

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION  
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April 2024  
From The Lyminge Association



Happy Easter to All Our Readers



## GARAGE SALE

Saturday 6th April  
starting at 9.00am

**Bargains Galore!**  
**and TABLE SALE**

FREE maps showing garage locations will be available from Lyminge Village Hall, The Coffee Cabin and at Age UK on the day or via [www.lyminge.org.uk](http://www.lyminge.org.uk)

Refreshments at  
AgeUK, The Village Hall  
and The Coffee Cabin

FREE PARKING IN THE MAIN CAR PARK,  
VILLAGE HALL AND AROUND THE VILLAGE  
For further information  
call 01303 863600

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The Lyminge Association's

SPRING

## QUIZ

WHEN ? Saturday  
18th MAY 7pm

WHERE ?  
Lyminge Village Hall

Bring your own supper,  
drinks, glasses and cutlery

ONLY £4 per head  
Teams - maximum of 8

Call Dave on 01303 862928  
to book a place/table



SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY  
LYMINGE SHOWCASE - 1ST JUNE 2024  
SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS

# Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

A few days ago the forecast for today had been for wet and somewhat windy weather, so when I saw the dawn beginning to fill the clear eastern sky, deep yellow and gold gradually fading and fusing with royal blue and turquoise, I was grateful, as I was meeting a friend for a walk through Folkestone and down to the harbour. And how apt it was that amongst the twenty-four vivid vapour trails I counted, two had crossed diagonally in the deeper blue sky, making a Saltire – the friend I was meeting was Scottish!

We alight from the bus in Sandgate Road and walk down through the pedestrianised precinct, which has a sad and melancholy air now that Debenhams and other shops are closed and empty. Bearing right at the bottom where the old Guildhall stands, we take the Old High Street, steep, shaded, narrow and cobbled – a reminder of Folkestone's medieval past. The shops here are very different from those we passed a few minutes earlier as this is the Creative Quarter. Paintings, pottery, jewellery, craft works all fill the shop front windows, waiting for the weather to warm up and tourists to arrive, with money to spend and time to fill. Steep Street Coffee House is a book café and bakery, its walls lined with books for browsing and for sale.



Out into the sunshine and back into the present, we approach the harbour area with its winter wind-battered palm trees and low eruptions of water from the pavement fountain, the sun saving the scene from its out-of-season drabness. We cross Beach Street, where in November 1940, two parachute mines exploded, killing 14, injuring 60 with 50 shops and houses partly or wholly demolished, thus re-shaping the area entirely.



Moving on, we stroll along the harbour arm, which has been re-imagined and re-purposed in a successful attempt to attract visitors. It was originally built by Thomas Telford and opened in 1807. Today we can enjoy the views and the bare bones of the arm, as it is devoid of tourists. The water within the harbour is deep blue and calm, a boat moored here and there and a small painted wooden house in the middle. A fishing boat is attracting a host of seagulls, flying and floating all around, beneath a backdrop of the cliffs, a Martello Tower, the arches at the back of Sunny Sands, and the famous Warren just around the headland.

Descending the damp dark steps we are now almost at sea level with Sir Antony Gormley's Another Time sculpture standing in the disused loading bay in front of us, silhouetted against the bright blue of the sea. A variety of eateries run along one side of the arm, waiting for warmer days to bring them back to life. The elegant pale granite pier head lighthouse, a Grade II listed building and now a champagne bar, stands at the end of the harbour arm, its revolving light continuing to alert ships to the presence of the outer pier.

Returning on the western side we walk along the restored station platform, with flower beds laid out along the track. Folkestone Harbour Branch Station



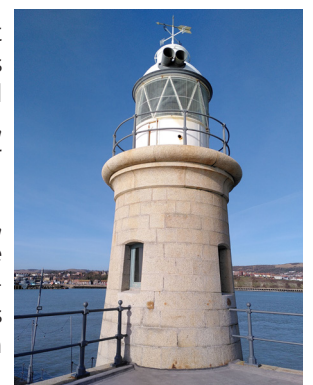
was once part of the world's first international rail-sea-rail link and was opened in 1850.

During WWI over eight million troops passed through this station and in 1940 every boat in Folkestone took part in the Dunkirk evacuation, bringing troops back to board trains here. A sculpture by Paloma Varga Weisz entitled Rug People sits in the middle of the 'track' depicting five intertwining heads and representing, amongst others, the 120,000 refugees who arrived here from Europe in WWI and the soldiers who travelled through here, on their way to Europe to fight, and the wounded on their way back.

We continue past fishermen casting lines over the wall and past the Signal Box café where we take the Board Walk formed of sleepers set into the shingle and make our way towards the Leas Cliff Lift Café for a late lunch. The walk takes us in front

of the new luxury flats, built on the beach and almost completed, with the Pent House apartments for sale at over one million pounds. These might be the safest to buy with sea levels predicted to steadily rise over the coming decades. We sit and relax in the bay window of the quaint café, basking in the warmth of the afternoon sun, watching ships pass, ranging from huge rectangular container ships, to small local fishing boats.

Time to make our way back to catch the bus in Sandgate, so we stroll through the Coastal Park, up and down on undulating paths with glimpses of the quiet sea through the gaps between the salt-toughened trees, leaning landwards from the constant westerly winds. White foaming wave-falls mark the division between land and sea. We have walked, strolled, and walked again on this peaceful day, amongst places spanning the centuries. I wonder what Folkestone will look like in another hundred years?



# 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.
02-Apr	10am	Digital Support	AUKL	269602	01-Jun	10.30am	Lyminge Showcase. See P9	LVH	862699
06-Apr	9am	Spring Garage Sale. See P1		863600	01-Jun	12noon	Open Gardens, Postling	CT21 4ET	
12-Apr	7pm	Music on a Friday	LPC		08-Jun	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
13-Apr	10am	Spring Litter Pick	EVH	07544670363	22-Jun	7.30pm	The Rudes 'The Dressing Book'	TF	01323501260
13-Apr	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC		06-Jul	4pm	Cantores - Summer Concert	LVH	
13-Apr	2.30pm	Rhodes Minnis Spring Show	RMVH	862616	13-Jul	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
18-Apr	12.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602	13-Jul	3pm	Haywardians Concert	LMC	863049
26-Apr	7.30pm	Clairvoyant Evening	AUKL	269602	10-Aug	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
27-Apr	7pm	Fun Spring Quiz. See P10	EVH	07544670363	14-Sep	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
27-Apr	8am	Boot & Spring Fayre	PH		12-Oct	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC	
28-Apr	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH		12-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
11-May	10am	Coffee and Cake Morning	PC		02-Nov	11am	Coffee Concert	LMC	
11-May	2pm	Chalk Stream Monitoring P18	TF		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 See P1	LVH	862928	08-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
19-May	6pm	Etchinghill Village Hall AGM	EVH		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	11am	Singing For All (term time only)	AUKL	269602
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	2pm	French Conversation (fortnightly)	Call	862972
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07840796383
Mon	1pm	Lyminge Knitters	AUKL	269602	Thurs	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10am	Boxfit (non-contact)	AUKL	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369225021	Thurs	10am	Carers' Brunch	AUKL	269602
Mon	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	10.30am	COGS	AUKL	269602
Tues	9am	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Thurs	11.45am	Streetz to Streetz (fish and chips)	AUKL	07955926835
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Thurs	12.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing with Clare	AUKL	269602	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	10am	Pottery	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	10.30am	Cognitive Stimulation (COGS)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	1pm	Active Minds Club	AUKL	269602	Fri	9am	Pilates with Katherine	AUKL	269602
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	EVH	863819	Fri	9.15am	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	1st Wed	2pm	Bingo	EVH	
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07903150099	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
4th Monday	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07715221705	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	01303901011
1st Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
1st Tues <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	3 monthly Sunday	10am	Blue Kangaroo Baby Class	EVH	07800 737936

<sup>1</sup> In term time only <sup>2</sup> Except Jan and Feb <sup>3</sup> Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug <sup>4</sup> Except Aug and Dec <sup>5</sup> 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 31st March Easter Sunday (clocks go forward)

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

### 7th April

Lyminge 10am WOW Service  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

### 14th April

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion BCP  
6pm Sung Evensong

### 21st April

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1  
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

### 28th April

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP  
Lyminge 10am Family Praise Service

### 5th May

#### ROGATION SUNDAY

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion; then Breakfast in the Pub. Rogation Walk to Lyminge  
Lyminge 11am Sung Eucharist. Continue Rogation Walk to Stanford  
Stanford 4.30pm Evening Prayer BCP, and Tea  
Postling 7pm Rogation Sunday Compline

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



We are pleased to announce that **The Revd Carol Bates**, currently Priest in Charge of All Saints, Sanderstead, in the Southwark Diocese, has been appointed Rector of the Elham Valley Benefice subject to the usual procedures. **The institution and induction will take place in St Mary's Church Elham on Monday 19th June at 7pm.** Please pray for Carol in her new ministry.



## 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.

**31st March** Easter Day **10.15am** Rev Gill Songer (inc Holy Communion)

**7th April** Mr Dwight Harris

**14th April** **10.15am** Valley Service at Elham: Mr Hugh Burnham

**21st April** Local Arrangement

**28th April** Miss Barbara Lunn

## 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.

**31st March** No Service but Valley service at Lyminge **10.15am**. See above

**7th April** Revd Gill Songer

**14th April** No Service at Rhodes Minnis but a Valley service at Elham at **10.15am**

**21st April** A local arrangement

**28th April** Mr Tim James

## Postling Church Services

**31st March** **9.30am** morning service for Easter Day

**7th April** **9.30am** Holy Communion

**14th April** **5pm** Tea Service

**21st April** No service in Postling

**28th April** **8.30am** Breakfast Service



As we travel through the period of Lent and into Easter, Methodists across Britain have been thinking about God's unbounded love, which refuses to stay within lines and reaches out to all people and all of creation. Sometimes its hard to believe that our God wants to be involved in all the messiness of our everyday lives, and yet there in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we see God brushing sides with humanity, interweaving God's story into our own. When we reach out to God in prayer, whether that be a wail of grief, a prayer of thanksgiving or an explosion of joy, there is God. God's love is unbounded.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

## Lyminge Newsletter

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## District Councillors' Update - April 2024

**Otterpool Park** – There is a lot of work being undertaken on this project but there is no confirmation yet of a strategic partner. The inevitable delay in delivery of the project means that the District Council will find it difficult to meet its housing target.

**My Community Voice – Home Page - My Community Voice Kent** - is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. It is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts the

Police send you, share information and tell them about the issues affecting you. It also keeps you informed of current scams.

**Folkestone – what an accolade for our town to be crowned the best place to live in the south east of England by the Sunday Times.** The judges talk about our “eye-catching culture-led regeneration”. They praised our “artists’ studios, the cool shops on the Old High Street and the Harbour Arm”. The judges also noted the town’s “impressive schools, state-of-the-art sports facilities and high-speed trains to London”.

**Levelling-up Fund** – In January 2023, under the previous administration, the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced the Council’s funding bid was successful and £19.8m was awarded. Our plan - A Brighter Future - will breathe new life into Folkestone and radically improve the complicated road network, making it much easier for residents and visitors to access the town centre: preliminary grounds investigations are due to begin later this month and all work completed by March 2025. For further details [Folkestone Levelling Up - Public engagement November 2023 | Folkestone & Hythe District Council \(folkestone-hythe.gov.uk\)](#)

**Contact:** [jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) Mobile 07887918458

**Finances** - At the meeting of the Full Council on 28th February, a fully costed and balanced budget for 2024/25 was approved. As expected, the Council Tax will increase, the F&HDC proportion of it is increasing by 2.99%. Other precepts will be determined by KCC, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Town/Parish Councils. The budget includes £18 million to be spent on front line services such as waste collection, quality social housing and other community based services. The Housing Revenue Account budget was also approved and unfortunately rents will be increasing by 7.7%. This is in line with the Government’s recommendations. The extra money will enable the council to continue with the maintenance of its properties and allow us to build more social housing in the District. I know that these increases come at a very bad time with the ongoing cost of living crisis. Please check the Council’s website for details of help and support that can be provided if you are affected by this.

**Consultation on The Folkestone** – A Brighter Future Phase 3 project is open until 2nd April. Details of this phase can be found at [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/luf-public-engagement-Mar24](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/luf-public-engagement-Mar24). Your views are important to the development. The scheme is being updated after each of the previous consultations based on feedback from the public.

**Boundaries** - As I have reported previously, the constituency boundaries for the next General Election have changed. North Downs West will now come under the Ashford constituency for General Elections only. For all other elections and administration, you will still be in Folkestone and Hythe District Council and Kent County Council.

**Landslides** - There have been several landslides along the Folkestone part of the coast and the Road of Remembrance remains shut. F&HDC have completed the works they are responsible for: all shrubs and sycamore trees were removed, and 12 evergreen oak trees were coppiced to form a low hedge. We are now awaiting a drone survey to be carried out along the escarpment and an assessment will be made to see if any other works need to be carried out. The road remains closed whilst KCC arranges clearance of the fallen trees. KCC is unable to commence work until they know that it is safe for their operatives to access the road.

**Contact:** [elaine.martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)



### THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION



## 1st June 2024 - Lyminge Village Hall Booking Form on Page 9

### Rhodes Minnis Circle

On 28th February we had our brains tested to logically work out a quiz kindly provided by Daphne.

The Competition was won by Carol Huxtable with Jackie Story 2nd, Paula Peers 3rd, and Mary Usher 4th.

On 24th April we welcome back Nick Smith giving us a talk on Wildlife.

The competition is an item beginning with 'J'.

We meet at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2-30pm, and visitors are very welcome to join us.

For further information contact **Marion 862913**.

## 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



Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge, CT18 8JN

**7.30pm Tuesday 2 April**

*The East Kent Coalfield – The Impact Of The Coal Industry On This Largely Rural Area, by John Buss*

**7.30pm Tuesday 7 May**

*The Royal Hospital Chelsea – An Insight, by Brian Rolfe*

**7.30pm Tuesday 4 June**

*Is that Ruff Enough? - A Story of Lace Making, by Janice Cooper*

## 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](mailto:lymingehistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH SPRING COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 13th April  
1030 - 1230**

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

Come and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship.

Cake stall and raffle

**Free entry and refreshments;  
retiring collection**

# 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**

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## Contact details

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**Email:** [alittlemorejoyuk@outlook.com](mailto:alittlemorejoyuk@outlook.com)



## Lyminge Primary School

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

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

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

Phone: 01303 862367

Email: [office@lyminge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@lyminge.kent.sch.uk)

This job is subject to an enhanced DBS Check and the Right to Work in the UK.

## Coach & Horses

**CHECK OPENING HOURS**

**For bookings and any help needed, please phone**

**01303 901011 or check**

**Facebook page 'Coach & Horses'**



## Etchinghill Update - March 2024

### ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe - 07939 076617 E-mail: [dmccombel@gmail.com](mailto:dmccombel@gmail.com)

Website: [www.etchinghill.info](http://www.etchinghill.info) Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

### FILM NIGHT - MONDAY 15th APRIL - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - 7.30 PM

**(DOORS OPEN 7 PM). "FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS - ONE AND ALL", 15.** Comedy/Drama/Music, starring James Purefoy, Dave Johns and Sam Swainsbury. This is the sequel to the 2019 hit comedy and charts the next instalment of the Fisherman's Friends amazing and uplifting true story. The beautiful Cornwall scenery provides the backdrop to this feel good musical tale. 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.

### REMINDER!! - VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN - SATURDAY 13TH APRIL - 10AM

Please meet at Etchinghill Village Hall car park. 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 no longer than 2 hours.

**REMINDER!! - SPRING QUIZ - SATURDAY 27TH APRIL - 7PM (doors open at 6.45pm) ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL** This is always a popular event and table bookings are coming in fast, so please reserve yours early to avoid disappointment with teams of up to 6 persons maximum. Entry is only £4pp - no charge for children under 18yrs or full time students. To book, or to donate a raffle prize, please contact Geraldine: [gpmccombe49@gmail.com](mailto:gpmccombe49@gmail.com) or call/text 07544670363. **Please remember to bring your own refreshments.**

### LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL IN ETCHINGHILL

A most exciting discovery has emerged from the specialist conservation work that is underway at **Spicer's Farm**. The Parish Council looked in detail at planning applications ref 23/2062/FH and 23/2070/FH, learning that part of the farmhouse could be the remnants of the oldest inhabited building in the parish. LPC are keen to engage with the Lyminge Historical Society and the owners of Spicer's Farm to find out more about the history of the site. LPC submitted supporting comments in respect of the applications, which seek to replace modern buildings on the footprint of the original farmstead.

The parish council recently took on **Meriden Park** from FHDC and upon inspection it was closed, for safety reasons. LPC are working alongside parishioners to design the replacement park and this presents an exciting opportunity. We have spoken to several residents who have amazing ideas and as such, a working group was formed, further ideas were submitted and now it is time to have another meeting where we can start to really map out our initial ideas. If you would like to be involved in the process please get in touch! Our next working group get together is on Tuesday 9th April, from 6pm at the Coach and Horses in Lyminge.

To discuss any of the above, please contact [clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Please see the LPC pages for information about the Neighbourhood Plan.**

**PILATES at the Village Hall:** We sadly said "goodbye" to our wonderful Pilates Instructor Luciana, after 3 years of classes at Etchinghill Village Hall - see P 31. We wish her and her husband James, a successful new life in Cork, Ireland.

**News contact: Jacqui Blandford - 07543 966830 or email: [jacqui.blandford@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.blandford@gmail.com)**



## The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM

**Sunday 19th May 2024 at 6pm**

**To all Etchinghill residents,**

Please come along to the AGM and show your support for this marvellous local facility. This is your opportunity to find out more about the Hall, the activities that are available, together with an update on the finances and plans for the year ahead.

If you would like to be involved with the future management of the Hall you will have the opportunity to put your name forward as a future trustee.

The meeting will last approximately one hour and refreshments will be available after the meeting after the meeting.

Please support your Village Hall

**JOHN WHITE, Chairman. Etchinghill Village Hall**



# The Dream of Gerontius

Edward Elgar

## Cantium Chorale

A collaboration between

Cantores Dominicae, Dover Choral Society  
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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7.30 p.m.

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[www.dwhsociety.co.uk](http://www.dwhsociety.co.uk) or on the door

## 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](http://www.therudes.co.uk)



## THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION



This event is an opportunity for your organisation to show to the wider community the merits of your group. Booking form below can be returned by the following methods:

1. Showcase 2024, The Lyminge Association, The Old Mill, Canterbury Road, Lyminge, CT18 8JW
2. By email to [adrian.willcox@icloud.com](mailto:adrian.willcox@icloud.com)
3. Via the Library in an envelope marked 'The Lyminge Association'

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](http://www.therudes.co.uk). Or ring 01323-501260. Get it in your diaries now!



### LYMINGE ASSOCIATION – SHOWCASE 2024 BOOKING FORM

To help us organise the day, please complete the form below.

Even if your organisation is not attending, returning it to the address above will help us.

Organisation's Name \_\_\_\_\_ will attend ? Yes  No

We would like to reserve: space with table  space without table

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip before 1st May 2024. Thank you



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Saturday 13th April 10am to 12noon at Postling Church

ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE PILGRIMS HOSPICE IN THEIR ENTIRETY - PLEASE BRING CASH

**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](http://www.etchinghill.info)

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[www.facebook.com/ElhamValleyLineTrust.Official](https://www.facebook.com/ElhamValleyLineTrust.Official)  
for more details.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

HAVE A GREAT TIME!

SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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[lord.whisky@btinternet.com](mailto:lord.whisky@btinternet.com)



## BOOT & SPRING FAYRE SATURDAY 27 APRIL

At Park House, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

Boots from 8am (cars £7.50 / vans £10)  
Entertainment with The East Kent Piping Society  
Country & Western with Dave  
Gumboots Reggae Band  
All I Want To Do Is Sing

Classic Cars Welcome - Hot & Cold Refreshments  
Tombola - Lots of Stalls  
Entry by donation  
Ample free parking



## PRESENTATION BY LAURA BRADY FROM THE WONKY PARSNIP NURSERY

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
at  
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge  
Refreshments from 7:15pm /  
Presentation starts 7:30pm

*N.B. There will be a follow-up visit to The Wonky Parsnip Company Nursery in July – more details in the June Newsletter*

For more information about the Gardeners' Society please email:  
[lymingegardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lymingegardeners@gmail.com)  
or call Anne on 07703 14900



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.

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To book your place

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

# POSTLING VILLAGE OPEN GARDENS EXTRAVAGANZA 1 & 2 JUNE 2024

BBQ - LOCAL SAUSAGES & BURGERS  
HAVE-A-GO ARCHERY  
CRAFT STALLS  
HOMEMADE CAKES & TEA  
PLANT STALLS  
MEET THE LAMBS AND OTHER ANIMALS



## Lyminge Village Hall YOGA DAY

20TH  
APRIL

celebrate your body this spring!  
20th April  
10am-4pm

Beginners  
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YOUR GUIDE  
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### Lyminge Friends

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 our meeting on **Wednesday, 3 April** we have a talk by Anne & Geoff Gould on **"Grandad's War – 4 young men – same war – different experiences."**

Looking further ahead, on **Wednesday, 1 May** we welcome Derek Smith who will be giving an illustrated talk on **"Kent & Sussex Railways"** encompassing a variety of related aspects.

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

We are honoured to have been chosen for the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. From 1st April, shoppers in Folkestone and Hawkinge can use tokens to vote for The Fifth Trust for an award of up to £1,500. The funds will allow us to purchase new cookery equipment for our Cook Club where our students with learning disabilities learn about cookery and food hygiene, equipping them with essential life skills.

It's Spring! Don't forget to visit the Vineyard Garden Centre for all your spring gardening needs. And 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. Please note we will be closed on Easter Day.



### 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](mailto:craig.munn1@yahoo.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub](http://www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub)



# Seated Yoga



Every Monday  
9:00am - 10:00am  
£6 pp



Age UK Lyminge  
Station Road  
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To book Call  
01303 269602



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We need your help!



Cleo, Emma and Sam, who is living with Dementia, are going to  
**Complete the Everest Base Camp Trek Challenge**

All funds raised will go directly to Age UK Hythe, Lyminge and Ashford – to support those living with Dementia.  
Climbing to Everest Base Camp is definitely a challenge not to be taken lightly, but it is an achievable one! We know we can do it especially with your support.



Donations can be made online, through Go fund me at [www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/)  
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## AGE UK - LYMINGE

### CLAIRVOYANT NIGHT WITH PAULINE MASON



**£17.50**  
Per Person

£20 on the night to those that do not book in advance.

Pauline has been touched with the gift of Clairvoyance since the age of twelve years, her psychic abilities have developed over the years, and she now works as an International Clairvoyant and Medium.

**Friday 26th April 7.30pm** (doors open at 6.30pm)

Age UK Lyminge, Everest Court,  
Station Road, Lyminge CT18 8HQ

To book please call  
**01303 269602**  
£7.50 non-refundable deposit  
£10 to be paid on the night (cash)



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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.

April 2024  
8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
10am until 12noon

We meet twice monthly  
on Monday mornings  
at the  
Coach & 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](mailto:Lymingestrokesocial@gmail.com)

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# SIX DANCE LESSONS IN SIX WEEKS

BY RICHARD ALFIERI

23 - 25 May

7.30pm

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## TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION - 2024

This popular event is back again

### RULES

- Grow a sunflower in either your garden or in a pot in your garden, stop the slugs eating it and whoever grows the tallest one wins a certificate
- We can supply the seedlings which are free, or you can grow your own
- Seedlings will be available at the Pick Up A Plant event on 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Just let us know you are going to take part and if you require any seedlings verbally when you pick up your seedling by emailing [lymingegardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lymingegardeners@gmail.com)
- You will need to let us know your name, address and contact details
- Closing date for all measurements/entries Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>



# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

Etchinghill - Lyminge - Rhodes Minnis

[www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)  
[clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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

Are any of the following topics of interest to you?

- Local housing needs
- Character and design of developments in the parish
- Conserving heritage assets
- Local economy at present and in the future
- Facilities for young people
- Improving walking and cycling in the parish
- Community facilities and tourism
- Improving local public transport

Join our NHP working group and get involved in the above topics!

What are your favourite views in the parish?

Share them with us! Send pictures and locations to [clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk) and we can use the Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard your favourite and most cherished views.

If you would like to join our NHP mailing list, please do so via our website or by emailing the clerk directly.

## 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 organising the following events:

- D Day 80th Anniversary commemoration
- Lyminge summer festival

We are also looking for people to be involved in the Meriden Play park (Etchinghill) redesign! We have already received some amazing ideas and will be meeting again soon to discuss the next steps.

Please email the clerk for any information.

You do not need to be 18 to get involved.

## DEFIB / CPR TRAINING

On 8th March we held free defib/CPR training. The event was thoroughly engaging and contained really useful information. If you would be interested in attending in the future, please email the clerk!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

General - [clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk) / 07999 403948

Chair - [emily.arnold@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:emily.arnold@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

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

Trees - [gillian.heywood@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:gillian.heywood@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

Handyman - [fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## PENTLAND HOMES DEVELOPMENT

Lyminge Parish Council was asked to provide potential names for the new streets that will be created as part of the Pentland Homes development. To produce the list of six potential names, the council worked alongside the Lyminge Historical Society and the suggested names are as follow:

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 1. Broad Street     | <b>Each of these names has been suggested due to their historical significance within the parish.</b> |
| 2. Ridgen Way       |   |
| 3. Thistley Close   |   |
| 4. Eight Acres      |   |
| 5. Gessens Meadow   |   |
| 6. Harrington Drive |   |

Broad Street was the name of the farm that was previously on the land being used for the development. Ridgen was the family name of the owners of the farm. 3, 4 and 5 are field names and Harrington Drive is in honour of Duncan Harrington who did so much for the parish and who sadly passed in 2023

## 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. Also, if you spot anything amiss or anything that could be spruced up a bit, please email or talk to our handyman, Fred!

## JOIN THE COUNCIL

Lyminge Parish Council are 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.**

**Note:**

**The Full Council meeting due to take place on March 11th was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to flooding in the Ridgen Room. We apologise for the inconvenience.**

## APRIL MEETING DATES

Full Council - 8th April 19:00 - 21:00 - Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church

Finance and Administration - 29th April 18:30 - 20:30 - Lyminge Methodist Church





## 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](mailto:thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com) or on Facebook and Instagram [@thoughtfulfoodgroup](https://www.instagram.com/thoughtfulfoodgroup)

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Tuesday 2nd April, 7.15pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

Hopefully the weather has improved and you are all itching to get in the garden. Below are jobs that should keep you busy.

**Sow Undercover** - as for March (except it's getting late for celeriac, sow asap not covering because it needs light to germinate), leeks, leaf beet, beetroot (all varieties), chard at month's end, tomatoes for outdoor growing.

*With warmth* and around mid-month, cucumber, courgette, squash inc. pumpkin, sweetcorn

**Sow Outside** - all potatoes, broad beans, lettuce, spinach, peas, salad onion, early and autumn brassicas, parsley, leeks, leaf beet, carrots

Acknowledgments and Recommendations. Charles Dowding's Vegetable Diary and Calendar from [www.charlesdowding.co.uk](http://www.charlesdowding.co.uk)

## Companions and Partners

- Instead of doing block planting of your vegetables, try interspersing them with herbs and flowers that will help deter pests and encourage pollinators.
- Let's return to the mixed planting and sowing of the medieval monastic gardens and the cottage gardens which were so present pre-World War 2 and the onslaught of intensive farming and use of insecticides.
- Some flower examples: – French marigolds, calendula, sweet peas, sunflowers, nasturtiums, nicotiana, alliums, asters, buddleja, cosmos.
- Flowers for early pollinators: snowdrops, aconites, hellebores, crocus, cer-nthe, dandelions (1).
- Herbs for helping: (The list is long! Refer to Jekka McVicar's books on herbs). In the meantime – caraway, lavender, rosemary, basil; hyssop, thyme, oregano, all the sage family.
- Some vegetables are good or bad partners! For example don't grow your beans next to the onions and garlic but do grow your tomatoes with French marigolds and basil!

## Dates for the Diary

We have been busy planning our schedule of events for the year and have some dates for your diary. Full details will be released closer to the time, but for now, this is what we have planned!

**Saturday 11th May - Pick Up a Plant** - Free plant share and swap event outside the Lyminge Village Hall

We will also be present at the **Lyminge Showcase Saturday 1st June 10.30am at the Lyminge Village Hall.**

**Saturday 6th July, Saturday 3rd August and Saturday 7th September- Surplus Saturdays** - The opportunity to share excess produce and collect free food from other growers in the area, to avoid food waste and maximise local produce.

## It's Wild Garlic Time Again



### Potato and wild garlic soup:

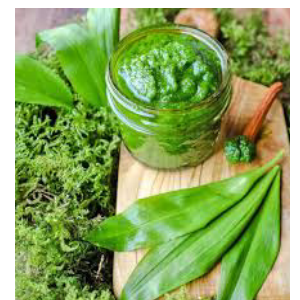
Cook the potatoes in water with a bit of salt until potatoes are tender, then stir in a couple of handfuls of chopped wild garlic. Blend the soup until smooth and serve hot. Very easy and delicious!



### Wild garlic pesto:

Another really good way of taking advantage of the wild garlic crop is to make wild garlic pesto.

Simply put a couple of handfuls of washed wild garlic leaves into a blender or use a wand blender. The ratios of these ingredients are entirely down to you. Add some nuts, you could use, pine nuts, hazel nuts, walnuts. Some garlic. A glug of oil. Salt and pepper. Cut some Parmesan into reasonable chunks. Blend together and use where you would use basil pesto, stirred into pasta, as a sauce for pizza. You could also use it with fish, chicken and it goes well with lots of vegetables. Try stirring it into boiled potatoes. If you make a few batches for freezing, you will have a supply to add where and when.



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# Our Wild Acre - Returning For A Fourth Year!

In 2021 we launched the Our Wild Acre project, which was a challenge aiming to create a new acre of wildlife-friendly habitat across the Parish. Over the past three years numerous households have signed up, committing over 500 m<sup>2</sup> of gardens and other private lands to be left untouched and therefore gently rewilded for the duration of the growing season, as a refuge for wildlife and for us all to enjoy. The project is returning by popular demand for a fourth year. If you can commit a patch of your garden or land, or a window

box or anything else, to be a wild area from now until at least August, please let us know by registering online on [forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VToXhUA](https://forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VToXhUA) or scan this QR code (link also available on the Lyminge Climate Action facebook page), or by emailing [lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com) or call us on 01303 864347.



For more details see page 18 of last March's newsletter.

## Chalk Stream Monitoring And Awareness Afternoon: Saturday 11th May

Come and join local experts and volunteers for an afternoon of stream-dipping and monitoring of the Nailbourne on Tayne Field, on Saturday 11th May from 2pm, until about 3 or 3.30pm. Bring your wellies and help us evaluate the health of the stream by identifying the wildlife living amongst the stones, watercress and other micro-habitats of the stream. We will also have experts on chalk stream management who can try to answer any questions you have about chalk streams in general and point you in the direction of available resources if you are responsible for managing chalk streams anywhere along the Elham Valley.

Chalk streams are one of the rarest habitats in the world, with only 260 true chalk streams known globally, most of which (85%) are in England. They are so special that some people refer to them as "England's rainforests" or "England's Great Barrier Reef". We are so lucky to have the Nailbourne running through our parish, and we have a great responsibility to conserve and manage our chalk streams in a sensitive, informed and appropriate manner.

In October 2021 a new "chalk streams strategy" was published by the UK government with various partners, which can be easily found online. Recognising that chalk streams and their associated underground aquifers are important for people and biodiversity, the strategy is for everyone who has responsibility for, or uses, chalk streams. In June 2023 the first "Implementation Plan" related to the strategy was published, again easily available online. When the strategy was launched, the Chair of Natural England, Tony Juniper, explained "These habitats are subject to a complex range of pressures, from pollution arising from road runoff, agriculture and sewage, to low flow resulting from abstraction for public water supply and physical damage to the water courses", and expected the strategy to result in the "joined-up partnership action needed to address these pressures, protecting and restoring chalk streams for future generations to enjoy".

Please join us on the 11th May and help us play our part in this national chalk stream restoration initiative. As always if you have any questions please contact us on [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk) or via our Lyminge Climate Action facebook group.



## Hedgehogs in the Parish?

Please let us know if you see hedgehogs in the Parish, they should be out and about now after hunkering down over the winter. Hedgehog numbers in the UK have declined greatly over the past years. Here in Lyminge Parish we identified them a few years ago as a potential indicator species of the progress being made of our local habitat enhancement efforts. Some of us have been seeing them more frequently recently, in our gardens, we'd like to know if anyone else has been too. Please let us know, if possible using [www.iRecord.org.uk](http://www.iRecord.org.uk), and/or by email to [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)



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Monday-Saturday

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Sundays

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## Pie and mash

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### ALL DAY FRIDAY

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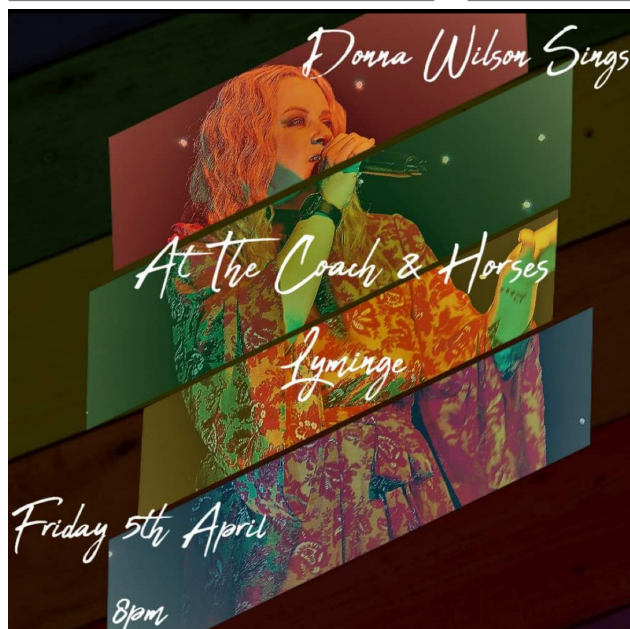
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## Letters to The Editor

### *Pentland Homes Development*

The Lyminge Association is concerned at the 'rough-shod' way Pentland Homes are developing the Broad Street site, applying for retrospective planning permission following the reduction of the tree height fronting onto Station Road. The Association fully backs the Lyminge Parish Council and local councillors in bringing them to heel.

*Lyminge Association*

### *The Puzzling Case Of The Missing Dormice*

According to a document presented by Pentland Homes to F&HDC, the hedgerow along Broad Street contained, or contains the living quarters of dormice. Such is the importance of dormice to the environment that it is a national criminal offence to disturb their environment. And yet, Pentland Homes have cut the ancient hedge containing their homesteads to ribbons, and have now received retrospective planning permission for their action. Presumably F&HDC have sent their condolences to the dormice along with all the necessary documentary evidence to allow such destruction (evidence which in 2024 seems unavailable to human eyes).

So how did that happen?

P.S. There is a rumour that dormice are appealing the decision to the "M'lard" Ducks in the upper "reaches" of the, polluted by roadworks, Nailbourne Stream.

*Sheamus J. Maher*



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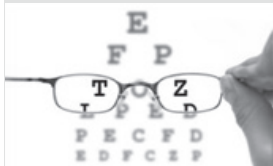
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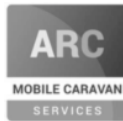
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## LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



The view on the left is easily recognisable as Canterbury Road extending from the Coffee Cabin to Berkeley Villas. It probably dates to around 1920. At that time, the large building in the middle of the picture was owned by the well-known local builder John James Clayson, who lived with his family above a hardware shop and builders merchant that provided a retail outlet for the business. In the 1960s, this shop was occupied by the Midland Bank, the name by which HSBC was then known in the UK. The shed visible to the right was part of an extensive yard for Clayson's building business with multiple storage sheds that extended back from the street frontage with further access off North Lyminge Lane.

To the right of the picture the distinctive gable of the Coffee Cabin with its wavy edge decoration is just visible in both pictures. Ex-Royal Marine and sometime butler Alfred Matthews ran a business from these premises with his wife Florence, and lived behind the shop at Sunny Cottage. Alfred was recorded as a greengrocer in 1918, but by 1921 the shop was operating as a newsagent and tobacconist, as it continued to do into the 1990s. For a period before the Second World War, Alfred also traded as a motor mechanic, and there were petrol pumps on the pavement outside the shop.



The new **Lyminge Friends Committee** were absolutely delighted with the attendance at the first speaker meeting when **Jean Hatton** spoke about **"Elizabeth Fry - Prison Reformer - A Woman Who Defied Social Convention"**. A very positive start!!

**Life as a Trustee!**



Trustees at Etchinghill Village Hall spent a Sunday morning clearing the grounds and having a good tidy up.



A very appreciative Pilates Class at Etchinghill bid a fair well to their Pilates Instructor, Luciana, who is moving to Ireland with her husband, James. They were presented with mementos of Elham where they had lived.





# To All Lyminge Village Residents

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all the organisers of Mount Pleasant Close Lyminge Christmas Lights who kindly donated £1400 towards my daughter Maya Nash's cancer journey fund. Our deepest gratitude extends to those who visited the Christmas Lights event at Mount Pleasant Close, Lyminge and generously supported the charitable causes, one of which is for our little Maya.

On 12th January 2024, Graham Frost, Paul Marsh, Karen Hutchinson, and Maya's school young friend Felicity Douglas presented us the cheque with the amount of £1,400 that's helped us sustain the attached huge costs of childhood cancer diagnosis.

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