

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

OUR LOCAL BAND



Lyminge Village Hall
Saturday 23rd March 2024 7.30pm
Bring your own nibbles ~ Bar ~ Raffle
Tickets in advance £5 from Laing Bennett or £6 at the door



23RD MARCH
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL
TICKETS £5 - AVAILABLE FROM
LAING BENNETT - 1ST MARCH

Lyminge Garage Sale Saturday 6th April 2024

Entry/Registration Forms are available:
Monday 11th March 2024 at

Snippers & Clippers Ladies Hairdressing Salon
and
The Coffee Cabin

or **on-line:** www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter

Completed forms, along with payment (£5 per garage, driveway or village hall table), to be returned by Tuesday 2nd April

Contact Steve on 863600 for further information



GARAGE SALE

with **TABLE SALE**
at Lyminge Village Hall

Saturday 6th April
starting at 9.00am

**CURRENTLY TAKING
BOOKINGS**

For garages in Lyminge and surrounding villages
Registration Forms available from 11th to 28th March at
Snippers & Clippers and **The Coffee Cabin**
or download from www.lyminge.org.uk

Closing date **Tuesday 2nd April**
For further information
call Steve on 01303 863600



LYMINGE QUIZ - 18TH MAY 2024 - LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK - £4 PER HEAD

SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY -
LYMINGE SHOWCASE - 1ST JUNE 2024 - SEE PAGES 20 & 21 FOR DETAILS

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

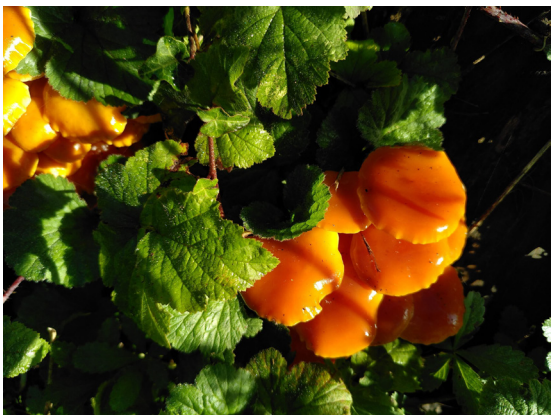
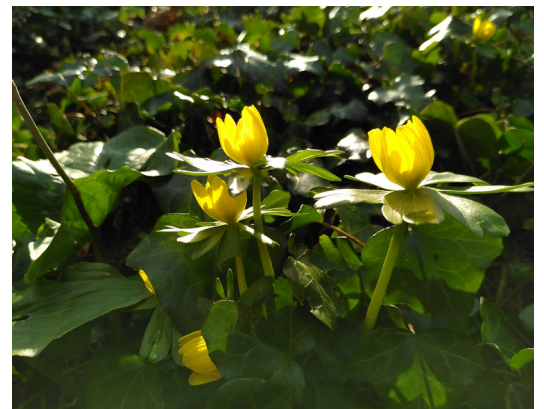
Snowdrops are my favourite flower and each year I eagerly await their arrival. **Perce-neige** is their French name, meaning snow piercer; the German is **Schneeglöckchen**, little snow bells and the Swiss name is **Amselblumli** or blackbird flower, because they bloom as the **amsel**, the blackbird, starts to sing. They are also sometimes known as **Candlemas Bells**, as they flower around 2 February which is Candlemas Day.

In the ruined remains of Sibton Park's ornamental garden around the Winter lake are many snowdrops, as there are in the grounds of Sibton Park itself. Snowdrops boast many varieties and at least three appear here: a single and a double variety, plus another slightly later flowering single. Their pointed leaves can push through snow and their sap contains an antifreeze. Long held as a symbol of hope, they hold the promise of warmer days to come.



Gently treading, so as not to destroy any of the plants, I walk and wonder at their demure beauty, so simple and yet so sophisticated. Lifting the shy drooping heads of the singles, I see delicate green markings on the three inner petals, the fine lines leading in towards the stamen. Their outer edges show a notch, highlighted in green. Double blooms are more complicated and 'double' is rather an underestimate of the number of inner petals, all with similar green lines leading to separated stamens. The flowers do not need pollinating, but they do act as an early pollen and nectar source for bumblebees that are out and about on the occasional mild day. As a herald of Spring, what could be more beautiful and at first glance, understated?

In amongst these delights, Winter aconites open their yellow star-like flowers to the sunshine, which filters through the bare branches, making their petals glow gold and shiny. They are part of the buttercup family but appear earlier than their cousins and are related to Monk's hood and both are poisonous.



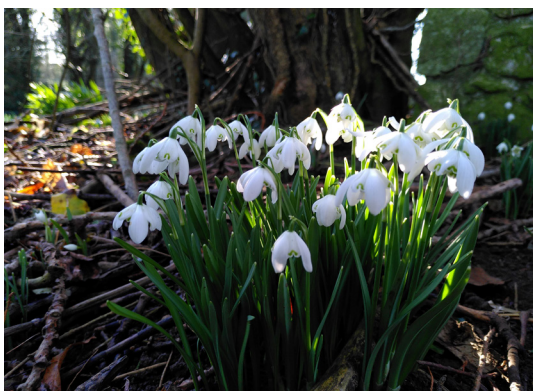
Whilst admiring these treasures, my eye catches sight of something bright red which I thought was a sweet wrapper. But no, it is a fungus, with a few others around too. It's colour is stunning and almost unreal, it's inner 'ear' vibrant red/cerise and the outer a pale pink. Commonly known as the scarlet elf cup, it grows on decaying sticks in damp places, usually buried under the leaf litter, so I feel privileged to have spotted it. Walking along Longage Hill, opposite the



cricket ground, I look back at the lake that has formed after so much rain. One female and two male mallards are swimming and diving and on the banks dappled sunlight is highlighting the white of the snowdrops.

Lyminge School grounds have a bank of snowdrops, easily seen from the path across Tayne Field and were in full bloom early in January. Snowdrops have also been planted either side of the gate that leads from Brady Road towards Sibton Park.

Snowdrops are good flowers to share. Most authorities suggest that the bulbs are divided every three or so years and whilst the foliage is still green. My late father-in-law shared some of his snowdrops with me about forty years ago and I too have divided them over the years and shared them with family and friends. Scotland is the furthest afield they have travelled, arriving the next day by first class post.



Nearby, catkins dangle from hazel trees, steadily lengthening as the days pass, gradually releasing their pollen whenever the wind stirs the air. Hazel has been coppiced for four thousand years and was used in wattle and daub walls for houses and for making wattle fencing, where the canes were, and still are, woven into a lattice pattern.

As we gradually move through February to March, the birds are getting more vociferous at each end of the day, as they begin to find a mate and gather material to make their nests.

Slow walking and keeping one's eyes open certainly pays off when out and about, as there is so much of interest hidden around our feet.

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.
05-Mar	10am	Digital Support	AUKL	269602	01-Jun	12noon	Open Gardens, Postling	CT21 4ET	
09-Mar	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC		08-Jun	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
21-Mar	12noon	Free Blood Pressure Check	AUKL	269602	22-Jun	7.30pm	The Rudes 'The Dressing Book'	TF	01323501260
21-Mar	12.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602	06-Jul	4pm	Cantores - Summer Concert	LVH	
23-Mar	7.30pm	Dance to The Undecided. See P1	LVH	863737	13-Jul	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
24-Mar	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH		13-Jul	3pm	Haywardians Concert	LMC	863049
06-Apr	9am	Spring Garage Sale. See P1		863600	10-Aug	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
12-Apr	7pm	Music on a Friday	LPC		14-Sep	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
13-Apr	10am	Spring Litter Pick	EVH	07544 670363	12-Oct	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
13-Apr	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC		12-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
27-Apr	7pm	Fun Spring Quiz. See P10	EVH	07544 670363	02-Nov	11am	Coffee Concert	LMC	
11-May	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC		09-Nov	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
14-May	8.30am	Day Trip - RHS Wisley		07703149008	01-Dec	4.45pm	Christmas Lights Switch On	EVH	07544 670363
18-May	7pm	Late Spring Quiz	LVH	862928	08-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
01-Jun	10.30am	Lyminge Showcase. See P20/21	LVH	862699	14-Dec	4pm	Cantores - Christmas Concert	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 (term time only)	AUKL	269602
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Wed ²	2pm	French Conversation	Call	862972
Mon	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	1pm	Lyminge Knitters	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	Boxfit (non-contact)	AUKL	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369225021	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 with Clare	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	1pm	Active Minds Club	AUKL	269602	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	1.30pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	9am	Pilates with Katherine	AUKL	269602
Tues	5pm	Pilates	EVH	07944028445	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	Coffee Cabin		Fri	9.30am	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07870494644
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	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	

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 Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131
2nd Monday	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903150099	1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	TC	862598
2nd Monday	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	TC	07544670363	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07903150099	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	01303901011
4th Monday	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07715221705	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
1st Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
2nd Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	4th Sun	10am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	Last Sun**	10am	Springrise Canine Care Pet First Aid	EVH	07582407637

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

AUKL Age UK Lyminge; **C&H**: Coach & Horses; **EVH**: Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH**: Elham Village Hall, **ERA**: Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES**: Elham Square, **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 3rd March

Lyminge 10am WOW
Paddlesworth 6pm. Evensong, BCP

Sunday 10th March

Lyminge 8am. Holy Communion – BCP
6pm Sung Evensong

Sunday 17th March

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge 10am Palm Sunday Songs of Praise Service

Thursday 28th March

Maundy Thursday

Stanford 7pm Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

Postling 11am Hour at the foot of the Cross
Acrise 2pm Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day (clocks go forward)

Paddlesworth 6am Day Break Service and Breakfast
Lyminge 11am Easter Sunday Communion

Sunday 7th April

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**

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.

3rd March 10.15am Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis

10th March Rev Gill Songer (inc. Holy Communion)

17th March Rev Malcolm Peach

24th March Mr David Smith

31st March Easter Day 10.15am Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

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.

3rd March 10.15am United Valley service: Revd. Gordon Newton

10th March Mrs Val Redding

17th March Mr Stuart French

24th March Mrs Keeley Taylor

31st March No service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley service at Lyminge **10.15am**. This is an Easter Day service to be led by Rev. Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)

Postling Church Services

3rd March 9.30am Holy Communion.

10th March Mothering Sunday. 9.30am Informal service in the Churchyard

17th March No service in Postling

24th March No service in Postling

29th March Good Friday 12 noon. An hour in front of the Cross

31st March 9.30am Morning Service for Easter Day

Thoughts from the Church - March 2024

This month we celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 10th, as always, on the 4th Sunday in Lent. Years ago it was also called Midlenting Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. At that time rigorous Lenten fasting and self-denial were the norm, thus it was considered good to have a break, a bit of a feast, or celebration, in mid-Lent. That grew into a custom where people, particularly those in domestic service, or working away in towns, were given the day off to go home and visit their mothers, and maybe indulge in some hearty eating whilst there.

This event today is more often called Mother's Day and looking at the traditional title it occurred to me that "mothering" is an interesting word. We hardly ever use it except for this occasion, and of course it derives from the verb "to mother".

The corresponding verb "to father", or fathering as the male equivalent, tends to mean something a bit different.

The gender references can be confusing, and they have a lot to do with historical stereotypes. Yet anyone can fulfill a mothering role. Regardless of gender. Regardless of biological connection. And regardless of age difference. Some children are mothered by family members other than their parents, and some children provide mothering care for their disabled parents.

At the foot of the cross the disciple John, and Jesus' mother Mary, were commended to the care of one another. Jesus told Mary to now regard His much-loved disciple John as her son. That gave her someone to love and cherish as her own once he had gone. But He also told John to now accept Mary as his own mother, so in turn he now had a mothering role in looking after her. What a wonderful example of God's understanding of our human needs. The recognition of the gap they both needed to fill once He had left their earthly lives.

It is right that we celebrate mothers in all their wonderful, wise, generous and, let's be honest, sometimes madly infuriating manifestations. But let's not forget, too, that anyone who offers mothering to someone else, in any way, is precious to God for their sacrifice of love for others. So perhaps it's time to return to the traditional notion of Mothering Sunday, but with the modern twist of using it to celebrate anyone, regardless of gender, family relationship, age, or formal status, who bestows nurturing care on one whom they love.

Lyminge Newsletter

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Etchinghill Update - March 2024

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

FILM NIGHT - MONDAY 18TH MARCH - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - 7.30 PM

(DOORS OPEN 7 PM) "THE MIRACLE CLUB" 12 Comedy/Drama. Starring Maggie Smith, Laura Linney and Kathy Bates. Ballygar, Dublin, Ireland, 1968: close friends Lily, Eileen and Dolly win the trip of a lifetime - a pilgrimage to Lourdes. With each woman desperately in need of a personal miracle, the trip seems like answer to all their prayers. But when they are joined by Chrissie, returning to Dublin after decades in America, deep wounds from the past are re-opened. As they confront one another and embrace their shared past, the group reckon with revelations that will change them forever. Beautifully acted, this is a heartfelt and gently humorous story of friendship, family and forgiveness. Entry fee is only £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.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL - MEET IN THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK AT 10AM.

Apart from litter collection, we also plan to clean road signs and prune foliage from overhanging signs to improve road safety, so plenty of volunteers are needed please. All materials, sacks, gloves, hi-vis jackets etc will be provided. The Spring Clean should last for no longer than 2 hours.

SPRING QUIZ - SATURDAY 27TH APRIL - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - 7 PM (DOORS OPEN 6.45 PM)

This is always a popular event, so please reserve a table now to avoid disappointment. Teams of up to 6 persons maximum, please. Entry is only £4pp - no charge for children under 18 yrs or full time students. Please remember to bring your own refreshments. To book, or to donate a raffle prize, please contact, Geraldine: gpmccombe49@gmail.com or call/text 07544 670363.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Please let Roger Joyce know any thoughts you have on what needs to be done with the Children's Playground and possible adult gym equipment here in Etchinghill? Your views will be valued.

Contact: roger.joyce@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

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



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](#)



Please be mindful of your neighbours and surroundings when letting your pets (cats and dogs) out to relieve themselves.

Pilates + Tayne Centre Lyminge

All abilities welcome

Wednesday
10:00 - 11:00

Contact Julie. 07825109670

Email :
pilates.mbs@gmail.com

District Councillors' Update - March 2024

Police & Crime Panel – At the Meeting on 6 February, it was agreed to support the PCC's proposal to increase the police precept of the council tax by £13 a year or 5.34% for an average Band D property (£1.08 a month or 35p per day). This will maintain the record number of police officers (over 4,000) in the county as well as supporting the New Neighbourhood Policing Model, which is seeing officers deployed to local communities and schools, the PCC has secured funding from the Home Office to deliver extra visible policing in antisocial behaviour and drug hotspots, to help drive crime down. However, even with this increase the Police budget still needs to find £7.3 million of savings!



FHDC Budget – The Budget Meeting will take place on 28 February 2024 and the Council part of the precept is proposed to increase by 2.99%, (the maximum allowed). Full budget details can be seen on the website, but unfortunately, include cuts of over £2 million in staff and £1.5 million in services. See [Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 31st January, 2024, 5.00 pm | Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Princes Parade – The Leader of the Council has made a decision (subject to call-in) to take down the current hoarding and replace with 1.2m stock fencing at a cost of £70,000 with a further £20,000 allocated for contingency and £10,000 allocated for maintenance! Otterpool Park LLP will cover the cost of removing the current hoarding and store it on the Otterpool site for future use.

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

F&HDC, in its response to KCC's consultation, has asked that the potential sale of the eight windmills it owns and maintains, including the Davison Mill in Stelling Minnis, be delayed to enable local groups to potentially raise money to buy the historic landmarks and maintain them into the future. The Trustees of the Davison Mill have applied to have the windmill listed as an Asset of Community Value and should hear in the next few weeks if it has been agreed.

It is the time of year to start thinking about Asian Hornets again. The Asians Hornets have been hibernating for the winter and producing queens. Once the outside temperature hits 12 degrees for two or more consecutive days the queens will wake up, look for food and fly off to start a new nest. Please report any sightings at once either by using the Asian Hornet Watch App or by emailing alernonnative@ceh.ac.uk.

Although the final details are yet to be published, it appears very likely F&HDC will be reporting a balanced budget. This has been achieved without drawing from reserves. Many councils in Kent and nationally are struggling to report a balanced budget and the members and staff have worked extraordinarily hard to achieve this remarkable feat.

The Council has launched The Excellence in Volunteering Awards Folkestone and Hythe District, run by Kent Coast Volunteering on their behalf. Details can be found at www.kcv.org.uk/folkestone-and-hythe-volunteering-awards-2024

The 'call for items' for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review is open. The consultation closes at 5pm on the 23rd February. Please submit scrutiny topics that you would potentially like to see on the forthcoming OSC forward plan.

Contact: elaine.martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

We both supported the printing of a leaflet to publicise a new pilgrimage route starting in Canterbury and proceeding via Lyminge to the shrine of St Eanswythe in Folkestone. This was financed through our Ward Grants to St Mary and St Ethelburga Church Lyminge.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

'The Miracle Club'¹²

Monday 18th March 2024

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £6pp

Open to new and existing members

Free Refreshments and Raffle

www.etchinghill.info

Railway Museum

THE ELHAM VALLEY LINE TRUST

Countryside & Craft Centre

Our **New Season** starts on **Saturday 16th March**, so come and meet us again this year from 10am and enjoy your favourite craft items, 'T' room delights and Railway Museum experiences.

EASTER BUNNY HUNT – 29th March to 1st April. Come and find the picture clues around the site to complete the hidden phrase to win an Easter Surprise.

Open every weekend and Bank Holiday from 10am to 4pm from 16th March to end of November. Events throughout the year. Please visit www.elhamvalleylinetrust.org and/or www.facebook.com/elhamValleyLineTrust.Official for more details.

MUSIC ON A FRIDAY

Spring Concert

St Mary's and Ethelburga Church, Lyminge invites you to a Special Spring Concert

12th April 2024 starting 7pm

Come listen to some good music played by talented local musicians, meet old friends, make new ones, whilst enjoying some cheese and wine.

All Free



LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



After our winter break, all talks resume in March, in the Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge, CT18 8JN. Our first two meetings of the year are:

7:30pm, Tuesday, 5 March
Daughters of Kings: Women of Power in The Kingdom of Kent
Speaker: Andrew Richardson

7:30pm, Tuesday, 2 April
A talk by John Buss: **The East Kent Coalfield – the impact of the coal industry on this largely rural area**

LHS Publications

Part 13 of *Lyminge a History*, our serial publication covering aspects of the history of the parish is now available, price £7.

All our publications are available from Lyminge Library and from Lyminge Village Store, and they are also on sale at our meetings.

Email: lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Website: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lymingehistoricalsociety

Rhodes Minnis Circle

The next meeting is on 27th March- subject to be announced. The competition is an item beginning with "J".

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm and visitors will be warmly welcome. (£2-50) entry.

Marion 862913.

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CHECK OPENING HOURS

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'Coach & Horses'



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FREE FISH

We have an overstocked pond due to very successful unplanned breeding. The fish are Shubunkins. Please call 07777623064

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First Wednesday of each Month

Starts Wednesday 3rd April

Eyes Down from 2pm

Etchinghill Village Hall

£2 per book for 5 games

£10 strip of 6 books

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits Available

We look forward to seeing you on the first Wednesday of each month

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Spring Show

Saturday 13 April 2024

at 2:30pm

Schedules will be at the Library.

Information available from

Show Secretary, Dorothy Athow

01303 862616

THE RUDES ARE COMING!

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company

Present

THE DRESSING BOOK



Tayne Field, Church Road, Lyminge,
Kent, CT18 8JA

Saturday 22nd June - 7:30pm

'SUPERBLY DONE' - THE STAGE 'A DELIGHT' - INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY'
'SUCH A GOOD NIGHT!' - THE TIMES
National Press On The Rudes
www.therudes.co.uk



The very popular Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be back again in Lyminge this summer performing another great play for us outdoors as usual on Tayne Field. The date is Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm, so get it in your diaries. You won't want to miss it!

It is called '*The Dressing Book*'. This original play by The Rudes toured briefly in 2012 mainly to arts centres and a few village halls, so most of you will not have seen it, but it was extremely well received both in the press and by the audiences. Originally, it was written for three actors and six puppets, but it's been re-written for six actors and lots of music with some great new songs.

TICKETS – are available now on the company's website – www.therudes.co.uk. Or ring 01323-501260. Get it in your diaries now!

Elham Village Hall

WEEKEND

CLEANER

REQUIRED



Contact:

(07746) 790618

or Email:

bookingsecretaryevh@gmail.com

COACH AND HORSES

Lunch service:

12:00 - 2:30

Dinner service:

5:30 - 8:00

Monday-Saturday

WHAT'S ON?

Roast dinners

served 12:00 - 7:00

Sundays

WEDNESDAY LUNCH

Pie and mash

- Wednesday lunchtime
- £10 per person

ALL DAY FRIDAY

Fishy Fry-day

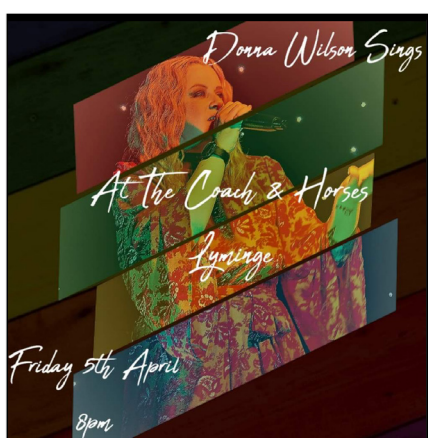
- Fish dish for £10
- Includes fish and chips, scampi and chips, fish pie etc

ALL DAY SATURDAY

Curry Curry Curry

- You guessed it... curry!
- £10 curry and rice
- A variety of curries including Boo's own thai curry (fan fave!)

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, 8PM



SECOND WEDS

Music bingo

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

FOURTH WEDS

Monthly quiz

- £2 per person entry
- £5 for quiz food
- Starts at 7:30

4TH MAY - MUSIC FROM '3 SHADES OF GREY'

Please remember, the heating is on at the pub and we welcome those who seek warmth and company. We care about the community and don't want anyone sitting at home, alone in these cold, bleak, winter months.

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
01303 901011

Cantores Diary 2024



CANTORES
DOMINICAE

The choir **Cantores** have been based in Lyminge for over 20 years, and we are looking forward to a busy programme ahead for 2024, led by our musical director Jon Williams. The following dates may be useful for your diaries.

After Easter there is to be a major collaboration concert together with Dover Choral, the Deal and Walmer Handelians, Pharos and the Thanet Chamber choir to perform the acclaimed and dramatic work **"The Dream of Gerontius"** by Edward Elgar. Our chorus of 120 or more singers will be supported by a 30 piece orchestra, and three

soloists under the baton of David Flood, former director of music at Canterbury Cathedral. The performance is to be held on the evening of **13th April** in the modern surroundings of **The Nye Hall** at the **Duke of York's School, Dover**. You are encouraged to come to what promises to be an exciting evening – full details with ticketing arrangements will be circulated next month. A concert on this scale in East Kent with easy access, and free parking is a rare event.

On **Saturday 22nd June** we have been invited to sing **Evensong** at **Rochester Cathedral**, where our previous director Adrian Bawtree now holds the post of musical director – although our attendance will give him a well earned day off in June.

Our **Summer Concert** will be in **Lyminge Village Hall** as usual at **4pm** on the afternoon of **Saturday 6th July**, where we will present a varied programme of music, both classical and lighter material.

Our popular **Coffee Concert** is planned for **11am** on **2nd November** in the lovely acoustic of the **Lyminge Methodist Church**, preceded by the customary coffee and cakes. After the deluge for Captain Noah's flood last year, we are hoping for calmer weather.

And our **Christmas Concert** will be in **Lyminge Village Hall** at **4pm** on **14th December**, where we plan to be joined again by the Hythe Town Concert Band to present a full programme of seasonal music, with wine and mince pies to get you in the mood.

Singers are always welcome to join us – rehearsals are at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings in the Lyminge Village Hall. No auditions needed, so come and give us a try – contact through any members you may know or to john.vincett@gmail.com



HAVE A GREAT
TIME!

SATURDAY 27th APRIL

FUN SPRING QUIZ

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

Doors open 6.45 pm - 7 pm start

AN ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION EVENT



ENTRY IS ONLY
£4 pp!

Join us for our Fun Spring Quiz with a mix of general knowledge, themed & musical questions.

The quiz is always a fun & popular event - to reserve a table (6 persons max. per team) please contact Geraldine by email: gpmccombe49@gmail.com or call 07544 670363. Entry fees are payable on the night - no charge for full time students or persons under the age of 18.

Please bring your own snacks and refreshments as the kitchen will be closed.

Raffle prize donations will be gratefully received – please contact Geraldine to arrange.

Funds raised will be used by the ERA for the benefit of the local community or various national & local charities



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your smoke alarm?

www.kent.fire-uk.org/smokealarms



The POSTLING COFFEE & CAKE MORNING IN AID OF THE PILGRIMS HOSPICE

Saturday 9th March 10am to 12noon at Postling Church

All donations go to the Pilgrims Hospice in their entirety.



Hot Cross Buns

The Ark Bakery is whirring back into action by popular request to bake delicious Hot Cross Buns for everyone this Good Friday 29th March

To order ...or...join the Bun Creating Team this Good Friday morning, please call Hester 07858 795758

Please place orders early so we can get organised in time

Hot Cross Buns 75p each
Pick up from 10am till 12noon



TALK BY JO ARNELL

(Hornbrook Manor, Woodchurch – Horticulturist and Designer) – *"How To Get Your Plants Through Hell and High Water"*

Tuesday 19th March
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Refreshments from 7:15pm
Talk starts 7:30pm



SPRING SHOW and PLANT SALE

Saturday 23rd March
at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Plant Sales from 11:00am

Show opens 1:30pm
Presentation of Cups 4:00pm
(Staging 8:30am until 10:30am)

Show Schedules will be available at 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

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Are your Monday evenings a bit dull?

"Why don't you join a group of us having fun learning 'Bollywood' dances.

The Elham classes started at the beginning of September and I joined a few weeks later but it wasn't a problem as Minal, our teacher, is very patient. She revises the steps each week and we learn a new dance every term

To paraphrase Eric Morecombe, I was soon doing the right steps but not necessarily in the right order!



It's great exercise to lively "feel good" music. So, bring some Indian sunshine in to the week and join us in Elham Village Hall at 7pm on a Monday."

For more information contact Minal on 07816899570 or minal@bollywood-blast.co.uk or check out her website www.bollywood-blast.co.uk



Lyminge Friends

March is **Women's History Month** and on **Wednesday, 6 March** we will be welcoming **Jean Hatton** whose talk will be "**Elizabeth Fry – Prison Reformer – A Woman Who Defied Social Convention.**"

On Easter Monday, 01 April, we will be having lunch at The Black Robin pub, Kingston. Please let us know if you would like to come along.

At April's meeting we have a talk by Anne & Geoff Gould on "Grandad's War – 4 young men – same war – different experiences."

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. All meetings are in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre unless otherwise stated from 10.30am to 12noon.

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Fifth Trust Update

www.fifthtrust.co.uk

We're egg-cited to say our family friendly activities are returning for the Easter break and beyond! From 29th March – 14th April, our Vineyard Garden Centre will be holding a FREE Easter hunt. Simply show up, grab a work booklet, and hop around the garden centre to find all the clues - crack the code, win an awesome prize.

Need some jobs done around your garden? Call in The Fifth Trust Team! Garden maintenance is one of the training opportunities we offer to our students with learning disabilities, led by a qualified and experienced team leader. We offer a range of services from regular maintenance to one-off jobs. Email plant.centre@fifthtrust.co.uk or call the garden maintenance team on 07403 796631 to discuss your requirements and book a free initial consultation.



Lyminge Judo Club

(Bushido Club registered)

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

Juniors £2.50 per week; Seniors £3.50 per week. First session free, with no obligation.

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub

Seated Yoga



Every Monday
9:00am - 10:00am
£6 pp



Age UK Lyminge
Station Road
CT18 8HQ



To book Call
01303 269602



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Saturday 9th March
7pm - 10pm

DISCO - FANCY DRESS (optional)

Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF

Entry fee includes a buffet, hot and cold drinks are available to purchase, however if you fancy a cheeky tittle you are welcome to bring your own alcohol.



Booking is essential by calling 01303 269602

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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.

Come and join our informal local support group. We would love to see some new faces at our March meetings.

March 2024
11th and 25th
10am until 12noon

We meet twice monthly on Monday mornings at the Coach and Horses, Lyminge

For more information or if you would like support but are unable to attend the meetings, please email or telephone:
Email: Lymingestrokesocial@gmail.com
Telephone: 07903 150 099 or 07846 177 409

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE

FHODS Youth Section presents

Into the Woods

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 April

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Book by JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

BOX OFFICE 01303 223925 or towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

The COUNTERFEIT Seventies

Saturday 27 April 7.30pm

This uplifting show will take you on a nostalgic trip back to the 70s!!

Tickets £22 | Concessions £20
(Over 65s/Under 18s) Doors 6.30pm

The Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone CT20 3HL

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4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

LYMINGE FARMERS' MARKET

NEXT: 24 MAR

9:30 - 12:30
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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Etchinghill - Lyminge - Rhodes Minnis

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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

'Looking to the Future' event:

A neighbourhood plan for Lyminge

On Saturday 24th February 2024, Lyminge Parish Council held an event to launch the Neighbourhood Plan. We welcomed residents to Lyminge Village Hall to discuss what it will take to see the plan through to fruition and how they can influence the future of the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a document that will contain planning policies which, once agreed by the community, will sit alongside the Folkestone and Hythe District Council Local Plan and will help to guide planning applications and how land is used in Lyminge Parish for the next 15 to 20 years.

A Neighbourhood Plan is such an exciting project to be involved in and is going to shape the parish for the next generation. If you want to get involved please contact the clerk, we have a mailing list and send out an update every week or so.

GET INVOLVED...

We are currently looking for people to get involved with our various working groups and committees.

The Community Engagement and Events Committee are looking for individuals who would like to be involved in the following working groups:

- D Day 80th Anniversary commemoration,
- Lyminge summer festival
- Play Parks (currently dealing with Meriden Park - Etchinghill)

We are also looking for individuals who would like to join the Historic Environment working group.

Please email the clerk for any information. You do not need to be 18 to join our working groups.

DEFIB / CPR TRAINING

We are hosting defibrillator/CPR training on the 8th March at 9:30am - the training is free but spaces are very limited so please contact the clerk to reserve a space or for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Vice-Chair - roger.joyce@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
Trees - gillian.heywood@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
Handyman - fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk
General - clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk / 07999 403948

COST OF LIVING HELP

Lyminge Parish Council has been granted £1500 as part of the Parish Council Winter Support Scheme. As part of this, we will be setting up several pop up food banks for those in our parish who need the most help. Our main target demographic will be families with primary school and pre-school aged children and our elderly parishioners.

We have not yet received the funds so we are putting together the events as we type.

Please contact us via the clerk if you would like more information, alternatively, if you have items you wish to donate to our pop up food bank, you can contact the clerk to arrange this or drop shelf stable food (within expiry date) to the Coach and Horses pub in Lyminge.

SUGGESTIONS

As a council we endeavour to welcome feedback, positive and negative, and implement changes where we can! Please let us know what you would like to see more of in the parish, what you'd like to change or what you love by emailing the clerk. If you've got some favourite parts of the parish, send us a picture and why you think it's your favourite.

JOIN THE COUNCIL

Lyminge Parish Council are once again seeking to co-opt new people! Please email the clerk for an application form if you are interested in joining or to ask any burning questions.

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:

4th March - F+A - 18:30

11th March - Full Council - 19:00

8th April - Full Council - 19:00

29th April F+A - 18:30

Annual Parish Meeting will be on 13th May - more info to follow.

MARCH MEETING DATES

Full Council - 11th March 19:00 - 21:00 - Rigden Room, Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Finance and Administration - 4th March 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 5th March, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

What To Do in March

Well, the daylight hours are increasing as we head for the spring equinox (20th March) and the clocks going forward (31st March) launching us into spring! Equinox means equal day to night so after that the plants respond much better. Later sowings often catch up and you don't really gain much by sowing early. Then it is full steam ahead for us gardeners. Mind you don't get too enthusiastic with planting or sowing directly into the soil as it is still pretty cold. The soil needs to be above 10 degrees. Watch for weeds growing then you know other things will also grow.

So get things off to a start under cover. Seeds need warmth but not necessarily light to germinate so you can even stack trays up in a warm place. As soon as they have popped through move them to a warm well lit space. Sow under cover as for February plus peas for pods and beetroot. Then celery and celeriac (needs light to germinate) from mid-month. With warmth tomatoes – sow around mid-month for under cover cropping, melon at month's end. Sow outside garlic if not already, broad beans and after mid-month sow lettuce, spinach, peas, onion seeds and sets, salad onion, early brassicas, parsley, coriander, dill, parsnips and first early potatoes late March. Best to cover these with fleece to start with. Continue adding to your compost pile and why not start a wormery? The liquid you get from it is really effective and saves you money. Don't forget your pollinator flowers such as marigolds, Alyssum and if you haven't already done so, sow some sweet peas.

Seed Boxes



We are pleased to announce that we have added metal boxes to each of the two Lyminge Library phone boxes, to enable people to share and swap seeds. Do have a look next time you're passing and add any excess seeds that you have, which could help a newbie to get started or a seasoned gardener to branch out.

Please note, the Seed Boxes are to act as a receptacle for packets/envelopes of spare seeds and should not be removed.



Allotment Mini-Plots

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to take on one of our allotment mini-plots. We have several new plot holders this year and wish them well with their growing journey. All the plots are now taken so we look forward to seeing them all producing great seasonal produce for their 'owners'.

Seasonal Produce: Cauliflower

This one is a bit of a cheat - cauliflowers are pretty much in season all year round, because helpfully they can be grown throughout the year. They also have extraordinary versatility in use too, so much so that it's tricky to decide what recipe to include for them. Can be a lovely raw snack, as well as delicious fried, roasted or steamed.

Growing depends a little on the time of year, but as with broccoli, they will need protection from hungry caterpillars and pigeons with netting. Usually planted out in late spring and early summer, the cauliflower can be sown repeatedly to provide an ongoing crop that will cover most of the year.

Cauliflower Polonaise (Riverford) www.riverford.co.uk/recipes/cauliflower-polonaise

Ingredients

- Cauliflower or Romanesco florets
- 60g butter
- 2 hard boiled eggs, shelled
- 1 tbsp capers, chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
- 30g white breadcrumbs
- 120g butter

Method

Prep time: 10 min Cooking time: 15 min

Step 1 Cook the cauliflower lightly in boiling salted water for a few minutes. Make sure that there is still some bite in the cauliflower and it is well drained. Fry the florets in the 60g of butter until golden. Arrange in a warm serving dish.

Step 2 Grate the eggs and mix with parsley. Fry the crumbs in the butter until golden brown. Scatter the egg/parsley mix over the cauliflower with the capers. Pour the butter and crumb mix over the top.



Very Best Seasonal Wishes from Thoughtful Food



Global Temperature Update: 2023 was hottest year on record

It has been widely reported that 2023 was the hottest year on record. For example, Carbon Brief (www.carbonbrief.org) explains that 2023 was the warmest year “by a large margin”, at between 1.34 and 1.54°C above pre-industrial levels across different datasets, and was the warmest year on record in 77 different countries. The year was also the warmest on record for ocean heat content, which increased notably between 2022 and 2023.

The Carbon Brief article also summarises additional consequences of our rising temperatures, including that cumulative ice loss from the world’s glaciers and from the Greenland ice sheet reached a new record high in 2023, contributing to sea level rises which also reached record highs last year. They report that Arctic sea ice saw its sixth-lowest minimum extent on record, while Antarctic sea ice saw a new record low extent for almost the entire year, much of it by an exceptionally large margin.

Reminder: Bumblebee Workshop with Bumblebee Conservation Trust on 27th March

Following our successful bee Walk & Talk last August (see July and September newsletters), the Bumblebee Conservation Trust team has kindly offered to run a beginners’ bumblebee identification workshop for us this spring. It will take place on **Wednesday 27th March from 9.30am to 3.30pm**, based at the scout hut. They will bring a host of resources to teach participants how to identify our local bumblebees, and will have numerous resources available to purchase including identification books and leaflets. They will provide tea and biscuits but please bring your own lunch, and perhaps even your own comfy chair (most of the scout chairs are child-size...)



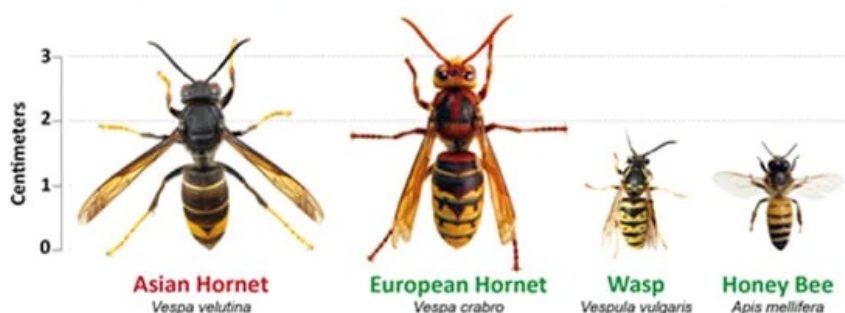
This event will also help us to set up a monthly bumblebee monitoring programme in the Parish (see beewalk.org.uk). Please let us know in advance if you’d like to come, or if you would like to get involved even if you can’t come, through Tony King (tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk) and/or Alex Hodges (alexander.hodges@bumblebeeconservation.org).

Can you tell an Asian Hornet from a Native Hornet? *Please let us know if you see any*

Kent saw a huge increase in the number of Asian hornet nests reported last year, we can all help keep an eye out for them this year, and report any sightings through official channels - there is an app available from the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), links can be found on www.ahat.org.uk/ - but if you see one in the Parish please do let us know as well, to tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

Asian hornets are much darker than our native hornets, and a bit smaller. See www.ahat.org.uk/identification for tips on identification. Some people will try to trap Asian hornets, however it is important to make every effort to avoid killing other insects, for example by being very selective about the diameter of any entrance and escape holes, and by checking daily. An alternative way of monitoring for hornets is to set up a wick station. Basically a jar with a small hole in the lid you can tightly fit some wick material through. You use a sweet liquid lure (sugar water) or pheromone in the jar and you position it somewhere highly visible where you can regularly observe it for signs of visiting hornets. Photographing and reporting hornets will help us understand them better, and will facilitate control measures such as nest removal where appropriate.

Another official source of information is aphascience.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/06/hunting-for-the-asian-hornet/



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So the Showcase event in June is an opportunity to:

1. Find out what organisations exist in our community
2. Provide an opportunity to join those organisation
3. Provide an opportunity to volunteer and help
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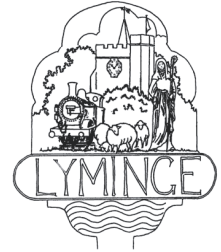
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2. **By email to adrian.willcox@icloud.com**
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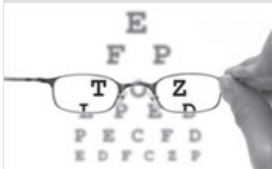
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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



The two views above show the inside of the parish church taken around 130 years apart. The view on the left dates probably to the 1890s when Canon Jenkins was still Rector. The small organ in the north aisle was replaced in 1896 by the current organ celebrating Canon Jenkins' 40 years of service in Lyminge, so the photo must have been taken before then. The visible architecture has not changed between the two photographs, but almost everything else we can see has.

A major refurbishment in 1898-1900, replaced the floor, repaired and replaced many roof timbers, and took out the old pews. The pews we see today, made by local men reputedly out of oak from Broome Park, were installed over a period of years early in the 20th Century. Heating in the 1890s was provided by small stoves; one with its long flue can be seen in the nave and there was another in the chancel. Today there is gas-fired central heating. There was no artificial light in the 1890s; oil lamps were only installed around 1900 and electric light did not arrive until 1932. The large open space around the font visible at the rear of the nave in the 1890s looks very different from today. This area is now filled with pews, and the font is in the north aisle, where it was moved in the 1930s. But a plan to reorder the back of the church has recently been approved so the open space will soon be restored. The font will be relocated once again so that it will be close to its former position. The parish church is almost 1,000 years old, but it remains a living building and it has been subject to constant change over the centuries to meet the needs of the community it serves.



At their recent meeting, members of the outgoing Lyminge Friends Committee were thanked for all their support whilst in office.

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