeness. As well as providing around 1,000 current jobs at the nuclear sites there's a real prospect of securing more employment and carbon free energy from small modular reactors at Dungeness. The Greens, Labour and LibDems amended the motion to obliterate any reference to Dungeness or Nuclear. See Minutes of the Meeting Agenda for Council on Wednesday, 29th November 2023, 7.00 pm | Folkestone & Hythe District Council (modern.gov.co.uk)

Otterpool Park LLP– There has been no further update on seeking a strategic partner to bring in additional finance to the project. However, the leader in answering a question at full Council, said that the original charter and planning terms of reference would be adhered to. He also said that the intention was to keep control of the project! Last week, the appointment of Gary Ridgwell was announced as the new Managing Director to replace Andy Jarrett. I welcome this appointment and wish him every success in taking the project forward. I would like to record thanks to Andy for his commitment and leadership since the inception of the project and wish him well for the future.

I wish all residents a Peaceful New Year.

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

I do hope you all had a good Christmas.

A new interim Managing Director, Gary Ridgwell, has been appointed at Otterpool Park LLP. Gary was previously the Construction Director at Otterpool Park LLP for the past two years and knows the development intimately.

Sadly, because of the unavailability of the Red Arrows next August, the Folkestone Air Show has had to be cancelled. The Air Show will be kept under review and alternative events are being considered.

Largely due to the recent heavy rain, areas of Romney Marsh have suffered considerable flooding from sewerage. The environment agency have downgraded the quality of bathing water at Dungeness, Littlestone, St Mary's Bay and Dymchurch. Meetings have been held with the Leader of the Council to try and extract a solution from Southern Water.

I am pleased to report that Councillor Stephen Scoffham's motion to support the Kent Downs application to secure cross channel UNESCO global Geopark status for the Kent Downs national landscape together with the neighbouring protected landscape in France was unanimously supported.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.



Goodbye and Thank You

Lyle Arnold MRCPod, podiatrist will be retiring from practice in Lyminge on 1st January 2024 and moving to Lincolnshire to be nearer her family. **AK Healthcare**, where Lyle currently practises, is hoping to find another Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered podiatrist to take over the patient case-load as soon as possible. If anyone is in urgent need of treatment, a list of local HCPC registered practitioners can be found at the Royal College of Podiatrists website www.rcpod.org.uk.

Finally, Lyle would like very much to thank all her many friends and patients in the Valley and beyond for their friendship, support and good wishes over the last 43 years.

"Please know that it has always been very much appreciated."



Lyle

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SPRING MEDITATION COURSE

Next Course

Commencing Saturday 2nd March
Ending Saturday 27th April 2024

10am – 12.30pm

For 8 Sessions

Location: The Committee Room, Lympe Village Hall

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For more information and to book a place,

contact Ellen:

Tel: 01303 230604 or 07740 857109

Email: ejgarrard2712@gmail.com



Rhodes Minnis Circle

Mr. Len Howell was welcomed as our speaker in November who gave a comprehensive talk with slides on the history of Dover Castle that included the Roman lighthouse, the Saxon church, the underground hospital, the graffiti in the tunnels, and the 24 ft. long barrel in the restaurant. He was thanked for such an interesting talk by Ann Weatherall.

Competition results were 1st Margaret Woolford, 2nd Jacqui Storey, and 3rd Sandra Wright

Our Christmas party, held on 13th December was enjoyed by all with bring and share festive eats and entertainment provided by Pink Champagne. The two ladies sang whilst playing their ukuleles and members were invited to join in. They were thanked by Marion Hoare.

Competition results were 1st Carol Huxtable, 2nd Jacqui Storey, and 3rd Jill Tyrell

There is no meeting in January, we return on Wednesday, 28th February at 2.30pm in the village hall when this will take the form of a quiz afternoon. Visitors (£2.50) are always welcome.

If you require any further information, please contact either Marion Hoare on 862913 or Daphne Andrews on 862865

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.



LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



WISHES YOU A

*Happy
New
Year!*

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

Our next talk is on Tuesday 5th March,
7.30pm in the Tayne Centre
Recent Discoveries in Anglo-Saxon Kent
With Andrew Richardson

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LYMINGE Church of England Primary School

We are delighted to be able to share our recent OFSTED Report with you. It was an Ungraded Inspection to check we are still a Good school. There is no new grading, but we were thrilled with a feedback and recognition of all the great things happening at our school.

The full report is available to read on our school website.



'Pupils love school. They are happy, behave extremely well and are safe at school.'



'The school's values of love, forgiveness, trust, perseverance and justice are deeply embedded and demonstrated very able by pupils in everything they do.'

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'Pupils thrive in this friendly, kind and caring school. Pupils, parents and staff all speak of the school as one big family.'



'Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the school, the staff team and the leadership.'

Everyone at Lyminge Primary School, would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.



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Monday-Saturday

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Sundays

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- Wednesday lunchtime
- £10 per person

ALL DAY FRIDAY

Fishy Fry-day

- Fish dish for £10
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ALL DAY SATURDAY

Curry Curry Curry

- You guessed it... curry!
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MON - SAT LUNCH

Winter Warmer

- Soup and bread
- £5 per person

SECOND WEDS

Music bingo

- £2 per card
- £5 for bingo food
- Starts at 7:30

FOURTH WEDS

Monthly quiz

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- Starts at 7:30

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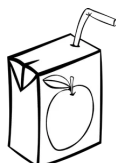
We have dining chairs, booths and comfy sofas, central heating and an open fire. We also have a dart board and plenty of board games!

BOOKING ADVISED
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**Tuesday 16th January 2023
7:30pm at The Tayne Centre**

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For more information about the
Gardeners' Society email:
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or call Anne on 07703 149008



Lyminge Friends

The new Committee of Lyminge Friends would like to wish all our members, old and new, a very Happy New Year.

We are excited to share the new 2024 programme with you which includes talks, lunches and outings. Programmes will be available at the AGM where we hope to see as many members as possible as well as new members who are very welcome.

Dates for the diary – On **10 January** we will meet for a pre-booked lunch at **The Black Robin Pub, Kingston at 12.30pm**. If you would like to join us, please call – 863809. This is in place of a meeting in January.

The **Annual General Meeting followed by a Music Quiz** will take place on **Wednesday, 7 February 2024 in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre**. There will also be a Raffle (please note – we are limiting this to 3 prizes only).

Everyone welcome - Entry is £4

We are a friendly social group and welcome new members so just drop into a meeting, or if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 07904 157897.

SINGING FOR ALL

The **FREE** singing sessions at Age UK, Lyminge has been running since Easter and is now well established in the calendar. Our Christmas session was a great success with carols, Christmas songs and mulled wine. A big thank you to Broad Street House for the delicious mince pies - much appreciated.



Wednesday, 10th January at 11am is the first session of the New Year and is open to everyone, irrespective of age and ability. Angela and John will be playing every week in term time for the coming year. See ad on P11 of this newsletter.

Come and join us; there is room for a few more.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Lyminge Judo Club

(Bushido Club registered)



We are a small friendly village club. We welcome and encourage both novices and skilled players and train every Monday evening at Lyminge Village Hall from 6.30pm. Open to all ages from 6 upwards - no upper age limit.

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Contact: Craig Munn email: craig.munn1@yahoo.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub



Fifth Trust Update

www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Happy New Year! For a minimum donation of £5 to The Fifth Trust, you can recycle your real Christmas trees and help support 170 adults with learning disabilities. Between 2-17 January, simply drop your tree off to our Vineyard Garden Centre between 9-5 Monday-Saturday and 10-4 Sundays, or book a home collection (for an additional fee).

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Thursdays - 10am to 11am




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LYMINGE AND ELHAM VALLEY STROKE SUPPORT

Have you or a family member been affected by a stroke? We are aware of how isolating this can be for the survivor and their carers.

MONDAY
15TH
JANUARY
10-12PM

Join your local support group for its twice monthly meeting at
The Coach & Horses pub,
Lyminge

Meetings: Next 15th January (no meeting 1st January)

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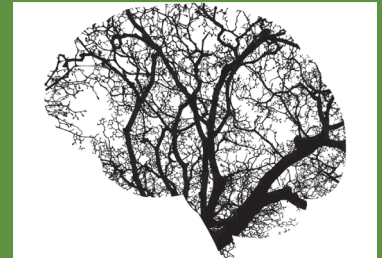
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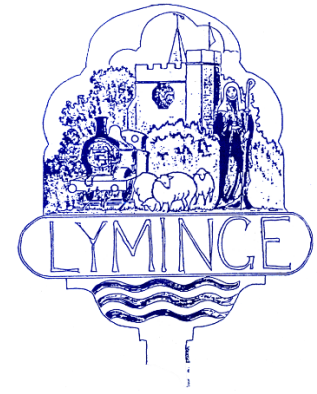
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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Etchinghill - Lyminge - Rhodes Minnis

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clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk



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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

On December 13th, we hosted a small get-together with residents who had expressed an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan, councillors and Alison Eardley. The get-together allowed us to discuss some of the factors in a Neighbourhood Plan and gave everyone involved a clearer vision of what is to be expected.

We are planning on hosting several local events during production of the Neighbourhood Plan, one of which is to be in January/February time.

If you wish to be added to the dedicated Neighbourhood Plan mailing list, which emails an update approximately once a week, please email clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk and you will be added. We are looking for involvement from everyone, not just those who think they have specialist knowledge in particular areas!

The Neighbourhood Plan is truly a collaborative project - you can learn more about them on our website.

DATES TO NOTE:

Surgeries:

Mondays* 10:30am - Coach and Horses, Lyminge (*Not school holidays).

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

Meetings:

8th Jan - Full Council - 19:00

29th Jan - F+A - 18:30

12th Feb - Full Council - 19:00

4th March - F+A - 18:30

11th March - Full Council - 19:00

8th April - Full Council - 19:00

29th April F+A - 18:30

NEW COUNCILLORS

We are excited to announce that we have co-opted two new councillors who are eager to get stuck in! Janine Fuller a recent addition to Lyminge and Andrew Sage a much needed representative from Rhodes Minnis. We know there's a lot to take in when joining a council but once they are up to speed I'm sure they will be fantastic!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

As many of you may have heard, several months ago the main trustees of the village hall expressed that they were resigning for a number of reasons. After much discussion, Lyminge Parish Council has agreed to step in and is now 'Sole Trustee' of the village hall.

We understand that this may raise some questions and if you have any, please feel free to email us.

We have answered some common questions below:

What does this mean for the Village Hall's future?

Time will tell, there is so much that goes in to running a village hall and it is impossible to know the future. We know that Gerry and the other trustees have put in an enormous amount of time and we are confident that we can build on their incredible legacy.

Is the Village Hall now a council asset?

No, the village hall is still owned by the village hall charity which still remains separate from

the council. There will be separate finances and separate meetings.

Do my bookings still stand?

Yes, all current bookings will be unaffected by this change.

Is it normal for councils to become Sole Trustees?

Yes, it is actually happening more and more through the country. People are struggling to get volunteers and as such village halls and community groups in general are struggling. We just have to look at this through a positive lens and remember that the Village Hall is an incredible community asset.

JOB VACANCY:

The position of Parish Clerk at Lyminge Parish Council is being offered at 20 hours per week. More information is forthcoming however please email elise.moss@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk for a job description and application form. You may also see the 'news' tab on our website for more information.

JANUARY MEETING DATES

Full Council - 8th January 19:00 - 21:00 - Rigden Room, Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Finance and Administration - 29th January 18:30 - 20:30 - 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 6th February, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

Happy New Year to you all, whether you are seasoned gardeners, beginners or you have made a new year's resolution to try growing some produce this year.

Jobs for January

Sit in front of the fire checking your seeds, reading up on your favourite gardening ideas, eating chocolate and resting! But...if you HAVE to move from your nice warm chair here are a few things you might like to think about!

- Prune apple and pear trees and if you haven't already - your blackcurrant and redcurrant and gooseberries. All these plants are dormant (asleep - maybe like we should be until March!) so chopping them about a bit before February is fine.
- Clean your greenhouse glass - on a nice sunny sharp day! Not when it's freezing - that could be difficult!
- Sort and organise your pots - or get a new life!
- Put food out for the birds. Break ice regularly on their water sources.
- Sow a few sweet peas but protect them from the mice.
- Cut old leaves off hellebores to allow the flower buds to be seen
- Mulch your beds with rotted horse manure or home made compost. This will set you up really well for the new season.
- Buy seed potatoes - Earlies crop 12 weeks sowing, 2nd earlies a bit later and main crop later still. Varieties such as Rocket or Swift and Foremost are good Earlies. Charlotte and Maris Peer are good second early. Put your seed potatoes in egg boxes with the sprouting eyes upwards and put them somewhere light and cool to grow stubby strong buds. Don't let them be too warm and dark or else the buds will be white and leggy and weak.
- You can cover your vege beds if they don't contain winter vege. Use old sheets or blankets - or if you have black plastic lying around then recycle it and place it over the beds. Watch out though for hibernating snails under plastic, in pots and under cardboard!
- Check your compost heaps / daleks and turn it to give more air.



- Don't listen to anyone who says you can sow seeds in January! They need heat! Much better to wait until late February. In fact around Valentine's Day the day is long enough to provide enough light to hardy seeds.
- So....watch out for some sowing advice next month. In the meantime check out Real Seeds and Vital Seeds organic collections.

We have found a home for our community seed box. Look out for February's Newsletter where you will find out more.

No recipe this month; you must be sick of eating!



Very Best Seasonal Wishes from Thoughtful Food



'New Year, New You' doesn't need to mean 'New Stuff'!

This January, why not take part in [#BuyNothingNewMonth!](#) or

www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/buy-nothing-new-month

We are challenging you to buy only essentials through January to save your pennies and

protect the planet by reigniting your love for the stuff you already have instead of buying new.

Here are 3 things you can do this month:

Repair – Repair Items instead of throwing them away.

Repurpose or Donate – If you no longer need it then donate it to someone who does

Recycle – If it can no longer be used then make sure you recycle in properly.



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Coach and Horses Pub

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Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group

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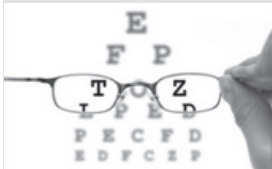
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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



The old view on the left this month is a little different from previous offerings as it is taken from a watercolour painting. It shows the cottage we now know as *Lollipops*, on Canterbury Road opposite North Lyminge Lane, but which 100 years ago was known as *The Shanty* and in 1841 as *Chapel Houses*. We know it was standing in 1760 because it features on a map of the lands belonging to the Rector of Lyminge. It seems to have been built as an almshouse for the use of the poor of the parish. In 1841 it was occupied by Thomas and Ann Raines and their 6 children aged 11 to 1. Thomas was an agricultural labourer. The view in the painting is consistent with the map of 1760 and is no later than 1835 when the chapel in Wesley Terrace (on the left in the photograph) was built. So the painting could be 200 or more years old when Yew Tree Cross at the top of the hill to the right of centre would have been visible from this point, as depicted by the artist.

The painting seems to have been in Hythe in the 1980s, but was auctioned in East Sussex in 2023 and then sold on eBay. If anyone has any information about this painting or the artist who appears to be ER Lais or Luis, please contact the Editor of *Lyminge a history* at robertbaldwin@cantab.net.



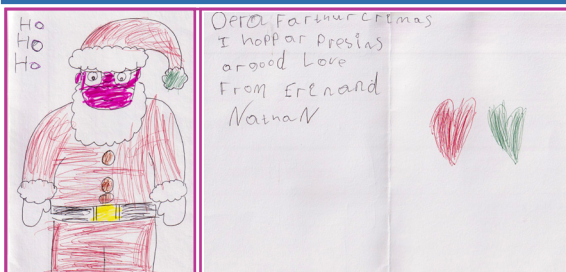
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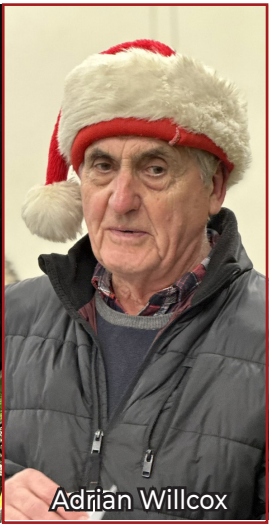
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Father Christmas received a card of thanks from Erin and Nathan having delivered some Christmas presents to them. (see over)



Adrian Willcox



Father Christmas was very busy in the lead up to Christmas. He was then found delivering Christmas presents to Broadstreet House and local families, all of whom welcomed him with open arms!! He also helped with the switching on the lights in Lyminge, ably assisted by Lyminge Primary School Choir led by the Gerry D'(elf) cruz. Adrian Willcox, who has masterminded the deliveries for the past 40+ years, this year handed over the reindeer reins to Richard and Marian Chubb.



The Wednesday Pilates class from the Tayne Centre were put into a very 'elfy' mood by Julie prior to joining together for a Christmas cranberry and bacon panini and mince pies at the Coffee Cabin