

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

JULY 2026

THE RUDE MECHANICAL THEATRE COMPANY

PRESENTS

THE WIFE

OUTDOOR THEATRE

A Rudes' original musical play inspired by Chaucer's classic tale.
A hilarious and beautiful poetic romp of word, wit and song.

TAYNE FIELD, CHURCH ROAD, LYMINGE,
KENT, CT18 8JA
SUNDAY 19TH JULY - 7.30pm
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'SUPERBLY DONE' - The Stage

'A DELIGHT' - Independent On Sunday

'SUCH A GOOD NIGHT!' - The Times

National Press On The Rudes

'Highly Entertaining' - Time Out



www.therudes.co.uk

Use the coming months to clear out all the unwanted items and get them ready for a bonanza sale

Saturday 19th September

GARAGE SALE

Further details in the coming months or contact Steve 01303 863600

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

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

July

June 2025 has melted into July, with more records broken. The hottest day of the year so far was on the second day of the month, at 34.7° C in St James' Park, London, amidst the second officially declared heatwave. The Met Office stated that last month was the warmest June on record in England since records began in 1884. Today, a dusty warmth fills the air, as day after day the sun continues to bake both earth and vegetation. Cattle and sheep seek out shady patches in their fields trying to balance out their need to feed in the open and their need to keep cool.

From across the sea and from the south-west, a breeze blows in over the wildflower-laden banks at Dover Castle, spreading the heady honey-like perfume of both the yellow lady's bedstraw and white or hedge bedstraw. The 'Bumpy Field' in our own village is also home to these bedstraws, which in earlier times were dried to fill mattresses with their scent of new mown hay, its name probably derived from the custom of preparing mattresses for women about to give birth.

The moon, a mere slip of a crescent two weeks ago, is now mid phase, its pale chalky-white semi-circle riding high in the late afternoon, ready to take on its night-time radiance after sunset.

Buddleia bushes beckon the bees and butterflies, their nectar-rich flowers irresistible to these insects. Introduced from China in the 1890s, it colonizes waste ground, most famously on bomb sites, its airborne seeds being able to take root on stony ground.

On 4 July, I saw my first ripe blackberries opposite Rhodes Minnis Chapel and a week later, I had picked a bowl full of ripe, sweet juicy berries. Those along Ethelburga Grove will soon come a close second and will be free from any pesticides that may affect field-margin berries. Wayfarer tree and mountain



ash berries are also beginning to ripen, already orange and on their way to red. These are some of the first berry-bearing trees whose fruit ripens early. Wheat is steadily turning gold in the huge field behind the village hall, today's strong wind rushing through and rustling the dry ears. With the wind in my own ears, I can just about hear the skylark,

trilling its song up high, holding its own against the blustery and gusty wind. Three pyramidal orchids have tucked themselves away beneath a tree in the undergrowth – a fairly common orchid found on dry pastures and chalk. Their pinky-purple flowers are packed tight in a pyramid formation and they are

pollinated by butterflies and moths.

Foraging bees land on long-stemmed lavender flowers, making them bend and bounce under their weight as they alight on one after another in search of nectar. Lavender flowers range from white, through the palest of purples to deep violet; some long and thin, others short and dense, but all so very attractive to bees and throughout July, lavender bushes everywhere are alive with their buzz, a constant movement of dark airborne shapes.

North of Elham, the fields are a patchwork of colours: green, gold, brown and straw. Hedges and trees at their darkest green divide the fields giving the landscape texture and order. We are in our third designated heatwave of the year and with skies endlessly blue, heat shimmers off the land. Brockman's Bushes stand out dark and green atop Tolsford Hill amongst the golden heat-dried grass, the former a landmark that can be seen from across the Romney Marshes. Soft evening light bathes the eastern side of the valley long into the evening. In the foreground

the church stands tall and solid, its stone glowing in the sun's final rays.

As the sun dips below the horizon it lights up the few barely discernible wispy clouds with

the fruity colours of apricot and peach. A quietness descends: the daytime breeze stills as day slides slowly towards night, a blackbird's last song the only sound I can hear. The flag on the church tower hangs listless against its pole. Another hot day ends giving way to another warm night.

July is hollyhock month and the bases of walls and fences are populated with these tall elegant plants. A



member of the mallow family and traditionally thought of as a cottage garden flower, they come in a range of hues from red, pink, purple, white or yellow with varying shades in between. Beloved by both butterflies and bees, they provide much needed nectar. Their name may derive from the 'holy' religious Crusades

(1095–1291), when anti-inflammatory salve from the plants was used to heal horses' legs or hocks. It is finally the end of this hot month – will the heat continue into August I wonder?



Church Services


Valley Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at our services followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship in our Lyminge Church or at our small and beautiful Chapel at Rhodes Minnis. Please note that times and venues may vary.



LYMINGE		
Date	Time	Event
5th July	11.00am	Mr Tim James
12th July	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis
19th July	11.00am	Mr Dwight Harris
26th July	11.00am	Mr Richard Blackwell
2nd August	10.15am	Valley Service with Mr David Songer (inc Holy Communion)

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


**Swearing in of
Churchwardens at
Canterbury Cathedral**
 Churchwardens Lyle Arnold
and Mike Chinneck after being
confirmed in office by the
Archdeacon of Canterbury at a
ceremony in the Cathedral on
Tuesday 9th June.

St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
5th July	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10.00am 4.00pm	Ways of Worship (Worship Team) Said Evensong
12th July	Lyminge	8.00am 6.00pm	Said Holy Communion BCP Sung Evensong
19th July	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Sung Eucharist (CW1) Holy Eucharist (CW1)
26th July	Lyminge	10.00am	Family Praise

Sadly, Revd Carol has had to extend her sick leave until the 31st July. However, all the scheduled services will be covered by Revds Stephen and Sharon.

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

Alice Mills

Alice was recently invited by her friends at Lyminge Parish Church to cut the Pentecost cake before returning to her Lancashire roots. She will be greatly missed by her many friends at both the church and within the wider Lyminge community. Godspeed, Alice.





POSTLING GLASSBLOWING A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

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to create your very own piece.

Please contact us for further information

Martine: 07722 589910
Paul: 07951 628173

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SUMMER SHOW and PLANT SALE



Saturday 18th July
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge
Plant Sales from Noon
Doors Open for Show and
Refreshments 12:30pm

Presentation of Cups 3:30pm
(Staging 8:30am until 10:30am)

Show Schedules will be available
at The Library and will be emailed
to members.

Further details from John and
Sara Packer on 01303 862816
or email:

lymingegardeners@gmail.com

All entrants welcome – you do not
need to be a member

For more information about the Gardeners' Society generally please email:
lymingegardeners@gmail.com
or call Anne on 07703 149008

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Summer Show



At
Rhodes Minnis
Village Hall

Saturday 1st August
Opens 2:30pm
Prize-giving 4:00pm

Refreshments

Entry Free

Raffle



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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.
4th July	11am	Lyminge Primary School Fete	TF	
11th July	4pm	Cantores Lyminge Prom	LVH	
11th July	8am	Boot & Summer Fayre (including motorbike food run)	LW	
18th July	12noon	Lyminge Plant Sale and Summer Show	TC	862816
19th July	11am	Rhodes Mniis Cat Sanctuary Charity Open Day	RMCS	862243
19th July	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company - The Wife	TF	See Front Page
1st August	2.30pm	Rhodes Minnis Summer Show	RMVH	862616
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	

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

Arras Christmas Market - ...it's time to book your trip

ARRAS FRANCE CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY TRIP

A French winter wonderland

**A coach trip will start and return
to St Mary's Drive Etchinghill on
Saturday 12th December 8am**

**Organised by Etchinghill Village Hall.
There will be no other pickup or drop off
points. A direct trip via the Tunnel**

**These trips always sell out quickly therefore to
reserve your tickets please phone the Village Hall
on 07514 758936**

**Leave your name, phone number and the number
of tickets required. We will get back to you and
confirm your booking and arrange payment**

£65 per person

**A great day out without the hassle.
Just bring your passport and spending money!**

Etchinghill update

- July 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 20th JULY – DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30 START – ‘ERIN BROCKOVICH’ 2000 (15)

Run time: 2hr 6mins.
Starring Julia Roberts, Albert Finney and Aaron Eckhart.
Based on a true story. A flamboyant law firm secretary works tirelessly to gain justice for an American small town wrecked by a utility company's pollution. The film is rated 15 and contains some strong language and one strong sex reference.
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.

Fencing - You may have noticed the barriers surrounding areas near the village green and unmown areas near the Chapel. These have been installed to protect a population of rare Bee Orchids (see P36). Some of these orchids are particularly unusual. The white-flowered orchid specimens are rare genetic variants of the native Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*), in which the normally pink sepals are pure white. While typical Bee Orchids are recognized by their distinctive pink 'wings', the striking albino (often classified as *O. apifera* var. *chlorantha* or *flavescens*) forms which can be seen near the Chapel, are highly sought after by botanists and plant enthusiasts. The ERA has been working with FHDC to help protect these rare orchids. As a result, certain areas have been left unmown to provide the conditions needed for them to thrive.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White
f Etchinghill Village Hall Kent

Bookings:

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET COACH TRIP (see P6)

On December 12th 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.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES

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:
kdhickman@me.com

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

MONDAY 20th July

"ERIN BROCKOVICH 2000"
15 - Run Time: 2hrs 06mins

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm
Entrance Fee £6pp

Open to new and existing members
Free Refreshments and Raffle



www.etchinghill.info

District Councillors' update

– July 2026



Otterpool Park – By the time you read this, there will have been a public exhibition on the next stage of Otterpool Park. Since the council resolved to grant planning permission in 2023, several elements have progressed. The exhibition covers the changes Otterpool Park LLP plan to submit and information about the delivery of first homes and details will also have been released on what land Homes England has recently purchased. Information from the exhibition will also be available on otterpoolpark.org from Thursday 25 June for anyone who was unable to attend in person.

Your Community Voice – if you have not yet signed up to this website, please do. There is reported incidents of fraud where offenders are targeting people shortly after they withdraw cash from banks. Offenders monitor bank customers who have made large cash withdrawals, follow them to car parks or nearby locations and then cleverly distract them (e.g. dropping a note on the ground and pointing it out), while a second person attempts to steal a purse, wallet or cash. Protect yourself by staying alert, keeping cash, purses etc out of sight. If you think you are being targeted, report immediately to the Police via 101 (or 999 in an emergency). If you have been a victim of any type of scam call your bank on 159.

Parking in Folkestone & Hythe Car Parks – Residents who regularly use Folkestone & Hythe District Council car parks are being encouraged to apply for a useful permit. The newly named Residents' Discount Parking Permit enables residents to park once a day for up to three hours in a long-stay council car park, and up to two hours in short-stay car parks. Eligible car parks include Harbourside in Folkestone, Dymchurch Central, the Jolly Fisherman car park in Greatstone and Battery Point at Hythe, plus many more. The annual cost for the Residents' Discount Parking Permit is £80 with the alternative three-month permit at £20.

Planning Appeal – An appeal has been made by Greenfield Energy Developments Ltd to the Secretary of State against the decision of Ashford Borough Council in refusing the proposal for the Installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) plus ancillary infrastructure and equipment, landscaping, biodiversity improvements and access at Land East of Forty Acre Wood and South of Daffodil Cottage, The Street, Brabourne

View the Appeal Documents at www.ashford.gov.uk using the planning application search links and inputting the appeal reference AP-90825. The appeal will be determined on the basis of an inquiry.

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 Douglas 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.

Proposed development – Land adjoining Lyndon Hall Lyminge. I attended the Exhibition on 23 June at Lyminge Village Hall and was able to discuss a number of the material planning considerations with the developers.

Contact: jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Otterpool Park LLP has held a public exhibition at Sellindge Village Hall. The Exhibition was to update the public on the next steps for Otterpool Park. The council resolved to grant planning permission for Otterpool Park in 2023 and several elements have progressed. The exhibition covered the changes at Otterpool Park and information about the delivery of first homes there. Information from the exhibition will also be available on otterpoolpark.org.

We recently had a very successful meeting of the **North Downs Forum** in Elham Village Hall with 30 people attending. We started with a talk by Michaela Luckett, the Good Neighbours Service Co-Ordinator at Kent Coast Volunteering. Their volunteer befrienders contact lonely people experiencing social isolation in the south coast area including the North Downs. They also provide transport for people to get to appointments. They are looking for volunteer drivers and volunteers with some time to spare to contact clients on a regular basis. You can also contact them if you would like to use their Good Neighbour service or require transport to attend appointments. Please call 01304 367898 if you can volunteer or would like their help.

We also discussed potential projects that you could get involved in. These included a group to work on the Nailbourne to protect and restore this pure chalk stream, formation of a community benefits society to provide community energy, a Thoughtful Foods program to encourage the planting and growing of food to use for yourself and to share with others and a group to identify walks in the North Downs area. The next meeting is being held at Knowler Farm on the 24th September when the topic will focus on producing food for your own use. Any resident can join the group; you don't need to belong to the Parish Council or a community group. Just contact me to find out more.

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

Need Funds for your Charity or Organisation?

Then contact the Chair or Treasurer of the Lyminge Association for further help and information.
Heather Dunford: T 07427 664084 E heather.dunford@gmail.com
Janet Fry: T 01303 863177 E janet@rhodesminnis.org.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

Call Fran on 07846 177 409 or Heather on 07427 664 084 for more information and confirmation of the venue for our 6th and 20th July meetings

New faces very welcome

THE TOWER THEATRE FOLKESTONE

11-12 September 2026

BOX OFFICE 01303 223925
www.towertheatre.folkestone.co.uk

TWO by Jim Cartwright

HAPPY BOX Helping children with special needs enjoy the theatre
Fri 17 July - 7:30 pm

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

Thur 8 Oct - 7:30pm

FHODS YOUTH SECTION PROUDLY PRESENTS
A DEvised SHORT FILM AND STAGE SHOW

WHEN THE TANKS ROLL BY
16 - 17 OCTOBER

THE HIJACKED HOLLIES
Fri 9 October - 7:30pm

For full details of all our forthcoming shows and to book tickets, please scan the QR code, call the Box Office on 01303 223925 or visit towertheatre.folkestone.co.uk

The Tower Theatre, North Road, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3HL
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RHODES MINNIS CAT SANCTUARY

You're Invited!

CHARITY OPEN DAY
Meet the Cats!

A PAWSOME DAY OUT FOR EVERYONE!

Come along and support our sanctuary and the cats that call it home.

BBQ, STALLS, PLANTS, CAKES, STRAWBERRY MERINGUES, REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY 19TH JULY
11AM UNTIL 4PM

Every penny helps our cats

Can't wait to see you there!

FIND US AT: Seathwaite, Green Lane, Rhodes Minnis, Near Canterbury CT14 6XU
CALL US: 01303 862243
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.rhodesminnicatsanctuary.com
Registered Charity Number: 262245



Hythe, Lylinge & Ashford
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Charity Number: **1125274**

Company Number: **6589817**

Worried About Your Memory?

You're not alone – and we're here to help.

Drop in for a free, friendly memory check with the Kent Memory Champion Team, here to listen, support, and guide you.

Everyone welcome, no referral needed!

We offer relaxed, one-to-one memory checks using the SMMSE – a simple, pen-and-paper activity that looks at memory, attention, and thinking.

It can help spot early signs of change and guide you to the right support.

Join us in a warm, relaxed space at Age UK Hythe, Lylinge & Ashford

Confidential | **Friendly & supportive** | **Takes around 30 minutes**

A small step today can make a big difference tomorrow.

Call us now to make an appointment: **01303 269602**

Take a positive step for your wellbeing today



Hythe, Lylinge & Ashford
ageUK

There's Something for Everyone

Join in, make friends and have fun!

Activities across Hythe, Ashford and in our local community

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

- Golden Oldie Youth Clubs (includes lunch)
- Knit & Knatter
- Gent's Club
- Talk & Trivia afternoons
- Chatty Table (free)

Good company, laughter and friendship!

GET CREATIVE

- Laugh & Craft
- Crafty Tuesday
- Painting with Sam
- Simple Baking
- Cooking with Philippa

Discover new skills and enjoy being creative!

STAY ACTIVE

- Tai Chi
- Seated Exercise
- Let's Get Moving (Chair Exercises)
- Fit & Fun
- Seated Yoga
- Low Impact Aerobics
- Skittles, Curling & Boules

Activities for every ability!

KEEP YOUR MIND ACTIVE

- Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST)
- Quiz Mornings
- CARM – Afternoon of Reminiscing
- Fun Floor Games + Bingo
- Book Club + Thursday Thinkers

Keep learning, keep engaged and keep your mind sharp!

DEMENCIA SUPPORT

- Dementia Daybreak (Hythe & Ashford)
- Specialist activities and support
- A safe, friendly environment for you and your loved ones

We're here to support every step of the way.

Why not come and see us?

Enjoy a warm welcome at our Hythe and Ashford Community Support Hubs, or join one of our activities in the local community.

- Meet new friends
- Enjoy a hot lunch & cuppa
- Learn new skills
- Stay active & healthy
- Boost your wellbeing
- A friendly, welcoming team

New members are always welcome!

Interested? Get in touch today!
01303 269602

Email us: admin@ageukhla.org.uk

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Our fourth Art Exhibition at Barham Skills Centre was a huge success. Congratulations to all involved and those that attended - with a very special mention to the students who produce such an incredible array of artwork throughout the year.

We have more events coming up, including our Charity Golf Day on 25th September, with an exciting change of course. Following the success of our previous events, this year's golf day promises a fantastic day of sport. Venue: The Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Boughton, Kent, ME13 9AJ Cost: £80 per person / £320 per team of four. Individual entries are very welcome and we will help match solo players with a team. If you have any questions or would like to book a place, please contact peter.stratton@fifthtrust.co.uk or call 01227 832022


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Lyminge Historical Society

We are taking our usual summer break in July & August.
Meetings will resume in the Autumn.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm
Tuesday 1 September at The Tayne Centre,
Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JN

**A History of the Granville Hotel,
St Margaret's Bay
Speaker: Wendy Fraser**

The Lyminge Historical Society keeps an important archive of historical material relating to the history of the parish. We have been undertaking a review of what we have and have catalogued most of the documents and other written records. However, we still need to sort, identify and catalogue the significant number of photographs in the collection.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

If so, please contact us on: lyminge.history@outlook.com

We are hoping that we can get together a working party who can carry on this important work in the Autumn.

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com | Tel: 07808 775302



Public Consultation
Land East of Canterbury Road, Lyminge
Proposed Residential Development of 18 Family Homes

This leaflet has been sent to explain emerging proposals for land east of Canterbury Road, Lyminge.

We are preparing proposals for a sensitively designed residential development of 18 new family homes, together with associated access, parking, landscaping, open space and drainage infrastructure.

The site is located on the northern/eastern side of Lyminge, close to existing homes and within walking distance of village facilities including the primary school, GP surgery, library, village hall, cafe, shop, pub and bus services to Canterbury and Folkestone.

As a local resident, we are keen to understand your views on the emerging proposals before a planning application is submitted.

Technical Matters

A number of technical surveys and assessments have been undertaken to understand the opportunities and constraints of the site. These include work relating to highways, landscape, drainage, ecology, trees and heritage.

The proposed access would be taken from Canterbury Road. The access arrangement includes local highway improvements, including the relocation of the existing bus stop, shelter and lay-by, with the salt bin and bench re-provided. The detailed access proposals will be reviewed with Kent County Council.

The layout has also been informed by the existing trees, hedgerows and root protection areas. Existing trees will be retained where practicable, with new native planting proposed to reinforce the northern and western edges of the site.

Drainage will be designed to manage surface water on site through an appropriate sustainable drainage strategy, with further details to be provided as part of the planning application.

Way Forward

A planning application is currently being prepared and will be submitted following review of the consultation feedback.

We would like to hear from local residents and the wider community. Feedback received through this consultation will be reviewed and, where possible, used to inform the final proposals.

Please join us at:

Lyminge Village Hall
Tuesday 23rd June 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Members of the project team will be available to discuss the proposals, answer questions and receive comments.

Please submit your comments by: 01 July 2026
For those unable to attend, the boards will be available to view on our website after the event.

Or write to us at:

Lyminge Consultation Feedback
Quinn Estates, Highland Court Farm, Bridge,
Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5HW

You can also submit comments by email:
quinnestates@quinn-estates.com



BUILDING YOUR FUTURE

Development of Lyndon Fields, Lyminge

A property developer, Quinn Estates, surprised Lyminge when it gave a short presentation to The Lyminge Parish Council just a week before displaying to the public their proposed development of Lyndon Fields.

The site location is opposite the exit of Silverlands Road onto the Canterbury Road, close to the existing bus shelter.

The opportunity to promote this event widely to the village was therefore not possible through the usual channels.

Quinn Estates leafleted a number of properties (see leaflet left) in the period leading up to their public consultation on 23rd June in the Village Hall.

Whilst this event is now in the past, there is an opportunity to write (Lyminge Consultation Feedback, Quinn Estates, Highland Court Farm, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5HW) or email them directly (quinnestates@quinn-estates.com) with your comments.



Residents attending the initial consultation event in Lyminge Village Hall

Lord Whisky
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In memory of the late Pete Oakley Hills, our annual food run will be taking place again. Meeting at the Airport Café and arriving at Lord Whisky at approximately 10:30am, leaving at 11am. Donations of dog, cat, rabbit, gerbil fools, etc. will be most welcome.

Hello Summer!

Lyminge Friends

On **Wednesday, 1st July** our speaker is **Tony King** who's talk is **"Gorillas, Lemurs, Bison and Bees – Rewilding our World, One Piece at a Time"**.

On **Wednesday, 5th August** Lyminge Friends will be hosting a **Summer Lunch for our members** which is being held in Lyminge Church and Gardens, hopefully the weather will be good to us. If you have not been able to get to a meeting and wish to attend the lunch please contact Mary on the number below. The cost is £10 which includes a buffet lunch and a glass of wine/soft drink.

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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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.

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Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **TBC**



Plamil Foods

This month's local food hero is Adrian Ling, CEO of Plamil Foods in Folkestone. In 1926, at the age of 7 years, Adrian's father, Arthur announced he was giving up eating animal products — nearly 20 years before the UK Vegan Society coined the term veganism. Arthur



later became an active member of the society and, in the 1950s, founded The Plant Milk Society, researching and developing dairy-free alternatives.

Like his father, Adrian is a disruptor, embracing Arthur's determination to do things differently. Under his leadership, the company has expanded from plant milks into a wide range of vegan products, including the popular 'So Free' chocolate range.



Whatever our views on veganism, Plamil is a company deeply committed to the ethical and environmental impact of food production. Its exceptionally high standards have seen it ranked top by Ethical Consumer magazine for chocolate production since 2006.

Adrian believes ethics are about choosing right over wrong.

He says he could not sleep at night knowing profits came from forced child labour or environmental damage.

Maintaining such standards comes at a cost. "It's a balance," Adrian explains. "We carefully examine ingredients, supply chains, environmental impact and human cost — especially in chocolate production. We take a holistic approach to ethical food."

A recent addition to the range is a chocolate spread made with oats instead of hazelnuts because hazelnut harvesting often relies on child labour.

Though more expensive than many branded spreads, Adrian believes consumers must recognise the true cost of food — financially, environmentally and socially — and move away from the cheap, quick fix.

This is only a brief introduction to a very big character. To find out more, visit plamilfoods.co.uk

Baked Aubergines with Preserved Lemon, Mint and Yogurt

At last, the months we've all been waiting for — when gardens and markets overflow with fresh produce. In season now are aubergines, beetroot, blackberries, blueberries, broad beans, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, cherries, courgettes, cucumbers, fennel, French beans, garlic, gooseberries, greengages, new potatoes, peas, radishes, raspberries, rhubarb, runner beans, strawberries, summer squash, tomatoes, turnips and watercress, among many others.

Ingredients:

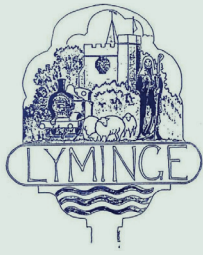
- 3 aubergines
- 2 tbsp olive oil

- 1 Belazu Beldi Preserved Lemon, very finely chopped (but pretty easy to do yourself)
- ½ lemon, juice
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 120g strained Greek yogurt
- ½ x 25g pack mint, leaves picked, half very finely chopped
- 1 tbsp mixed seeds (eg sunflower, pumpkin and sesame)
- Warmed flatbreads, to serve

Preheat the oven to 220°C, gas mark 7. Use the tip of a sharp knife to score 3 lines on each aubergine, from tip to stalk. Put on a baking tray, then bake in the oven for 35 minutes, turning after 20 minutes, until the aubergines appear sunken and squishy. Set aside to cool for a few minutes, then carefully peel the skins away (discard). Cut each aubergine in half, from root to stalk, stopping at the stalk. Season the insides of the aubergines. In a small bowl, combine the oil, preserved lemon, lemon juice and sugar. Spoon 2 tbsp of this mixture over the insides of the aubergines while they're still hot and set aside to stand for at least 10 minutes.

In a bowl, combine the yogurt and chopped mint; season. Spoon over the base of a shallow bowl or small lipped platter. Lay the aubergines over the yogurt, spoon over the remaining lemon dressing, then scatter with the seeds and remaining mint leaves. Serve with warm flatbreads for scooping.





LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

New Chairman

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAIRMAN – CLLR ROGER JOYCE.

I am a Chartered Architect with a post graduate diploma in Building Conservation, and I have always believed that Lyminge's remarkable heritage deserves to be celebrated and protected.

Since moving here during the Covid pandemic, I have enjoyed becoming part of village life through the Lyminge Players, the Historical Society, the

Etchinghill Residents Association and, more recently, the Elham Valley Walkers. These connections have given me a real appreciation of the passion people have for our parish.

A conversation with former Chairman Chris Barnett led to my involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan and the proposal for a Conservation Area. After being co-opted onto the Parish Council, I have been pleased to support this important work.

I am delighted to now take on the role of Chairman. We are fortunate to have dedicated parish officers who work tirelessly behind the scenes, and a committed group of councillors who care deeply about our community. By working together – councillors, officers and residents – we can continue to make steady, positive progress for the parish.

I am always happy to listen, so please do stop for a chat if you see me around the village.



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WHAT WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH

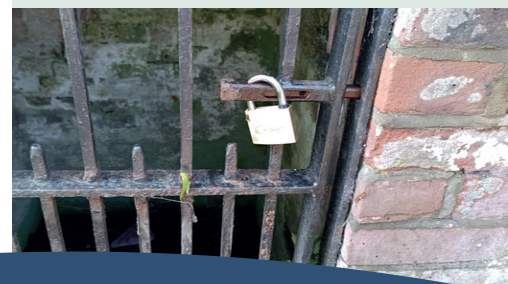
Safety rail repaired and area strimmed



Debris taken out of the well at Tayne Field



Well cleaned and gate put back with new padlock



The following meetings all take place at LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

FULL COUNCIL

28 July

19.00

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

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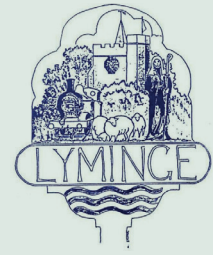
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Lyminge Parish encompasses the villages of Lyminge, Etchinghill and part of Rhodes Minnis and lies within the Kent Downs National Landscape.



Swift nest boxes installed

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

We are delighted to report that a number of swift nest boxes have recently been installed on tall buildings within the Parish, close to the Church of St Mary and St Ethelburga in Lyminge, where a small number of swifts are known to nest each year.

Swifts have been identified as one of the priority species known to occur in the Parish and are included in the list of species being considered as part of our developing Neighbourhood Plan.

According to the RSPB: "Each year, swifts fly from Africa to the UK to breed, but numbers here are plummeting and they desperately need help. In just 25 years, more than half of our swifts have vanished, and the loss of nest sites in the roofs of buildings appears to be at least partly responsible."

Providing purpose-built swift nest boxes has therefore become an important conservation measure to help reverse this decline.

Earlier this year, Lyminge Parish Council agreed to purchase a number of swift nest boxes. Following consultation to identify the most suitable locations, two double nest boxes were installed on the rear wall of the Tayne Centre, and two

triple nest boxes were fitted to the tall north-facing wall of Nailbourne Court.

We were delighted to hear swifts calling overhead while the boxes were being installed. Although it may take a year or two before the birds begin using them, we are hopeful they will provide valuable nesting opportunities for years to come.

If you notice any nesting activity in or around the new boxes, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

In addition, four barn owl nest boxes and four tawny owl nest boxes have recently been installed across the

Parish, from Rhodes Minnis to Etchinghill. We will share more information about these exciting conservation projects in a future newsletter.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Lyminge Methodist Church and to Folkestone & Hythe District Council for responding so positively and promptly to our request to install boxes on their properties, and everyone else who helped make this project possible.

Together, these initiatives will help support some of our most treasured local wildlife and contribute to enhancing biodiversity across the Parish.



If you would like to get in touch please email:

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debbie.capon@lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk



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 15 at the last count, covering the topics most relevant to directing future local planning and land-use decisions. Last month we listed several of the Policies, the remaining Policies include the following.

Location of development

This policy seeks to ensure that new development is directed to the most appropriate, sustainable locations, where there is easy access to the main village services and facilities. This will help to protect the wider landscape of the parish and safeguard against the coalescence of the individual settlements.

Character and design of development

This policy seeks to encourage development proposals within Lyminge parish to comply with the highest design standards and to be in-keeping with Local character, as described in the locally specific Lyminge Character Area Study. The policy and its supporting text add greater detail to the adopted Local Plan policies.

Flooding and drainage

The valley within which Lyminge is located is prone to flooding. This policy seeks to ensure that new development addresses flood risk.

Conserving heritage assets

This policy recognises the important contribution that heritage assets – designated and non-designated – make to the local character and distinctiveness of Lyminge parish, both individually and collectively. Where possible, they should be conserved, enhanced and celebrated.

Supporting flexible workspaces and opportunities for homeworking

This policy recognises the growing contribution of home-based and small-to-medium sized businesses in Lyminge parish and it seeks to encourage opportunities for them, including by supporting the provision of start-up and move-on business units as well as the provision of a shared office space. This would provide a greater incentive and opportunity for local people to work locally. Homeworking too has become commonplace for many ever since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Employment space in the Parish

This policy recognises the importance of enabling locally based businesses in the Parish,

which can provide jobs and negate the need for out-commuting.

Groundwater source protection zones

This policy seeks to ensure that the Groundwater Source Protection Zones located in the parish are protected from contamination.

Important community facilities

The community facilities that exist within the parish provide an important resource for its residents, both old and young. They enable a range of activities and services to be run, which are important for people's wellbeing and day-to-day needs. Whilst strategic PPLP (Places and Policies Local Plan for the Folkestone & Hythe District Council) policy C2 seeks to resist the loss of key services and facilities generally, this policy provides additional local detail by detailing specific facilities that are considered to be particularly important to the local community. It also sets out details on new facilities that would be supported.

As a reminder, the Policies we explained last month were: **Energy efficiency and design; Community and renewable energy; The natural environment and biodiversity; Local Green Spaces; Locally significant views; Dark skies; and Improving walking, cycling and equestrian opportunities.**

Please contact us via the Parish Council if you have any further comments on the information provided so far. The full draft plan will be available in due course for further consultation and comment.

HIP, HIP, Hooray...we hope!!

Lyminge Parish Council is developing a **Parish Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)**, conducted in conjunction with KCC Highways to begin the process.

The HIP will identify local issues such as speeding, poor signage, faded road markings, and pedestrian safety concerns, thereby helping the parish council work with KCC Highways to secure improvements and funding for safer and more accessible roads.

With many residents raising even more concern about the state of the roads in the area, **now is the time to have these recorded and submitted e.g. reporting damaged or worn signage, poor markings, dangerous crossings, etc.** Please include photos and exact locations if possible. All feedback will be reviewed with KCC Highways as part of the development of the Parish Highways Improvement Plan. Please send your suggestions by email if possible to Clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Lyminge Community Hub is still negotiating with Jim Martin, Leader of FHDC, but it seems that they are rather slow at replying to our letter agreeing to its Options Appraisal. This is to agree which of the 26 services that AgeUK provided should be reinstated in the village and which building could house these activities.

Watch this space!



"**Lyminge Friends** enjoyed a very interesting talk on Uganda by Clive Nuttman."

The passing of CHRISTOPHER TUTTON

It is with much sadness we announce his death on the 15th June following a long stay in hospital. He will be greatly missed.

Letter to the Editor

Last May 2025, we started a charity stall with a small box outside of our house. This has grown into a stall and plant stand. Through the generosity of many people we have collected over the course of the past year a fantastic £2,143.63. Initially, it was set up to support Monkton Nature Reserve but this has been extended to include three other charities: the Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary, Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary and The British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

I have been overwhelmed with this incredible start as we enter into our second year and have raised a staggering £325.65 in May. To keep the community in touch with new projects we have set up an Instagram page so please follow us on Instagram [Waverlywildheart](https://www.instagram.com/Waverlywildheart).

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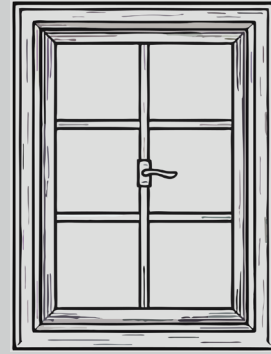
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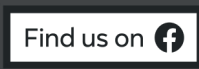
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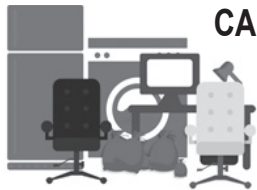
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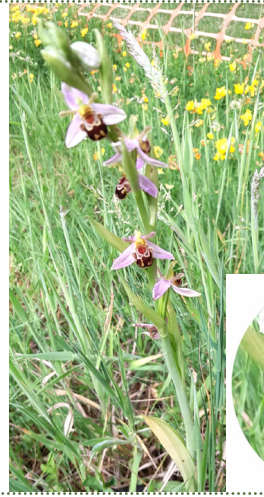
**"Thank you Lyminge Association
for your support towards
attending the next
World Jamboree"**

Joshua Munns

The **26th World Scout Jamboree** is a massive scout jamboree where 50,000 scouts will gather in Gdańsk, Poland. The theme of the jamboree is '**bravely**' which will encourage participants to act courageously for the future of humanity and the planet.

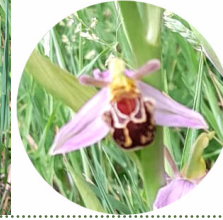
I will be going to the jamboree as part of Unit 44 which is one of three Kent units going. We will be travelling there by coach, stopping for a night somewhere on the way. Before the actual jamboree we have 6 training camps in different places around Kent to get to know our unit and learn skills that we will need for the jamboree.

The jamboree will enable me to make friends with scouts from across the planet and gather a rounded view of life. I am really looking forward to it but also a little worried about meeting so many new people! The Lyminge Association have very kindly paid for my training camps and equipment which are two major parts of my journey that I could not participate without. I am extremely grateful to the Lyminge Association and very proud to be representing Lyminge at the World Jamboree.



Bee Careful!!

In the grounds of the Etchinghill Hill Village Hall, the rare bee orchid (*Ophrys apifera*) has been identified. See P7 for further information.



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I have met many people in my 18months doing this job and it can be heartbreaking to find out that they have not been out or even spoken to someone for weeks. This could be due to mobility issues or losing their confidence in going out alone without the support of someone else.

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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.



The well-house stands over St Eadburg's Well, the principal spring that is the source of the Nailbourne. The spring has had this name since around 800 AD when the remains of St Eadburg were translated to Lyminge and buried in the church. The well is sometimes known as St Ethelburga's Well, but this is a relatively modern name and appears to have been first used no earlier than the end of the 19th Century. The spring was associated with St Eadburg for more than a thousand years before that. This well-house was built in 1898, replacing an earlier structure. The design consciously copied the style of the porch on the parish church. The well was the main source of fresh water for this part of Lyminge until 1905 when mains water first arrived.



Water from the spring fills a reservoir at the bottom of the well-house. Water was raised from this reservoir by a hand-operated pump and it poured into the galvanised metal tank that is visible in the picture to the left. Water could then be collected from the tank in buckets. The tank, however, has long-since been removed.

The well-house was restored by the Parish Council in 2021. The gates that were added some time in or after the 1960s had become very dilapidated and were repaired by a local blacksmith and rehung. The Kent peg tile roof was removed and re-laid, and the timbers were repaired where they had decayed, so hopefully this Grade 2 listed structure is now good for another century or more.

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Brains of Lyminge

In early May, a well-supported Spring/Summer quiz was run in the village hall by The Lyminge Association. Dave Hunt-Cooke and Honor set a balanced and fun set of questions, as well as providing their grandchildren as runners. Our thanks goes to them and to Janet and Martin Fry for their behind-the-scenes support.

The winning team was: **Three B and Five G**, made up of John & Jill Backwell, Kirsty & Andy Longley, Graham Milligan, Yvonne Freeman, Hilary Norman, Trianna Ritchie.



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