

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

OCTOBER 2025

Building Supportive Relationships in Our Community

THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION AGM

7pm for 7.30pm

16th October 2025

Lyminge Bowls Club, Woodland Road CT18 8EW

Besides the routine business of an AGM (normally over in 30 mins), the chair of Lyminge Parish Council, Shaun Pottage and vice chair, Sue Baldwin will be joining us to share their vision for Lyminge and how as a community we can help and support each other.

Refreshments will be available and we look forward to welcoming you.

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From the Editor: Over the past couple of months, you may have noticed a gradual improvement in the look and feel of the newsletter. I'm very grateful to Jo Legg (jo.legg@flair-design.co.uk) for her immense support and guidance. This support has been exceptionally valuable whilst I have been away recently on holiday. The digital version is now in full colour and can be viewed on

www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

I am speeding northwards on an Azuma train on the East Coast Main Line, on my way to Scotland to visit family. It is the hottest and final day of the fourth official heatwave of the year and I'm grateful for the air conditioning. Very soon we are out of the London sprawl and into the countryside, where dark green hedgerows punctuate the land, dividing fields into a patchwork of colour and texture. Harvesting is almost over, although a few fields await the cut of the combine, interestingly in the middle part of the journey: at either end the crops have been gathered in.

Apart from the different textures of fields providing animal pasture, the wheat fields vary in their post harvest progress: lines of straw lie golden on equally golden stubble; cylindrical and cuboid bales of straw lying haphazardly across fields; two straight parallel lines of rolled bales await a tractor's attention before being stacked and stored; short straight stubble will soon be ploughed-in on cleared fields; a mixture of gold and brown where stubble has started to be ploughed in; brown soil shows further ploughing and finally one or two fields with smooth soft-looking earth, which has been tilled ready for sowing. Late summer is certainly a busy time in the farming year. Patterns appear in the form of pale green stripes where hay has been cut; combine harvester and tractor tracks which weave around



and about as they work, flattening the wheat as it grows, then when it is cut and the straw baled; sheep tracks meander through flat and undulating grassy meadows; water courses twist and turn as the water constantly seeks out lower land; footpaths, tracks and roads follow their own agenda of getting people from here to there - there are no straight lines in nature.

Church spires and towers rise above clusters of trees to mark out villages, their height having been the tallest constructions for centuries until pylons, wind turbines and phone masts have more recently dwarfed these ancient landmarks.

Dark rich soil – the plough followed by hundreds of seagulls – tells me we are passing through Lincolnshire, whose flat alluvial land provides plenty of nutrients for a variety of crops. Moving swiftly on through England we

come to Yorkshire, where dry stone walls bisect the countryside and bent wind-stunted trees form hedgerows. Sheep have been put into a field to search for grass between the dry stiff stalks of the stubble. A stand of larches have dried and died and small farm buildings, on the edge of fields, stand abandoned and ruinous, with only walls and gable ends remaining, empty shells from an earlier time. Cattle and sheep share a field.

We make our first stop at York, the Minister standing out solid and strong. Moving on northwards maize is growing, some fields with healthy upright plants and others with short, sparse and spindly stalks, ample evidence of the lack of rain. If further proof were needed, water cannons in the distance send out pulsating jets of water in an effort to replicate rain, which has been in such short supply this year. Darlington is the



(contd) next stop which is more or less the halfway point of my journey. The station is a Grade II* listed Victorian building with impressive Doric columns holding up the vast roof, a distinguished reminder of the early railway era.

Earlier in the morning mist had enveloped the Elham Valley and the nearby Kent coastline, now becoming thinner as the day and my journey progress. By mid afternoon, a pale grey sky that has prevented the sun from breaking through, begins to clear and streaks of light turquoise appear to the east and sunshine gradually lights up the countryside. At Newcastle-upon-Tyne, we have to wait on the bridge over the River Tyne for a platform to become available. The tide is out and mudflats line each side of the river. To my right, a range of bridges carries traffic and trains in and out of England's northernmost city, which was once one of the world's largest shipbuilding and repair centres.

Buddleia and rosebay-willowherb hurtle past in a purple blur. From Newcastle northwards, the rail track moves eastwards running parallel to the coast, with views across the sea to the Farne Islands. The next stop will be Berwick-upon-Tweed, on the border between England and Scotland. Here the town's defensive walls descend the riverbank to the water's edge, a reminder that this was once a frontier town. Sweeping on, we pass by the Lammermuir Hills, the name deriving from the Old English *lambra mōr*, meaning "moorland of the lambs" words which describe well the current scenery. And then, with none of the spreading urban sprawl I saw leaving London, we are in to Edingburgh Waverley Station, and another fine piece of architecture and the end of our journey.

Note: apologies for lack of photos from the journey as it was not possible to take any through the windows due to the speed of the train and the reflection of the glass. Instead I have chosen a couple of local ones to illustrate the words.

Fifth Trust update

www.fifthtrust.co.uk



We have two vacancies available.

Communications and Marketing Coordinator

(24–32 hours per week, flexible), £26,800–£27,100 pro rata.

This role will raise awareness of our care services and social enterprises, while also helping to plan and deliver events. Key aspects of the role include delivering our communications plan, managing digital channels, and producing engaging content for social media, our website, and newsletters.

Sunday Cook (Vineyard Café)

Part-time (Sundays, 9-5pm), salary negotiable.

We are seeking an experienced cook to work in our award-winning café. Extra shifts may be available during the week to cover leave. The role will include preparing meals from our breakfast, lunch, cakes and afternoon tea menus, along with specials boards, and serving customers.

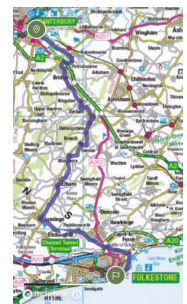
To read the full job descriptions, apply, and view benefits visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/FTvacancy>

Pilgrimage 11th 12th Oct



gofundme



Please sponsor me,
join one of the services
or walk with me along the way

Wearing medieval clothing I will start the pilgrimage in Canterbury at 8am on Saturday, and finish in Folkestone at 5 pm on Sunday.

There will be a service at each of the 9 churches along the route, which is split into manageable sections. You can walk as much or as little as you like, it would be great if you could join us!

The money raised will be shared 50-50 between
Pete's Dragons and the churches.

Timetable and link to the gofundme page
www.theschooleofdefence.com/camino



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Church Services

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. Please note that times and venues may vary.



LYMINGE

Date	Time	Event
5th October	11am	Rev Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)
12th October	10.15am	Valley Service at Elham with Rev Malcolm Peach
19th October	11am	Mr Tom Lewis
22nd October	7pm	Praise & Worship Service
26th October	11am	Mr Richard Blackwell
2nd November	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis

RHODES MINNIS

Date	Time	Event
5th October	9.30am	Rev Gill Songer – Our Harvest Festival Service
12th October	10.15am	Valley Service at Elham with Rev Malcolm Peach
19th October	9.30am	Mr Tom Lewis
26th October	9.30am	A Local Arrangement
2nd November	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis including Holy Communion with Rev Malcolm Peach

Rector's Message

'The Parable of the Lost Sheep' is one of my favourites. It is a reminder of the extent that God will go to seek and to save those who are lost, those who are the least and those left out.

Why?

Because no one is to be lost from God's love.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God – not even death. There is no place that Jesus will not go in order to find us and bring us safely home.

Dear Lord, help me to respond to your love and mercy upon my life by choosing to show your love and mercy to others, rejoicing with you whenever lost souls are found by you. Amen

Rev'd Carol Bates



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St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
Sunday 4th October	Lyminge	10.00am	WOW Service
	Paddlesworth		No Service
Sunday 11th October	Lyminge	8.00am	Holy Communion CW2
		10.00am	Pilgrimage Holy Communion CW1 Rev Stuart Huntley
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 18th October	Lyminge	10.00am	Holy Communion CW1
	Paddlesworth		No Service
Sunday 25th October	Lyminge	10.00am	Family Communion
	Paddlesworth		No Service
Sunday 1st November	Lyminge	10.00am	WOW Service
	Paddlesworth		No Service

Paddlesworth Church will be closed for repairs from 21st July until completion of work.

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

Postling Church Services

Date	Time	Event
7th September		No Service in Postling
14th September	8.30am	Morning Service
21st September	8.30am	Holy Communion
28th September	8.30am	Breakfast Service


Etchinghill update

– October 2025

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe - 07939 076617

Email: dmccombel@gmail.com

Website: www.etchinghill.info  Etchinghill Residents

AUTUMN LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 10AM

Would volunteers please meet in the Etchinghill Village Hall car park to collect pickup sticks, hi-vis jackets and rubbish sacks. Please bring your own gloves.

Collections usually take 1-2 hours and all support will be greatly appreciated.


FILM NIGHT ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 20th OCTOBER Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start 'SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE' 12 - 2024 - Run time 1hr 38min.

A historical drama starring Cillian Murphy, Eileen Walsh and Emily Watson. Based on Claire Keegan's novel, the movie explores the dark history of the Magdalene Laundries through the eyes of Bill Furlong, a coal merchant who makes a shocking discovery during Christmas 1985 in a small Irish town. The film is a slow-burn, atmospheric drama that leans into themes of morality, complicity and courage.

Entry fee is only £6 pp including a choice of a glass of wine, tea or coffee with biscuits or popcorn. There will be a free raffle during the intermission. New members are welcome, simply register at the door – there is no need to book in advance.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White

 Etchinghill Village Hall Kent

Bookings: Anna Allan 07514 758936
Email: d.allan142@btinternet.com



ERA FUN QUIZ ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER Doors open 6.45pm for a 7pm start

Everyone is welcome to join in with our hugely popular, light-hearted, fun quiz. Entry is only £4pp – no charge for children under the age of 18 or full time students. Teams are limited to 6 persons maximum per table – please reserve your table early to avoid disappointment as places book quickly and remember to bring your own snacks and refreshments. To reserve a table or to make a raffle prize donation, please contact Geraldine on 07544 670363 or email gpmccombe49@gmail.com.

IN OTHER NEWS

We have been working closely with Lyminge Parish Council and are pleased to confirm that new nets are being ordered for the goal posts on St Mary's Field; a 'Forgotten Women in War' statue will arrive in time for Remembrance Day (to be sited on the Teddars Leas/Canterbury Road triangle). The white T bone (now virtually disappeared) marking the emergency access path between Meriden Close and Westfield Lane together with the two sets of faded speed bump markings in Meriden Park will be repainted by F&HDC. Work is expected to be completed within the next 2-3 months.

In addition, the provision of a much needed bench has been confirmed by LPC and will be installed adjacent to the children's play area in St Mary's Close as there is insufficient space for seating in the park itself. Our thanks go to LPC members who reached out to the ERA recently with support and financing to help clear up some long-standing requests and issues.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP will take place at Etchinghill Village Hall on Sunday 23rd November 10.30am - 2pm. Imagine the pleasure of a lovely Christmas wreath that you made yourself. £40 pp. Limited spaces. To book phone 07514 758936

THE BIG FAT CHRISTMAS QUIZ will be held at Etchinghill Village Hall on Saturday 6th December 7pm. Decorated hall, crackers and mince pies included. If you enjoy Christmas you will enjoy this. Teams of up to 6, £5pp with prizes for the winning team. Bring your favourite nibbles and drinks. To reserve your table phone 07514 758936.

News contact

Karen Hickman – 07521 372477 or email: kdickman@me.com

District Councillors' update

– October 2025



I hope you have all had a good summer.

The European Entry Exit system will start to be implemented from the 12th October. It is going to be a phased implementation over the next six months from October 2025 to April 2026.

The first time you cross to France you will need to provide your fingerprints and a facial scan. This will only happen the first time and will take a few extra minutes so there may be some hold ups at the crossing points, the Channel Tunnel and Dover. This should save time for future visits because your passport will not need to be stamped. In the meantime, the KCC website gives the latest – www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/eu-entryexit-system and there is an email where you can report any traffic problems – ees@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is once again supporting the open-air art festival which happens every three years. This year's Folkestone Triennial exhibition is titled "How Lies The Land?" and is the sixth edition. It invites residents and visitors to explore the stories and histories that shape the landscape.

There will be new temporary bus stops in operation in Middleburg Square from 21 September following the closure of Folkestone Bus Station. Stagecoach has developed maps, a dedicated webpage and posters with details of all temporary stops. Details can be found on the F&HDC website.

I have some Ward Members' grants still to be awarded. Local groups can contact me with their proposals and I can advise them how to apply.

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

Green Grant Programme – I was pleased to support the applications in the North Downs West Ward as follows:

Postling Village Hall – £11,700 - Solar PV & battery storage systems

In the Sticks Childcare - £10,944 - Solar PV & battery storage systems for Lyminge Nursery

Rebel Farmer - £1,000 - Conservation event Lyminge

Folkestone – A Brighter Future – Work is now fully underway on this £20m regeneration scheme initiated under the previous Administration. At the last full Council Meeting I raised the issue of traffic disruption all around the town. I understand KCC are directing the works and are working hard to resolve problems.

Princes Parade – The Leader of the Council has confirmed that the Princes Parade site will remain exactly as it is for the time being. It will be interesting to see how this changes under the Local Government Organisation.

Otterpool Park – a further collaboration agreement has been signed with Homes England and I await to hear further details.

Local Government Re-organisation – the 14 Districts of Kent and Medway continue to meet to try and come to a consensus as to how Kent & Medway should be divided into unitary bodies and how many. I attend the FHDC working group and from the information I have heard and read, if there is not a consensus by the 28 November 2025, then Government will direct. We do know that the timeline is for new shadow unitary bodies to be set-up in May 2027 and for the new structure to go live in May 2028.

Ward Budget – I still have some funding available to support local organisations – please email me with any request up to £500. I have recently supported Canterbury Beekeepers to the tune of £274 to provide an Asian hornet trap in North Downs West.

KCC Budget 2025/26 – Please do respond to this consultation which closes on the 29 September www.kent.gov.uk/budget

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

The September meeting was very well attended despite the weather and a light hearted talk about "Television's Golden Years" was enjoyed by all, as was the tea and cake afterwards.

Looking forward to our meeting on **Wednesday 1st October** the speaker is Christoph Bull whose talk is "The One That Got Away" – The story of a German POW's Escape from Kent in 1915".

November is our Review meeting, looking back at 2025 but also ahead to 2026. However, Kent Police will be coming along to talk about Fraud and Scams which seem to be on the increase in this ever technological world. The Committee of Lyminge Friends felt that as this talk is so important to the whole community – there will be no charge for the November meeting only. Also at the meeting will be

Lyminge Friends

Katie from AK Healthcare to speak about Osteopathy and what it has to offer and answer any questions you may have.

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

We are a friendly group and welcome new members & 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 held in The Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge from 10.30am to 12noon unless stated otherwise.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Film Night

MONDAY 20th OCTOBER
**"SMALL THINGS
LIKE THESE"**

12 (2024) - Run Time: 1hr 38mins

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7 for 7.30pm

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LYMINGE ASSOCIATION AGM - 16 OCTOBER

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LYMINGE ASSOCIATION AGM - 16 OCTOBER



Join us for next presentation:

**“Herbs – culinary,
cultivation & folklore”
by Jacqueline Aviolet**

Tuesday 21st October
at
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Refreshments from 7.15pm
Presentation starts 7.30pm

Non-members very welcome

For more information about the Gardeners' Society
please email lymingegardeners@gmail.com
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LYMINGE COMMUNITY HUB

As advised in the September issue of *The Lyminge Newsletter*, we held a Public Meeting on 10th September at the Methodist Church. We were really pleased that 48 people kindly came along on what turned out to be a very wet and windy evening.

Following a presentation highlighting our efforts to secure the use of the Jubilee Building at Everist Court, we shared our plans to use only the ground floor. As noted in our September update, the attraction of the Jubilee Building is the commercial kitchen, which will enable us to provide a café offering lunches and other refreshments. In addition, we would be able to have a thrift shop, a space for village groups to meet and, hopefully, a monthly repair café. Our committee then answered a wide range of questions from those present at the meeting.

We very much appreciate the support we receive from Shaun Pottage, Chairman of Lyminge Parish Council, and Sue Baldwin, Vice Chairman of Lyminge Parish Council. They kindly attend our committee meetings whenever they can sharing advice and guidance on the best way forward and attended our meeting on 10th September.

Our next step is to request a further meeting with Jim Martin, Leader of Folkestone & Hythe District Council and his officers. We have been advised that Councillor Martin's proposals for developing the building back into flats should be available by October. We are hoping that he and his councillors will be willing to compromise and allow us to develop the ground floor into our proposed community hub, which we are confident will be welcomed by the residents of Lyminge and the surrounding villages.



Funded by the National Lottery, everyone is welcome – no matter your experience!

FREE and booking is not required.

For further information call us on 01303 269602

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st October

11:30AM – 12:30PM

at The Tayne Centre.

Church Road, Lyminge, CT18 8JN

Wednesday 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th October

11:30AM – 12:30PM

at the Methodist Church.

Church Rd, Lyminge, CT18 8JA

We will break for the summer holidays returning
Wednesday 17th September.



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Enemies

'Forgive your enemies.'

Father Brown said.

'Try to be friends
with them instead.'

'That lets me out.'
chirps the widow Ball.

'I haven't got
any enemies at all.'

The priest enquires.
'How old are you Kate?'
The old lady replies.
'Nearly ninety eight.'

The good father says.
'At that age Mrs Ball,
how can you have
no enemies at all?'

The old lady smiles –
a twinkle in her eye.
'Because I've outlived
the **** that's why.'

**Written by: JT Sandgate Creative Circle
Tel - 07435 580028**

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 3.

ONE-OFF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel no
4 Oct	2.30pm	Touch of Swing	LPC	
11 Oct	10am	Coffee Morning	SMCHE	
16 Oct	7.30pm	Lyminge Association AGM	LBC	863737
22 Oct	7pm	Praise and Worship	LMC	
25 Oct	7pm	Invicta Wind Orchestra Concert	LMC	07716 521405
25 Oct	6.45pm	Fun Autumn Quiz	EVH	
30 Oct	6pm	Elham Christmas Market	ELVH	
31 Oct	3pm	Halloween Pitstop	LMC	
27 Nov	4.45pm	Lighting Lyminge Christmas Tree	LL	07808775302
30 Nov	4.45pm	Etchinghill Christmas Lighting Event	MP	07544 670363
01 Dec - 5 Jan		Mount Pleasant Close Christmas Lights		
07 Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
13 Dec	10am	Lyminge Winter Arts & Crafts Fair	LVH	
22 Dec	4pm start	Christmas Present Delivery		

MONTHLY EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel no
1st Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903 150099
2nd Mon	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	LVH	07999 403948
3rd Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07715 221705
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544 670363
1st Tues	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley Branch	SMCHE	07734 383691
1st Tues	2pm	Railway Readers 1	LL	0300 0413 131
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879
2nd Tues	2.30pm	Library Reading Group	LL	0300 0413 131
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703 149008
Last Tues	10.30pm	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	0300 0413 131
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	TC	862598
4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	864256
Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	01303 3901011
2nd Sat	10am	Postling Church, Coffee Morning	PC	863536
2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
4th Sun	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	

WEEKLY EVENTS

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel no
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951 572920
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783 575802
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951 698008
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369 225021
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951 698008
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977 503897
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402 203239
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870 405567
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834 839801
Tues	1pm	Seated Yoga	TC	
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	862696
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	CC	
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	7pm	Bridge Club	EVH	07790 160476
Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825 109670
Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817 777975
Wed	11.30am	Singing for all (term time only)	TC/LMC	269602
Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07778 333339
Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303 211364
Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	0300 0413 131
Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	EVH	07870 494644
Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951 698008
Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951 698008
Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967 979610
Fri	9.15am	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07871 494644
Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	0300 0413 131
Fri	6pm	Junior Cricket Training Sessions	SPCC	07869 283195
Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	

¹ In term time only

³ Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug

⁵ Not held in August

² Except Jan and Feb

⁴ Except Aug and Dec

^{**} Every three months

C&H: Coach & Horses; **CC:** Coffee Cabin **EGC:** Etchinghill Golf Club; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association;
ES: Elham Square; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH:** Elham Village Hall; **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; **MP:** Meriden Park **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; **SMCH:** St Mary's Church Hall, Elham;
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

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Broadstreet House would like to share with everyone our success story!

We signed up for the village "Wild Acre" project this year as we have a wild garden at the front of the house and a long grass mound in the back garden. We didn't have to look too long to find butterflies, ladybirds and other insects in and around the mound so we have decided to go one step further and improve our area for nature.

We have cut back the vegetation in late summer and removed it to the compost heap to reduce the fertility of the soil. Then we have sown some wildflower seeds in the hope to increase the biodiversity of the garden for next year. We want to create a nectar rich garden that will support more pollinators in the future.



ANNUAL LYMINGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Father Christmas to Illuminate Lyminge

This year, continuing a cherished tradition, Father Christmas will once again be switching on the Christmas lights outside Lyminge Library. The event is set to take place on 27 November and promises to bring festive cheer to the heart of our village.

Join the festivities

We warmly invite everyone in the community to join us for this special occasion. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate the start of the festive season, and enjoy the sparkling display. More details about the event will be provided in the November edition.

Memories from last year

Attached is a photograph from last year's event, capturing the joy and excitement that filled the evening as the lights were switched on and the community gathered in celebration.



Lyminge Newsletter

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Copy deadline for next edition - 18 November 2025

Please email your copy to the editor at pbarnes20@icloud.com

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For further details call Peter Barnes (editor) on 07808 775302 or email pbarnes20@icloud.com

MARTINI BEARS PRESENTS

Lyminge Winter Arts & Crafts Fair

A curated show and bazaar for handmade products

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH 2025
10 AM TO 3 PM
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

Free Parking
 Free Entry
 Refreshments available
 WOODLAND ROAD LYMINGE CT18 8EW

in aid of
 Pilgrims Hospice

20TH ANNUAL ELHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thursday 30th October
from 6-9pm at Elham Village Hall
 (From 5.30pm for our disabled visitors)

A lovely event with a wonderfully festive fairy-lit atmosphere – lots of lovely unusual Christmas gifts to be found including ceramics, glass, jewellery, Christmas cards and decorations, sculptures and lots more including local produce. Delicious mulled wine and refreshments, great raffle – do come along and tell your friends.

Entry: £1 (kids under 10 free)
 Any enquiries to Carol on 01303 840430

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This Christmas will be Fee-Fi-Fo-FUN!

Jack and the Beanstalk

Steve Hawkins as Dame Trot
 Michelle Hartley as Fairy Moonbeam
 Chris Willcox as Fleshcreep
 Ava Wright as Jill
 Hannah Ridley as Jack
 Jack Willcox as Silly Billy

12 - 28 December

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know been
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(no membership fees to pay). We usually meet on
the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month between
10am and 12 noon at The Coach & Horses, Lyminge

New faces very welcome

OCTOBER DATES
6th October
20th October

For more information, to check the dates of meetings/
events, or if you would like support but are unable to attend
the meetings email lymingestrokesocial@gmail.com or
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Last year the Poppy Appeal collection across this district reached £16,587.71
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Preparations are now underway for the 2025 collections and volunteers
are sought to either complete a small house-to-house collection over the
weekend of 27/28 October, and/or to man a stand at Lidl Hawkinge during
the period 27 October – 8 November.

If you can spare a couple of hours during this time and would like to help
such a vital and meaningful charity, please do get in touch: Susan Foster,
Poppy Appeal Organiser 07734 383691 or email to susanfoster61@btinternet.com

RAILWAY THEFT

On the evening of Saturday 2nd August thieves broke into the Elham Valley Line Trust, Railway Museum at Peene.

Their objective was the original enamel advertising signs that adorned the outside of many of the railway buildings.

They removed, by ripping from the walls, five of these enamel signs and pulled from the ground a cast iron railway sign.

During their robbery they trashed a memorial garden to a previous Trustee and Chair of the Trust (the family are not best pleased!). Also damage to the buildings was occasioned by their forceful removal of the signs. Some of these signs were 5ft by 3ft, so on the large side to carry and cart away!

If you have any knowledge of these signs please contact the Trust by calling 07445 208785.

The nostalgic atmosphere of the Railway Museum is missing without these period advertising signs.



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Every 4th Sunday
9.30 - 12.30
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28 SEPT
26 OCT
23 NOV
28 DEC

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL
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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.

✉ thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com f t @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **7.30pm MONDAY 27th October**, at The Coach & Horses.



The Thoughtful Food end of summer social on 13th September turned into an apple picking party, great fun even if a bit damp. Everyone enjoyed scrumptious dishes containing treasures from their gardens, a vegetable chilli, beetroot and coconut curry, potatas bravas, last of the rhubarb crumble and baked apples. Sneaking in, but equally delicious were a sausage meat or veggie plait and a dahl. Why not join us for one of our get togethers? You would be very welcome.. Check our socials for details of the next one.

Getting to know Permaculture

Up next in our run through of permaculture principles (there's a lot hey!) is 'Integration, not segregation'. This is one of the great lessons we can learn from observing nature.

Principle: integration, not segregation

In several areas, we as humans have created 'monocultures'. These are essentially environments where only one kind of living thing is allowed to thrive. The traditional garden lawn is a classic example – spraying off or digging out any plant that isn't just that single type of grass we deem desirable. Many types of farming follow this methodology too – fields of wheat as far as the eye can see. However, there are no monocultures in nature. As they are self-sustaining, natural systems rely on diversity – a mixture of living things each taking a niche role and playing it's part in sustaining the whole. Monocultures as a result are hard to sustain (remember 'work with nature, not against it') and are inherently wasteful ('create no waste' and 'self-sustaining systems').

In action

We can see this in our working lives. Research suggests that diversity in teams is a significant factor for success. With different skills, perspectives and attributes, a diverse group of people working together will do better work than a group of very similar people. Of course in the garden, a polyculture will do the same, with different elements offering benefits to the group, and all needs met, to form a self-sustaining solution. More winning.

Recipe tip

For those of you wondering how on earth you can introduce 30 different plants into your weekly diet, a good place to start is a recipe that has flour as one of its main ingredients. There are so many flours readily available now other than wheat – chick pea, buckwheat, rice, coconut, wholemeal, millet, almond, oat, quinoa, amaranth and probably a lot more. You can mix these up and use them in dishes such as pancakes, crumbles and baking (although you will need to add 1 tsp of baking powder to 8oz of flour if you want to make a cake.) Each one of these is a different plant so you could easily tick off 4 or 5 in one element of one recipe.

Fruit Crumble with mixed flours

Switch on oven to 170°, gas mark 3.

10oz plain flour.

This could be 2oz of wheat flour.

2oz of chick pea flour, 2oz of buckwheat flour, and 2oz coconut flour.

You could also add a tsp of chia seeds or spirulina (that's 7 plants).

Chopped nuts are good here too, that's more plants.

1lb of prepared fruit (this could also be a mix, apples, blackberries, red, white or black currants, can you see how the numbers are racking up!)

Around 6oz to 8oz of brown sugar although this will depend on the tartness of the fruit and how sweet your tooth is.

1 tsp of cinnamon (adding spices and herbs to your cooking is another way of adding plant species).

Prepare fruit and pop into a deep oven proof dish that fits in your microwave. Microwave for a couple of minutes to start the cooking process.

Place the flours and spice into a mixing bowl and rub in the butter until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in anything else you have decided to use.

Gently place on top of the fruit loosely, don't be tempted to pack down.

Pop into a preheated oven 170° until the crumble is an even golden brown, around 25 minutes.

Serve warm with cream, yogurt, ice cream, custard or vegetarian/vegan alternative.



LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

The following meetings all take place at: Lyminge Village Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

7 October - 17.30

FINANCE AND ADMIN -

7 October - 18.30

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS -

8 October - 18.00

FULL COUNCIL -

14 October - 19.00

PLANNING AND LICENCING -

9 October - 09.30am

and 30 October -

09.30am at Etchinghill Village Hall

Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website

WHOSE WHO

Chairman of Lyminge Parish Council:

Shaun Pottage

Committee chairs:

NHP: Cllr Sue Baldwin

Planning and Licensing:

Cllr Emily Arnold

Community Engagement and Events:

Cllr Sarah Fagg

Finance and Administration:

Cllr Sandra Harrison

Councillor contact details on our website.

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WHO IS SUE BALDWIN?

I have been a resident in the area for 25 years, 20 years living in Lyminge and the last 5 years living in Rhodes Minnis. Both my children, their spouses and children live in Lyminge. Three of my four grandchildren attend Lyminge Primary School.

I have had a long career in the NHS of more than 42 years. Training as nurse in 1982, undertaking post graduate training to improve my knowledge in the care of my patients, also gaining an MSC in Health and Social Care. Holding many clinical and senior management posts including director level roles, such as Director of Nursing and operations, in the community health services, sitting at board level in NHS organisations with responsibility for very large budgets in addition, I have held CEO and Chief Officer positions for a local GP federation.

I bring many transferable skills to the role of Parish Councillor, understanding I represent the people of the parish, bringing good communication skills, my understanding of, and commitment to public service, including good governance and practice, honesty, integrity and transparency.

I am enjoying this opportunity of working with the people of the parish to help shape the community and hopefully improving life for the people in our neighbourhood.

clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk



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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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HANDYMAN - fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

neighbourhoodplan@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

We would like to congratulate Chani, our Parish Clerk on the birth of her baby daughter. Both mother and daughter are doing well!

COURT LODGE GREEN CUT AND COLLECT NEWS

Reported by Cllr Tony King, Climate Action Lead

You may have noticed that the annual cut and collect of the grassy areas of Court Lodge Green was partially undertaken in August. The rest will be undertaken a little bit later, once the red bartsia flowers have finished flowering and seeding, which are the only source of pollen for the rare red bartsia bees which forage on Court Lodge Green in August and September.

This is the first year we have undertaken the cut and collect in two distinct periods. One reason is to allow a more diverse level of vegetation cover over the winter months, to provide a bit more shelter to wildlife than if the entire field is mowed

late (although significant sections are left unmown even in this case, so there is a certain level of shelter in any case). Another reason was to try to reduce the density of hogweed on the field, by mowing earlier than we normally do.

However it may be necessary next year to trim or brush-cut some of the denser areas of hogweed even earlier in the season, to avoid them out-competing other wild flowers. We constantly monitor the impacts of our mowing regimes on the biodiversity of Court Lodge Green, and try to adapt our plans accordingly.

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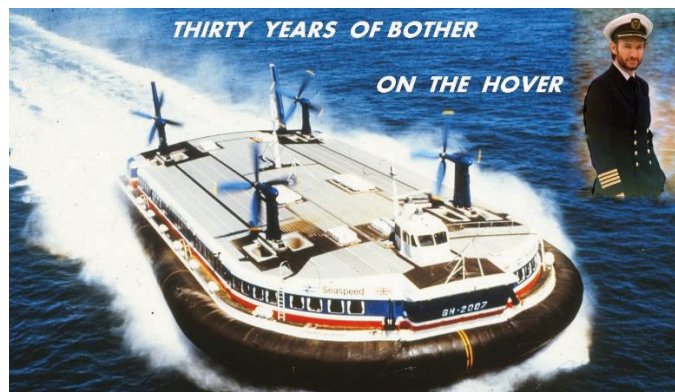


Lyminge Historical Society

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 7.30pm

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*Funds raised will be used by the ERA for the
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**SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER
ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**Doors open 6.45pm. 7pm start
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AN ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION EVENT – HAVE A GREAT TIME!



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Foul waste flooding



Pollution



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Did you know that 48% of people still pour fats, oils and grease down their drains?

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Disposable face masks, nappies, period care products, cotton buds, contact lens and many of the other items such as cooking oils and sauces all contain hidden plastics and oils that block drains.

How can you get involved:

Why not buy a drain strainer to stop all those little bits of food going down the kitchen sink.

Put a small bin in the bathroom to collect all those items that could mistakenly be put down the toilet

Collect cooking sauces and oils in a bowl and leave on the side to cool down before putting into your food waste bin.

We all need to do our own little bit and in turn this will make a big difference without a big effort.

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Sibton Park Cricket Club win Kent Cricket Award 2025 for 'Tackling Climate Change'

This year Sibton Park Cricket Club decided to tackle how the club was dealing with the change in the climate and the increase in energy costs.

Having been successful in various grant applications, the club took on the process of updating the roof by re-felting and battening it to make it more energy efficient before putting on a 9.7kW solar panel system including three batteries to maximise storage.

From this, we have reduced our

energy costs by 66% and are 71% self-sufficient on the grid for our electricity.

This is not our only project as we having been working closely with Southeast Rivers Trust and others on a unique way to deal with the wet and flooded ground around the club in the winter months.

We shall cover this in more detail next month but for now we are pleased to be awarded this from Kent Cricket in recognition of all our hard work this year.... so far.



The Lyminge Association

We're here to support and develop our community!

CONTACTS:

- Chair:** Peter Barnes 01303 863737 or 07808 775302 [E pbarnes20@icloud.com](mailto:pbarnes20@icloud.com)
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- Newsletter:** Peter Barnes (see above)

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FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER
3PM-5PM**

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Friday	10am - 2pm
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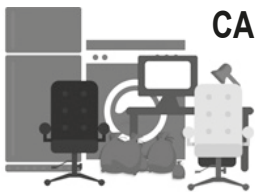


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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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

This month we have a view that has been completely transformed within living memory. Although it does not look like it, the two views above are taken from more or less the same position.

Until they were demolished in 1960, Upstreet Cottages stood on the main road through Etchinghill opposite the old workhouse (the site of which is now occupied by Meriden Park). The cottages stood at right angles to the road, directly on the roadside, facing in the direction of the junction with Teddars Leas Road. The western end of the range, to the right of the photograph, has been truncated by the photographer but we know from another picture that there was another window before the building ended at the roadside.



Exactly how old Upstreet Cottages were is open to debate as nothing now survives, but they show timber-framing that suggests they could easily be several hundred years old. When they were demolished, the walls were found to have an inner core of wooden faggots, (ie bundles of wood), overlaid with cow dung which was then plastered. Although the cottages appear to be two buildings built side by side, at the time of the first house-by-house



census in 1841, the cottages were occupied by a single family, tenant farmer Stephen Sandford, his wife Mary and their five children Stephen and Mary (like their parents), James, Eliza and Thomas, aged from 9 down to 1 year.

It is thought that the depression that can still be seen in the pavement by no 5 is the site of the well that once served Upstreet Cottages.

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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Progress and Community Involvement

Introduction

The Neighbourhood Plan has been revived and is now progressing swiftly. Under the leadership of Sue Baldwin, Vice Chair of Lyminge Parish Council, much of the initial groundwork has already been accomplished. The next phase involves recruiting community members to help shape the foundation of the plan through three dedicated working groups, each focusing on the distinct areas of Etchinghill, Lyminge, and Rhodes Minnis.

Working Groups and areas of focus

To ensure a comprehensive approach, three working groups have been established, each covering a key aspect of neighbourhood development:

- Environment including Ecology
- Community & Economy
- Buildings, Housing & Heritage

The purpose and power of Neighbourhood Planning

Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to develop a shared vision for their area, directly influencing how their neighbourhood develops and grows. This process enables residents to decide where new homes, shops, and offices should be located, and to have a say on the design of these buildings as well as the infrastructure that supports them.

By harnessing neighbourhood planning, local people are equipped with a powerful set of tools to determine the types of development that best meet their community's needs.

Importantly, this planning process ensures that the ambitions of the neighbourhood are aligned with the broader strategic requirements and priorities of the wider local area.

Community participation and meeting arrangements

The Lyminge Association has been tasked with encouraging members of the community to join the working groups. These groups will aim to meet fortnightly, where possible, to accelerate progress by gathering the necessary information and details. Meetings are scheduled for early evenings and will take place at either Lyminge Village Hall or Etchinghill Village Hall.

Support documents are available and can be accessed and downloaded from www.lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-council/neighbourhood-plan/.

Those interested in supporting the Neighbourhood Plan are encouraged to get involved by contacting the relevant representatives:

- **For Lyminge:** pbarnes20@icloud.com
- **For Etchinghill:** dmccombel@gmail.com
- **For Rhodes Minnis:** foreman2go@yahoo.co.uk

Play between the showers at the pétanque singles



Despite the torrential downpour in the morning and the withdrawal of several "fair weather" players the annual Etchinghill pétanque singles competition went ahead on Saturday 13th September.

Jeff Baker beating John White in the final...not for the first time!

