Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

The following are some observations made on my meanderings in the last week of September from around St Mawes in Cornwall.

St Mawes is a small picturesque harbour and village on the Roseland Peninsular in Cornwall on the east bank of the Carrick Roads, opposite Falmouth, The peninsular has an island-like quality as access is either by a local ferry from Falmouth, the King Harry Ferry – a chain operated ferry which crosses the River Fal as it leads up to Truro - or there is a winding road link from Truro. It is situated on the south side of Cornwall and from our holiday cottage, immediately above the Henrician castle of St Mawes, there is a 180° view of the sea facing south.

Falmouth is the third largest deep natural harbour in the world and is sited at the mouth of the River Fal which is a busy port. Every day there are numerous vessels that ply to and fro, which are fascinating to watch: small and large yachts, including schooners; one man fishing boats which stay in the bay; larger fishing boats which disappear around the headland; tugs; cruise liners; RNLI boat; pilot and speed boats; Border Agency craft and slim rowing boats with three rowers. All day long their white wakes cut across the blue of the sea. Large container ships make their way slowly along the distant horizon.

Each day apart from one there is wall-to-wall sunshine, giving a Mediterranean feel. Fiery reds and oranges usher in the dawns across the still waters of the harbour, where a myriad of yachts and buoys begin to catch the early light. Crimson and apricot fill the sunset sky towards Falmouth as the day draws to its quiet close, tall pines forming majestic silhouettes in the foreground. Dark headlands stretch out in the background, their long rocky fingers reaching out into the depths of the sea. In this magical time of twilight, acrobatic bats flit backwards and forwards past the window on their ceaseless search for insects. Once the night is fully descended, the half moon appears poised above the bay, sending its silvered beam shimmering across the water, where currents and the breeze shift its path from side to side and ripples give it the texture of hammered pewter. Buoy lights flash out their designated patterns in red, green or white while moving lights mark the passage of returning vessels. Inky blackness is all around and in the silence of the night, a tawny owl hoots its distinctive call.

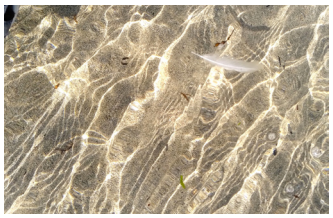
Towan is a south-east facing beach of sand and small patches of gritty shingle, with rock pools exposed at low tide. It is afternoon and the tide is on the turn, slowly creeping up the smooth golden sands, bubbling over the rocks, refilling the many rock pools. The sea is a deep cerulean blue, meeting the horizon in a crisp line, the sky above a paler blue. Small waves break into sparkling white foam creating a gentle susurration – there is no forwards and backwards drag of shingle as is heard on our local beaches.

Small birds peck into the sand at the water's edge where gentle waves push arcs of water over the flat sand. Clumps of seaweed move to and fro, suspended in the sea's slow swell whilst other clumps are nudged up the beach as the incoming tide reclaims the shoreline, wiping all human evidence away, ready for a fresh start in a few hours' time.

Patterns abound: foot and dog prints, striations on rocks, small stones, seaweed draped over rocks, white squiggles and limpets on rock surfaces. Bright pink seaweed floats gracefully in a rock pool while reflections of light through the water make constant and ever-changing patterns on the sandy bottom. As the sand relinquishes the water from the last high tide, miniature river systems cut through as the water drains, carving out curves where small stones are deposited on the slow-moving inner bends, the outer ones swept clean. To landward, strata of rocks rise out of the sand like mini mountains in a desert of pale gold, whilst bare thick seaweed stalks stand straight and tall, resembling the shell-shattered trees left standing on the desolate First World War battlefields, where whole woods were stripped of all vegetation leaving a landscape reminiscent of Armageddon.

The afternoon begins to turn to evening and I am back on the headland looking out over a wide stretch of sea. Both sea and sky are now a pale grey – the sky smooth, the sea rippled. St Anthony's lighthouse, painted a pristine white, begins to reveal its light and below, around its headland, wind and currents cause the water to fan out in a lighter shade of silver grey swirling around the rocks that necessitate the lighthouse.

All is velvet black, apart from the lighthouse, buoys and returning boats each sending a shimmering shaft of light across the black sea. The stars light up one by one, announcing that night is finally here. Another perfect day has ended and nature needs to rest.



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
2nd November	10.15am	Valley Service at **Rhodes Minnis**
9th November	10.45am	Remembrance Service at War Memorial followed by service in the Methodist Church led by Rev Malcolm Peach
16th November	11.00am	Mr Dwight Harris
19th November	*7.00pm*	*Praise and Worship*
23rd November	10.15am	Valley Service led by Rev. Gill Songer
30th November	11.00am	Mrs Lisa Cooper

Advent Course – Tuesdays from 2- 3pm in Lyminge Methodist Church from the 25th November. All are welcome!

RHODES MINNIS

Date	Time	Event
2nd November	10.15am	Valley Service at **Rhodes Minnis** with Rev Malcolm Peach inc. Holy Communion
9th November	11.00am	United Service at **Lyminge**
16th November	9.30am	Dwight Harris
23rd November	10.15am	Valley Service at **Lyminge** Rev Gill Songer inc Holy Communion
30th November	9.30am	A local arrangement

St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
Saturday 1st November All Saints Day	Stanford	3.00pm	All Saints Day Service
Sunday 2nd November All Souls Day	Lyminge	10.00am	WOW Service
	Elham	3.00pm	All Souls Memorial Service
	Paddlesworth	4.00pm	Evensong BCP
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday	Lyminge	10.45am	Remembrance ceremony – War Memorial. Followed by joint service in Methodist Church
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesday 11th November	Paddlesworth	10.45am	Remembrance Service
	Lyminge	10.50am	School Remembrance Event
Sunday 16th November	Lyminge	10.00am	Holy Communion CW1
	Paddlesworth	4.00pm	Evensong BCP
Sunday 23rd November	Paddlesworth		No service
	Lyminge	10.00am	Family Praise
Thursday 27th November	Lyminge	9.00am	Lyminge Prayers
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday	Swingfield	10.00am	Benefice Advent Service

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
2nd November		No Service in Postling
9th November	10.50am	Act off Remembrance at Stanford war memorial
16th November	8.30am	Holy Communion
23rd November		No Service in Postling
30th November		No Service in Postling

Rector's Wonderings..

I wonder if you've ever passed a quick judgement on someone without knowing the whole story?

We can sometimes unfairly judge others who we know very little about, based on gossip.

Proverbs in the Bible says: "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts." (Proverbs 18:8). When we listen to gossip, it goes to our "inmost parts." Gossip sinks its teeth into our hearts, souls, and minds and corrupts us like a fast spreading cancer.

Gossip is always trouble. Gossip obscures the truth. Gossip drives us from God. Gossip ruins reputations. Gossip destroys relationships. Gossip divides churches. Gossip is incredibly destructive.

Rather than tearing people down, we should build them up!

How do we do that? Well, one of the ways we do that is through encouragement.

Proverbs 12:25 says: "Anxiety in a person's heart weighs it down, but a good word cheers it up."

Don't weigh down someone's heart by giving them something to be anxious about through your gossiping. Instead, cheer up someone's heart by giving them a good word.

Challenge yourself this month in this one way: Make a pledge to encourage rather than gossip. Can you imagine how wonderful it would be if all the gossip in our community turned into encouragement? Ask yourself these questions (attributed to Socrates):

Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? Let that be your guide. Here's another tip: If in doubt, don't say it.

Dear Lord, Set a guard over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Help me to be an encourager by speaking a good word." Amen (Psalm 141:3)

Christmas Present Delivery Service

It goes without saying that the ever popular Christmas Present Delivery Service will also take place again this year on Monday 22nd December. Santa and his elves will be in attendance to give that special bit of excitement, and lighting up the faces of young children.

Further details will be available in next month's edition of the Newsletter. Any presents for children, adults and even pets, can be delivered by Santa for a small charge of £2 per address.

Fifth Trust update

the fifth trust
supporting adults with learning disabilities
www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Our **Christmas Craft Fair** returns on Saturday 6 December, 10am–3pm, at Elham Valley Vineyard. Discover unique, handcrafted gifts made by our talented students – from festive cards and gift wrap to ceramics, woodwork, jams, chutneys, and more. Enjoy delicious BBQ food, mince pies, mulled wine, and tastings of Elham Valley Vineyard wines. You can also pick up festive plants and wreaths from our Vineyard Garden Centre.

Christmas Lunch at the Vineyard Café Monday 24 November - Thursday 18 December. Enjoy two courses for £25 or three for £30. To book, please call 01227 831266 or email cafe@fifthtrust.co.uk. A £10 deposit per person is required, and all orders must be confirmed in advance.

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
15-16th Nov	10am	Festive Craft Fayre	EVLT	
19th Nov	7pm	Praise and Worship	LMC	
22-23rd Nov	10am	Festive Craft Fayre	EVLT	
22nd Nov		**Christmas Fair - Pilgrims Hospice**	**11am**	
27 Nov	**4.45pm**	**Lighting Christmas Tree**	**LL**	07808775302
29th Nov	10am	Christmas Fair	RMCS	
30 Nov	4.45pm	Etchinghill Christmas Lighting Event	MP	07544 670363
01 Dec - 5 Jan		Mount Pleasant Close Christmas Lights		
5th Dec	7pm	Christmas Concert	LPC	
6th Dec	10am	Cake and Coffee	LBC	
6th Dec	9am	Children's Toys & Clothes Boot Fair	EVH	
6th Dec	7pm	The BIG FAT CHRISTMAS Quiz	EVH	07514758936
07 Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
13 Dec	10am	Lyminge Winter Arts & Crafts Fair	LVH	
20th Dec	**3pm**	Haywardians Christmas Concert	LMC	
22th Dec	**4pm start**	**Christmas Present Delivery**		
24th Dec	**6pm**	**Christmas Carols**	LMC	

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	07904157897
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	TC	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
[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; **CC**: Coffee Cabin **EGC**: Etchinghill Golf Club; **ERA**: Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES**: Elham Square, **EVH**: Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH**: Elham Village Hall; **EVLT**: 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

LYMINGE COMMUNITY HUB

Further to our update in the October edition of this newsletter, we are pleased to be able to advise that we now have an agreed date of 11th November for our second meeting with Jim Martin, Leader of Folkestone & Hythe District Council and his officers. Following the many meetings we have held since February, we have now put together our detailed proposals to create a community hub using the ground floor of the Jubilee Building in Everist Court. We are hoping for a positive outcome from our meeting, as we are acutely aware of the lack of services available in our village and local communities since the departure of AGE UK.

Four members of our committee recently visited the Romney Marsh Community Hub, where we met with Liz Taylor, Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Liz kindly shared details of the support and wide range of activities available at the Hub, which include a day support service where folk can meet with others of a similar age for friendship and for social interaction. The Hub provides a two-course lunchtime meal in their café, with tea, cake and snacks available throughout the day, all of which we also aim to provide if we can set up our proposed Community Hub here in Lyminge. The Rainbow Centre in Romney Marsh has recently set up a new Food Pantry to help those struggling to buy food through a membership scheme. This has been achieved by working in partnership with the Romney Marsh Community Hub.

Well-being activities on offer are designed to improve physical and mental well-being and include Yoga, Pilates, Fitness and Line Dancing. Arthritis, Cancer and Diabetes Peer Support Groups meet on a monthly basis and enable people who have had or are going through similar experiences to meet together. Quizzes, board games interest groups and art and craft clubs are also on offer and are well supported. Free digital support sessions organised by Kent County Council and Social Enterprise Kent are available once a month and these are very popular with folk wanting to communicate online or who have a device they don't know how to use.

We came away very impressed with the work of the Romney Marsh Community Hub and inspired with ideas for what we should be able to achieve here in Lyminge if we can secure the use of the ground floor of the Jubilee Building.

The support we have already received from residents living in Lyminge and the surrounding villages and hamlets is very much appreciated. If you would like to share your support for our proposed Lyminge Community Hub, please send an email to yd.freeman@mypostoffice.co.uk

TOUCH OF SWING

...are looking for a bass player, interested in playing swing, R and B and general easy listening music.
Please contact Roger on 07768 977420 - thank you.

Report on The Lyminge Association AGM 16 October 2025

Over 35 people attended a very comfortable AGM in the Lyminge Bowls club house.

The business side was conducted in quick time. The Lyminge Association (LA) recorded a healthy state of their funds (£15391) and had donated £3153 to various bodies during the course of the year.

Adrian Willcox retired from the group after 50+ years and was presented with a token of their appreciation for all he has done. Peter Barnes stood down as chair and Heather Dunfold became the new chair. Dennis Huntley joined the committee. It remains for the committee to recruit a minute secretary - not an onerous job supporting a relaxed committee whose aim is to help develop the Lyminge Parish community.

Shaun Pottage and Sue Baldwin (chair and vice chair Lyminge Parish Council, LPC) had accepted an invitation to address the meeting, with both of the LA and LPC looking to foster a complimentary working relationship in the future.

Shaun presented an overview of the parish council. Sue then gave an insight to The Neighbourhood Plan. She hopes that everybody in the parish will have the opportunity to record their views on a range of topics that would influence and impact on the future development in the parish.

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Etchinghill update
– October 2025

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)
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FILM NIGHT -
ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL
MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER
Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start – 'The Critic'
15 - 2023 - Run time 1hr 41 min.

A Drama/History/Mystery Thriller Starring Ian McKellen, Alfred Enoch and Matthew Cottle.

Set against the backdrop of pre-war London in the 1930s, Sir Ian McKellen delivers a masterful performance as the titular critic, a manipulative figure whose sharp tongue and keen insights mask a darker agenda. His character is both compelling and repulsive, drawing viewers into a world where his approval can make or break careers..

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. New members are welcome, simply register and pay on the night, there's no need to book.

PLEASE NOTE - There will not be a film screening in December.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS-ON EVENT! MERIDEN WALK, MERIDEN PARK, ETCHINGHILL
SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
4.45pm

Meet by the large Christmas tree at Meriden Walk, where the lights will be switched on at 4.45pm. Afterwards, please walk up to the village hall and join us for complimentary festive food and drink. This year we are delighted, once again, to welcome back the Shepway Brass Academy youth band, who will play seasonal music and accompany our carol singing.

ERA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL
7pm - Doors open 6.45pm

After the brief formalities, where you can vote for the committee members of your choice going into 2026, you will have the opportunity to air your views and help make a difference and shape the future of our community during the Open Forum.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)
Chairman: John White
Etchinghill Village Hall Kent
Bookings: Anna Allan 07514 758936
Email: d.allan142@btinternet.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHILDREN'S AND BABY BOOT FAIR: Saturday 6th December. Doors open to the public at 9am.

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.

FLY TIPPING
It has been noticed that verges and banks are being used to dispose of residents' garden waste in Teddars Leas Road and Westfield Lane. Please dispose of your garden waste responsibly either by purchasing a Brown Lidded Garden Waste Bin from the council or alternatively by taking it to the Household Refuse Centre. In addition to making the area untidy and encouraging further items to be dumped, this is technically regarded as fly tipping and should be treated as such. However, the cost of removal by the council is then unfairly paid by all through council tax.

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District Councillors' update – November 2025

The Government is going ahead with its **Local Government Reorganisation** plans. Leaders of councils in Kent and Medway have asked advisors KPMG to look in more detail at two options for unitary councils and the areas they should cover. KPMG's work is being paid for from central government money set aside to deliver local government reorganisation in Kent and Medway. Some councils are funding their own business plans for three alternative options. F&HDC councillors will meet on 19 November to discuss the options and a preferred option will then be agreed ready for submission to Government by 28 November. The final decision will be made during summer 2026.

Following the launch of the canvass for 2025 you will be receiving an email or a paper form to check that your details on the **electoral register** are up to date. Those required to respond will receive email and telephone reminders or a house call in October and November from an electoral canvasser. This is only required every three years so if you aren't notified, please don't worry.

The Green Grant Scheme has been an overwhelming success and has awarded more than 30 grants to community groups, parish councils and schools funding to support sustainability and carbon reduction projects across the district several of which were awarded in North Downs West. The scheme is closed for this year but will be launched again in the next financial year.

The Rural England Prosperity Fund is also open again and available for applications by Community Organisations. See The Folkestone Works website for details.

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

Otterpool Park – At the full Council Meeting on 1 October 2025, I put two questions to the Leader of the Council – (1) The three month extension to the collaboration agreement with Homes England with Otterpool Park comes to an end shortly. If there is no commitment or funding from Homes England at the end of this agreement, what is plan B? (2) As the Otterpool Park team has been reduced to 5, and negotiations with Homes England are with the Leader and Chief Executive, what is the role of the Otterpool Park Board? See the answers to these questions on FHDC website under Democracy Cllr questions and answers - Minutes.pdf

Design Code - A survey to provide input and feedback on the design and character of local development has been launched to help identify clear principles for what is built in east Kent. A design code is a planning document that sets out specific requirements for new development, it could include layout, (including street pattern), how landscaping should be approached, including the importance of streets being tree-lined, height of buildings and façade material, environmental performance of places and building, local vernacular and heritage, architecture and materials.

Residents can have their say by completing the survey on the website before midnight on Sunday 9 November 2025.

St Eanswythe - A sculpture depicting St Eanswythe – the patron saint of Folkestone – has been restored (see below). The statue, which sits proudly near the entrance to Radnor Park, was damaged by vandals in June last year. A replacement head was carved using a mould retained by the original artist. Unavoidable delays meant this took longer than expected.

Saint Eanswythe was the granddaughter of King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha. It is believed she founded Folkestone Priory – one of the first Christian communities for women in Britain – around the middle of the 7th century, having chosen the town as her retreat.

Local Government Reorganisation – the District Council will have to choose which model to put forward to Kent Leaders from a single unitary, a three unitary solution, two four unitary arrangements and a five unitary arrangement. The Local Government Reorganisation working group will be meeting on the 17th October. The Leader will be presenting detailed information to all Councillors on 12th November and a decision will be made at an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held on the 19th November, which then has to be ratified by the Cabinet. There is still time to comment on these models, I am happy to pass on views to the Leader.

Ward Grants – I have supported Lyminge Primary School Stage Stars with £250 for purchase of microphones, £250 to Postling Village Hall to support the installation of solar panels made possible by the Rural Prosperity Grant and the Monks Horton Community £500 for cushion pews and a mobile sink unit.

Contact**: jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk**

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

MONDAY 17th November

"The Critic"

15 (2023) - Run Time: 1hr 41mins

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

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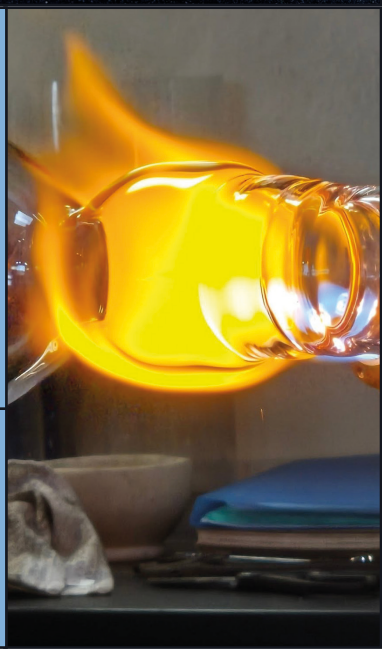

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Let me explain; it goes to Harry my mate -
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It depicts carollers spreading good cheer -
Which I mail to him every other year.
I write lightly in pencil every greeting I send
It's a bi-annual event at the house of my friend.

When it's Harry's turn he just has to make sure,
My message is erased from the Christmas before.
So what began as a school boy's idea,
Is now part of our Christmas atmosphere.

Harry adopted it with his customary zeal -
As a canny Scot it has a certain appeal.
A second class stamp and hopefully -
Next Christmas Harry will return it to me!

Written by: JT Sandgate Creative Circle
Tel - 07435 580028

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with Steve and Derek from Farthing Common Plant Centre

Tuesday 18th November

at
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Refreshments from 7.15pm

Non-members very welcome

For more information about the Gardeners' Society please email lymingegardeners@gmail.com or call Anne on 07703 14900

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Have you or someone you know been affected by a stroke?

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New faces very welcome

NOVEMBER DATES
3rd November
17th November

Thank you to everyone who supported the KSS Air Ambulance Charity presentation on 15th September
We raised £132.50

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 telephone Fran 07846 177409 or Heather 07427 664084

Coach & Horses

For all or any information please contact Sue or Charlie at the pub on 01303 901403.

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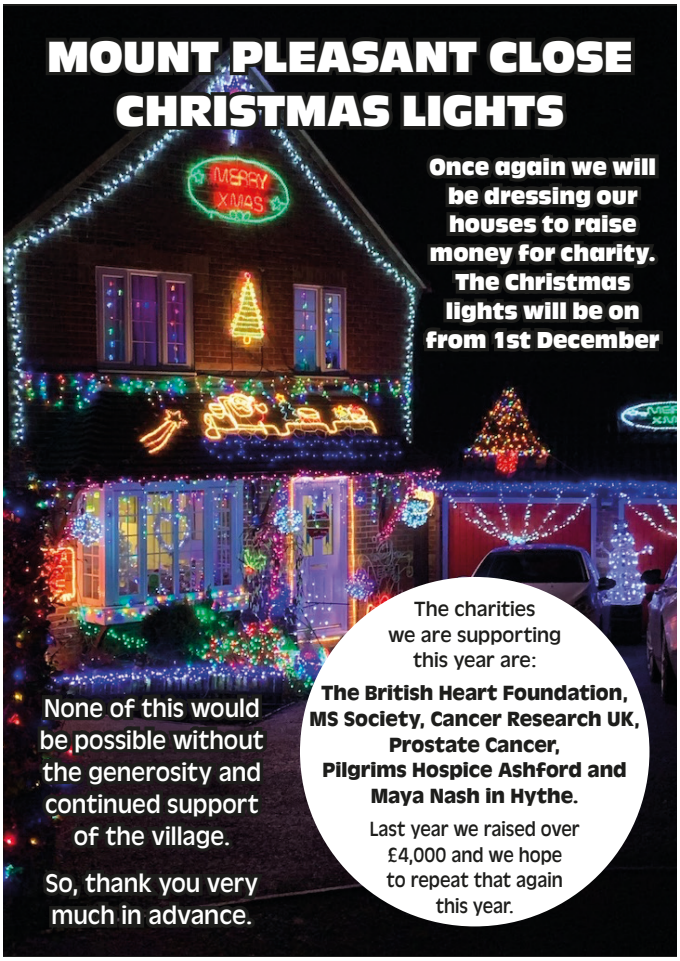

Once again we will be dressing our houses to raise money for charity. The Christmas lights will be on from 1st December

None of this would be possible without the generosity and continued support of the village.

So, thank you very much in advance.

The charities we are supporting this year are:
The British Heart Foundation, MS Society, Cancer Research UK, Prostate Cancer, Pilgrims Hospice Ashford and Maya Nash in Hythe.

Last year we raised over £4,000 and we hope to repeat that again this year.

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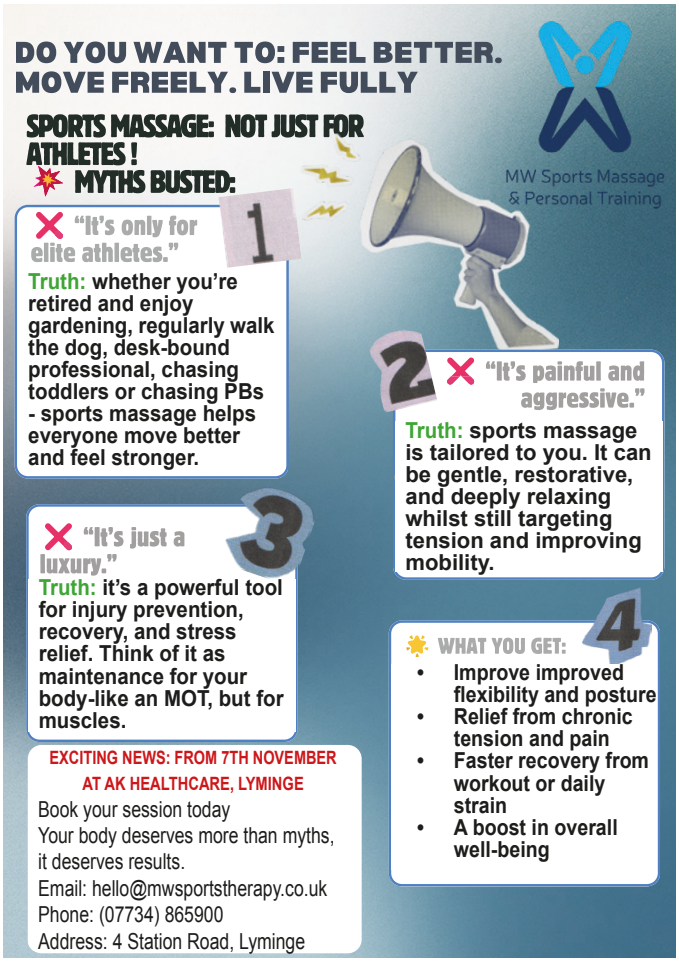

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2nd December
AGM and Talk by John Buss
"Jane Austen in Kent"

January - February
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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 @thoughtfulfoodgroup

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

The importance of dead wood in your garden

Dead wood is essential for healthy soil and plays a vital role in supporting biodiversity. As timber breaks down, it transforms into a new ecosystem. It's a fascinating journey, powered by wildlife working together to complete the cycle of regeneration. There are several ways you could encourage this in your garden.

Create a stack by pushing cut branches into the ground to form uprights, then build a wigwam of branches filled with stems and prunings – especially hollow ones. Solitary bees and wasps (not the stinging kind) nest in hollow stems and are vital pollinators and part of the food chain. Robins and wrens will forage for bugs sheltering within. For a decorative touch, use coloured stems like red cornus or willow. Don't be too tidy - broken stems with jagged edges create essential cracks and crevices.

You could create a dead hedge. Weave cut stems through upright branches to form a dense structure in contact with the soil, allowing microbes and minibeasts to access the material. This offers excellent shelter over winter and nesting sites for solitary bees, beetles, and wasps. A dead hedge can act as a low boundary and become a permanent garden feature – just top it up as it breaks down.

Woodpile tips: Use a mix of hardwoods, softwoods, and various sizes. Stack in layers: large logs at the bottom, thicker branches in the middle, and hollow stems and twiggy material on top. Fill gaps with smaller sticks, dead leaves, soil, or moss to create safe overwintering spots. Leave cut ends exposed and drill holes into larger logs to provide nesting sites for cavity-nesting creatures. Bury some wood to keep it moist and accessible to soil microbes, enhancing the decomposition process. With thanks to garden news Nov 2025

Getting to know Permaculture

These small changes that can be made in the garden leads quite well into our permaculture season of articles.

Principle: small and slow solutions

'Slow and steady wins the race'. Permaculture encourages small and slow solutions – ones that can begin to grow and gain momentum. This also avoids big, sudden changes that might lead to unintended consequences, creating more problems to fix.

In action

When redecorating a house, taking the process room by room minimises disruption to the functioning of the household. It allows greater time to think about choices, and avoids overwhelm of attempting too much too quickly. There is also time to learn from mistakes made on a smaller scale, before continuing to complete the whole task.

There's more than Jack-o'-Lanterns to Pumpkin! Pumpkin is incredibly versatile in both sweet and savoury dishes.

Roasted pumpkin and herb Farinita

Ingredients

- 250g/9oz gram flour
- 500ml/18fl oz warm water
- 400g/14oz small pumpkin, sliced into slim crescents
- 1 red onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 2 fresh rosemary sprigs, leaves picked and roughly chopped
- 5 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 10 fresh sage leaves, roughly chopped
- 15 pitted green olives, roughly chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Green salad and fried halloumi (optional), to serve

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
2. Whisk the gram flour and water together until no lumps are visible. Cover and set aside for up to 24hrs at room temperature, or at least while the vegetables are roasting.
3. Toss the pumpkin, onion and rosemary together with 1 tbsp olive oil in a 20x30cm/8x12in roasting tin. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to the oven and cook for 25 minutes, turning once, until the pumpkin is tender. Remove from the oven and pour over the lemon juice. Turn the heat up to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7.
4. Stir the remaining olive oil, sage and olives into the gram flour batter and season generously with salt and pepper. Pour the batter over the vegetables before returning to the oven to cook for a final 25 minutes. Remove when the farinata is puffed and golden. Serve alongside a dressed green salad and halloumi, if you like.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
4 November - 17.30
FINANCE AND ADMIN -
4 November - 18.30
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS -
5 November - 18.00
FULL COUNCIL -
11 November - 19.00

PLANNING AND LICENCING -
20 November - 09.30am
at Etchinghill Village Hall
Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website

WHOSE WHO

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Lyminge council would like to thank all the residents of Mount Pleasant Close area who returned answered survey questionnaires to the council regarding the future of this plot of land. There was an overwhelming consensus that the area should remain as it is with a few small changes. The maintenance work provided by our contractors has given the area a new tidy look and residents are pleased with the results.

There were requests that the dead tree stumps should be removed and the council will be looking into this first. The three most popular requests were for a seating area, wildflower area and extra flower beds along the path through the green. All other items were rejected especially allotments and fencing.

Cllr Sandra Harrison

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WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

As you know we are developing the Neighbourhood Plan and are at the evidence gathering stage. We are considering Heritage in relation to buildings and other assets that are not eligible to be listed but due to their local importance we would like to try to protect such:

- **Cultural landscapes:** heritage assets associated with a significant period in an area's history;
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- **Patterns of settlement:** notable examples of planned or incidental planning including: street plans; characteristic clusters of assets; interrelationship between buildings and open spaces; major infrastructure;
- **Local figures:** assets associated with individuals of local importance.

There are at least 8 (Scheduled Ancient Monuments) at Tolsford, and in Lyminge Forest.

To get involved in the evidence gathering for the Neighbourhood Plan, we invite residents to identify what you consider might be eligible, and in the first instance, take a photo, mark the address and location and send it to: clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

Here are some useful links:
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Find listed buildings, monuments, battlefields and more/Historic England
Local Heritage Listing: Identifying and Conserving Local Heritage/Historic England

A MESSAGE FROM SARAH FAGG - CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS

On behalf of myself and the committee, I would like to thank all of those who offered time to help at the Parish on Parade event in July. Without you such events are not possible. The weather was not on our side, but I think we made the most of it. Let's hope next year is a smashing day. In other news there has been lots going on behind the scenes, with meetings with Mr Day at Lyminge Primary School. We are excited to be involved with a new space within the school, for the children. We will keep you posted! Any ideas of events you would like to see in our community please email us - clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk. Thank you again for your support.

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The Neighbourhood Plan:
Environment Working Group

It has been advertised elsewhere and so hopefully everyone is aware that a Neighbourhood Plan is in the process of being developed, covering the entire Lyminge Parish.

Neighbourhood planning gives us as a local community direct power to develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of our local area, and as such it is important that we do our best to get our voices heard during the process.

Several community consultations have been undertaken over the past couple of years, and now all the relevant information is being collated in order to try to produce a first draft of the Plan within the next few months. One of the sections of the Plan will cover issues related to the natural environment, and so a local working group has been formed to try to facilitate drafting of this part of the Plan.

The main areas that we expect the "Environment including Ecology" working group to consider include:

- Maintaining and enhancing connectivity of wildlife corridors
- Encouraging walking and cycling
- Identifying new routes for walking and cycling, bridleways
- Protecting and enhancing valued green spaces (including allotments)
- Nominating new green spaces
- Safeguarding views of significance
- Supporting sustainable new home to sustainable locations
- Flood management

Much of this work involves mapping features of the local environment so we have been looking at various mapping resources. In terms of biodiversity mapping and trying to identify areas for maintaining and enhancing connectivity of wildlife corridors we are looking at online resources including:

Georeferenced local biodiversity data: https://tinyurl.com/GeoreferencedLocalBiodiversity

Magic maps: https://magic.defra.gov.uk/

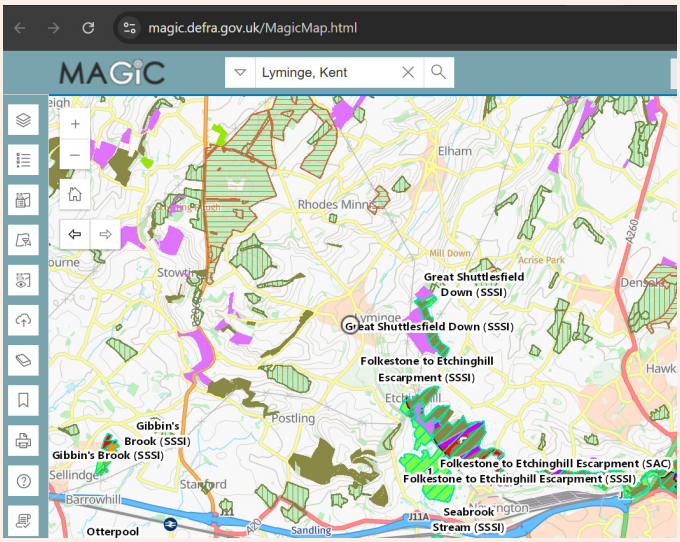
Kent Local Nature Recovery Strategy: https://tinyurl.com/makingspacefornaturekent

Google maps (which shows East Brook and Nailbourne streams quite well) and Google Earth.

Please let us know if you'd like to get involved with the Working Group(s) by email to the clerk of the Parish Council.

The next two working groups meetings are currently planned for the last two Tuesdays in November, the 18th and 25th, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, but please check with the Parish Council in advance for final details or in case plans change.

If you prefer not to get involved with the Working Groups please do keep an eye out for details of any community consultations, where the working groups will present their progress for discussion and modification.



An example of an online mapping tool, "magic maps" from DEFRA, that is being consulted as part of the process of developing the Neighbourhood Plan

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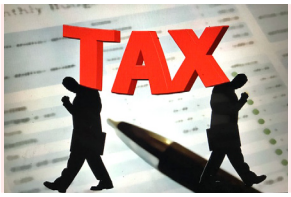

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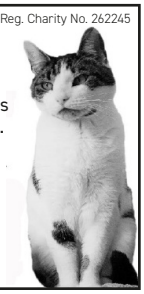

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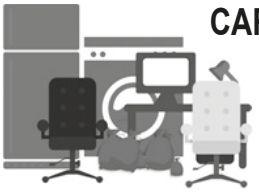

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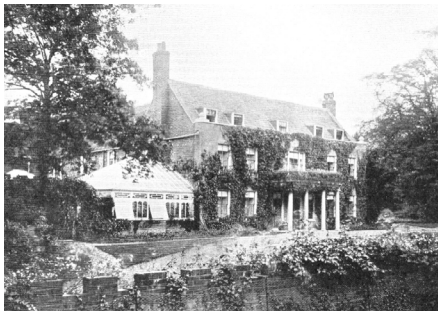
LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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

This month we are visiting Sibton Park. The house has a timber-frame core and probably dates to the early 17th Century, as there is a date stone of 1602. The house as it appears on the left shows the new frontage added towards the end of the 18th Century when the house was owned by the Honywood family, large local landowners around Lyminge, although their main seat was at Markshall in Essex.

William Honywood, younger brother of Sir John Honywood, acquired Sibton as a home for himself and his wife Mary, one of the Drake-Brockman family from Beachborough Park. After their deaths, their son William Philip continued to live at the house, and it is his funeral hatchment, together with that of his mother, that are displayed either side of the Chancel



Arch in the Parish Church. Four of his siblings are buried in the churchyard, north of the tower.

Ownership of the house was retained by the Honywoods but it was let to various tenants during the 19th Century. It was eventually sold in 1898 to John Howard, wealthy owner of a paper mill at Chartham. During the early years of the 20th Century, the grounds often played host to fetes raising funds for the church, a number of which were opened by John Howard's step daughter-in-law the Countess of Guilford who lived locally at Waldershare. It was John Howard who added the additional floor we can see today. Sibton Park became a girls' preparatory school after the Second World War, but a falling roll forced it to close in 1996, when the house with around 40 acres of ground was sold to Holiday Property Bond. It continues today as a holiday destination, providing a regular flow of visitors to the village.

New Newsletter Advertising Charges

(as from 1 November 2025)

In the mists of time (2012??), we increased the charges to advertisers using the classified ad space in the Lyminge Newsletter for businesses from £9 to £9.50 per month or £95 per annum and from £1.50 to £3 (£30pa) for charities.

With time and the increasing requests for larger advertising, these charges have changed in line with these charges. However, more recently, we have seen an increase in our circulation list from 1,650 copies to 1,750 to include the new Pentland Homes Estate and requests for further copies from China China.

In addition, we have absorbed any increased printing costs over the years, particularly when we switched to a commercial printer and yet we maintained our margins, continuing to support grant requests, donations and funding individual events. (See P6). This year our revenue for the newsletter fell slightly from £12,470 to £11,463 (-8%).

The Lyminge Association committee has therefore accepted the recommendation that our fees increase by 4% (approx). The new rates per month from 1st November are as follows:

Size		Charities	Businesses
Half front page	184 x 105mm	£45	£50
Whole internal page	194 x 288mm	£25	£50
Half page	184 x 126mm	£12.50	£25
Quarter page	89 x 126mm	£7.50	£15
Classified Ads	89 x 38mm	£5	£10

Rates for an annual advert are calculated using the monthly rate, times ten (two months free). Eg. for a quarter page business ad, one month costs £15; the annual cost £150.

We regret having to make these increases but undoubtedly we remain exceptionally competitive. **Editor**

Lyminge Friends

5th 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 and it is open to everyone. Also at the meeting will be Katie from **AK Healthcare** to speak about **Osteopathy** and what it has to offer and answer any questions you may have.

Everyone welcome – No charge for this meeting only (including tea/coffee)

On 10th December we will be hosting a Christmas Lunch for our members at St. Mary & St Ethelburga Church.

We are a friendly social group and welcome new members and visitors so just drop into a meeting, or if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 07904 157897. All meetings are held in The Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge from 10.30am to 12noon unless stated otherwise.

Lyminge Friends held their ***"Friend's Friday"*** lunch at the Coach & Horses on 17 October which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Letter to the Editor

Many thanks for the good job on the footpath alongside Nailbourne Court. This is so much better for the likes of myself with a mobility scooter and mum's with pushchairs. Well done.

Gordon Boucher

Photos show a fraction of what was collected for Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church harvest festival which was held on 5th October. All the food and toiletries were donated to the Rainbow Centre, Folkestone. Many thanks to all those involved.