

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

June 2025

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From The Lyminge Association

Art
Exhibition
Swing Band
Concert
Flower
Festival
Fun Day
with bouncy
castles, stalls,
refreshments

Lyminge Midsummer Festival

Garden Safari
Quiz
Fun Dog
Show
Circus
Skills
School
Fayre
Celebration
Cricket Match

21st - 29th June 2025

**Further details of the programme and activities
for the whole family on P5**

Welcome to a new chapter at The Coach and Horses, Lyminge!

The Coach and Horses is under new management, and we're thrilled to introduce Colin and his fantastic team to the heart of our village. We invite the wonderful community of



Lyminge to give them a warm welcome as they begin an exciting new chapter for our beloved local.

A full renovation programme is underway to enhance both comfort and charm, creating a refreshed and inviting space for all.

There is a new chef and menu with a senior citizens' option available every weekday from 12noon - 2pm.

New opening hours: The pub is now open every day from 12noon until close.



Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

My starting point today is the Tadpole Tearooms in Bishopsbourne and the warm day, the last in April, has lured me out. This is a new walk for me and I decide to follow my nose, knowing that there are footpaths around as many walkers start or end up at the tearoom. Leaving the entrance I walk past a delightful cottage named Oswalds Cottage built in 1875 and once the home of Joseph Conrad, the Polish-British novelist writing in the years either side of the turn of the 20th century. Sweet scent fills the air from a lilac tree in full bloom in the cottage's garden. A footpath sign pointing to the right takes me through a kissing gate and ahead of me stretches a path bordered on either side by squared mesh fencing, which leads up a slight incline and through the land which belongs to Bourne Park House. Although only mid morning, the sun is strong and warm so I am grateful for the breeze. Either side are expanses of close cropped grass. Adjacent to a few of the fence posts, a variety of saplings have grown up, thanks to



birds dropping seeds as they perch on the posts. Reaching the brow of the rise, I wonder what will lie ahead. The pale chalk path continues for a while then enters a narrow wooded area with the old A2 on my right, which passes through Bridge, and I see a No 17 bus on its way to Canterbury. This patch of woodland has lost many mature trees, uprooted in past gales, including beeches with their shallow roots and a huge yew, the dusky-red bark peeling off in flakes. More light, created by these fallen trees, has enabled new seedlings to grow, together with wild flowers in a never ending cycle of birth, growth and death.

Five trees in a group are providing deep shade for sheep and their lambs to graze or doze. Across the

pasture in a dip lies Bourne Park House, a Queen Anne style mansion, built in red brick and pleasing in its symmetry, surrounded by parkland filled with a variety of mature trees. Within this parkland, Cambridge University have found evidence of Roman occupation as well as artefacts dating from the iron and bronze ages. Once through another gate the footpath diverges and I have to decide which to take. I can see walkers in both directions and so I opt for the left hand pathway, which slopes downwards, hoping that maybe I can return on a different path. I stop frequently to admire the woodland, the individual trees and the general vista. Ahead of me, a magnificent and mature copper beech stands alone,



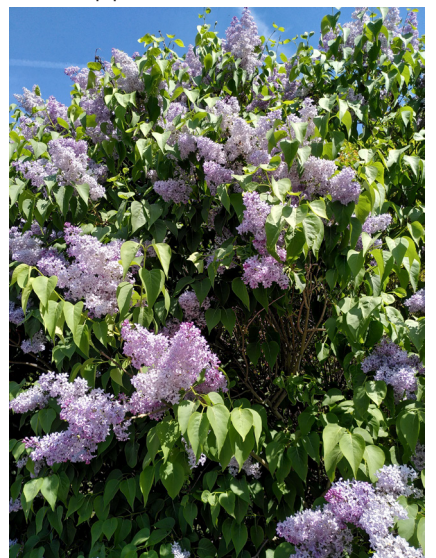
only a very short length of trunk visible under the enormous crown of deep red foliage. Once up close, I see amongst the opening leaves, new beech mast, dangling and dancing in the breeze as their stems are still soft with immaturity. Thin clouds have been brushed across the sky, their swirling patterns a work of art against a pale blue backdrop.

A crow on silent wings glides past tall slender pines whilst its cousins, high up in a nearby pine, caw continuously as they fuss around their nests. It is at this point that I realize that this is a circular path, with an opportunity to leave through a gate onto Bourne Park Lane, but I continue round and begin to walk up the incline. Lack of rain for weeks has resulted in

solid ground where the grass is cropped with only an occasional clump of daisies and scattered solitary dandelions. Dry droppings and half-hearted attempts at burrows evidence the presence of large numbers of rabbits, no doubt only bold enough to come out onto this open ground in the night-time hours of darkness and relative safety. An occasional empty acorn shell might well have been dropped by a passing squirrel.

Once through the gate, in the field on my right, a ewe and its lamb have ventured to the water trough by the gate, moving back to the shade once refreshed. Another ewe moves in for her turn as other sheep begin to bleat in the near distance. It must be uncomfortable for them in their thick woolly coats in this run of unseasonable and record-breaking hot sunny days.

Having completed the circular walk, I am now, for a short time, back in the shade of a few trees. Other walkers are out and about and we wish each other a cheery 'Good morning'. As it is nearing midday, I am grateful that the path now descends gently back towards Bishopsbourne and I can 'free-wheel' without too much effort for the last part of my walk. Along the road, there is an Easter Garden laid out along the bench in the lych gate of St Mary's church. It was started during Covid so that people could see it without going into the church. I know that there are other routes I could have taken today and that there is a footpath that runs through the churchyard, but I shall save this for another 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.
03-Jun	2pm	Bible Month	LMC		29-Jun	12.30pm	Celebration Cricket Match	SPCC	
04-Jun	11.15am	Singing for All	TC		12-Jul	8am	Lord Whisky Boot and Summer Fayre	LW	
10-Jun	2pm	Bible Month	LMC		18-20 July		Summer Parish on Parade		
11-Jun	11.15am	Singing for All	LMC		19-Jul	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	
12-Jun	12.30pm	Dementia Café	EGC		19-21 July		Summer Parish on Parade	JF	
17-Jun	2pm	Bible Month	LMC		27-Jul	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
18-Jun	11.15am	Singing for All	LMC		24-Aug	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
21-Jun	11am	Lyminge Primary School Fayre	TF		14-Sep	9am	Garage Sale		863600
21-29 June		LYMINGE FESTIVAL 2025		863737	25-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
22-Jun	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH		30-Nov	4.45pm	Christmas Lighting Event	Meriden Park	07544 670363
24-Jun	2pm	Bible Month	LMC		07-Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
25-Jun	11.15am	Singing for All	LMC			4.45pm	Christmas Lighting Event	Meriden Park	07544 670363
27-Jun	7pm	BBQ and Concert	LPC		07-Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Tues	7pm	Bridge Club	EVH	07790160476
Mon	10am	Information and Advice Dropin	LL	269602	Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817777975
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Wed	11.15am	Singing For All (term time only)	TC/LMC	269602
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07778 333339
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369225021	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951698008
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	1pm	Seated Yoga	TC		Fri	9.15am	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07870494644
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	862696	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	Coffee Cabin		Fri	6pm	Junior Cricket Training Sessions	SPCC	07869283195
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903150099	3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008
2nd Mon	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	LVH	07999403948	Last Tues	10.30pm	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544670363	1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	TC	862598
3rd Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07715221705	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	864256
1st Tues	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley Branch	St Mary's Church Hall, Elham	07734 383691	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	2.30pm	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

C&H: Coach & Horses; **EGC:** Etchinghill Golf Club; **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 June

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

Sunday 8th June Whit Sunday - Pentecost

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion CW2
6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 4pm Evensong BCP

Sunday 22nd June

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

Sunday 29th June

Swingfield St Peter 10am Benefice Service

Sunday 6th July

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong, BCP

A reminder that reordering work is underway in the Church. Work should be complete this month.

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

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 June 11am Mr Dwight Harris

8th June 10.15am Valley Service at **Elham**: Rev Malcolm Peach

15th June 11am Video Service with Rev Gill Songer

22nd June 10.15am Valley Service at **Rhodes Minnis**: Rev Gill Songer

29th June 11am Mr Tom Lewis

A four-week study of the Gospel of John will be held at 2pm on Tuesdays, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th June in Lyminge

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RHODES MINNIS

1st June 9.30am Mr Dwight Harris

8th June 10.15am Valley Service at Elham Rev Malcolm Peach incl Holy Communion

15th June 9.30am Local Arrangement

22nd June 10.15am Valley Service - Rhodes Minnis anniversary Rev Gill Songer

29th June 9.30am Mr Tom Lewis

6th July 9.30am Local Arrangement

Postling Church Services

1st June 8.30am Breakfast Service

8th June 8.30am Morning Service

15th June 8.30am Holy Communion

22nd June No Service in Postling

29th June 5pm Tea Service

Rector's Message



June 10th marks my 1st year anniversary of being Rector of the Elham Valley Group. It's hard to believe that a whole year has passed by already.

Each of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings in all 6 parishes revealed how much volunteers are relied upon in order for church life to flourish. It is so important for the church and village communities to work together with one another. Regardless of the time you've had connections to the village: 60 yrs, 6yrs or 6 months, I welcome your support for your parish church.

None of us knows for certain exactly what lies ahead, but I pray that we will journey together, trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." **Lamentations 3: 22-23**

Rev'd Carol Bates

Lyminge Newsletter

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

21st – 29th June 2025

Saturday 21st June

10am until 4pm - **Garden Safari**

see Passports for details of locations and individual opening times. Passports (£3) available from Snippers and Clippers

10:30am until 4pm - **Art Exhibition** in The Tayne Centre

11am until 2pm - **Lyminge Primary School Summer Fayre** in Tayne Field. See page 8

10am until 4pm - **Flower Festival** in The Lyminge Parish Church

including ploughman's lunch, afternoon teas, and tower visits

Sunday 22nd June

10am until 4pm - **Garden Safari**

see Passports for details of locations and individual opening times. Passports (£3) available from desk in Church Road, near Lyminge Methodist Church (10am-1pm)

12noon until 4pm - **Art Exhibition** in Tayne Centre

12noon until 4pm - **Flower Festival** in The Parish Church. See page 9

Thursday 26th June

7pm - **Folkestone Community Swing Band** at Lyminge Parish Church. See page 7

No charge; donation on leaving concert.

Friday 27th June

7pm - **Quiz** at The Village Hall. See page 7

Tables of 8; £5 per person, raffle. Please contact Heather on 07427664084 and leave a message or email at heather.dunford@gmail.com to book a place or table

Saturday 28th June

10am until 4pm - **Fun Day** on Tayne Field

with bouncy castle, burger van, ice cream van, plus various stalls and games

See page 7

10:30am - **"A Guided Tour of the Parish Church through 1,400 years of history"**,

by local historian Rob Baldwin

11am until 1pm - **Circus Skills** on Tayne Field

1pm - **Lyminge School Performing Arts Club** on Tayne Field

2pm - **FUN!! Dog Show** on Tayne Field

Many other organisations and stalls will be involved including Lyminge Gardeners' Society, Lyminge Scouts, AK Healthcare, Lyminge Friends, Lyminge Bowls, The Elham Valley Line Heritage Centre

Sunday 29th June

1pm - **HPB Sibton Park's 25th Anniversary Celebration Cricket Match**. See page 9

This Festival has been solely sponsored by The Lyminge Association

Etchinghill Update - June 2025

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

ERA FILM NIGHT - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - MONDAY 16 JUNE - DOORS OPEN AT 7PM FOR A 7.30 PM START - 'A COMPLETE UNKNOWN' 15 - 2025 - RUN TIME -2HRS 9MINS.

New York, 1961, against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an unknown 19-year-old named Bob Dylan (Timothée Chalamet), from Minnesota, arrives in Greenwich Village with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. As he forms his most intimate relationships during his rise to fame, he grows restless with the folk movement, refusing to be defined, making a controversial choice that culturally reverberates worldwide.

Entry fee is only £6 pp and includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee with biscuits on arrival and entry into a free raffle. There will be an intermission approximately halfway through the film when refreshments will be served. New members are welcome, simply register and pay on the night, there's no need to book.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White

Bookings: Anna Allan 07514 758936, E-mail: d.allan142@btinternet.com

Facebook: Etchinghill Village Hall Kent

The Stage Area: our next project at the Hall is to get this up and running as soon as possible. The lighting is being updated and then the music system needs relocating as well as creating a "green room".

The Toddler and Baby Group: A volunteer is needed to either take over the running of this Group or to help run the weekly sessions. If you are interested please contact the village hall (07514 758936) and we can pass on your details.

Indoor Boot Fair: June 21st from 9am for baby and children's clothes and toys. Come along and replenish or sell. Telephone 07514 758936 to book a table (£7 individual £10 business)

I would like to thank Jacqui for all of her hard work compiling the contribution to the newsletter over previous years.

News contact: Karen Hickman – 07521 372477 or email: kdhickman@me.com



The Lyminge Festival 21st - 29th June 2025



Lyminge School is seeking a New Clerk for the Governing Body

An opportunity has arisen at Lyminge School for the appointment of a Clerk to the school governors. Could this be the flexible part-time job for you?

The role of Clerk is varied, but the most important aspect is to organise meetings of the governing body and take the minutes. In addition, after suitable training or experience, the clerk will need to ensure that the governors work within the appropriate laws and regulations.

There are no fixed hours, but the Clerk is expected to attend all meetings of the governing body and to be able to respond to issues as and when they arise. On average, the Clerk will work about 10 - 12 hours a month.

The work is paid by the hour, with a starting salary of £24,040 - £28,850 fte, depending on qualifications and experience.

If you have experience in school clerking or any similar role, would be ready to undergo bespoke training, and would like to know more about this vital role in the life of our local school, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Dr Sarah Montgomery, Chair of Governors, via the school office office@lyminge.kent.sch.uk for more information or to send in your application. The closing date for applications will be **14th June 2025**.

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com

Tel: 01303 863737

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The
Lyminge
Association's

Summertime

QUIZ

WHEN ?

Friday 27th JUNE
7pm for 7.30 start

WHERE ?

Lyminge Village Hall

Bring your own supper,
drinks, glasses and cutlery

Raffle

ONLY £5 per head
Teams - maximum of 8

To book a place or table, please contact Heather
and leave a message on 07427664084
or email heather.dunford@gmail.com
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Lyminge
Midsummer
Festival



A CONCERT

with



Folkestone Community
Swing Band

Thursday 26th June 2025

7.00pm

at



St. Mary & St. Ethelburga Parish Church

Admission free
with a retiring collection



A Lyminge Festival
Event

The Lyminge Festival 21st - 29th June 2025

The
Lyminge
Association
presents ...

Lyminge
Midsummer
Festival

FUN DAY 2025

Saturday 28th June

Tayne Field

10am until 4pm

INFLATABLES

CIRCUS SKILLS

Have a go yourself FREE !

GAMES & SIDESHOWS

BURGER VAN

ICE CREAM

FUN DOG SHOW at 2 o'clock

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

MONDAY 16th June
"A Complete Unknown"
 15 (2025) - Run Time: 2hrs 9mins

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm
 Entrance Fee £6pp
 Open to new and existing members
 Free Refreshments and Raffle



www.etchinghill.info

Lyminge Library - Readers Book Club

Railway Readers 1

Meeting place: Lyminge Library - 1st Tuesday of every month, 2pm

Please contact the library for further details:

lymingelibrary@kent.gov.uk



Fifth Trust Update

www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Please visit the Vineyard Garden Centre for all your summer gardening needs. We offer a wide selection of top-quality herbaceous plants, seasonal bedding, trees and shrubs and all the tools, materials and ornaments you need to make your outdoor space bloom. We are on the Elham Valley road towards Canterbury. Whilst there you can visit the Vineyard café and as our name suggests, enjoy a glass of our own wine or maybe take home a bottle. All profits support our work with adults with learning disabilities.

Did you know that you can order personalised number plaques from our Pottery department? The bespoke pieces are lovingly moulded and painted by our talented students and will give your home a unique identifier. Please email: info@fifthtrust.co.uk to enquire.

Update from

the Lyminge Community Hub

On 9th May, members of the Lyminge Community Hub met with Councillor Jim Martin, Leader of Folkestone & Hythe District Council, and Sojan Joseph MP, in order to complete a tour of the village with a view to determining a suitable venue in which the Lyminge Community Hub could provide initially:

- a café, which would sell light bites and provide a welcoming community meeting place
- a thrift shop
- a monthly repair café
- and later, rooms for other activities e.g. exercise classes, singing sessions, knit-and-natter, and other activities to support the residents of Lyminge

Whilst the meeting was well received, there was no indication forthcoming as to whether or not Folkestone & Hythe District Council would support our request to use the building in Everist Court, recently vacated by Age UK.

As we are very keen to get the Community Hub established as soon as possible, we have been considering alternative accommodation, which includes the Tayne Centre. However, we are aware that a fair amount of work would be required to bring the rooms available there up to the standard we require to be able to offer all that we hope to do. In addition, the Parish Council is considering altering the Village Hall so that it can be accessed by more daytime groups, but neither of these venues will be available for quite some time.

Please rest assured that we are all working hard to establish the Lyminge Community Hub as quickly as possible and we will continue to keep you informed of our progress.



Lyminge Primary School Summer Fayre

Saturday 21st June 2025
11am – 2pm
on Tayne Field

Free entry. Inflatables, stalls and games.
 BBQ, refreshments, bottle tombola, raffle,
 books & toys, live music and lots more!
 Please come and support our school.

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Rhodes Minnis Circle

We will be meeting on 25th June for a talk by Andrew Ashton entitled **"Your Country Needs You"**

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

District Councillors' Update - June 2025

Work has now started on the Folkestone town centre improvements. The work will be done in phases and the road works there will last until next spring. For the old Debenhams building (FOLCA) council officers have now secured a grant £1.44 million for a heating pump system for the refurbished building which will both help expedite the project overall and greatly help in the Council's long held ambition to become net zero.

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting feedback on the interim submission that was sent to the Government in January about Local Council Reform. This feedback was due to be given at the beginning of May. From letters received by Surrey and Sussex it is unclear whether the 500,000 minimum population within the new single councils to be formed is a target or just guidance.

We recently held a very informative North Downs Forum meeting where issues such as organising monitoring of the Nailbourne stream and work going on with the reinstatement of heritage ponds were discussed. If anyone is interested in joining the Group to help with the monitoring please contact me.

Can I make an appeal on behalf of horseback riders. All too often we see riders and their horses intimidated by vehicles travelling too fast. Please do slow down to at least 10 MPH when approaching a horse on the road and leave plenty of room when passing a horse. I strongly support the Green Party policy of a 40 MPH on minor country roads as opposed to the current 60 MPH limit.

Finally, I would like to welcome Chris Hespe, the newly elected Kent County Councillor for the Elham Valley, and wish him every success.

Contact Elaine Martin: elainemartin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

It is with great sadness, The Lyminge Association has learned of the passing of Jenny's husband of 54 years. We extend our heart-felt condolences to her and her family.

Contact Jenny Hollingsbee: jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk



Celebration Match

Sibton Park CC Vs HPB

Date: Sunday 29th June 2025

Time: from 1230

Come and join us for a celebration match between Sibton Park CC and Holiday Property Bond holders to celebrate 25 years of owning Sibton Park

Bar open with cream tea and BBQ available

ST MARY THE VIRGIN ELHAM

URGENTLY NEEDED!

TOWER CAPTAIN

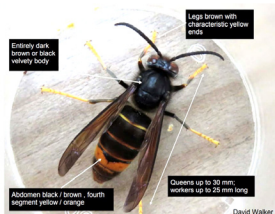
ESSENTIAL

- Must be competent and experienced Bell Ringer, confident in teaching others to ring church bells.

contact:



iandodd8888@outlook.com



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Lyminge Friends

On the **4th June**, **Peter Stratton** from **The Fifth Trust** will be speaking about the Charity and it's work supporting adults with learning disabilities in the Elham Valley. Do come along and support this wonderful charity, raffle prizes will be items made by the students.

Our 2nd July talk is **"The Living Land"** – **Romney Marsh Wools** and the speaker is **Kristina Boulden**.

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

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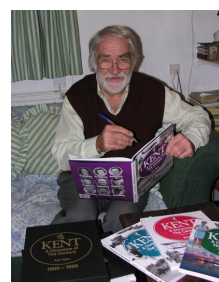
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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

Council news

We are pleased to share that following nominations from outgoing chairman Cllr Emily Arnold, Cllrs Shaun Pottage and Sue Baldwin were elected as chair and vice-chair respectively.

Both are residents of Rhodes Minnis and while both are new councillors, they have already proved invaluable and are keen to get stuck in.

We are incredibly grateful to Cllr Emily Arnold for her tenacity and success as chairman over the past two years.

The following committee chairs were also elected:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr Sue Baldwin

Planning & Licensing:

Cllr Emily Arnold

Community Engagement &

Events: Cllr Sarah Fagg

Finance & Administration:

Cllr Sandra Harrison

Personnel & HR:

Cllr Sue Baldwin

Councillor contact details can be found on our website.

Meeting dates

The following meetings all take place at Lyminge Village Hall

Neighbourhood Plan - June 3rd - 17:30

Finance & Administration - June 3rd - 18:30

Community Engagement & Events - June 4th - 18:00

Full Council - June 10th - 19:00

Planning & Licencing - June 5th & 26th - 9:30 - Etchinghill Village Hall

Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website.

Neighbourhood Plan

We recently shared news that we had appointed a new consultant who will assist in completion of the Neighbourhood Plan. We are currently finalising membership to the committee and then will share further details on how residents of the parish can be involved with our ongoing consultation.

Our first committee meeting will be taking place on June 3rd and will seek to outline the committee's function, reporting structure and how we will see the plan progress.

In addition to this, the committee will be meeting with the consultant for an introductory session.

We hope that we will see ample involvement, which is essential to an effective Neighbourhood Plan.

For updates, please email
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Committee news:

Planning & Licencing:

LPC Comments

25/0525/FH - Station Road Car
Park - Objection

25/0741/FH & 25/0772/FH -

Woodland Farm - No objection

25/0481/FH - 76 Palm Tree Way
- No objection

25/0750/FH - Pebsham,
Teddars Leas Road- No
objection

More detailed comments can
be found on the FHDC
Planning Portal.

'Parish on Parade' summer event

As part of our summer event,
full details of which can be
found on our social media and
website and will feature in the
July newsletter, we will be
holding several silent disco
sessions, if you would like to
purchase a ticket please
contact us!

Additionally we have early bird
wristbands for sale that allow
unlimited access to
inflatables!

Lastly, we are holding a tug of
war competition, compete to
win kudos for your village,
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AND a trophy!

Road closures

**Canterbury Road, Lyminge, from 24th July 2025 with estimated
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Canterbury Road will have a mandatory 40MPH speed limit
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**Sandling Road, Postling, from 21st July 2025 with estimated
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barriers on site.

The alternative route for any through traffic is via Sandling Road,
Canterbury Road, Beachborough, A20 Ashford Road and vice versa.

Office Hours

We are currently trialling out holding office hours so
that residents can come and engage with us face to
face.

At present our office hours are taking place in the
meeting room at Etchinghill Village Hall on Tuesdays
and Fridays.

Tuesday: 10:00 - 13:00

Friday: 9:30 - 12:30

You are welcome to drop in, however for more in-depth
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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, **MONDAY 23rd June**. Venue to be confirmed.

Pick-Up-A-Plant

...was brilliant! Thank you so much to all those involved, from the stalwarts who lovingly bring on plants in their own gardens and then bring them along to give away, to the Thoughtful Food team who man the stall, provide tables, chairs, knowledge and to those who come along to Pick-Up-A-Plant. Thank you also to Philip Blanch and the Methodist church for allowing us to hold this event under their beautiful beech tree at short notice.

It seems the idea has spread along the valley with the Bridge Allotment Association holding a similar event on 17th May. One lady who was visiting Lyminge from Worcester said she was going to take the idea back there. Let's hope so; who knows how far this could go!



Tayne Centre Allotment Update

We've all been busy since April at the TC allotments: preparing the soil, germinating seeds and planting seedlings in our plots. Some of us have taken the one plot/one crop approach and others have diversified and planted a range of vegetables in theirs. Between the 11 plots we're growing a good range of veg; so far we've got broad and climbing beans, courgettes, onions, garlic, shallots, squash, lettuce, radishes and raspberries. It's surprising how productive a metre-square bed can be.

Although we have communal water butts at the allotments, the supply of water is running out due to the exceptionally dry spring. Some of us are collecting our 'grey' water to use instead. If you're interested in finding out how to use grey water, the RHS web-site has some useful guidelines.

The intention underlying the small beds is to encourage people who haven't grown their own food before to have a go. The one-metre beds are a good size with which to experiment; easy to maintain and hopefully let the gardeners savour the fruits of their labour.



Permaculture

Continuing our series based around using permaculture to improve our sustainability, let's look at the principle of 'obtaining a yield'.

Principle: Obtain a yield. Permaculture values self-reliance - the ability of communities to support themselves and each other. This principle focuses on looking for opportunities to create resources with everything that we do. There are many opportunities to design our world to provide outputs that benefit us, sometimes incidental to the main purpose.

In action: When the developer of a new housing estate plants trees and shrubs to improve aesthetics they could be fruit and nut trees to supply food available to local residents. A new animal shelter roof could capture rainwater to supply water for livestock. This helps to maximise what we can produce from the land around us, thereby reducing reliance on others.

Elderflower Cordial

Everything is a bit late this year so there is still an opportunity to make some Elderflower Cordial, a great crowd pleaser when mixed with sparkling water (or Gin!) This recipe makes about 2 litres

Ingredients:

- About 25 elderflower heads
- Finely grated zest of 3 unwaxed lemons and 1 orange, plus their juice (about 150ml in total)
- 1kg sugar
- 1 heaped teaspoon of citric acid

Method:

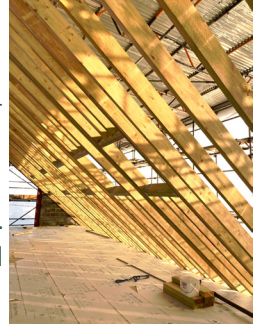
1. Inspect the elderflower heads carefully and remove any insects. Place the flower heads in a large bowl together with the orange and lemon zest.
2. Bring 1.5 litres water to the boil and pour over the elderflowers and citrus zest. Cover and leave overnight to infuse.
3. Strain the liquid through a scalded jelly bag or piece of muslin and pour into a saucepan. Add the sugar, the lemon and orange juice and the citric acid.
4. Heat gently to dissolve the sugar, then bring to a simmer and cook for a couple of minutes.
5. Use a funnel to pour the hot syrup into sterilised bottles. Seal the bottles with swing-top lids, sterilised screw-tops or corks.

Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food



Trying to Renovate a House Sustainably...

If you've driven through the Elham end of Lyminge recently and wondered if a new supermarket was going up—don't worry! The large scaffolding and "tin hat" are simply signs of a major home renovation that's been going on since January, come rain or shine. This project has a special history: originally built in 1960 by Olive and Roy Rawlings, the home was passed down through the family, extended in 1980, and now—45 years later—is being re-imagined by their granddaughter and her husband to house three generations (and their pets) under one roof. Intergenerational living, as it turns out, can also be a great place to start when thinking sustainably.



....Our Sustainable Building Efforts

We've tried to make choices that reduce our environmental impact while also future-proofing the home. Here's what's worked (and what hasn't):

Energy Efficiency

- We began with a heat loss calculation to understand where improvements were most needed.
- Switched from gas to an air-source heat pump—cutting CO2 emissions by an estimated 80%, with an estimated £ of £1000+ per year.
- We're planning to add a battery to the existing solar panels for maximum self-sufficiency, including in power cuts which we expect to be increasingly frequent with extreme weather events on the rise.
- Upgraded insulation across floors, walls, ceilings, and cladding.
- Chose high-efficiency glazing and debated long and hard on the most sustainable frames, eventually opting for aluminium frames to balance thermal efficiency with lifespan.
- Smart home tech – going beyond smart meters, there are apps available that connect solar panels, batteries etc to electricity providers to understand when the best tariffs are, how to be most efficient in what to use and when.

Reuse & Recycle

- We're planning to reuse all internal doors with a spruce up with new hardware, and using the old kitchen unit doors in a utility room.
- Salvaged timber offcuts and even found a second life for our old roof tiles—thanks to helpful neighbours using them in their garden beds!

Sustainable Purchases

- Selected materials with recycled content and lower environmental impact where possible—like steel eco baths that use less water and keep it hotter for longer, and lower-impact paints and carpets. I've even seen aluminium showers made from recycled materials... but it will come down to cost.
- Sustainable timber - from bathroom vanity units, to front doors and flooring, we've selected sustainable timber in order to reduce the amount of plastic, and materials that are hard to recycle at the end of life.
- Sourced many items locally—from windows and doors to contractors and craftspeople, including the brilliant Charlie Mills who is the main contractor, from CM Carpentry and his Lyminge-based team.

Financing the Build

- Grants - we jumped at the chance to use the Government grant for heat pumps, and with Solaris (local company supplying the heat pump) taking care of the application, it really is simple. The one watch out is that you have to pay the total amount first, then the Government pays the grant once the pump is installed.
- Mortgage/ loans We know that who we borrow money from is one of the highest impacts of the whole project, along with the long term efficiency of the house itself. There are also preferential rates on mortgages and loans if you can demonstrate improvements/ high levels of energy efficiency in the final build. We're improving an EPC rating from C to A, which is helpful in finding finance options.

Where We Struggled

- Clearing out the house inevitably involved more landfill trips than we'd hoped, despite many trips to charity shops too.
- Some materials like concrete and plastic guttering had no affordable or practical alternatives.
- Hidden materials—behind the walls and beneath the floors—aren't always visible or easy to choose sustainably.
- Budget limits meant we couldn't insulate quite as much as we'd like, and the recycled plastic roof tiles were too expensive and too much of an unknown for us!
- Rainwater harvesting – whilst we're definitely going to be using water butts for gardens, apparently the relatively low amount of rainfall in this area of the country does not make this particularly impactful, whilst it would have cost quite a bit to install.
- Green roofing or walls – adds insulation and encourages biodiversity, but not possible on a steeply pitched roof, and not sure FHDC Planning department are ready for "green" walls yet!

In Summary: Sustainable renovation isn't perfect or easy—but every choice adds up. From reusing what we could, to improving energy efficiency and supporting local trades, we've learned that it's about balance. Some days it's insulation and solar panels; other days it's plastic guttering because the budget's gone!

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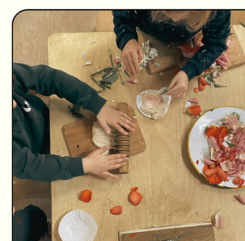
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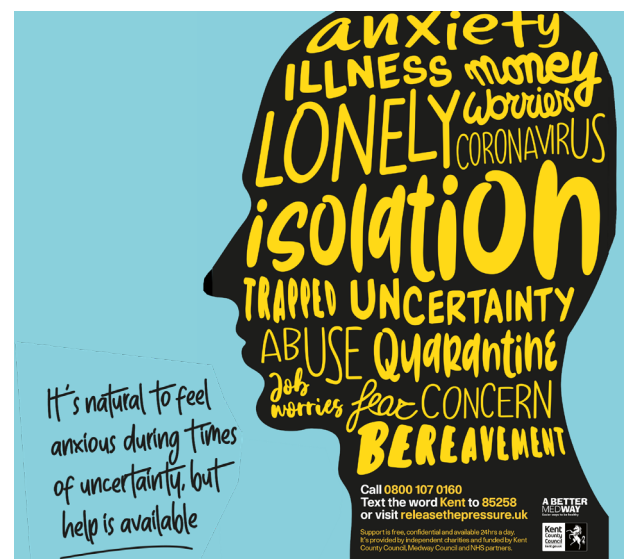
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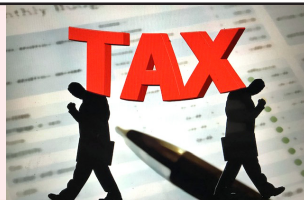
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VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration 8th May 2025

The celebrations took the form of an 'off the street' tea party on Tayne Field.

Later that evening, there was singing of songs from that particular era which took place within the Parish Church due to the extremely cold weather outside.

The proceedings were concluded by the lighting of the beacon, sited on the top of the tower at Saint Mary's and Ethelberga Church



A Man of Straw

I'm generally a solitary figure,
A character every one knows -
Casually dressed; I do my best;
Dressed in hand me down clothes.

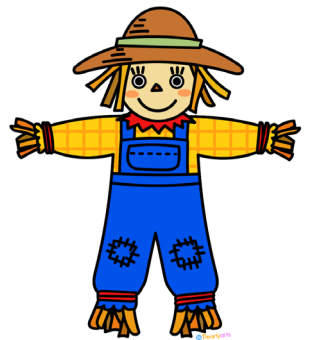
To all my fans I would like to say
Thanks for all the gifts you've sent.
The bowler hat from Saint Mary's Bay
The orange shirt from Mavis in Kent.

The yellow scarf with silver bells
Gifted by Harry from The Isle of Man.
A jersey from Jane in Tonbridge Wells,
A jacket from an anonymous fan.

I love the Kilt, a vivid green,
A bit bizarre, but a lovely thought.
Donated by Andy from Aberdeen -
Unused from the day it was bought.

The coat, with brass buttons galore
Tastefully tailored a shocking pink.
Donated by June from Appledore.
Designed to frighten the birds I think!

Who am I? What do I do?
Something useful I'm sure.
Don't know? I'll give you a clue.
Think of me as a man of straw.



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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.



Mayfield Terrace in Mayfield Road was built in the early years of the 20th Century. The land it occupies used to be pasture, a field known as Libertine owned by the Rector, but this was sold in the years following the arrival of the railway in Lyminge in 1887. This was when developers were keen to build new houses for an expanding population, who wanted to live in the countryside now that transport links were better than they had been in the past.

The picture on the left dates probably to before the First World War when the houses were new. The end wall of the terrace shows chimney flues and fireplaces suggesting the intention had been to build at least one more house and possibly others to extend the terrace further. But the Ordnance Survey map of 1907 shows that the terrace was built exactly as it is today, with eight houses in total and access to the rear between numbers 3 and 4.

The Census of 1911 shows that the end house was occupied by police sergeant George Martin, his wife Florence and their three children Sidney, Dorothy and Leonard. All of them were incomers, part of the great increase in local population at this time. George came from Tudley near Tunbridge Wells, Florence from Gillingham, and their children were each born in different locations. Little Leonard, aged 4, was born in Alkham, demonstrating that the family were very recent arrivals in Lyminge.

The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM held on Sunday evening 18th May



A number of local residents attended The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM including our MP Mr Sojan Joseph. It was very pleasing for the residents as well as the Trustees that our MP found the time to attend.

There was some interesting discussions regarding the management of the Hall going forward with a number of constructive comments from the floor. The Chairman confirmed the completion of the extension together with the opening up of the stage area.

Discussions continued after the meeting over a glass of wine.



Lyminge Friends

Lyminge Friends enjoyed a very interesting talk in May by Imogen Corrigan on 'The Hazards of the Pilgrim's Journey'.