

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

JUNE 2026



CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS!!

Nicky, Eric and Laura, would like to thank all of our lovely customers for their continued support as we celebrate our 5th year at the Coffee Cabin. We look forward to seeing you all soon for the summer season.

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

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

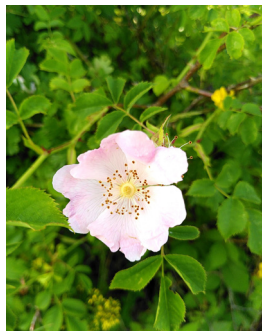
This year's meanderings will comprise monthly observations I have made over the past year, 2025.

June

– a month of the Summer solstice giving us the longest day with long light evenings of pale pink, purple and apricot skies at sunset. Still evenings when the birds continue singing until the very last of the light dims in the west. The Anglo-Saxons called June "Sera monath," meaning "dry month" and certainly, in this year of 2025, it has lived up to its name, especially in our south-east corner of England. June's full moon has traditionally been called the Strawberry Moon and on 11 June it shines bright and clear. Historically, names for the full moons were used to track the seasons and as June has usually been the month when the English strawberry season is at its height, strawberry was chosen for the full moon name. Here in Lyminge, the strawberry full moon gracefully moves across the cloudless early evening sky in a low arc, shedding a soft pink glow over all in its path. Other sources quote Mead Moon as the Anglo-Saxon name because this was the time for mowing the meads, or meadows.

June's full moon is usually the lowest-hanging of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. It is likely to be exaggerated this month as a result of a major lunar standstill which took place earlier this year. This is

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when the moon reaches the extremes of its orbit around the Earth, rising and setting at its most northerly and southerly positions on the horizon. It happens every eighteen years and the effects are most visible during a full moon. Another moon this low is not expected until 2043. Dog roses dot the hedges with

their delicate flowers of white and the palest of pink, beautiful because of their simplicity.

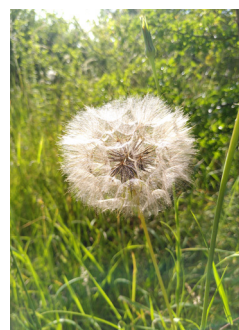
On a bus ride to Canterbury, to the north of the Black Robin pub, there is a golden field of fast ripening barley whereas on the opposite side of the road the wheat is sparse, having greatly suffered from the dry hot period we experienced in the Spring. The vines on the eastern side adjoining the road are showing good green growth with bright red poppies scattered along each row. Vineyards can be sterile environments for wildlife, so it is good to see poppies there. Apple orchards on the other hand, which have been grubbed up near Chartham to make way for vineyards, have always provided rich habitats for wildlife. Strawberry growers have been able to produce large fruits this year, sweet and juicy due to the cool nights and hot days when the flowers were being formed.

The countryside is at its greenest and fullest this month with roses and honeysuckle in profusion –

the latter filling the still evening air with its heady perfume, but rain is still in short supply. Spring lambs have lost their springiness, becoming more sedate as they mature. On the other side of Elham, cows in rich tones of brown graze while their numerous calves doze in groups, warmed by the early Summer sun. I walk through a meadow full of grasses of varying heights, colours and shapes, which sway in the early evening breeze. Insects move amongst the wildflowers: buttercups, red and white clover, chickweed. Bramble blooms are prolific, promising a good crop of blackberries, maybe as early as August, if the hot weather continues. Elderflowers are at their peak, their perfume conjuring up tasty cordials. A handsome yellow and black caterpillar, the toadflax brocade



moth caterpillar, completely strips the leaves of the purple toadflax in my garden, an attractive plant which seeds freely in gardens, along pathways, beside roads and on wasteland. On an afternoon walk, along the edge of a footpath I spot yellow or meadow goat's beard which has a dandelion-like flower and subsequent seedhead, although both are much larger than those of the



dandelion. Another name by which it is known is Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon. The seedhead is around two inches in diameter and is pale brown as opposed to the white of the dandelion.

As the month finally begins to draw to a close the thinnest of thin crescent moons hovers low in the late evening sky to the north like an archer's bow – a

sliver of silver tinged with rose. It is 10.30pm and the night sky has turned a deep lavender before descending into the final darkness of night. Flaming June is nearly over, with yet more record breaking hot days as we head towards July. Sunrise and sunset times remain steady in this period around the solstice. As the sun sets, after a hot day, the welcome cool breeze sends a shiver through the trees, before the stillness of the evening descends. Birds have ceased their constant daytime activity, feeding, bathing and sunning themselves on my lawn, and have taken to the hedges and trees to cool off and prepare for the night's rest. Less than six hours of darkness will elapse before they are up and about again, ready for another day of relentless feeding in order to survive the rigours of breeding and bringing up their young.

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
7th June	11.00am	Local arrangement with video service
14th June	10.15am	Valley Service at Elham: Rev. Gill Songer
21st June	11.00am	Mr Tom Lewis
28th June	11.00am	Mr Richard Blackwell
5th July	11.00am	Mr Tim James

RHODES MINNIS

Date	Time	Event
7th June	9.30am	Local arrangement
14th June	10.15am	Valley Service at Elham: Rev. Gill Songer with Holy Communion
21st June	9.30am	United Service at Elham Mr Tom Lewis
28th June	9.30am	Mr Richard Blackwell
5th July	9.30am	Mr Tim James

St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
7th June	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10.00am 4.00pm	WOW Service - Worship team Said Evensong - Diana Baldwin
14th June	Lyminge	8.00am 6.00pm	Said Holy Communion BCP - Rev Carol Bates Sung Evensong - Paul Sharman
21st June	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Eucharist (CW1) - Rev Carol Bates Holy Eucharist (CW1) - Rev Sharon Paine
28th June	All Saints, Stanford	10am	Benefice Eucharist - Rev Stephen Dougal

News From The Pews

Benefice Service 28th June, All Saints, Stanford

This will be a special service held at All Saints, Stanford to celebrate the 20th year since the Rev Stephen Dougal was ordained as a priest into the Lyminge Benefice of Churches. All are welcome to attend this service to give thanks to Stephen for his Ministry and guidance throughout those 20 years.

**For more information, please contact the Church Wardens,
Lyle Arnold 07905 438357 or Mike Chinneck 01303 863911**

Rector's Wonderings..



I wonder if you ever have trouble sleeping...?

It would not surprise me if sleepless nights led Jesus to get up and pray.

He had much to worry about — powerful people were plotting against him; many demanded his time and attention; and he faced the challenge of remaining close to people while confronting systems and attitudes that stood against God's ways of love, mercy, justice and truth.

Prayer gave Jesus reassurance and comfort. It opens a new way of seeing things — helping us view life through a more hopeful and life-giving lens.

An old song, *Count Your Blessings*, captures this well. Prayer helps us recall the people and moments that reassure and encourage us.

Recently, during an early morning prayer time (yes, I couldn't sleep!), I found comfort in being invited to a goth birthday party and a wedding reception, being asked to conduct a loved one's funeral, and receiving a painting with a deeply affirming letter.

Thankfulness, friendship and hope for the future all console and strengthen us. And sometimes, being consoled helps us sleep peacefully again. Perhaps next time you pray, you could ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to guide your thoughts — and then notice what happens.

Prayer: *Loving God, whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — help me to think about such things (Philippians 4:8). Amen.*
Revd Carol Bates




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VISIT TO:



DEAN HOUSE

A country garden, formerly a farmyard, with mature trees, shady areas, wildlife pond, log cabin, container garden areas, sun-drenched gravel and herbaceous borders designed for pollinators.

Extensive views across Romney Marsh.

Tuesday 16th June

Meet at Dean House, Newchurch,
Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 0DL

2:15pm for 2:30pm

Cost £10 – Visit and homemade refreshments

Call Anne on 07703 149008

or Heather on 07427 664084 to book a place



RHS Wisley Trip

Thursday 25th June

Leaving Lyminge Library Car Park
8:30am / departing Wisley 2:30pm

There are a few remaining tickets

£25 for coach and entry

Call Anne on 07703 149 008

to book a place

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LYMINGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 4th July
11am to 2pm
TAYNE FIELD, LYMINGE

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castle •
- stalls & games •
- BBQ, cakes & sweets •
- bottle tombola & raffle •
- entertainment •
- market stalls •
- and much more!

Raising money for the new
Special Educational Needs
room for the school

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Prayer and Praise Service



Lyminge Methodist Church

Wednesday 17th June at 7 pm

All are welcome

Accommodation Wanted

Self-contained, peaceful home for one person urgently needed for Lyminge local. Own small car, so parking needed nearby, and rural location ideal/not an issue. Rent covered by housing benefit and privately guaranteed.

Please phone 01303 862562

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.
6th June	7pm	SPRING QUIZ	LVH	07808-775302
6-7th June	12noon	Postling Village Open Gardens		See P21
13th June		Dog & Owners Fun Day	LW	
20th June	3pm	Haywardian Concert	LMC	
4th July	11am	Lyminge Primary School Fete	TF	
4th July	4pm	Cantores Lyminge Prom	LVH	
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	
22nd August	3pm	Haywardian Cream Tea Concert	LMC	
12th September		Boot & Autumn Fayre	LW	
19th September		Autumn Garage Sale		
3rd October		Boot Fayre & End of Year Clearance Sale	LW	
17th October		Litter Pick	EVH	
24th October	6pm	Autumn Quiz	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

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	

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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

How to Detect and Capture Asian Hornets

The **Asian Hornet**, *Vespa velutina*, is an aggressive predator of honey bees and other beneficial insects. Following on from last month's article on the Asian hornet, we continue to update and encourage you to take active steps to help prevent the spread of this invasive species. The following article describes how you can help create your own traps and we would encourage you to report your successes via Asian Hornet Watch app.

Using the link from the National Bee Unit, [BC_26_AH_Trap_Mk2.pdf](#), you can make your own Asian hornet trap from two plastic bottles. Alternatively, use the instructions below for an even simpler version. Even if you put out a much more basic trap (saucer image) with attractant / lure in it that might help to attract them. With this one, soak layers of kitchen paper in the lure rather than just pour it in. However, be vigilant and check that other pollinators which will be attracted are released.

CONTACT: Doverasianhornets@btinternet.com

Simple Homemade Trap Instructions -

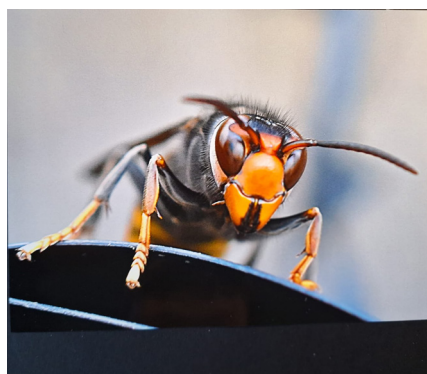
Step-by-Step Construction

- **Prepare the Bottle:** Use two 2-litre plastic bottles with straight sides.
- **Create the Funnel:** Cut the top third off one bottle. Remove the cap.
- **Create the Base:**
 - Use the bottom two-thirds of the same bottle as the main container
 - Escape Holes (Crucial for Selectivity): Using a soldering iron or hot nail, create several 4mm-5mm

holes around the bottom third of the base, as well as several smaller 2mm holes in the very bottom to allow bait to be added without drowning insects.

- **Assemble:** Invert the top funnel piece into the base. Use tape or wire to secure the two parts together. Add a piece of sponge to absorb the bait.
- **Add a Roof:** Cut the top off the second bottle to act as a rain cover for the entrance.
- **Hang the Trap:** Use twine to hang the trap in a sunny spot, typically 1.5m to 2m high
- **Release any native pollinators.**
- **Recommended Lures (Baits)** The goal is to attract hornets while avoiding beneficial insects.
 - Mix 1 (Spring/General): dark beer mixed with 2 tablespoons of sugar or honey.
 - Mix 2 (Highly Attractive): beer, white wine (to repel bees), and blackcurrant/grenadine syrup.
 - Alternative: Apple juice, sugar, and vinegar

BEWARE! If you release insects such as European hornets, they will do a 'lap of honour' round your head!! Wear a hat, or open and run!



Completed trap ready to add bait



Saucer lure



A small selection of monitoring station designs

Keep a look out this year for the Asian Hornet. Download 'Asian Hornet Watch' app and raise an alert should you find one - dark, velvety body, bright yellow-tipped legs, and a single thick orange band on the abdomen.

Etchinghill update

- June 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 15th JUNE – DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30 START – 'GREEN BOOK' 2019 (12)

Set in America in 1962 'Green Book' tells the heartwarming true story of Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a working-class Italian-American bouncer who takes on a job as a chauffeur for Dr Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a world-class Black pianist. The mismatched pair embark on a two-month tour of concert venues in the racially charged deep south and discover they're on the road to a meaningful and unique friendship.

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 raffle. New members are welcome, simply register and pay on the night; there's no need to book. The ERA would like to thank everyone who came along to the Fun Spring Quiz. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout, with teams bringing plenty of enthusiasm (and a healthy competitive spirit!). The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with lots of laughter, good company and a great sense of

community throughout. We hope you had as much fun as we did organising it and look forward to seeing you at future events. Hopefully many of you have noticed the colourful bench that has been installed in the children's play area in Meriden Park. See p35. 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
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CHRISTMAS MARKET COACH TRIP

On 12th December, Etchinghill Village Hall will be running a coach trip to the Christmas Market in Arras, France. Our previous Christmas Market coach trips have always sold out early and that is why we are bringing it to your attention now.

The coach will run from St Mary's Drive Etchinghill, via the tunnel and return to St Mary's Drive with no other



pick-up points. The price is £65 per ticket. Please phone the Village Hall number to reserve your tickets. Leave your name, phone number, and number of tickets required. Payment arrangements will be notified when booking is confirmed. This will be a stress-free way to enjoy a French Christmas Market at a very competitive price. Please phone 07514 758936 to reserve your tickets.

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

TEDDY BEAR JUMP & BBQ

St. Mary & Ethelburga Church
Sunday 28th June
Teddy Bear Jump - 4pm
followed by BBQ



Is your bear brave enough to jump off the Church tower? Why not make him a parachute and give it a go?

Kids, Mums, Dads, Grandma's and Grandads - come and join the fun.

ALL WELCOME
Donations to Lyminge Primary School Special Projects

As one of the North Downs District Councillors, I represent the communities of Bodsham, Elmsted, Etchinghill, Lyminge, Monks Horton, Postling, part of Rhodes Minnis, Sellindge, Stelling Minnis, Stanford, Stowting, and all points in between.

This year has, for me personally, been something of an *annus horribilis*. I lost my husband last May, later suffered a serious fall in which, as the Consultant described it, I “smashed” my hip, underwent planned surgery, and was then diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

I am extremely grateful to the staff at the William Harvey Hospital for their kindness and support throughout the year, and also to the Parkinson's team under whose care I now am. I would also like to thank my colleagues, friends, Parish Councillors, and local residents for their understanding, patience, and support during what has been a very difficult period.

Despite these challenges, I have continued to deal with the majority of issues brought to my attention and to attend as many meetings as possible, both within the Ward and at District level. I have also continued to provide monthly reports for Parish Council meetings and village newsletters.

Unfortunately, a number of meetings regularly clash — including Stelling Minnis and Stanford, as well as Lyminge and Sellindge — and these can also coincide with Planning and Licensing meetings, which understandably must take priority.

I serve on the Planning & Licensing and Personnel Committees and continue to lead the Conservative Group at the District Council. In addition, I am a Governor at Sellindge Primary School, a member of the Patients Participation Group at Sellindge Surgery, and President of the Sellindge Sports & Social Club.

Over the past year I have continued to question the Leader regarding both Otterpool Park and Hythe Swimming Pool, neither of which appears to have made significant progress. I have also dealt with a range of planning matters and have been particularly concerned by the closure of Lyminge Age Concern. The District Council is proposing to convert the Age Concern building into five one-bedroom flats.

Local Government Reorganisation has also been one of the District Council's major issues over the past year, and I have served on the relevant Working Group. We know that in May 2028 Folkestone & Hythe District Council will cease to exist. We are currently awaiting the Government's decision on which districts we will be partnered with, which is expected in July — although, given the current political climate, matters may yet change.

The closure of Folkestone Sports Centre caused considerable concern locally. However, the takeover of the centre by the Sports Trust, together with the refurbishment works currently underway — particularly to the swimming pool — is very welcome. The District Council has agreed a grant of £2.4 million to support the pool refurbishment, and we look forward to the centre reopening later this year.

A number of strategic planning applications have recently been submitted, with others expected shortly. The Head of Planning has also published the first edition of a new planning newsletter, which can be accessed here: [Planning newsletter | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](#)

The newsletter highlights major planning applications, progress on strategic development sites, updates on planning policy, enforcement, Community Infrastructure Levy funding, and wider placemaking initiatives.

Ward Grant funding has been increased this year, with additional resources transferred from other budgets. This provides greater opportunity to support local organisations across the Ward. If your organisation is seeking a small grant, please do get in touch.

Some of the local organisations I have supported this year include Lyminge Primary Stage Stars (operating out of Lyminge Primary School) and Postling Village Hall – contribution towards solar panels.

Contact: jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

On the 28th April F&HDC heard that KCC had granted permission for the **Waste Water Treatment construction to take place at Otterpool Park**. This is a very positive step along the way. The wastewater treatment plant is an essential part of the future of Otterpool, and is the key that unlocks the door for development.

Renting is changing in the private sector after the introduction of the Renters Rights Act, the first phase of which came into force on 1 May. The council's private sector housing team has been working to get the message out to tenants, landlords and letting agents living and working in the private rented sector. The first phase focuses on tenancy reforms and details are published on the council website. The Act abolishes Section 21 'no fault' evictions. Landlords will no longer be able to serve a notice without providing a valid reason for eviction.

Work has now begun on installing **new play area equipment in the Lower Leas Coastal Park** in Folkestone. The project is due to complete before the start of the school summer holidays and the area will once again become the largest, free to use adventure playground in the South East.

Liquid cartons, including those made by Tetra Pak, are now part of F&HDC's recycling programme and can go in with other household recycling. All that is needed is for the carton to be rinsed and the cap left on.

There is some good news, the amount of the **Ward Member grants** is increasing to £5,000. Please contact me if you know of any community projects that need supporting.

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

LYMINGE AND ELHAM VALLEY STROKE SUPPORT



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

Come and join our informal support group (no membership fees to pay). We usually meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month between 10:00am and noon at The Coach & Horses, Lyminge

June Meetings will be on the 1st and 16th June

New faces very welcome

Thanks to everyone who supported our Stroke Awareness Event on 18th May. We raised £68.30 for the Stroke Association.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO CHECK THE DATES OF MEETINGS/EVENTS, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT BUT ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS
 EMAIL: LYMINGESTROKE SOCIAL@GMAIL.COM
 TELEPHONE FRAN ON 07846 177 409 OR HEATHER ON 07427 664 084

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE



Lerner and Loewe's **MY FAIR LADY**
 Book and Lyrics by ALAN JAY LERNER Music by FREDERICK LOEWE
 Selected from General Bernard Shaw's play and General Edward Gordon Craig's 1926 play and Original Producer Jack Hibel's 1926 play by Moss Hart
 25th June - 4th July

FEARLESSLY TAYLOR
 Fri 5 June - 7 pm

FLEETWOOD UNCHAINED
 Sat 6 June - 7:30pm

TWO by Jim Cartwright
 11-12 September 2026
 BOX OFFICE 01303 223925
www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

A MUSICAL FABLE
 Book by ARTHUR LAURENTS Music by JULE STYNE Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
GYPSY
 FHODS proudly presents the glittering **SMASH HIT** musical
 Fri. 25th Sat. 26th Sept. and Fri. 2nd, Sat. 3rd Oct. (2.30 matinees on Saturdays)
 Tower Theatre, North Road, Shorncliffe, Folkestone CT20 3HL

ABBA Live!
 Sat 13 June - 7:30pm

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News from New Lyminge Surgery

Under new (old) management:

- Dr Rosalind Hazledene will shortly be starting her maternity leave and we wish her well
- Dr Hannah Bryant is retiring from the partnership to take up a role as a senior lecturer at the medical school to train the next generation of GPs
- Dr Jonathan Bryant will be returning from his extended sabbatical

All at New Lyminge Surgery wish you a healthy summer.

Dr Jonathan Bryant

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Heather Dunford 07427 664084 E heather.dunford@gmail.com
 Janet Fry 01303 863177 E janet@rhodesminnis.org.uk

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For more details please contact:
Age UK Hythe, Lyminge & Ashford
01303 269602

www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/

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Saturday, 20th June

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Fifth Trust update



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We've got a great line-up of fun, inspiring events coming up. First is our Art Exhibition at Barham Skills Centre on 13th June, celebrating the inclusive creativity of our talented students and featuring a wonderful selection of original artwork. Do come along—enjoy a hot drink and a slice of cake and browse the exhibition.

We're also delighted that we've been given space at Canterbury West Train Station to showcase our students' work during Learning Disability Week. You'll find the display in the southbound platform waiting room from 15th - 21st June.

Our Cheese and Wine evening on 26th June is proving popular. We're thrilled to be introducing two new Elham Valley Vineyard wines, just in time for summer. Be among the first to taste them and pick up a bottle from our café or garden centre, or order online.

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENT

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Doodlebugs and Rockets
Speaker: **Bob Ogley**
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
We take our usual summer break in July and August. Our monthly meetings for 2026 will continue with:
1st September: A History of the Granville Hotel, St Margaret's Bay - Wendy Fraser
6th October: The Hazards of the Journey - Imogen Corrigan
3rd November: Goodwin Sands, The Shippe Swallower - John Buss

LYMINGE COMMUNITY HUB

Chris Hespe, our KCC Councillor, attended a recent meeting of Lyminge Community Hub (LCH) and suggested that we ask Jim Martin to establish an Options Appraisal to determine which of the 26 services previously provided by Age UK could be accommodated within one of the village buildings.

This initiative would demonstrate the leadership credentials and community commitment of Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC), particularly in supporting its rural villages.

Jim Martin, Leader of FHDC, has indicated that he is willing to set this process up and for it to be administered by council officers. He suggested that a joint board comprising representatives from the Parish Council, KCC, FHDC and LCH should oversee the work.

We would like this process to begin as soon as possible, initially focusing on identifying the core services needed to establish a Community Hub for the parish. Following this, the available buildings capable of housing these services can be assessed, with the aim of reaching agreement between all parties.

LCH believes that the appraisal should be conducted independently, rather than by anyone who could be perceived as having a vested interest or bias.

Importantly, this process should be completed before FHDC submits any planning application to change the use of the Jubilee Building at Everist Court entirely to housing.

At present, the buildings considered potentially suitable for the project are:

The Library, The Tayne Centre, The Village Hall

Lyminge Community Hub believes that the villages particularly need three of the services previously provided:

A social space, including a café, a thrift or community shop and a room where service organisations and advice groups can meet residents and provide support

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The Lyminge Association

Spring/ Summer Quiz

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Lyminge Village Hall

Saturday 6th June

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Lyminge Friends

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 3rd June** and **Clive Nuttman's** talk is **"Uganda, Churchill's 'Pearl of Africa' "**. A talk on the wildlife, flora, fauna and landscapes that made Winston Churchill give Uganda this intriguing title.

We return to nature for our talk on **Wednesday, 01 July** when **Tony King's** talk is **"Gorillas, Lemurs, Bison and Bees – Rewilding our World, One Piece at a Time"**.

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

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

*All meetings are held in:
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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11:30AM - 12:30PM

at the Methodist Church.

[Church Rd, Lyminge, CT18 8JA](#)

Wednesday 3rd June and 1st July

In the Tayne Centre

We then break returning

Wednesday 16th September



Dementia Services

We run free social events to support people living with dementia, helping them stay confident and independent. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa, a chat, and friendly company. We also provide free information and advice, as well as charged cognitive sessions and day care. To talk to us about dementia support, please contact our Dementia Services Team Leader on 01303 269602 or email dementialead@ageukha.org.uk



MONDAY	Memory Café	Brickfields, Cherry Garden Lane, Folkestone, CT19 4AP	Monday 22 nd June, 10:00am - 12:00pm
TUESDAY	Social Evening [^] (with a meal)	The Royal Norfolk Hotel, 7 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, CT20 3BD	Tuesday 9 th June, 5:30-7:30pm
	Memory Café	Stade Court Hotel, Stade Street, West Parade, Hythe, CT21 6DT	Tuesday 16 th June, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
	Social Evening [^] (with a meal)	The New Chimneys, Loudon Way, Ashford, TN23 3JJ	Tuesday 23 rd June, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	Wonkies [^]	Skuba Bar Old Bistro, 2 Langhorne Gardens, Folkestone, CT20 2EA	Wednesday 3 rd June, 10:30am - 12:00pm
	Dementia Chorus	Hythe Cricket and Squash Club, Ladies Walk, Hythe, CT21 6AX	Weekly 2:00pm - 3:30pm
	Dementia Chorus	Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF	Weekly, 10:30am - 12:00pm
THURSDAY	Care's Support Circle	Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF	Thursday 4 th June, 10:30am - 12:00pm
	Memory Café	Etchinghill Golf Club, Canterbury Road, Etchinghill, Folkestone, CT18 8FA	Thursday 11 th June, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
	Hythe Walking Group	Age UK Hythe, Sanford House, Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BD	Thursday 18 th June, 10:00am - 11:00am
	Young at Heart group	Ashford Library, Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS	Thursday 25 th June, 10:30am - 12:30pm
FRIDAY	Drop-In Clinic	Hamstreet Surgery, Ruckinge Road, Hamstreet, Ashford TN26 2NJ	Friday 5 th June, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
	Ashford Walking Group	Harper's Café, Victoria Park, Jemmett Road, Ashford, TN23 4AD	Friday 12 th June, 10:00am - 11:00am
	Memory Café	Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF	Friday 19 th June, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

[^]For those diagnosed with Dementia at an early age

To find out about any of the above activities or events please contact Lauren Povey on: 07379 646426, alternatively email: demo@ageukha.org.uk

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LYMINGE ASSOCIATION QUIZ - 6 JUNE

THE KING'S ARMS

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KITCHEN OPENING HOURS

Our Winter Menu -	<u>Friday & Saturday -</u>	Golden Years Menu (65+)
<u>Monday - Thursday</u>	Lunch 12-3pm	Monday - Friday
Lunch 12-3pm	Dinner 5.30-9pm	12-3pm
Dinner 5.30-8.30pm	<u>Sunday</u>	BAR MENU
	Lunch 12-6pm	MONDAY - SATURDAY
		12-5PM

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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 f3 @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **7.30pm Monday 22nd June**, at The Coach & Horses.



Pick-Up-A-Plant

THANK YOU to ALL who helped make Pick Up a Plant another successful annual village event, from the setter uppers, to the stall volunteers, teams of gardeners who grow with **Pick Up A Plant** in mind so that they are able to give away a bounty of fabulous healthy plants and to the people who come to take the plants to enjoy in their gardens or allotments.

We had a range of edibles: tomatoes, raspberries, blackcurrants, sprouts, broccoli, courgettes, lettuce, broad beans and herbs. Perennials had been lovingly split and brought to **PUAP**. Needless to say, there was quite a range on offer, Verbena, Yarrows, Aquilegia to name a few, with some house plants for good measure.

PUAP isn't just a place to pick up extremely healthy plants grown locally, but it's a great social event too with lots of local growing knowledge shared along with the usual village gossip! A lovely family from Folkestone visited who don't have a garden but were inspired to take some edible and ornamental plants to grow in their window boxes. All at **Thoughtful Food** hope the plants thrive by the sea.



Local people taking full advantage of the donated plants



Roasted Radish

Sometimes a twist on a humble ingredient can completely elevate a lunch or evening meal by adding the unexpected. Try roasting some radishes to soak up other flavours.

Ingredients:

- 200g bunch of radishes, ideally with their tops
- salt
- olive oil
- lemon or cider vinegar

Method:

Prep time: 5 min

Cooking time: 15 min

- **Step 1** Preheat an oven to 200°C/Gas 6. Wash the radishes well, remove and reserve the tops if they are in good condition. Keep any small radishes whole, halve or quarter the larger ones depending on the size.
- **Step 2** Throw them into a snug fitting roasting tray with dash of oil, squeeze of lemon, and

a generous seasoning of salt. Roast for 10-12 minutes, until cooked but still retaining a little bite to them.

- **Step 3** Shred the greens and add them to the tray as soon as it comes out of the oven so that they wilt. Serve immediately.





LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

Activities directory

WE NOW HAVE AN ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

If you would like to share details of an upcoming event, local club, community group or any activity taking place within the parish, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please send any information to:
debbie.capon@lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Help us spread the word about all the wonderful activities happening in our community.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH



Before



After

GUTTERS ON LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

The gutters on Lyminge Village Hall have now been cleared.

New signage reminding dog owners to keep dogs on leads and to clear up after them has now been installed on the gate leading into Lyminge Churchyard from what is locally known as The Bumpy Field, following requests from parishioners. We hope these new signs will encourage all dog owners to help keep our parish clean, safe and pleasant for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FOOTPATH BY THE LIBRARY

The footpath by the Library in Lyminge has now been cleared.



RHODES MINNIS PLAYPARK

Rhodes Minnis Playpark tender has now been published, and we are starting to receive proposals and suggestions.

The following meetings all take place at
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

FULL COUNCIL 16 June 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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Neighbourhood Plan:
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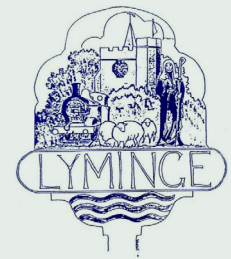
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Lyminge Parish encompasses the villages of Lyminge, Etchinghill and part of Rhodes Minnis and lies within the Kent Downs National Landscape.



Neighbourhood Plan update

WE CONTINUE TO MAKE EXCELLENT PROGRESS ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Thanks to everyone involved who has worked hard to get us to this point.

The second draft of the plan is in progress. The table on the right shows the timescale we hope to follow to conclude the work and seek final approval from Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC).

Week commencing	Work to be completed
11th May	Second draft plan completed
18th May	Submitted to FHDC for screening
Early June	NHP Group meet to finalise the plan
End of June	Public Consultation to be held and will run for 6 weeks
Mid-August	Submission of plan under regulation 14 to seek approval by FHDC

Highway Improvement Plan

A HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP) IS A TOOL USED BY PARISH COUNCILS TO IDENTIFY AND PRIORITISE LOCAL ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Developed in collaboration with residents and county councils. Counsellor Chris Hespe suggested this to us for which we are very grateful, he kindly put us in touch with the contact at KCC Highways in order to take this forward.

The HIP outlines specific concerns such as speeding, poor signage, or pedestrian safety and proposes practical solutions. By documenting local priorities, the parish council can work more effectively with the highways authorities to request improvements, influence decision-making, and secure funding for changes that make roads safer and more accessible for everyone.

To this end, we would like to ask you as

residents, your thoughts on improving our roads. We will consider all suggestions, but not all ideas will be possible to implement, but please be assured that we will work through them with the Highways Team at KCC and develop our Parish Highways Improvement Plan.

In the short term, if you notice any faded road markings, damaged or dirty road signs, or signage that is past its best, please report these to us. Please include photographs and the exact location, and we will log them with KCC as part of the Highways Improvement Plan process.

Please would you be kind enough to email: Clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk with your suggestions on improvement to our roads.

CLOTHES BANK – LYMINGE LIBRARY CAR PARK

Could we kindly ask that if the clothes bank is full, please do not leave bags on the ground around the bins.

Lyminge Parish Council is working with FHDC to make sure this facility is emptied on a regular basis.

Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

If you would like to get in touch please email:

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Neighbourhood Plan: Progress

We have been making steady progress these past few months towards drafting the Lyminge Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan will incorporate various policies, about 14 at the last count, covering the topics most relevant to directing future local planning and land-use decisions. Some of the policies related to sustainability, biodiversity and the environment include the following.

Energy efficiency and design

This policy seeks to ensure that development meets the highest environmental standards in terms of its construction, materials and energy use. This will help to mitigate against climate change and contribute to achieving national targets regarding carbon emissions.

Community and renewable energy

This policy sets out the types of renewable energy projects that would fit well with the character of the area and would therefore be supported. It also sets out the criteria to be considered as part of any renewable energy schemes in the Parish.

The natural environment and biodiversity

This policy seeks to ensure that the multiple benefits of Lyminge's green and blue spaces – including their importance in combating pressure on wildlife, habitats, biodiversity and geodiversity and in off-setting the effects of air pollution – are recognised and enhanced. This applies particularly where individual spaces have a greater collective value as part of wider chains of green infrastructure. This will serve to support the requirement to conserve and, where possible, provide a net gain in biodiversity through planning policy whilst accommodating sustainable development. We provided a draft list of natural features of the landscape that have been identified as particularly important for biodiversity on this page of the March 2026 newsletter issue. In the May issue we provided 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.

Local Green Spaces

This policy seeks to designate Local Green Spaces within Lyminge, that are demonstrably special to the local community. Successful designations will provide significant protection to the nominated green spaces. We provided a draft long list of sites being considered for potential designation as Local Green Spaces in the December 2025 and January 2026 newsletter issues, with information

on the significance of the proposed designations and the criteria the spaces needed to satisfy. We have subsequently used the criteria to arrive at a draft short list, which includes the following sites. Rhodes Minnis: Recreation Ground; and Allotments Field.

Lyminge: Court Lodge Green; Tayne Field; Well Field; Jubilee Field; Methodist Church grounds and allotments; St Mary and St Ethelburga's Churchyard; Sibton Park Cricket Ground; and green spaces in Mt Pleasant Close, Ethelburga Drive, Palm Tree Way, Barton Field and Everest Court.

Etchinghill: St Mary's Field; green space at Etchinghill Village Hall; Meriden Park; Harry's Wood; and Etchinghill golf course.

Locally significant views

This policy sets out a series of views in and across the neighbourhood area, which have been identified by the community as being important to safeguard. The policy seeks to protect the views from inappropriate development. We provided a draft list of Locally Significant Views in the February 2026 newsletter issue.

Dark skies

Situated within the Kent Downs National Landscape, and in a very rural part of the district, the Parish provides an ideal location from which to enjoy dark skies and stargazing. These dark skies also support both nocturnal and diurnal wildlife. This policy seeks to ensure that development does not encroach on this valued aspect of the Parish.

Improving walking, cycling and equestrian opportunities

This policy seeks to enhance walking (and 'wheeling') and cycling opportunities along routes which are most likely to encourage a shift away from the private car for short journeys in and around Lyminge. This accords with the strategic transport priorities for the area, as set out in the Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock 2016 to 2031 (p.30-31), published by Kent County Council, which supports opportunities for active travel. It also supports the implementation of the County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

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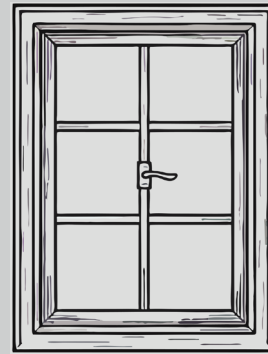
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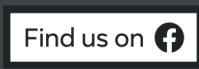
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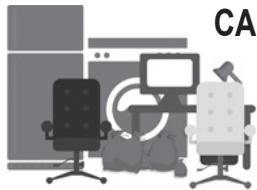
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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



At least 130, possibly 135 years, separate these two views, looking west from the front of the nave towards the back of the Parish Church. We have a number of photographs of the church taken around 1890 and the picture on the left seems to date to this period.

Superficially not much has changed, but on closer inspection this is really not the case. The earlier picture shows the church Canon Jenkins knew at the end of his life before the major refurbishment of 1898-1900. We can see the old pews that were removed in the refurbishment, and how they extended to fill the north aisle and further back in the nave than they do now. The rear of the nave now has flexible seating in the form of chairs. In around 1890 the extreme west end of the north aisle was filled with pews and storage

cupboards. The organ we see in this space today was not installed in the church until 1896, and initially it was at the other end of the aisle like its predecessor, which is out of shot in the older photograph. This picture shows the original roof timbers, supported by roof trusses each rising off corbels (projecting stones) built into the wall. Some of these trusses had to be replaced in the refurbishment, though the corbels remain. The font in 1890, below the tower steps, was close to where it is today, though it only returned to the west end of the nave in 2025, having spent most of the preceding century in the north aisle. These two pictures clearly illustrate how the interior of the church has been subject to constant change over the centuries to meet the changing needs of the people of Lyminge.

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Rev Sharon Paine (on left) alongside Rev Carol Bates the Rector of the Elham Valley Group of Churches, on the occasion of the licensing service for Rev Sharon at Lyminge Parish Church, on the evening of Sunday 10th May. The licensing was conducted by the Venerable Darren Miller, Archdeacon of Ashford.



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