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Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

This year's meanderings will comprise monthly observations I have made over the past year, 2025.

May

Cotton wool clouds cover a beautiful blue sky on a warm breezy day.

Roadside verges burgeon with lacy cow parsley and red campion. Bluebells are in their last phase whilst wild garlic begins to take centre stage in shaded areas. Rectory Lane has a bank of these pungent plants and a slight brush with the hand, or a breeze, brings out the scent. On the floor of a patch of woodland at the top of Longage Hill wild garlic is mixed with bluebells and red campion, making a perfect blend of colours. Another area of woodland adjacent to the footpath between Skeete Road and Woodland Road is packed tight with their dark green leaves and starry flowers. Both the flowers and leaves, well washed, can be used in salads, as a pesto or wrapped around fish or meat before cooking.

On a still warm evening I walk past a lilac tree, heavy with blossom. Bees are busy gathering nectar and I inhale the sweet perfume of the flowers. I remember as a child the girls used to wear a headdress made up of purple and white lilac flowers on May Day. It was always a struggle to keep it in place as we danced around the maypole!

2 Little rain again, so the ground is becoming dry and dusty. Fields along the valley are showing the green heads of barley and new shoots are appearing on the vines in the various vineyards in and around the Elham Valley. 'Candles' fill the horse chestnut trees, with their blossoms of white, pink or red. Two magnificent examples of this tree stand in the middle of the churchyard, their branches spreading out in wide diameters from their trunks.

Roadside verges and hedgerows are predominantly white – cow parsley, ox-eye daisies, hawthorn blossom and the slightly creamier elderflowers. Occasionally hawthorn blossom is a pastel pink.

Pale lavender light fills the late evening sky. The days lengthen as we move towards the Summer solstice, with sunsets lingering late, reluctant to let go and allow the inky darkness in. Birdsong continues as long as the light persists, the blackbird being one of the last and loudest to sing. Mornings too are heralded by their song. I have seen a song thrush in my garden and its song is slightly quieter than the blackbirds', but more varied. Further away, above

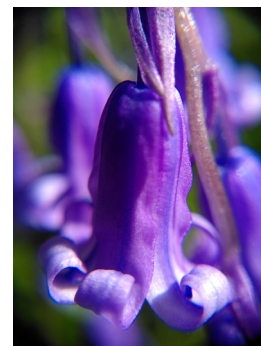
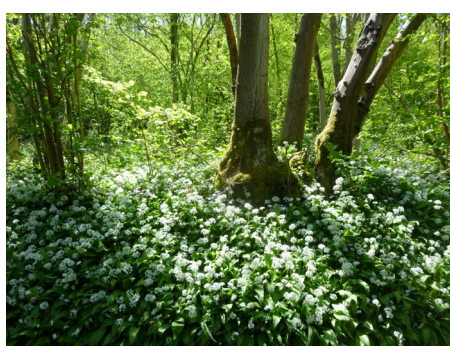
the fields, the skylark holds sway, its clear bubbling warble seeming to come from nowhere as they are sometimes hard to spot at height. Blue tits and sparrows are constantly in and out of mine and my neighbour's bird boxes, as they tidy up nests and then forage for a constant supply of food for their chicks, finding time in their busy schedules to bathe in the bird bath, water being flung in all directions in their eagerness to keep themselves in good condition.

Crops are growing, despite the lack of rain, and fields of barley have begun to show their 'ears' with their distinctive awns, or bristles. Fields of vivid yellow oil seed rape have turned back to green, as the long seed pods begin to mature.

Ermine moths have attacked random parts of the hedgerow which borders the road along the Valley. Usually found on blackthorn or hawthorn, the moths spin spooky silken webbing giving the bushes a 'halloween' look. These webs are created to hide the sometimes thousands of caterpillars of the Small Ermine moth, the web providing protection from predators. Although the trees or shrubs they adorn look dead, they normally fully recover by the following year, the webs disappearing over the Summer months. The moths are white with black dots, hence their name.

On the corner of New Barn adjacent to the golf course, there is a patch of green space which at the end of May, has been left uncut. Various grasses have shot up and amongst them are buttercups and clover, grown tall to keep pace with the grass, and lower down, purple vetch is trying to compete. In the late afternoon, passing through this small meadow, where walkers have worn a path, insects dance in the sunlight and bees are busy on the flowers. 'No mow May' seems to be paying off, and this patch is so much more interesting left natural than being cut to an inch of its life.

On the last day of May, the azure sky is busy with clouds. What will June bring? More warm sunny days or much needed rain to swell the grain that ensures a good and plentiful harvest?



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
3rd May	11.00am	Rev Peter Cornish
10th May	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis: Rev Malcolm Peach
17th May	11.00am	Local Arrangement with Video
24th May	10.30am	United Service at St. Andrew's, Cheriton
31st May	10.15am	Valley Service with Rev Gordon Newton

RHODES MINNIS

Date	Time	Event
3rd May	9.30am	Rev Gill Songer
10th May	10.15am	Valley Service (at Rhodes Minnis) Rev Malcolm Peach
17th May	9.30am	Mrs Val Redding
24th May	10.30am	A united service at St Andrews, Cheriton
31st May	10.15am	A united service at Lyminge Rev Gordon Newton



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St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
3rd May	Lyminge	10.00am	WOW Service
5th May	Lyminge	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
10th May Rogation Sunday	Lyminge Paddlesworth	8.00am 8.00am	No Service Rogation Sunday said Communion, followed by breakfast at Cat and Custard-Pot and the walk to Lyminge Church for refreshments.
	Lyminge	6.00pm	Choral Evensong and Licensing of Rev Sharon Paineas Associate Priest by the Archdeacon
17th May	Lyminge	10.00am	Holy Communion CW1
24th May	Lyminge	10.00am	Family Praise
31st May	Swingfield	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist



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

LYMINGE COMMUNITY HUB

The Lyminge Community Hub C.I.C. is still trying to establish a community centre for the village. We continue to wait for Folkestone & Hythe District Council to make a planning application for change of use from community to housing use. When that happens, we are ready with our objections to resist this loss of the Jubilee Centre, which was formerly used by AGE UK. Please rest assured that we are all doing all we possibly can to restore the loss of this vital facility for our community.



Linda Wilsher 1949-2026

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Linda Wilsher in the Pilgrim's Hospice, Canterbury on 1 April. Although Linda had moved to Folkestone in the early 200s, she was a vibrant part of the Lyminge community for many years.

Her deep faith created strong connections with the church, and latterly with St Martin's in Horn Street, Folkestone. She taught at Lyminge School for a while, before going to Selstead School until her retirement. She will be long remembered with affection as the Guide Leader in the Lyminge Guides, where she instilled a love of the outdoors, and particularly the joy and fun of camping in local girls. She was a member of Ethelburga Quilters, (and also Oast Quilters of Canterbury) since its inception and indeed was still attending the meetings until only a few months ago. Linda was a very talented quilter and undertook the training (2021 -2023, through the Quilters' Guild of the British Isles) to become a 'Master Quilter'. Linda was also a very gifted artist and was part of the Lyminge Art Group. She helped organise the biennial Art Group's shows. If you have been enthralled by the Handbell Ringers – Linda was part of that too. When I first knew Linda, she edited the Lyminge Newsletter, passing the baton to me some 37 years ago (and I passed the baton onto Jean Howard and Peter).

In 2009 Linda remarried, to Richard, who welcomed and supported Linda's two boys, Richard and Christopher and their families.

Our heart-felt condolences go to them all and all the many friends she has made over the years. She will be much missed.

Liz Coleman



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DOG OWNERS PLEASE NOTE

Seriously though, please clear up after your dog, particularly in areas of high footfall – pavements, bus stops, community areas, etc. As well as being unpleasant for the unfortunate person who steps in the faeces, it can also be a significant health hazard.

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viewed in colour at
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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 16.

ONE-OFF EVENTS

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
8th May	7.30pm	Celebrating the 60s.	C&H	See P4
16th May	6pm	Cantores: Schubert Mass in G	LPC	See P 12
17th May	6pm	Etchinghill Village Hall AGM		
24th May	9.30am	Farmers Market		
6th June	7pm	SPRING QUIZ	LVH	07808775302
6-7th June	12noon	Postling Village Open Gardens		See P21
13th June		Dog & Owners Fun Day	LW	
11th July		Boot & Summer Fayre (including motorbike food run)	LW	
19th July	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company - The Wife	TF	See P21
8th August		Boot & Late Summer Fayre	LW	
12th September		Boot & Autumn Fayre	LW	
19th September		Autumn Garage Sale		
17th October		Litter Pick	EVH	

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	07783575802
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	07977503897
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239
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	7.15pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LMC	07813 071867
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	07951698008
Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951698008
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	SPCC	07869 283195
Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	

MONTHLY EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903150099
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	03000413 131
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879
2nd Tues	10am	Coffee Morning	LMC	863049
2nd Tues	2.30pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413 131
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008
4th Tues	10am	Coffee Morning	LMC	863049
Last Tues	10.15am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413 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	013033901011
2nd Sat	10am	Postling Coffee Morning	PC	863536
2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
4th Sun	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	

¹ In term time only ² Except Jan and Feb ³ Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug ⁴ Except Aug and Dec ⁵ Not held in August ^{**} Every three months

C&H: Coach & Horses; **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



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**A Talk by
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from Monkton
Nature Reserve**

**“Hedgehogs in your
Garden”**

**Tuesday 19th May
The Tayne Centre
Refreshments from 7:15pm
Talk starts 7:30pm**

**Non Members
very welcome**



**Reminder – Thoughtful Food's 'Pick Up a Plant'
Saturday May 9th between 9:30 and 12:00
in front of the Methodist Church**

**For more information about the Gardeners' Society
email: lymingegardeners@gmail.com
or call
Anne on 07703 149 008**

ELHAM MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION – 11 APRIL 2026

The Elham Valley Model Railway Club (EVMRC), in conjunction with the East Kent Model Railway Society (EKMRs) were proud to put on the first model railway exhibition in the valley for 10 years in Elham Village Hall on 11 April.

At this event we were able to display the completed model of Elham Station which we had just begun at the time of the previous event, together with the new project we are currently working on.

We are very grateful for the support of the 451 people who attended the event – a number at least on par with what is achieved in the larger towns where EKMRs put on similar events. Not bad for a small group of villages!

EVMRC would like to thank Nick Evans, chair of EKMRs, who was the lead co-ordinator of the event. Also, the members of his society who did the stewarding, and the exhibitors of the 11 other model layouts, the 7 trade stands, and to Whitstable and District Model Engineering Society for providing the miniature train rides outside for the children.



Excellent light refreshments were provided by The Pilgrims Hospices who also ran a tombola. Invaluable funds from this event help to support their charitable work.

Funds raised from the admission charges, after costs, will be used by EKMRs to develop their junior section and hence to keep the railway modelling hobby in East Kent alive.

We will endeavour to repeat the event in the future – hopefully with less than a 10 year wait this time!

Etchinghill update

- May 2026

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

For enquiries: Chairman: Victoria Couper-Samways - 07702 625474
email: vickie.couper@icloud.com Website: www.etchinghill.info
f Etchinghill Residents Association

FILM NIGHT – Etchinghill Village Hall – Monday 18th May – Doors Open 7pm For A 7.30 Start – ‘A Good Year’ 2006 (12) Run time: 1hr 52mins. Starring Russell Crowe, Marion Cotillard, Tom Hollander and Albert Finney. A Good Year is a feel-good romantic comedy drama of an Englishman who finds his soul when he leaves the rat race behind for a new life in France, set against the visually intoxicating backdrop of Provence. Entry fee is only £6pp (cash only please) 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.

Asian Hornets: There has been a report of an Asian Hornet caught in Densole earlier in the month. Hornets are not generally aggressive unless their nest is disturbed. The National Bee Team have the ability to locate nests and deal with them if captured alive and reported. Please see further details on P17 and P36. If you spot an Asian Hornet, please follow the instructions.

Remembrance Sunday Poppy Appeal – as in previous years, we are again seeking volunteers to knit or crochet poppies to decorate the village sign in Canterbury Road, Etchinghill in time for the run up to Remembrance Sunday in November. We would like to have enough poppies to attach to village benches and lamp posts. Volunteers are needed to spread the word and share the workload! Your support will be greatly appreciated. For further details please contact Denise on 07929 031567.

Hopefully many of you have noticed the colourful bench that has been installed in the children's play area in Meriden Park. Details of the formal 'opening' should be available soon.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White
f Etchinghill Village Hall Kent
Bookings:
Anna Allan 07514 758936
Email: d.allan142@btinternet.com



The Etchinghill Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 17th May from 6pm. If you have any suggestions or would just like to be updated on what is going on with the hall, please come along. All Etchinghill residents are welcome. The meeting will last one hour and refreshments will be available following the meeting.

A gentle reminder to book your child's party as far in advance as you can, as our weekends are filling up fast and with the good weather to come, our fenced garden/patio area can be put to good use too.

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

The Lyminge Association
Spring/Summer Quiz
courtesy of Dave and Honor Hunt-Cooke
Lyminge Village Hall
Saturday 6th June 2026
7pm for 7.30pm start
Please bring your own food, drink, plates, etc
Tickets: £5 per head - Teams of 8 max
Call Peter on 07808 775302 to book a place/table

District Councillors' update

– May 2026

Otterpool Park - the recently signed collaboration agreement with Homes England was reported at the last full Council Meeting. This agreement lasts until December 2026. It was also said that one of the options to buy additional land had been executed by Homes England. However, detailed planning permission and planning for the Waste Water Treatment plant still need to be obtained.

Folkestone Sports Centre - A £2.4m grant which will enable the reopening of swimming facilities at Folkestone Sports Centre has been supported. Cabinet members have endorsed The Sports Trust's scheme to revitalise the Radnor Park Avenue site – agreeing to fund essential work including pool and changing room renovation, the addition of solar panels and repairs to the flat roof. Unfortunately, just recently I was very disappointed to hear about the vandalism that had taken place. It is certainly not what we want or expect, especially for an organisation trying to open a swimming pool that is so desperately needed in this district.

Hythe Swimming Pool – At the full Council Meeting on 1 April I asked about any planned (or unplanned) urgent works required for Hythe Pool prior to its closure for redevelopment or refurbishment. This was because there was a problem with water getting behind the pool lining and people had mentioned this to me. I was told that the pool lining leak had been resolved and that there will be routine maintenance but no major works planned.

Local government reorganisation — what a mess it is. There is so much work for our officers. I know it feels never-ending, and things are changing all the time. We are now waiting for the outcome on who we might partner with. From what we are hearing about Surrey, it could be anyone — it could be all over the place. We could even find ourselves paired with Swale, and what do we really have in common with Swale? But we will have to wait and see. There is still so much work to do. And when July comes, I believe the District Council will have about two weeks to organise the different work streams — the 11 groups that will be or have already been established to take forward some of that work

Road Closure - Temporary Road Closure.
Lympne Hill, Lympne - 26th May 2026

A road to avoid - due to works planned to be undertaken by Trooli Ltd, it will be necessary to close part of Lympne Hill, Lympne, from 26th May 2026 with estimated completion by 29th May 2026.

Contact:
jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Folkestone & Hythe District Council (F&HDC) is to contribute £236,000 towards the work required to reopen the Road of Remembrance. KCC have agreed a fully designed technical

solution to stabilise the cliff and re open the road safely. KCC is currently hoping work will start from May. It is predicted the project will take a year to complete once underway.

F&HDC and Homes England have agreed a new collaboration agreement focused on securing outline planning permission for the current scheme at Otterpool Park. It is hoped that visible construction activity will begin in 2028. This includes roads, utility cables and enabling works, on land close to Westenhanger Station, before homes themselves start rising. A much-needed dedicated wastewater treatment plant is awaiting KCC planning approval. The wastewater treatment plant is needed, because it cleans the East Stour and is viewed as a very favourable contribution to the Stodmarsh problem.

F&HDC agreed a £2.4m grant to The Sports Trust, to enable the reopening of swimming facilities at Folkestone Sports Centre. The grant will go towards funding essential work including pool and changing room renovation, the addition of solar panels and repairs to the flat roof. Once open again the council is hoping to take forward the planned refurbishment of Hythe Pool.

The North Downs Forum, a group of residents from the North Downs area, held a very productive meeting in Stelling Minnis Village Hall at the beginning of the month. The Forum is open to any residents in the area; there is no need to be a Parish Councillor or part of a community group. We meet approximately every two months at different venues, alternating between ND West and ND East. One of the things we decided was that we would try to forward plan with dates for the meetings for the next year. I'll let you know when we have them.

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

Prayer and Praise Service



Lyminge Methodist Church
*Wednesdays 20th May
and 17th June at 7 pm*
All are welcome

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**Stroke Awareness Month
May 2026**

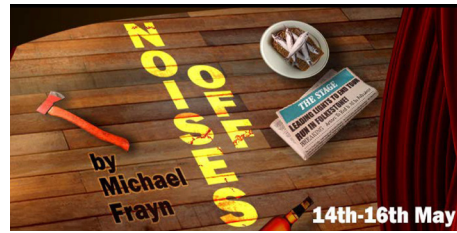
**Come and join us for Tea/Coffee
and Cake and learn more about
Stroke Prevention
Lyminge Parish Church
10.00am until Noon
Monday 18th May
(no meeting 4th May as Bank Holiday)**

**All money raised will be donated to
the Stroke Association**

**There will be a representative from the Stroke
Association to answer your questions.**

*For more information, to check the dates of meetings/events, or if you
would like support but are unable to attend the meetings
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Behind the bike sheds - Pepperoni £11

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Old School House - £13 house special

Fior di latte mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, prosciutto crudo, portobello mushrooms, rocket, garlic, pecorino



'Teacher's Pet' - Veggie £12

Fior di latte mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, pecorino (vegie), capers, artichoke, olives, sun dried tomatoes, garlic, pesto (nut free)



Kiss chase- Nduja £12

Fior di latte mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, pecorino, nduja, red onion



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Information & Advice: Drop In Sessions

Every Second Monday of the month

Drop In Sessions are open from 10AM - 1PM

Lyminge Library, 7-9 Station Rd,
Lyminge, Folkestone CT18 8HS

Need support with benefits, available services or other issues affecting later life? Our Information & Advice Drop-In offers free, confidential guidance on a range of topics, including:

- Benefit checks to see what you may be entitled to
- Blue Badge applications
- Local community resources
- Health & wellbeing services

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* Age UK Hythe, Lyminge and Ashford 2025.



Dementia Services Showcase Ashford Monday 18th May

Ashford Community Support Hub, Farrow Court,
Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF

10am - 3pm | Free to attend

As part of Dementia Action Awareness Week, join us for a community event, open to professionals and the public.

- Discover the support available
- Learn about our dementia services
- Access information, advice and guidance
- Meet our team and partner organisations
- Activity taster sessions including MCST (Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy)
- Mature Drivers' Seminar (from Kent Road Safety)

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Lyminge for 4 years, it is a lovely village with nice people and good amenities. Many residents have dogs, many of which walk down our road, Palm Tree Way. If the dogs go to the lavatory the owners always clear it up and dispose of it properly. There is no problem.

We also have horses ridden down this road, usually by 2 young women. The horses go to the lavatory in the road leaving huge heaps as they trot along. The riders should be responsible for that and bring a shovel etc in a bag with them and clear up the mess. Because the mess is not cleared up I have had to drive through it as from my parking area in front of my house .

Please could you put a very clear notice in The Lyminge Newsletter about this problem and point out the riders' responsibilities .

With many thanks, *Bernadette Watts.*

'The rules around horses and road "deposits" are quite different from those for dogs. Horse riders aren't legally required to clear up manure left on public roads which are far less hazardous than dog waste. Horse manure isn't usually treated as a problem in normal situations. There could be a problem if a large amount creates a hazard (especially for cyclists or motorcyclists), causes a public nuisance, but cases are rarely enforced. Courtesy goes a long way and many horse riders do their best to be considerate by avoiding stopping in busy spots and clearing up where it's safe and practical - but that's down to good manners rather than the law.' Editor



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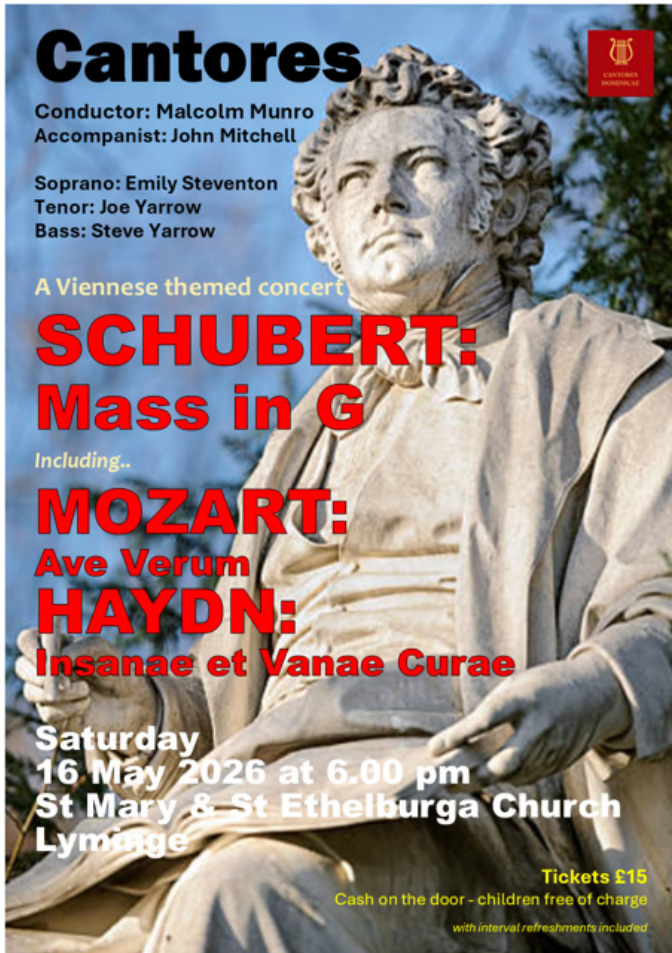
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Fifth Trust update



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We were absolutely thrilled to be named Category Champions at the Revival Community Awards – such a proud moment for us all! A big thank you goes to the team behind the awards, and of course to all of our amazing supporters who are always there for us behind the scenes.

Our team in the café did an incredible job being interviewed every day for a week with BBC Radio Kent's 'Coffee Stops' feature. One of our students - Luke - also had the opportunity to chat live on air.

Join us on 26th June during English Wine week for a relaxed and enjoyable evening as we explore a range of Elham Valley Vineyard wines, paired with delicious Kentish cheeses. Includes talks, tours and music, £37.50 per person. Book via our website or call 01227 832022.


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**ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL
 Annual General Meeting
 The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM
 will be held on
 Sunday 17th May 2026 at 6pm**

All Etchinghill residents are welcome and the Etchinghill Village Hall Trustees look forward to welcoming you to join them.

If you would like to put your name forward as a Trustee, would like to help out on an *ad hoc* basis, or would just like to keep up to date with Village Hall life, this is your opportunity. Please come along to support your Village Hall. (The meeting will last no longer than 1 hour). Refreshments will be available following the AGM.

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Magna Carta and Canterbury

Speakers: Cressida Williams

Members Free

New members and visitors are always welcome
Visitors: £5 Payable on the door
All our publications are on sale at our meetings, at Lyminge Library and at Lyminge Village Store.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 2nd June: Doodlebugs and Rockets - Bob Ogle
- 1st September: A History of the Granville Hotel, St Mary's Bay - Wendy Fraser
- 6th October: The Hazards of the Journey - Imogen Corrigan



*From Christopher Hespe,
Kent County Councillor
for Elham Valley and Deputy
Cabinet Member for Finance
and Cross-Cabinet Activity*

Kent County Councillor Annual Report for Parish and Town Councils. 14 April 2026

With many Parish Councils in Elham Valley (there are 16!) holding their annual meetings around this time, it may be opportune to reflect on my first year as a County Councillor.

My role is to ensure good quality services are provided at County and local level whilst representing the 20,000 residents of Elham Valley. I have been welcomed in so many places and I would like to thank you for that. The County Council is the largest in England, is hugely complex and has a net spend of approximately £1.6 billion. I will write a future newsletter outlining the breadth and reach of KCC, but for the time being you may be interested to hear what the first year of the new administration at County Hall has achieved:

Money

We inherited a dreadful financial position from the previous administration, but in the year we have reduced debt by £114 million and debt interest paid by £3,362 per day. We managed to set a Council Tax increase lower than 86% of County, Metropolitan and Unitary Councils in England. Across the year, we made £115 million savings and re-prioritised future spend of £39.5 million. A budget for 2026/27 has been set with no extra borrowings, a net increase in reserves, and increased spending for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Environment, Highways and Transport.

Putting Kent First

For Local Government Reorganisation, we devised an option for local government to save Kent taxpayers £450 million over 10 years.

We produced 'Reforming Kent'; a plan setting out Kent's priorities.

The Council scrapped the 'Climate Emergency Declaration' and subsequent need to spend and achieve Net Zero by 2030. We declared an 'Illegal Migration Emergency' in Kent to highlight cost and safety, we campaigned for new nuclear provision at Dungeness; International rail services to reopen at Ashford and Ebbsfleet and began exploration of establishing an Environment Tax for foreign lorries.

Saving Services

We overturned proposals to close 34 Libraries, close Country Parks, lose 35 Community Wardens, discontinue with School Crossing Staff and close four Household Waste Centres, which had all been threatened by the previous administration.

Education Services

We struggled with the increasing cost of special educational needs, and reducing costs of home to school

transport proved to be an ongoing problem. But overall, 98% of Early Years settings were deemed 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, and 96% of pupils obtained a place at one of their preferred schools.

Businesses

We were keen to support Kent businesses, so we produced Kent's first Commercial Strategy, provided enhanced support for 500 Kent supplier companies, and awarded £55 million more value of contracts to Kent companies. More than 1,100 businesses were assisted via the Kent and Medway Growth Hub.

Roads

Like all areas in the UK, our roads suffered during the 'freeze/thaw' of winter. The surfaces were patched on a temporary basis, but we can usually only provide a good repair in dryer weather. We spent a record amount on pothole repairs (£67 million) and filled in the region of 50,000 potholes, which is a significant increase on previous years. We re-tendered for a new contractor, and Ringway will commence in May 2026. The heavy rainfall posed drainage problems, particularly in Elham and Ottinge, although we did manage to clear more than 85,000 gullies across the County. Significant road improvements were made during the year, including Spitfire Way in Hawkinge, the High Street in Etchinghill and the B2086 (Stone Street) near Petham and Stanford.

Other Services

We carried out nearly 7,000 weddings and civil ceremonies, welcomed 2.7 million visitors to libraries and 1.2 million to country parks. Some 99.6% of municipal waste was diverted from landfill and the Council dealt with well over 650,000 tonnes of waste.

Member Community Grants

Grants were issued to a number of organisations in Elham Valley, including MCA Dance for Special Needs; Hawkinge Community Events for Summer, Halloween and Christmas events; Elham Valley Cricket Club; Sellindge and District Bowls Club and Shepway Wanderers FC Disability.

The Next Year

I am committed to protecting valued services and ensuring your money is spent wisely. We will have tighter contracts and greater value for money, and I will seek to ensure that Elham Valley residents' needs are addressed by KCC.

Chris Hespe
Kent County Councillor
for Elham Valley, and
Cabinet Member for
Local Government
Efficiency and
Reorganisation



Lyminge Friends

Our upcoming talk on Wednesday, 6th May is **“Mr Garrick’s Fireside : A Personal History of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane”**

. The speaker, Pete Allen, worked at the Theatre for many years and has interesting and funny anecdotes to tell such as when he was almost shot by the Queen Mother’s security detail – all because of Ken Dodd!

The speaker for our meeting on **Wednesday, 3rd June** is **Clive Nutman** talking about **“Uganda, Churchill’s ‘Pearl of Africa’”**.

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

We are a friendly social group and welcome new members and visitors so just drop into a meeting, or if you’d like to talk to one of us first, please call 07904 157897.

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- ✓ Meet our team and ask questions

Everyone is welcome and our open day is free to attend!

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FOR ALL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th and 20th May
11:30AM – 12:30PM
at the Methodist Church.
[Church Rd, Lyminge, CT18 8JA](#)

There are no sessions on the
4th and 27th May
3rd June – In the Tayne Centre



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THE KING'S ARMS

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Lunch 12-3pm	Dinner 5.30-9pm	12-3pm
Dinner 5.30-8.30pm	Sunday	BAR MENU
Lunch 12-6pm		MONDAY - SATURDAY
		12-5PM

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Thoughtful Food...

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✉ thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com f t @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **7.30pm Monday 25th May**, at The Coach & Horses.



Pick up a Plant



Saturday 9th May

Lyminge Methodist Church

10am-12pm

You may have noticed the rather ominous-looking ASIAN HORNET featured on the back page of last month's newsletter. It's important that we all keep an eye out for this invasive species.

Asian hornets are opportunistic predators, feeding on a wide range of insects including moths, butterflies, solitary bees, bumblebees and wasps. In fact, one scientific study found over 1,000 different types of DNA in the gut of their larvae. Over the course of a single season, a colony can consume prey equivalent in weight to a car tyre. However, they have a particular preference for honeybees. With colonies of up to 50,000 individuals in a fixed location, honeybee hives become an easy and plentiful food source.

Even a small number of hornets—just five—hovering around a hive can have a devastating effect. Forager bees, which normally leave the hive to collect essential water, nectar and pollen, become so intimidated that they stop venturing out. If this continues, the colony can eventually starve. The hornets will then move in to take whatever remains, including stored food and the bees themselves. Because hornets are highly mobile and their nests can contain thousands of individuals, this is not a threat that beekeepers can easily manage alone. At present, there is no known natural

predator of the Asian hornet.

There have already been sightings in Kent, so please do stay vigilant.

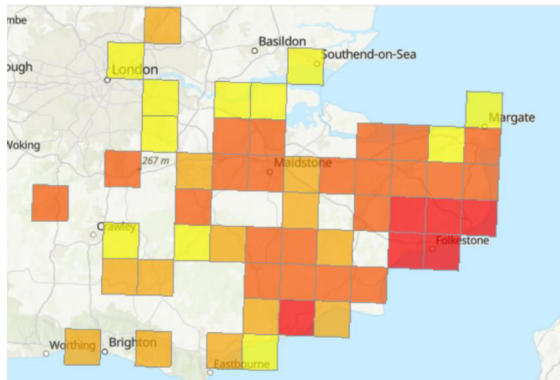
WHERE TO LOOK BETWEEN APRIL AND AUGUST

- Bird boxes
- Camellias and Rhododendrons
- Sheds
- Barbecues
- Cavities
- Greenhouses
- Conservatories
- Discarded water tanks
- Ivy on walls
- Thickets / brambles (South facing)
- High up in trees (July – secondary nests)

NOTE: In April/May look out for the queen who is looking for a nesting site. If you catch one using a 'wasp trap' then put the body in the freezer and report it via the Asian Hornet Watch app. It will be collected by an Animal and Plant Health Agency rep.

Next Month: TRAPS and REPORTING
If you see any before then either go to the www.nationalbeeunit.com or report it via the Asian Hornet Watch App. Alternatively doverasianhornets@btinternet.com.

There is NO KNOWN PREDATOR OF THE ASIAN HORNET



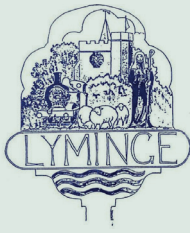
Distribution of Asian Hornet nests in SE Kent

Yellow-legged hornet nests found by 10km Timeline

- 1 (Yellow)
- 2 (Light Orange)
- 3 - 10 (Orange)
- 11 - 100 (Red)

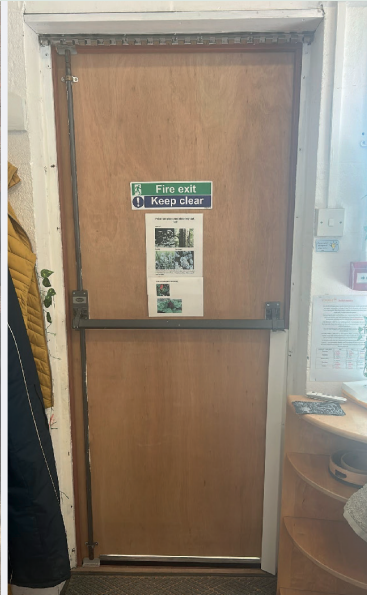


See P36 for Asian Hornet identifiers



LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis



HARRY STOREY

The fire door was rotting and has now been replaced.



JUBILEE FIELD PLAYGROUND

The seasaw was splitting but this has now been fixed.



Etchinghill Village Hall

BY JOHN WHITE, CHAIRMAN, ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

Thanks to the support of Lyminge Parish council by processing a grant application towards the upgrading of the insulation at Etchinghill Village Hall, we have been able to go ahead swiftly and get the work completed by the end of April.

With the worry of increasing heating costs applying to community centres as much as anywhere else it is greatly appreciated by the Trustees of Etchinghill Village Hall and in due course our Hall users for the swift action allowing us to get this upgrade completed.

PLANNING APPEAL AP 6760 LITTLE WOODLAND FARM (WORKSHOP)

Members discussed concerns regarding:

- Proposed extension of operating hours
- Possible B2 activity on a B1 site
- Impact on residents and the AONB

The Council agreed to submit an objection, with wording to be finalised and circulated.

Proposed: Cllr Joyce Seconded: Cllr Arnold
Agreed: All

The following meetings all take place at LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

FULL COUNCIL ALONG WITH AGM 19 May 19.00

Please note all planning meetings will now be held at Lyminge Village Hall. Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website

Councillor contact details are available on our website

WHO'S WHO

Chairman of Lyminge Parish Council:

Shaun Pottage

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Cllr Sue Baldwin

Planning and Licensing:

Cllr Emily Arnold

Community Engagement and Events:

Cllr Sarah Fagg

Finance and Administration:

Cllr Sandra Harrison

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Lyminge Parish encompasses the villages of Lyminge, Etchinghill and part of Rhodes Minnis and lies within the Kent Downs National Landscape.



Mount Pleasant Close

WORKING TOGETHER BY CLLR SANDRA HARRISON

It's now been over a year since Lyminge Parish Council took on the care of the green area in Mount Pleasant Close, and we've been working steadily – together with residents – to enhance this much loved space.

You may have already seen the new bench, and more recently we have begun creating a colourful new flower bed.

At the end of March, six wonderful volunteers from the road, along with two parish councillors, came together for a morning of planting. Armed with their gardening tools, they added a variety of flowering plants chosen to bring colour and fragrance throughout the year. We were grateful for the support of Jake from Fifth Trust, who organised the plants, as well as members of the community who stopped by to offer encouragement.

It was a remarkably productive morning, and Tony and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave their time and effort. Our work isn't finished yet – bird boxes and bug hotels are next on the list – and we hope these additions will make the area even more welcoming for residents and wildlife alike. This space, rented from the district council, is intended to bring a smile to anyone who passes by or pauses on the bench.

Today I collected another 17 plants for the opposite side of the plot. These will be planted when the weather turns wetter, allowing them to establish well. All plants comply with the district council's tenancy agreement, which specifies that none should exceed 60cm in height.

We hope that kind residents will lend a hand by occasionally watering the new plants, helping them settle in and flourish.



If you would like to get in touch please email:

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Neighbourhood Plan: Biodiversity Policy

For the Biodiversity policy, that is currently being developed for the Neighbourhood Plan, we created a draft list of priority species that are known to occur in the Parish and that should be considered during decision-making within the Parish. The draft list that we presented in the March issue has been updated based on community feedback, and now includes a selection of species based on the following criteria. If you have any comments or suggestions about this draft list please feel free to send any thoughts to tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk.

Section 41 Priority species

Section 41 (S41) priority species are 943 rare or threatened species in England requiring conservation action, defined under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006. These species, which include various mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects, are vital for protecting biodiversity. Public bodies must consider their protection in planning and decision-making.

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

All wild birds in the UK are protected. Some rare species and those which are particularly vulnerable to disturbance are afforded a higher level of protection for their nests, eggs and young, under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA). Schedule 1 bird species that are thought to nest in the Parish include Red Kite, Barn Owl and Firecrest. Similarly, various animal species are given additional legal protection under Schedule 5 of the Act. Schedule 5 species that occur in the Parish include bats, reptiles and amphibians, and rare butterflies such as the Adonis Blue and Chalkhill Blue.

“Red List” species

The “Red List of Threatened Species”, previously known as the “Red Data Book” (RDB), is an international database classifying species by their level of risk of extinction globally. Various countries, including the UK, have developed national-level Red Lists using the same or similar criteria, which are periodically updated to reflect new knowledge and trends. For example the most recent Red List of UK Birds of Conservation Concern was published in 2021. This list includes species such as house sparrows, swifts, house martins and greenfinches that occur in the villages of our Parish, and yellowhammers and linnets that occur in the surrounding mosaic of grasslands and agricultural land, and should be considered as priority species for focused conservation support.

Lyminge Parish Priority species

Based on the criteria described above, we have updated the draft list of priority species in the Parish to include the following:

Mammals

Hedgehog (S41)
Brown hare (S41)
Bats (all species; WCA)

Birds

Swift (S41; Red List)
Lapwing (S41; Red List)
Herring gull (S41; Red List)
Red kite (WCA Schedule 1)
Barn owl (WCA Schedule 1)
Skylark (S41)
House martin (Red List)
Firecrest (WCA Schedule 1)
Starling (S41; Red List)
Song thrush (S41)
Spotted flycatcher (S41; Red List)
Dunnock (S41)
House sparrow (S41; Red List)
Bullfinch (S41)
Greenfinch (Red List)
Linnet (S41; Red List)
Yellowhammer (Red List)

Reptiles and amphibians

Adder (S41)
Grass snake (S41)
Common lizard (S41)
Slow-worm (S41)
Common toad (S41)

Insects

Ruderal bumblebee (S41; RDB Nb)
Red Bartsia bee (RDB [Nb])
White-bellied mining bee (RDB1)
Four-banded weevil-wasp (S41; RDB1)
Olive crescent moth (S41; RDB3)
Dingy skipper butterfly (S41)
Small heath butterfly (S41)
Wall butterfly (S41)
White admiral butterfly (S41)
Adonis blue butterfly (WCA; Red List)
Chalk-hill blue butterfly (WCA; Red List)
Norfolk hawkker (S41; WCA; Red List)



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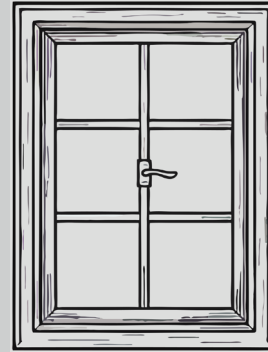
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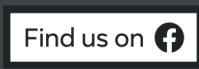
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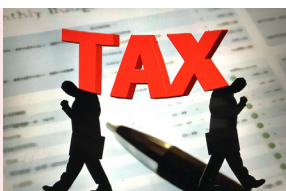
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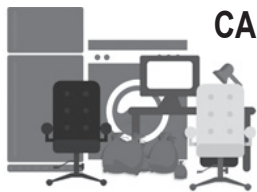
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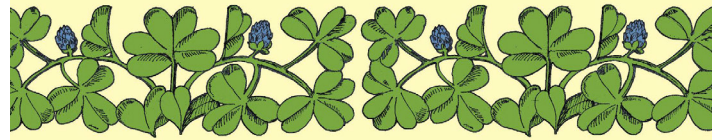
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She would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of her loyal clients over the years for their support and custom - it has meant the world. From all of us at Snippers & Clippers, we wish you a very well-earned rest, Helen. It simply won't be the same without you.

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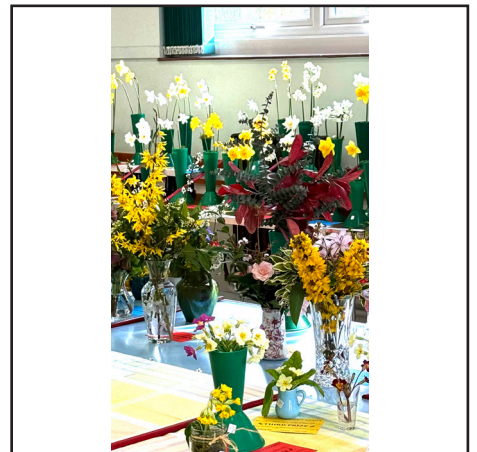
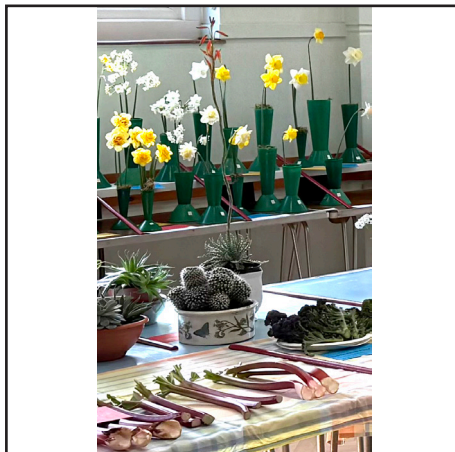
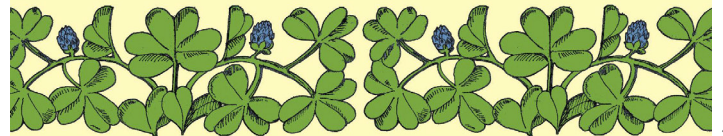
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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. EADBURG IN LYMINGE.



This view of the parish church from the north west is instantly recognisable to all residents. The engraving to the left is taken from a publication of 1859 but probably dates somewhat earlier. Superficially, it appears not much is different, but even the church building has changed in the intervening 170 or 180 years.

We are looking at the north side of the church with the great tower on the west end begun at the end of the 15th Century. This replaced an earlier tower that once stood at the west end of the north aisle. Two massive buttresses that supported this tower and which still exist, can be seen most clearly in the engraving. What you can also see is that since the engraving was made, a structure has been added on to the side of the church. This is the vestry that was completed in 1971.

The man in the engraving is standing in front of what was then the boundary wall to the churchyard. He is

in what was then Abbots Green, a meadow, which was discussed in *Lyminge Then and Now* in the March Newsletter. The wall has since been removed here, though it survives further to the south. Instead, we now have a path. This was re-laid in 2020, providing access from the north gate and linking to a new path that leads to the north door of the church. This provides step-free access to the church for the first time since it was built almost 1,000 years ago.

The small white headstone visible in the engraving at the foot of the tower stood on a burial vault. All the grave furniture for this vault that once existed above ground was completely removed around the time of the Second World War, perhaps because it was brilliant white and very obvious from the air. The vault was then forgotten and only rediscovered when the footings for the path were being dug.

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Lyminge Friends enjoying a very successful Easter Lunch at the King's Arms, Elham.

Yellow-legged hornet (aka Asian hornet)

Species Description

Scientific name: *Vespa velutina*

Native to: Asia

Habitat: Nests usually high in trees and man made structures, sometimes closer to the ground; hunts honey bees, other insects and also feeds on fruit and flowers.

Not easily confused with any other species. Dark brown or black velvety body. Characteristically dark abdomen and yellow tipped legs. Smaller than the native European Hornet.

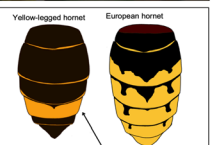
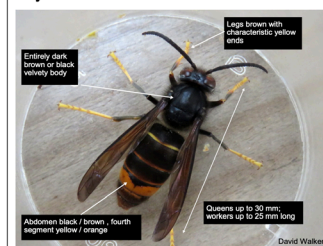
Introduced to France in 2004 where it has spread rapidly. A number of sightings have been recorded in the UK since 2016. High possibility of introduction through, for example, soil associated with imported plants, cut flowers, fruit, garden items (furniture, plant pots), freight containers, in vehicles, or in/on untreated timber. The possibility that it could fly across the Channel has not been ruled out.

A highly aggressive predator of native insects. Poses a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators.

Do not disturb an active nest. Members of the public who suspect they have found a yellow-legged hornet should report it with a photo using the details provided in the red box at the top of this ID sheet.



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