



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

December 2024
From The Lyminge Association

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As in previous years, The Lyminge Association is happy to confirm that Santa and his willing elves will be personally delivering Christmas presents to children in their homes on the evening of Monday, 23rd December.

Presents may be left at The Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge, CT18 8JA on either Saturday, 14th or Saturday, 21st December between 10.30am and 3pm only. Sorry - no other dates or times!! A receipt will be given for each bag of presents deposited.

The parcels need to be well wrapped and

CLEARLY LABELLED WITH THE RECIPIENT'S NAME & ADDRESS including POSTCODE.

A small charge of £2 is made per address; there is no limit to the number of presents per household, but they all need to be clearly marked with the recipient's name and address.

The areas to which Christmas presents will be delivered include Lyminge, Etchinghill, Rhodes Minnis, and Postling but regrettably excludes the far end of Woodland Road and Elham.

**The Lyminge Association
Committee wish you all a very
enjoyable Christmas and hopes
that the New Year proves to be
full of good health and happiness**

Please note, that because of the Christmas holidays, the January edition of the newsletter will be delayed until early January 2025

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

Winterton-on-Sea is just along the coast from Hemsby on the Norfolk East Coast. The sky is a uniform grey and looking along the beach to either end, a faint mistiness envelopes the coastline. Soft sand dunes form the frail barrier between land and sea, which is constantly being eroded when extra high tides reach further up the beach. Evidence for this is clear – double yellow lines on the tarmac road are suddenly cut off where the road has fallen into the sea!

Wind from the north-east is steadily blowing off the sea. It is low tide and a vast expanse of wet sand lays before me



as I slither down soft golden sand to get onto the beach. Spiky grass somehow grows out of these sand dunes but is helpless in holding them together when the sea claws at their base, dragging the sand back with it as the tide recedes, having eaten its way yet further into the land. Enormous concrete blocks have been placed along a short stretch of the beach below where the road once ran, in an effort to deflect the force of the sea. They seem insignificant compared to the strength of the North Sea. Each storm brings fear to the people who live along this coastline, wondering when the next landslide will take place and claim their properties. The Norfolk Coast Path runs along the top of these dunes, but for how much longer I wonder? On nearby Hemsby Beach, a Second World War concrete pillbox sits in the shallow waters of the bay and further south along the coast in Suffolk, Dunwich Village has been completely lost to the sea.

The salt-laden wind is brisk and tugs at my hair and jacket leaving the taste of salt on my lips. Crossing the high tide line I look for interesting finds, but nothing catches my interest – no little treasures, no interesting driftwood, no pretty shells. With the grey-green sea on my right, I walk northwards, firstly on the soft sand before moving nearer the sea, where the sand is wet and firm. Rivulets of water drain down from the upper beach. Dotted with pebbles and the odd patch of fine stones, the beach slopes very gently towards the sea. A large lagoon



of water is trapped in a hollow between myself and the sea, the wind rippling its surface. Once I have rounded the far end of this, I make my way to the water's edge where smallish waves lap in ever spiralling lines. This area is protected by a shallow offshore sandbank creating a calmer stretch of water on its landward side. However, agitated water boils over this sandbank, jumping and jostling, waves bumping into each other causing white foam to shoot up into the air. This collision of water creates a loud background roar. Compared with our local waters of the English Channel the sea here feels much more menacing and I view it with considerable respect. In the quieter but still choppy water this sandbank protects, I see a black blob, then another and another and realize that these are grey seals, their shiny heads raised, like periscopes, looking at me with their great big black eyes, but also scanning round in all directions before disappearing from view, only to bob up again a little distance away. One in particular raises its head

high and I can clearly see the mottled markings on its neck. I spend some time watching out for them and guess that I have probably seen at least six different seals.

Something catches my eye on a further sandbank and eventually when I am directly opposite I can see that it is a young golden coloured seal, stranded on the raised hump of the bank. Its head moves as gulls fly close by and I



wonder if it is distressed and will be able to survive once it can re-enter the water when the tide rises. Seaward of the seal on the same sandbank a group of large seabirds has gathered and a lone cormorant sits while gulls fly around. Further along the beach, some distance away, the sun has broken through, illuminating a small patch of breaking waves, making the foam an almost pure white. I hear the thrum of a boat's engine and looking out I see a boat taking people on a seal trip, one of many along the Norfolk coast. As the boat heaves up and down on the waves, I hope the passengers are able to enjoy their trip!

Struggling to climb back up the soft sand of the dunes to return to the Coastal Path I appreciate how fragile this coastline is. Every step I take, I slide back slightly as I can get no grip. Nature will win this battle ... and it is merely a matter of time.

Diary of Forthcoming Events

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

Location and name codes below:

One-Off Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
01-Dec	4.45pm	Etchinghill Christmas Lights Switch-on	EVH	07544 670363	13-Dec	7pm	Music on a Friday - Christmas Concert	LPC	
01-Dec		Mount Pleasant Christmas Lights			14-Dec	4pm	Cantores - Christmas Concert	LVH	
03-Dec	10am	Digital Support	AUKL	269602	15-Dec		Christmas Carol Service	LPC	
07-Dec	10am	Christmas Craft Fair	LVH		23-Dec		Christmas Present Delivery		863737
07-Dec	7pm	Big Fat Quiz	EVH	07514758936	24-Dec	3pm	Nativity and Blessing of the Crib	LPC	
08-Dec	11.30am	Community Christmas Gathering	LPC	862073	2025				
08-Dec	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363	14-Mar	7.30pm	Concert: The Drurys	LVH	863737
12-Dec	12.30pm	Dementia Café	AUKL	269602	21-29 June		LYMINGE FESTIVAL 2025		863737
12-Dec	7pm	Candle Lit Service	RMC						

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Sun	5.30pm	The Dragonglyz Centre	EVH		Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10am	Dementia Daybreak	AUKL	269602	Wed	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817777975
Mon	10.30am	Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Wed	11am	Singing For All (term time only)	AUKL	269602
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07778 333339
Mon	1pm	Lyminge Knitters	AUKL	269602	Thurs	10am	Boxfit (non-contact)	AUKL	269602
Mon	1.30pm	Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	6.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951608008	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369225021	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	9am	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602	Fri	9am	Pilates with Katherine	AUKL	269602
Tues	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Fri	9.15am	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07870494644
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	862696	Fri	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602
Tues	3pm	Seated Yoga	AUKL	269602	Fri	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	Corree Cabin		Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602
Tues	7pm	Bridge Club	EVH	07790160476	Fri	6pm	Junior Cricket Training Sessions	SPCC	07869283195
Wed	8am	Pilates	TC	07951698008	Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	
Wed	9am	All Day Breakfast	AUKL	269602					

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley Branch	St Mary's Church, Elham	862508	3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008
1st Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903150099	Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131
2nd Mon	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	TC	07544670363	1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	TC	862598
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07903150099	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
3rd 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 ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
2nd Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	4th Sun	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	

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; **EVL**: Elham Valley Line Trust; **JF**: Jubilee Field; **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 1st December **Advent Sunday**

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

11am Elham Valley Group Advent Eucharist

Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 8th December

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion (CW2)

1pm Favourite Christmas Carol Gathering and judging

6pm Coral Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 15th December

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion (CW1)

5pm Candlelight Carol Service

Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong (BCP)

Sunday 22nd December

Lyminge 10am Family Praise

Paddlesworth **3pm Christingle**

Tuesday 24th December **Christmas Eve**

Lyminge 3pm Crib Service and pageant

11pm Midnight Communion

Paddlesworth 11.30pm Carols in the Cat and Custard Pot

Walk to Church for Midnight

Mulled wine and mince pies in pub

Wednesday 25th December **Christmas Day**

Lyminge **10am Christmas Morning Eucharist**

Sunday 29th December

Elham 10am Benefice Service

Sunday 5th January 2025

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**

Rector's Message



Christians are in the season of Advent - a traditional moment for the Church to wait on God through reflecting on the heroes of our faith: the patriarchs and matriarchs, the prophets and the saints. Their stories, include faithfulness in waiting and pointing to God through words and acts of service.

In this super-speed culture, it's harder now than ever to wait. Waiting often comes with a healthy dose of anxiety, impatience, and boredom even when we know something exciting is coming.

Let's take some time with the heroes of our faith and see what God says to us through their examples. Perhaps through active waiting we can receive wisdom and blessings that will transform our lives and faith.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14 *Rev'd Carol Bates*



Valley Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at our services followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship in our Lyminge Church or at our small and beautiful Chapel at Rhodes Minnis.

LYMINGE

1st December 11am Mr Richard Blackwell

8th December 10.15am Valley service at **Elham**
Rev. Gill Songer

15th December 11am Mr Ralph Bradshaw

22nd December 11am Local arrangement

Christmas Eve 6pm Carol Service, Rev. Gill Songer

Christmas Day 10am at **St. Andrew's, Cheriton**
Rev Gill Songer

5th January 11am Rev. Gordon Newton (Holy Communion)

RHODES MINNIS

1st December 9.30am Mrs Keeley Taylor

8th December 10.15am Valley service at **Elham** Rev. Gill Songer

Thursday 12th December 7pm Village Carol Service Rev. Gill Songer

15th December 9.30am Rev. Adrian Roux

22nd December 5pm Joint at St Mary's **Elham** Carol Service

Christmas Day No Service Alternative at **St Andrew's, Cheriton**

29th December 10.30am Circuit Service at **St. Andrew's, Cheriton**

5th January 9.30am Rev Peter Cornish

The Rev Gill Songer will be running an Advent Bible Course 'Hush the Noise' at 2pm on the 3rd, 10th & 17th December in Lyminge to which anyone who is interested is invited.

Postling Church Services

1st December 8.30am Breakfast service

8th December 8.30am Morning service

15th December 8.30am Holy Communion

16th December 7.30pm Advent Carol Service with the
Shepway Singers

22nd December No service in Postling

24th December 11.30am Crib Service in the barn, Pent Farm

25th December 9.30am Morning service for Christmas Day

29th December No service in Postling

Lyminge Newsletter

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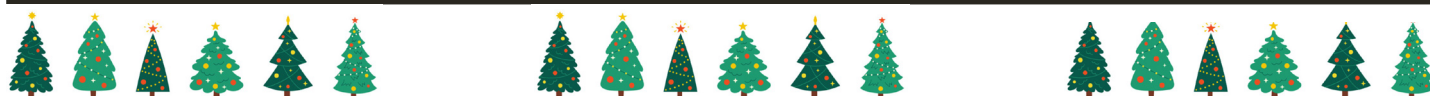
To book your table please call in or phone 01303 863 288 or 07539 200 804

We are closed from the 26th to the 28th of December

and re-open on the 29th of December.



LA December 2024



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Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 7th December 2024

10am ~ 3pm



Lyminge Village Hall
Woodland Road CT18 8EW



Etchinghill Update - December 2024

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

ETCHINGHILL FILM NIGHTS - a reminder that we do not screen films in December. We are currently working on our programme for the early part of 2025, so please look for the Newsletter Update and Film Night advert in January or visit our website:

www.etchinghill.info/events1 for further information. Thank you to our residents and visitors who have attended and supported us throughout the year

THE BIG FAT QUIZ - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 7PM at Etchinghill Village Hall.

£5 per person includes Christmas crackers and mince pies! Please bring your favourite drink and nibbles and enjoy a fun way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Tel: 07514 758936 to reserve your table. John White, Village Hall Chairman.

ERA AGM - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER - DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM FOR A 7PM START. Please support the ERA and come along to our AGM to vote for a 2025 committee. There will be an open forum session, where residents discuss matters affecting Etchinghill and the parish. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan meeting advertised here last month took place on November 6th. You can read about it in more detail in the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group article in this Newsletter on P19.. **There is a public meeting to outline how this whole Parish plan is going to be taken forward at Etchinghill Village Hall on Wednesday 11 DECEMBER at 7PM. Everyone is welcome.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS - TUESDAY 24TH, 4PM AT THE GATEKEEPER

Come and join us at The Gatekeeper, with the kind permission of proprietors Helen and Eric, to sing some of your favourite carols from 4pm to 4.45pm. Please contact them if you wish to book a table on: 01303 864345. See you there!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The ERA would like to wish all of Etchinghill's lovely residents, families and friends, a Very Merry Christmas wherever they may be. We hope you enjoy a fun filled festive season and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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



RHODES MINNIS CHAPEL

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT SERVICE

Led by Rev Gill Songer

*A Child-Friendly Carol Service;
then mince pies with a warm welcome
to all friends and neighbours!*

7PM

**THURSDAY
12TH DECEMBER**



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PARISH CHURCH ALTERATIONS

The long-expected internal reordering of the western end of the parish Church will begin in January. This will involve the removal of the pews at the rear of the nave, replacing the flooring with slabs to match those existing, modifying the heating system, moving the font from its position in the north aisle to its original location close to the south door and installing chairs to replace the pews. To do this the western end of the church will be screened off and work will be underway for at least sixteen weeks. The car park will be in use by contractor's vehicles and possibly a skip; please keep normal vehicles clear.

The Church will therefore be closed for visiting during the period of work. Services will be possible on Sundays using the eastern end of the Church only, and heating, sound and music will be limited.

All this should result in a more comfortable, warmer and more user-friendly church by late spring/early summer next year.

The redundant pews are to be sold and are available for collection from December. Anyone who is interested in purchasing one or more pews should contact the Church Wardens. The guide price will be £70 as a minimum, depending on the size of the pew.

Mike Chinneck 01303 863911

Derek Smith 01303 862508

Does your club or charity require financial help?

If so, the Lyminge Association has money available for the purchase of capital items. Please contact Martin Fry (martin@rhodesminnis.org.uk) for further information on how to access these funds.



LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 December
at The Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA



**'A distinguished example of worth and excellence'
the Shorncliffe hero who saved Wellington's career**
Speaker: Rob Baldwin

The talk will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting

Members Free

New members and visitors are always welcome
Visitors: £4 Payable on the door

Newly published: Lyminge a History Part 14

All our books are on sale at our meetings, at the Library and at Lyminge Village Store.
We accept payments by cash or card.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

The Society will take its normal winter break in January and February.

Our monthly meetings will resume with:

4 March 2025: The Battle of Sandwich in 1217 - Len Howell

1 April 2025: Jane Austen in Kent - John Buss

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Contact details

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Rhodes Minnis Circle

We are holding our Christmas party on 11th December at 2pm.

For further information contact: **Lis Hirlemann 07590 913856**



Age UK Lyminge - Important Service Updates



We want to inform you of some important changes regarding our Age UK Lyminge Centre. Due to rising operational costs that we can no longer sustain, we will be relocating key services to our Hythe hub, and the Lyminge Centre will close in March 2025. These changes will help ensure the long-term sustainability of our services while continuing to provide high-quality care and support to our community.

Dementia Day Break Service Relocation

Our Dementia Day Break Service will be moving to our Hythe hub by April 2025. This move is necessary to manage increasing costs, but rest assured, the same dedicated staff will continue to deliver care at Hythe, ensuring a smooth transition.

Closure of Laundry Service

After careful consideration, we will be closing our Laundry Service due to rising costs and decreasing demand. Final collections will occur during the week of 16th December, with last deliveries the following week. We appreciate your understanding.

Lyminge Charity Shop and Café

Our charity shop and café in Lyminge will remain open until Late March 2025, and we encourage you to visit. Afterward, our Hythe shop and café will continue to provide the same welcoming space.

Continued Support for Lyminge

We will be working closely with local parish councils to explore new opportunities for drop-in services and support groups, ensuring we remain connected with the Lyminge community.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 01303 269602 or co@ageukhla.org.uk

Late Email To Editor (along with phone calls expressing similar sentiments): This decision will be a blow to the village and volunteers who have worked extremely hard in making the centre very welcoming.

The
BIG FAT
CHRISTMAS QUIZ
Saturday 7th December 7pm
ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL



Max 6 per table, £5 per person
Price includes mince pies and crackers

Prizes for the winning team
Plus raffle

Bring your own refreshments

Reserve your table by phoning 07514 758936

THE FUN WAY TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS STARTED

Any profits will go to the Etchinghill Village Hall - Charity no 302732



District Councillors' Update - December 2024

Gift Card Scams - There has been a rise in scams involving people being requested by criminals to purchase gift cards from stores. Scammers will say anything to get you to purchase gift cards. If you believe you have been scammed phone your Bank immediately, by calling 159 and report it to www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040. Sign up to [Home Page - My Community Voice Kent](#) for further information.

Home Essential Fund - is a limited scheme to support low income households with energy efficient solutions to help reduce their costs and supply more efficient items to replace broken ones. This includes:

- Boiler servicing to ensure boilers are as efficient as possible.
- Boiler replacement for items that are no longer suitable for use.
- Oil heating servicing and support for residents that use oil for fuelling their home.
- White goods provision. To supply replacement or new energy efficient items to households including cookers, fridges/freezers, washing machines/dryers, microwaves and other items as appropriate.
- Beds and mattresses to homes that do not have suitable bed provision.

For further information [Home Essential Fund | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](#)

Otterpool Park – discussions are on-going with Homes England and the waste water treatment plant planning application is imminent. A public consultation has been announced for 3 December at Sellindge Village Hall from 3.30 – 8pm. Papers on Otterpool will be considered at the Cabinet Meeting on 11 December 2024 and, as usual, will be webcast.

Finally, thank you to the Parish Council, the Village Halls, the School, the Lyminge Society, the Churches and for all other village organisations who work so hard for the benefit of the Village. Thank you also to Peter Barnes, the Editor of this excellent Lyminge Newsletter. May I wish you all a lovely Christmas and all Best Wishes for the New Year.

Contact: jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887918458 X (Twitter) @jennyhollingsbee

Firstly, can I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Some good news, F&HDC are once again providing free festive parking in Folkestone town centre so you can do your Christmas shopping. Charges in Folkestone & Hythe District Council car parks and on-street pay and display bays are being waived on the three Saturdays leading up to the big day: Saturday 7 December, Saturday 14 December and Saturday 21 December.

Progress in discussions with Homes England about becoming a strategic partner in the Otterpool Park development has been very slow because of the Budget. We have the full support of our local MP, Sojan Joseph, and are hoping there will be some movement with these negotiations now.

Following the recent independent review of the NHS, the government has launched a national engagement exercise called 'Change NHS: A health service fit for the future: a national conversation to develop the 10-Year Health Plan'. They want as much public opinions as possible and have a national website to share your experiences: <https://change.nhs.uk/en-GB/>. Please can I encourage you all to take time to fill in the form.

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

**Folkestone
& Hythe**

District Council



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 10th December (Members Only)

*Seasons
Greetings from
the Committee*



**AGM – 21st January at
The Tayne Centre
(more details next month)**

For general information about the
Gardeners' Society:
Email lymingegardeners@gmail.com
or call Anne on 07703 149008



Fifth Trust Update
www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Don't forget our Christmas craft fair on Saturday 7 December from 11am to 3pm at the Elham Valley Vineyard. There'll be a charming selection of gifts from Christmas cards, wrapping paper, and gift tags to homemade jams, chutneys, ceramics, and woodwork, lovingly crafted by our talented students with learning disabilities. Don't miss delicious hot food served from our barbecue, scrumptious mince pies, and warming mulled wine. You can also sample a range of elegant Elham Valley Vineyard wines and purchase festive plants.

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Happy Christmas!



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This class is open to anyone, no matter your experience.

Seated Yoga

10:30 - 11:30AM on Sundays, starting the 20th October



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We will move at a slow, comfortable pace, meaning all experience levels and those with mobility challenges are welcome.

Adult Ballet

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Meetings

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The Coach and Horses

17th December 2024
Christmas Lunch - Canterbury
(fully booked)

N.B. No meeting on the 16th December



Tommy Tea – 4th November

Our thanks for everyone who joined us for this event – we
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Our thanks also to the Parish Church for allowing us to use the
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For more information, to check the dates of meetings/events, or if you
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[Thecalmlzone.net](https://www.thecalmlzone.net)

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CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY

Lyminge Friends

Following on from our Summer
Lunch success, our **Christmas
Lunch** on **Wednesday, 11
December** has already been

fully subscribed. We look forward to welcoming everyone at
**12.30pm on Wednesday, 11 December at St Mary and St
Ethelburga Church.**

On **New Year's Eve** we are having lunch at **China China in
Lyminge at 12noon.** If you would like to join us please get
in touch, or better still, come along to one of our meetings.

Our **January lunch**, on the **15th** at The Gatekeeper is also
fully booked but if you would like to join us please get in
touch as we may be able to obtain additional places.

**Everyone welcome – Entry is £4 for Social Meetings
(including Tea/Coffee)**

We are a friendly social group, and welcome new members
and visitors 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
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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

Council news

We warmly welcome two new councillors to Lyminge Parish Council. Their fresh perspectives and dedication to our community are invaluable. We look forward to their contributions in fostering growth, unity, and a brighter future for the parish.

A 'steering' group for the Neighbourhood Plan has been formed to guide development efforts, ensuring community needs and priorities are addressed. Composed of local residents, councillors, and other officials/professionals, the group collaborates to create a comprehensive, inclusive vision for the parish.

The new Meriden Park is set to open soon, bringing fun and excitement for everyone in the community.

Our brand new website is currently in development and is scheduled to launch soon. Stay tuned for updates and prepare for an enhanced online experience!

Meeting dates

Finance and Administration - December 2nd - 18:30 - Lyminge Methodist Church

Community Engagement and Events - December 2nd - 19:30 - Lyminge Methodist Church

Full Council - December 9th - 19:00 - Lyminge Methodist Church

Planning and Licensing - December 19th - 09.30 Etchinghill Village Hall

Christmas

Enter our 'Best Dressed House' competition and showcase your home's holiday spirit! Register now for a chance to win exciting prizes and bragging rights. Don't miss out on the festive fun—decorate, dazzle, and be part of the celebration. Sign up today and let your creativity shine!



SCAN ME

As we embrace the festive season, Lyminge Parish Council wishes you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year! May this holiday season bring warmth, happiness, and peace to our wonderful community. We look forward to continuing to work together in the coming year to make Lyminge Parish an even better place to live. Enjoy the festivities and stay safe.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Handyman - fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan -
neighbourhoodplan@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

WORK FOR US

Lyminge Parish Council currently has an open job vacancy, offering a unique opportunity to contribute to our community's development. We are seeking a dedicated and passionate individual to join our team and make a positive impact.

For more details on the role, responsibilities, and how to apply, please visit our website or contact the clerk. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming a new team member to help us continue our mission of serving the parish community effectively.

BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Becoming a parish councillor offers a unique opportunity to make an impact in your local community. The role allows you to be directly involved in decision-making processes that affect everyday life, from maintaining local parks to addressing community concerns.

As a councillor, you are a voice for your neighbours, representing their interests and advocating for improvements that can enhance the quality of life in your parish.

It fosters a sense of civic responsibility, as you work with fellow residents to create a more vibrant and resilient community. Ultimately, it's a rewarding way to contribute positively to society and inspire change at the grassroots level.

**To discuss any of our content, contact
clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk**

JOIN THE LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Volunteering for the Lyminge Village Hall committee is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community.

By joining, you can help shape the events and activities that bring our village together, ensuring the hall remains a vibrant hub for everyone. It's a chance to meet new people, share your ideas, and develop new skills, all while contributing to a cause that benefits friends and neighbours.

Your involvement won't demand lots of time and can make a real difference, bringing community spirit and enhancing local life.

Join us in creating a welcoming space for all—your village hall needs you!



Thoughtful Food....

...is a group of local volunteers looking at our food, and how this impacts climate change. Our aims are to support people to produce more of their own food, and to shop locally, sourcing seasonal produce. We also run a community allotment in Lyminge and welcome new members.

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

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Tuesday 3rd December, 7.30pm**, at the Coach and Horses Public House

Jobs in the garden for December

Most of us will be busy preparing for Christmas but if you do have time to get out in the garden your top job is mulching and spreading compost. Don't worry if your compost is not completely rotted it will continue to break down in situ especially with the coming frosts.

Or you could do something a bit more festive for the birds, such as the wreath alongside.



Who loves Boxing Day? Leftovers from Christmas Day and pickles.

Here's a recipe for **Date Chutney** that requires no cooking and minimal chopping, a winner. The ingredients are essentially all 1:1. This chutney goes so quickly in my house, I sometimes easily change the quantities to kilos!

- 1lb dried dates
- 1lb sultanas
- 1lb cooking apples
- 1lb brown onions
- 1lb light or dark brown sugar
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 generous pinch salt
- 1 pint of vinegar, malt, cider or white wine depending on preference



Peel and core and roughly chop cooking apples. Roughly chop onion and garlic. Roughly chop dates.

Place all ingredients in a large bowl and leave to steep, covered with a cloth for 24hrs stirring occasionally.

Use a hand blender to mince together. Leave some bite though, you don't want a puree.

Pack into sterilized jars and leave for a couple of weeks for the flavours to develop.

This chutney makes very nice presents, especially in a nice jar with a pretty label and cover.

And for all those Christmas drink mixes

Fizzy drink replacement: Carbonated water makers can work really well to replace soda providing you don't bother with the syrups that come with some of them. Choose a herb tea with no flavourings, something like peppermint or chamomile. Pour on less than a ¼ cup of boiling water. Steep for a minute and leave to cool. Top up with carbonated tap water.

Pour slightly cooled boiled water over squeezed and cut lemon, lime or orange, store in the fridge and strain small quantities into a glass of carbonated tap water.

And for when you can't face another chocolate or glass of wine.....

Real Food as a 'New Year's Resolution'

Looking at problems with a more positive slant can make all the difference when seeking changes we need to make to our food lifestyle. What are the real foods you like the most, how can you eat more of them? What is 'out there' that you might try out? Would a spring clean of your food storage help to 'turn over a new leaf'? Would a **New Year's Resolution** work for you?

Very Best Seasonal Wishes from Thoughtful Food



A Greener Christmas

There are many ways you can make this Christmas better for the environment from making your own decorations to planning what you eat, find out how you could make a real difference to the environment over the festive period with just a few simple changes.

1. Make your own decorations

Why not try decorating your home for Christmas without a trip to the shops? Try using what you already have or making your own paper chains with used wrapping paper. For a fragrant addition to your decorations, bake slices of oranges studded with cloves and fasten to your tree with reusable ribbon.

2. Save paper and plastic

When it comes to wrapping paper, go for a recycled variety with no glitter or simply wrap your presents in brown paper or a scarf and a reusable ribbon. Your gifts will look festive and authentic, and you'll save money too.



3. Plan seasonal meals

Spark joy this Christmas with warming dishes packed full of goodness and seasonal local ingredients. Sprouts, cabbages, leeks, pears and cranberries are some of the tasty fruits and veg you can buy locally in December. Remember, buy only what you need and be creative with your leftovers.

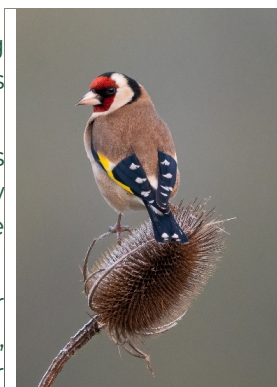
4. Shop greener

Quality not quantity: Over half of UK adults say they have received gifts they don't want at Christmas. When buying gifts think less but better, putting the time into picking a quality item that will last a long time.

5. Keep the wildlife happy this winter

Lower temperatures and less daylight make a lot of wildlife less active, but many species are still easy to spot and will appreciate a helping hand in chilly conditions.

- Plant a hedge - Winter is tree planting season and if you have the space, creating a mixed hedge of native species can make an enormous difference for wildlife as it provides shelter and food.
- Delay the garden tidy - As plants die back, choose to leave some of the seed-heads standing. The seeds will provide food for birds and small mammals, and hollow stems and intricate seed-heads are valuable shelter for overwintering insects like ladybirds.
- Thaw icy waters - When temperatures drop, sort out frozen bird baths whenever possible so wildlife can access drinking and bathing water. When surfaces freeze, defrost them by carefully pouring warm water over them – but not boiling water as containers could crack.



6. Reduce our carbon footprint in 2025!

Thanks to the BBC for these tips for reducing our carbon footprint (full details on www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58171814):

- Changes to our homes. There are lots of changes we can make around the home that can help the planet, most of which will also save us money. See the past two month's newsletters for plenty of other ideas and opportunities.
- Cut out food waste and cut down on red meat. Apparently, 25-30% of the food produced around the world is lost or wasted, and global food loss and waste contributes around 8-10% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- Drive less, fly less. Transport is responsible for roughly a quarter of all energy-related greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.
- Think before we buy. The carbon footprint of different types of clothing, household appliances, and other products, varies substantially from case to case - so what, and how much, we buy can make a difference.

THE LYMINGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH

Readers will recall that there have been numerous mentions of this Plan in the Lyminge Parish Council (LPC) pages of this Newsletter starting with the launch detailed in the February 2022 edition. Whilst progress has been slow, there is still a very firm commitment locally to continue the work and get the Neighbourhood Plan in place. As a reminder, the Neighbourhood Plan is the community's opportunity to set out how land should be used locally and also other policies that would be used by anyone wishing to put forward a planning application in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan covers the whole of the Parish and will ultimately sit alongside the Folkestone and Hythe Local Plan, carrying legal weight in planning terms.

Briefly, the Lyminge Neighbourhood Plan will cover a series of issues including:

- Setting out where any new housing should be located and the type of housing that is needed here
- Providing guidance on how any new development in the Parish should be designed so that it contributes positively to our local character and what makes our Parish special
- Conserving our valued local heritage and providing opportunities to celebrate it.
- Identifying areas of green space that we should protect from inappropriate development
- Encouraging biodiversity by safeguarding local habitats and linking these together as wildlife corridors
- Promoting opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding locally.
- Protecting our dark skies
- Setting out our infrastructure priorities in terms of community facilities and local amenities
- Supporting our village centre and local job opportunities.

With the urgent need to continue to progress the Plan, a notice of a meeting for villagers from all parts of the Parish was published in the November 2024 Lyminge Newsletter. Approximately 40 people attended, which was a fantastic endorsement as to the importance of this community project.

The outcome of that meeting, after a vote was taken, was to create a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) and that a robust approach would then be made to the Full Parish Council Meeting on 11th November 2024.

The NPSG were to suggest that responsibility for developing the Plan should be handed to it. The request included that all files and correspondence that the LPC had accumulated would be handed over to the Steering Group together with access to the remaining balances of the Funding Grants already received and those which will come as the Plan is progressed.

In addition, the Parish Council would need to allow the Consultant employed by it until recently to be reemployed and work for the Steering Group. The LPC agreed. In addition the NPSG requested that two LPC members join the Group so that two-way contact and updates can be maintained.

At the time of writing the LPC meeting was only a few days ago but the NPSG is hopeful that it provides the files etc. in a timely manner. Once received, the NPSG will establish what work still needs to be done to produce a Draft Plan which is stage one of the application process.

The NPSG wishes to involve local residents in this process, particularly those who have knowledge, interest, skills and experience in the areas detailed above. In addition, the NPSG is anxious that the Plan covers all aspects of the needs of our residents and to achieve this welcomes information/participation from residents who have mobility difficulties or are in any way disadvantaged because of the facilities or lack of them within the Parish.

The NPSG has arranged for a public meeting to be held at Etchinghill Village Hall on Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 7pm. All are welcome. Future meetings will be held at venues across the Parish and dates will be published in this Newsletter and on the Parish Council website and social media.

Contact details for the Group are being arranged and will be published in the January edition of this Newsletter.



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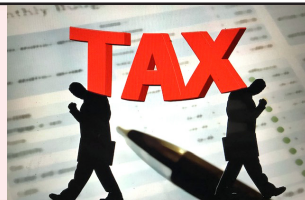
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Ben and I are bowled over by people's generosity in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**. It is ***fur-nominal!***

We completed the 100km challenge mid November and will continue recording our distances to the end of the month. So if there is anybody who

Ben insisted on putting in a selfie!!



would still like to contribute, I have a sponsorship form and I'm happy to receive your donations, through the front door (**Ivy Lodge, Woodland Road CT18 8EP**) or give me a call (**078 087 75302**) and I'll arrange to collect it. Alternatively, you can donate through the online link which is: www.facebook.com/donate/1042892997313923/?fundraiser_source=external_url

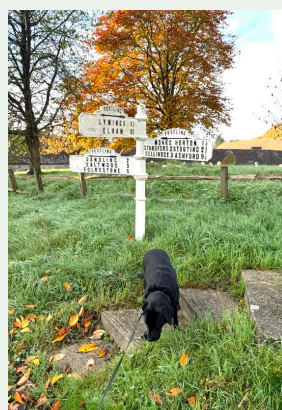
Currently, we have raised £894 (25 November) and there's more in the pipeline!! Each day Ben has 'pawed' a writeup of the walk which have received some rave reviews, even encouraging him to publish them!! We'll see; there is a taster below. Suddenly, £1000 looks very possible - see the final figure in January's edition.

So our heartfelt thanks to you all. I'm sure Macmillian will make good use of it.

Peter Barnes

We signed up in October for this challenge, a charity close to my heart. We started walking on 1st November and each day, Ben has written a travelogue of our walk which we have put on Facebook www.facebook.com/donate/1042892997313923/?fundraiser_source=external_url.

Many of his readers have been overwhelmed by his ability (big ***a-paws!!***) to capture the walk and have even encouraged him to publish them. This month I, the newsletter editor, have little in the way to fill this page of the newsletter. I have therefore grabbed this opportunity to publish one. All the others can be found using the Facebook link above.



15th November - Distance Today 6.54km. Total Distance 84.41km

It was a cold yet bright morning as we set off in the south-westerly direction. The rolling nature of the countryside was accentuated by the low morning sun. Having reached the top of Brady Road, we joined a footpath that followed both the North Downs Way and Pilgrims Way in parts. Dad didn't seem to worry too much about which one as long as it was going downhill, bless him!! We are walking over the chalk bedrock that pops up as the White Cliffs in Dover.

The scene in front of us was very ethereal. You wouldn't have known that the major transport arteries, both road and rail, as well as communications and power flow through this area. It looks mystical other than the sound of traffic pounding along the hidden M20. As we enjoyed our sense of isolation we suddenly became aware of the obligatory cows and calves. Thankfully they had little interest in us as we passed by cautiously. We are fairly high up and in a prominent position. On reflection, it wasn't surprising that we stumbled across a beacon put in place for past national celebrations.

We were soon descending to the little hamlet of Postling and source of the East Stour river. Much of the area seems reflect its roots back in the Domesday Book. The church is very quintessentially English with some parts of it dating back to 11th century as well as loads of bones!! Even the road sign seems to have a certain charm.

We leave Postling and wend our way back home via the bumpy field having had a great morning with lovely weather to match.

Ben



LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



This month we look at the crossroads formed by the High Street, Church Road and Well Road. For centuries, this was the economic heart of Lyminge, and here was the pub, the Coach and Horses, known as such since at least 1769 when the landlord was John Hogben, and it may have had this name for much longer than this. The pub that stood then is seen in the picture on the left, which probably dates to the 1870s or early 1880s, judging by the dress of the woman standing at the door. The field that lies behind the pub is now thought of as Tayne Field, but earlier in the 19th Century this was Coach Meadow. Tayne Field was the field further south that is now largely occupied by the school, the boundary between the two still being visible as a raised bank near the footpath.

All that remains of the old pub is the coach house, not actually visible in either photo, but still standing to the south side of the pub itself and still with a small stable yard in front. The current pub building bears the date 1888, indicating that it was redeveloped in the wake of the opening on 4 July 1887 of the first section of the Elham Valley Railway that ran from Shorncliffe Camp (now Folkestone West) to Barham.

In the days before village halls, the Coach and Horses served as a meeting place for the village. The ratepayers of the parish would often hold their meetings there, and auctions are found listed in the local newspapers. Organisations would hold dinners at the pub, like the United Kentish Britons Friendly Society who met there in April 1862. Such events were so popular that around 1904, the facilities were expanded to include a free-standing dining hall that could house up to 150 people seated for dinner. This structure lasted into the 1960s, but although it was demolished, the space is still part of the beer garden and is often covered with a temporary awning. The Coach and Horses continues to serve the local community with food and drink, just as it has done on this same spot for at least two and a half centuries.

Christmas Word Search

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