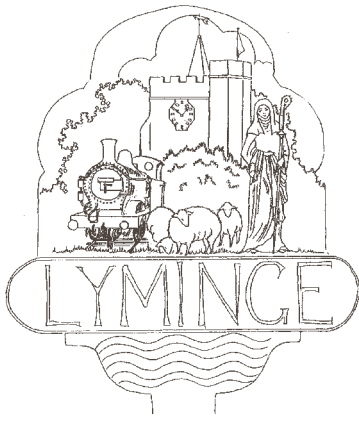




THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

AUGUST 2026

"Your Village Pub is Back!"

*Come and meet the new team! Darren & Emma Chapman, together with Alexandra Irvine, are delighted to welcome you to **The Coach & Horses, Lyminge.***

Following our 'soft' opening in July, our

Official Opening is on Saturday 8th August

Join us for a great day of celebration with:

- BBQ (weather permitting)
- Live music throughout the afternoon and evening
- A warm welcome for all the family

Whether you're a regular or haven't visited for years, we'd love to see you and help celebrate this exciting new chapter for your village pub. Currently, we're serving drinks and coming soon...

Tea & Coffee ~ Light Lunches ~ Full Menu ~ Quiz Nights ~ Themed Evenings ~ A friendly village atmosphere. We're looking forward to making The Coach & Horses the heart of the community once again. **See you on Saturday 8th August!**



Alexandra, Darren and Emma - the new tenants at The Coach and Horses

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 19th September

See P11 for further information

Margaret Saunder's Meanderings

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

August

At the beginning of August 2025, a waxing misty moon can be seen over to the south. High humidity in the past few days has meant that the evenings are fresh and filled with an earthy scent, an early precursor to Autumn. On the ninth day of the month, the full Sturgeon moon rises clear and bright over the eastern hills into a cloudless but not quite dark sky where only the brightest stars are beginning to show. Its gentle 'face' shines benignly over the now quiet countryside. Around this pale gold moon is a radiant halo whose outer edges gradually fade into the steadily darkening night.

Fields full of wheat are a dull sandy colour, having lost the golden colour of June and July. Endless days of hot sun and no rain have left the ears parched. After the third heatwave and



before the wheat was quite ready to be gathered in, damp days with some precipitation and mist prevent harvesting but during the first few days of August, dry weather enables the combines to get started and these can be heard working well into the evenings. I walk through fields of wheat that are a dull pale brown, the ears looking tired and somewhat lifeless as they wait their turn to be cut. Fields at the lower end of the valley around Barham and Kingston were harvested almost a month before some of the fields around Lyminge, whilst they were still golden – the stubble ploughed in almost immediately the combines had done their work and the straw baled up into huge rolled cylinders which dot the fields like



giants' playthings. Tractors ply the valley road with their huge trailers laden with these bales, a far cry from the sheaves of wheat in Van Gogh's paintings and those in medieval Books of

Hours, when scythes would have been used to reap the wheat. Vines along the valley bear full bunches of grapes, promising a good harvest at the end of September if enough rain falls to swell the fruit, but not too much near the time of harvest, as mould can develop in damp conditions.

Trees and bushes that bear fruit, both edible and inedible, are laden with their produce: blackberries,

elderberries, apples, mirabelle plums, sloes, walnuts, acorns, making it a truly bountiful year, the long period of warm days in early Spring providing perfect conditions for a fruitful Summer. Large bunches of bright red berries hang from the honeysuckle, waiting for blackbirds to be hungry enough to begin their feasting and on the 'Bumpy' field, the branches of a walnut tree are weighed down by its crop.

Young long-tailed tits visit my garden, their tails not yet fully grown and speckled robins, not of sufficient maturity to be vested with their red breasts, peck amongst the grass. Blue tits, small and still fluffy looking, show off with their antics by hanging upside down whilst pecking at small insects on the leaves of bushes and hedges. One hot day, six of them gather around the edge of the bird bath, water flying in all directions as they bathe themselves in an effort to remain clean and cool. On hot days on the lawn, blackbirds, collared doves and dunnocks spread their wings, as they try to cool off and rid themselves of parasites. House sparrows flick dust over themselves for much the same reasons and by these means, birds can remain healthy.

In the third week of the month, a fourth heatwave was officially declared, as temperatures again rise for the designated length of time to justify the term 'heatwave'. As the month progresses, early signs of Autumn start to become apparent. Hawthorn berries are already turning red and from rowan or mountain ash trees hang dense bunches of bright scarlet berries, the seeds of which are dispersed by birds as well as being

an ingredient for rowan jam. Walnuts are plentiful on the huge tree in the middle of Court Lodge Green and empty cobnut shells at Ottinge lie strewn on the ground, no doubt having provided a feast for marauding squirrels. The Nailbourne is still flowing along the valley but the larger stones on the stream bed stand proud of the water, as it makes its slow sedate way northwards, in no hurry to reach the sea.

Rain has fallen in the last few days of the month, soaking into the parched ground and clearing the air of dust. Cooler evening air is filled with earthy scents as the soil reluctantly gives up some of its moisture. Night is gradually arriving a little earlier each day by approximately two minutes and the sun is becoming more gentle in its warmth – Autumn is not far away.



Church Services

Valley Methodist Church

During the holiday month of August it has been agreed that the Valley Churches combine for worship across various sites. Please note times and places accordingly and be assured of a warm welcome and time for refreshment and fellowship.

LYMINGE and RHODES MINNIS (JOINT SERVICES)		
Date	Time	Event
2nd August	10.15am	Valley Service Lyminge with Mr David Songer (inc Holy Communion)
9th August	10.15am	Valley Service at Elham - Mr Dwight Harris
16th August	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis - Rev Gordon Newton
23rd August	10.15am	Valley Service Lyminge - Rev. Gill Songer incl. Holy Communion
30th August	10.30am	United Service at St. Andrew's, Cheriton - Rev Gill Songer

St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
2nd August	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10.00am 4.00pm	Ways of Worship (Worship Team) - Mike Chinneck Said Evensong - Paul Sharman
9th August	Lyminge	8.00am 6.00pm	Said Holy Communion BCP - Revd Stephen Dougal Sung Evensong - Janet Butcher-Weisner
16th August	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10.00am 4.00pm	Eucharist (CW1) - Revd Michael Dakins Holy Communion (BCP) - Revd Sharon Paine
23rd August	Lyminge	10.00am	Family Praise Service - Kathrine Goody and Worship Team
30th August	Denton	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist Service - Revd Sharon Paine & Revd Carol Bates

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

News From The Pews

Benefice Service 28th June, All Saints, Stanford

On the 28th June the Elham Valley Group of Churches turned out on a beautiful sunny day at All Saint's in Stanford to celebrate the Revd Stephen Dougal's 20 years of Ministry. After the service everyone enjoyed a wonderful spread prepared by the parishioners from all eight churches. Councillor Jenny Hollingsbee kindly provided the wine.



Teddy Bear Charity Parachute Jump and BBQ.
The event raised about £100 for the Lyminge Primary School projects.





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Please contact us for further information

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Thursday
20th August
Re-scheduled
Visit to:



Departing from Lyminge Library
Carpark – 8.30am
Leaving Wisley – 2.30pm

£25 for Coach and Entry
(£17 for members)

Call Anne on 07703 149 008
to book a place or for more details
or email
lymingegardeners@gmail.com



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.
1st August	2.30pm	Rhodes Minnis Summer Show	RMVH	862616
8th August		Boot & Late Summer Fayre	LW	
14th August	7pm	Music on a Friday - BBQ	LPC	
20th August	8.30am	Wisley Gardens; see P4	LL	07703149008
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	
24th November	4.45pm	Switch on Lyminge Lights	LL	
29th November	4pm	Christmas tree lighting up	EVH	
6th December	6.30pm	ERA AGM	EVH	
12th December		Christmas Market Trip	EVH	
21st December		Christmas Present Delivery		

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; EVLT: Elham Valley Line Trust; JF: Jubilee Field; LB: Laing Bennett; LBC: Bowls Club; LL: Library; LMC: Lyminge Methodist Church; LPC: Lyminge Parish Church; LPS: Lyminge Primary School; LVH: Lyminge Village Hall; LW: Lord Whisky; MP: Meriden Park NP: Nailbourne Court; PC: Postling Church; PH: Lord Whisky, Park House; PVH: Postling Village Hall; RVH: Rhodes Minnis Village Hall; RMC: Rhodes Minnis Church; RMCS: Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary; RR: Rigden Room; SMCH: St Mary's Church Hall, Elham; SMVH: Stelling Minnis Village Hall; SNL: See Newsletter for info; SP: Sibton Park; SPCC: Sibton Park Cricket Club; TC: Tayne Centre; TF: Tayne Field; WF: Well Field

Lyminge Methodist Church

Concert
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Summer's Day
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- ✓ Want to give something back to your local community?
- ✓ Looking for volunteering that fits around your own lifestyle?

If you answered **yes** to any of these, we'd love to hear from you.

You'll collect clients from their homes and take them safely to surgeries, hospitals and other destinations across the local area and beyond. You decide **when you volunteer and which journeys you accept**—there's no minimum commitment, so you can help as much or as little as suits you.

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Drivers are urgently needed in Lyminge, Hawkinge and Elham.

If you have access to a car and

would like to find out more, please get in touch for a friendly, no-obligation chat.

Just one journey could make all the difference to someone's day. Perhaps even their life.

For more information please contact us:

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Would you like a bracket or do you need a replacement?

Sometimes, it's very difficult to avoid a subject when you know it's the last thing people need to think about this time of year. But here goes!!

A number of properties along the main road through Lyminge host a bracket which the Lyminge Association provide and into which we place flags and ...wait for it...Christmas trees. Being metal, some of these holders are showing signs of wear. So, trying to think ahead of the game, can you please contact Steve if your current one needs replacing or you would like to join in and have one in place ready for the Christmas period. **If so, please contact Steve on 01303 863600 or steve@guyatts.com**

Etchinghill update - August 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 17th AUGUST – DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30 START – 'THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN' 2005 (12) Run time: 2hr 6mins.

The true story of a motorcycling champion. Starring Anthony Hopkins as Burt Monroe, a man who never let his dreams of youth fade. The film tells the inspiring true story of Burt Monroe, a New Zealander in his 60s who spent decades modifying his 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Monroe dreams of travelling to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah to set a land-speed record for motorcycles under 1,000cc. Despite health issues, including a heart attack and angina, he pursues his goal with determination, overcoming obstacles and scepticism from those around him. Burt set three world records on his modified motorcycle – the last one on 26th August 1967 and which (as of 01/07/26) still stands. You do not need to have any understanding of motorcycling to enjoy this film! 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.

Clean Up - A small working group of volunteers from the Etchinghill Residents Association and Lyminge Parish Council recently gave up part of their Saturday morning to help improve the appearance of the village. Armed with buckets, sponges and plenty of community spirit, they thoroughly cleaned the railings around Meriden Park play area and at several other locations throughout the village. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and effort. (See photograph P32.)

Road repairs - Many residents will have noticed the welcome improvements to Beachborough Road leading into the village. Sections of the carriageway have been resurfaced, repairs completed and potholes filled, significantly improving the condition of this important route. The work has been very well received by local residents.

Being Considerate to Others - Many residents will have been aware of the extremely loud music that recently carried across Etchinghill and could even be heard as far away as Lyminge. Although this originated from an authorised event in Paddlesworth, it demonstrated just how far sound can travel when weather conditions are favourable. Everyone enjoys outdoor events, but when noise reaches a level that affects neighbouring communities, it can become a nuisance. As we continue to enjoy the warmer weather, please also be considerate when lighting bonfires, using fire pits, chimineas or other outdoor wood burners. Smoke can travel considerable distances, affecting neighbours who have washing drying outside, young children sleeping with windows open, or those who suffer from respiratory conditions.

Tolsford Hill - It has recently come to our attention that disposable barbecues and open fires have been used on Tolsford Hill. Besides creating a significant fire risk during the current dry conditions, they also pose a danger to livestock grazing in the surrounding fields.



Volunteers found discarded kebab skewers, cans, bottles, food waste, packaging and broken glass, all of which present hazards to both animals and visitors.

Please remember that Tolsford Hill is a military training area and part of a working farm. While there are public footpaths and byways crossing the site, it is not a public recreation area and is not an appropriate place for barbecues or open fires.

For everyone's safety, please ensure that the gate at the entrance to the Tolsford Hill Byway is securely closed, using the chain, clip and rope provided, after you pass through.

Etchinghill Village Hall Christmas - Market Coach Trip

The Christmas Market coach trip on 12th December is now sold out but a reserve list is being compiled in case of cancellations. Contact 07514 758936 if interested.

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

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Film Night

MONDAY 20th July

"THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN" 2005"
12 - 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

– August 2026



I have to start with the tragic death of Ann Widecome believed to have been murdered in her own home in Dorset. No words can describe the absolute horror that is felt by her friends and family as well as the wider community. My condolences are with her friends and family at this difficult time.

I recently took part in a cross party video to demonstrate that although our political beliefs are very different we can, and do respect our differences. This was to mark the 10th anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox and five years since the murder of Sir David Amis in his surgery.

LGA Conference - I recently attended this Conference in Bournemouth where there were many sessions on Local Government Re-organisation. We were told that imminently we would have an announcement as to who FHDC would be partnering with and by the time you read this we may know. I attended a session on Town & Parish Councils after LGR where Catherine Needham, co-author of "The 21st Century Parish and Town Councillor and Clerk" Report, discussed and debated many of the challenges faced. See <https://21stcenturypublicservant.wordpress.com/the-21st-century-parish-and-town-councillor-and-clerk/>

National Planning Reform - as from 31 October 2026 there are likely to be major changes in how decisions on planning applications are dealt with. Councillors' will no longer have the opportunity to 'call-in' an application. Applications will be considered under two criteria with only major applications being considered by the Planning Committee. More on this next month.

Lydon Field Lyminge - I attended the Exhibition on the proposed development and have noted many issues raised by residents.

Solar Farms - My group are putting forward a motion on Solar Farms to the next full Council Meeting due to be held on 22 July - details are published on the Council website.

Contact: jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

The Secretary of State has decided that a new Unitary Council will be formed called Mid Kent and will comprise Folkestone and Hythe District Council, Ashford Borough Council and Swale District Council.

This brand-new council will not come into being until 1 April 2028 – known as Vesting Day. Elections will still take place in May 2027 to appoint a Shadow Council. This will run alongside the District Council until Vesting Day when the new Mid Kent Unitary Council will take full control of all functions. There is no indication, as yet, that Town and Parish Councils

will be affected by this change. We will get what is known as a Structural Order sometime in the autumn. This Structural Order will set out how the Unitary will be organised: Wards, Divisions or whatever they decide to call them, and how many elected representatives each will have. We have a good relationship with both Ashford and Swale councils, and we will do our utmost to work through this together for the best outcome for all our residents.

Otterpool Park LLP held a public exhibition in Sellindge Village Hall on Wednesday 24 June. 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. Homes England have purchased Hillcrest Farm which is close to Westenhanger station. They are planning to develop the southern end of the site for the delivery of the first homes where there will be an access road coming off the A20.

F&HDC has bought a block of new flats in Folkestone to help residents facing homelessness. The flats will provide short-term housing for families facing the crisis of having nowhere to live. The eight two-bedroomed flats have been designed to offer safe, modern and energy efficient accommodation. Each flat is fully self-contained, giving residents privacy and stability while they wait to move into permanent housing. This is part of the council's pledge to invest £5 million in reducing costs by expanding its supply of council owned flats to be used for temporary accommodation.

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

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 19th September

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 each month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays between 10:00am and Noon at The Coach & Horses, Lyminge

Our August meetings will be on 3rd and 17th August

New faces very welcome (please ring to check for any change of venue)

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

Community Meals

Our Home Meal Delivery Service brings you a freshly cooked hot meal and dessert, delivered straight to your door – hot, tasty, and ready to eat. We're here for you 365 days a year, making sure you never have to worry about missing a meal. In addition to your main meal, a Tea-Time Bag is also available, providing a light and convenient option for later in the day.



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Dementia Day Care Services

Our Dementia Day Care service provides a warm, supportive environment where people living with dementia can enjoy stimulating activities, companionship, and care tailored to their needs. From music, art, and gentle physical activities to reminiscence sessions and sensory experiences, our programmes are designed to help maintain skills, build confidence, and create moments of joy. Families can feel reassured knowing their loved one is supported by our experienced team.



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

www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/

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MONDAY	Memory Café	Brickfields, Cherry Garden Lane, Folkestone, CT19 4AP	Monday 24 th August, 10:00am – 12:00pm
TUESDAY	Calehill Memory Café	1st Charing Scout Headquarters, Pett Lane, Charing, TN27 0DL	Tuesday 11 th August, 11:00am – 1:00pm
	Social Evening* (with a meal)	The Royal Norfolk Hotel, 7 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, CT20 3BD	Tuesday 11 th August, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
	Memory Café	Stade Court Hotel, Stade Street, West Parade, Hythe, CT21 6DT	Tuesday 18 th August, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
	Social Evening* (with a meal)	The New Chimneys, Loudon Way, Ashford, TN23 3JJ	Tuesday 25 th August, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	Wonkies*	Skuba Bar Old Bisto, 2 Langhorne Gardens, Folkestone, CT20 2EA	Wednesday 5 th August, 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	Carer's Support Circle	Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF	Thursday 6 th August, 10:30am – 12:00pm
	Memory Café	Etchinghill Golf Club, Canterbury Road, Etchinghill, Folkestone, CT18 8FA	Thursday 13 th August, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
	Hythe Walking Group	Age UK Hythe, Sanford House, Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BD	Thursday 20 th August, 10:00am – 11:00am
	Young at Heart group	Ashford Library, Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS	Thursday 27 th August, 10:30am – 12:30pm
FRIDAY	Drop-In Clinic	Ivy Court Surgery, Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden, TN30 6RB	Friday 7 th August, 12:00pm – 2:00pm
	Ashford Walking Group	Harper's Café, Victoria Park, Jemmett Road, Ashford, TN23 4AD	Friday 14 th August, 10:00am – 11:00am
	Memory Café	Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF	Friday 21 st August, 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@ageukhla.org.uk

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Community support has truly been the spirit of the past month. We've been delighted to receive support from several local businesses and groups, including The Nailbox, It's the Real Deal, the Swells Singers and the Forest of Blean Rotary.

We always love hearing about opportunities to get involved in our local communities and invite them to also visit us. From engagement with local schools and community groups, contributions at local markets; we're keen to explore even more ways to connect and take part in our local community and local projects. If you know of any opportunities, we'd love to hear from you!

Don't forget, our Charity Golf Day is coming up on 25th September. Please get in touch with our office to book your place and enjoy a great day. Also special offers on logs delivered by end of August!

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14th August

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Music from 7:30pm

 **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.

ETCHINGHILL REMEMBRANCE

LET'S MAKE A SEA OF POPPIES

Together We Remember

Help us create a Sea of Poppies

This November Etchinghill will be decorated with hundreds of handmade poppies to commemorate and honour those who served

We are looking for Knitters & Crocheters of all abilities to bring this community project to life

JOIN THE PROJECT

Whether you can make one poppy or one hundred, every contribution will help create a beautiful display for our village.

COME TOGETHER

We'll be organising friendly knitting and crochet sessions where you can meet others, share ideas and work together.

EVERYONE WELCOME

New to knitting or crochet? Don't worry – beginners are very welcome and patterns can be provided.

Like to learn to crochet in preparation?
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Interested?

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This project has been funded and supported by the Etchinghill Resident's Association (ERA)

Lyminge Friends

On **Wednesday, 5th August** Lyminge Friends will be hosting a Summer Lunch for our members which is being held in Lyminge Church and Gardens.

Our next Social Meeting will be on **Wednesday, 2nd September** when **Veronica King** will be giving a talk on **"The Life of a Female Private Investigator Part 2"**.

Veronica King is an accomplished and entertaining speaker, who will share her stories of over 37 years experience dealing with **"The Good, The Bad and The Ugly"**.

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:
The Methodist Church, Church Road, Lyminge
from 10.30am to 12noon unless stated
otherwise.*



Lyminge resident Tony King, gave an interesting and entertaining talk to a well attended Lyminge Friends meeting on July 1st. He shared his first hand experiences of rehabilitating gorillas in the Congo. Tony also spoke about his environmental and conservation work here in Lyminge.

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Thoughtful Food...

...is a group of local volunteers looking at our food, and how this impacts climate change. Our aims are to support people to produce more of their own food, and to shop locally, sourcing seasonal produce. We also run a community allotment in Lyminge and welcome new members.

✉ thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com 📺 @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Monday 28th September at The Coach & Horses**



This month's food shout is not for an individual or local business but a local community group and a concept.

Part of the national **Grow Beer** movement, **HYTHE HOPS** was formed in 2018 after a chance conversation ignited a desire and interest to include Hythe in a scheme to reinvigorate the Kentish cultural tradition of hop growing. Whilst promoting this tradition, Hythe Hops aims to support local breweries produce a low carbon footprint beer using hops grown



organically and locally. It also aims to bring people together with growing support and social events (some of which include consuming beer!)

Members grow hops in their back gardens, allotments, community gardens and public spaces. These hops are pooled together and sent to local craft brewers, Hop Fuzz in West Hythe, Docker in Folkestone and Romney Ales in New Romney (for the first time in 2025 The first harvest usually goes to make green hops ales where



fresh hops are picked and passed onto the brewer within hours to maintain their flavour. Timing is everything here and members are given plenty of notice of what to do, mostly via social media. Subsequent harvests are dried and

vacuum packed to be used by the brewers throughout the year. Hops are easy to grow and don't need a lot of space, each plant needs about a square meter of clear space. Some initial work is required to make a support structure, a bit like growing a runner bean. The plants die back in the winter and



grow again in the spring. **Hythe Hops** provides members with everything they need to get going and also growing guides and advice. After they have done all this, members give their harvests away! But this is in the knowledge that not only are they contributing to the story of Kentish culture they will also be rewarded with a pint of delicious hand crafted beer.

Hythe Hops currently has members in Hythe, Sandgate, Folkestone, Hawkinge, Ashford, across Romney Marsh and in Lyminge, but they always welcome new members. If you would be interested in getting involved;

- Membership is £5 per year to cover administration and harvesting costs.
- For an initial £12 Hythe Hops provide a growing pack – a dormant rhizome, growing string and a hop peg to secure in the ground. The hop will come up every year and dies back in the winter.

Contact hythe.hops@gmail.com for more details.

Plum and Wild Rice Salad

This is a bit of a cheat as it uses

pouches of rice but you could cook your rice yourself; however, this way you can rustle up a summer crowd pleaser in minutes.

- 500g of plums, cut into wedges
- 300g tomatoes (a mix of colours looks good), cut into wedges
- 2 x 250g pouches Basmati & wild wholegrain rice
- 6 salad onions, thinly sliced
- 3 tbsp sesame seeds (white or black or a mixture), toasted
- ½ x 25g pack coriander, leaves chopped

Dressing

- 1 tbsp mirin
- 1 tbsp cold-pressed rapeseed oil
- ¾ tsp toasted sesame oil
- 2 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar (or apple cider vinegar)
- 1½ tsp maple syrup
- 15g ginger, peeled and finely grated
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ tsp fine sea salt

In a large bowl, whisk together all the dressing ingredients. Add the salad ingredients and mix well. Taste and season if needed, then transfer to a big platter or bowl to serve. To use up the other half of the bag of coriander, whizz it up in a blender with some chilli, rice vinegar and chopped salad onions for a flavoursome salad dressing.



LYMINGE ASSOCIATION GARAGE SALE - 19TH SEPTEMBER

THE KING'S ARMS

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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis



Officer of the month

INTRODUCING BARBARA WINHAM

grew up in Bromley with three brothers in a very busy house – the kind where someone was always popping in for a cup of coffee at the kitchen table.

started my career in IT before my husband, daughter and I decided it was time for a change. In 2001, we moved to Brabourne Lees, where life took a very different – and very rewarding – turn. We bought a smallholding with 5 acres, a yard full of horses, chickens and our Rhodesian ridgeback, Leia. It was a steep learning curve, but it gave our daughter a wonderful childhood and taught us a huge amount about land management and rural life.



In 2015, we moved to Smeeth and took on the challenge of building our own home. It wasn't always easy, but thanks to some excellent trades, we now have a light, airy home.

Family means the world to me, and with seven grandchildren there's always plenty of laughter and activity. When I'm not with them, I love spending time with friends – whether that's a weekend away or simply catching up over a good meal and maybe a glass of wine!

In recent years, I have been volunteering with the weekly physiotherapy sessions at Pilgrims Hospices. I've met so many inspiring people with an end of life diagnosis and have had the privilege of hearing remarkable life stories.

Living in Kent has given me a deep appreciation for the countryside and the importance of protecting it. In my role as Administrator at Lyminge Parish Council, I'm grateful to support residents and contribute positively to the community. You'll often see me out and about – please do say hello.

WHAT HAS BEEN KEEPING US BUSY

WELL FIELD

Taken down broken branches of the willow tree and cleared site



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

Discover the joy of walking

ENJOY THE PLEASURE OF WALKING AROUND LYMINGE PARISH AND BEYOND

Living in the Lyminge Parish, we're fortunate to be surrounded by some of Kent's most beautiful countryside. From rolling hills and ancient woodland to peaceful country lanes and far-reaching views, our local area offers countless opportunities to enjoy the simple pleasure of walking. With the beautiful Elham Valley and the Kent Downs National Landscape on our doorstep, there's always somewhere new to explore.

If you've been thinking about getting out more, why not join a local walking group? It's a wonderful way to discover new routes, enjoy good company and make the most of the stunning countryside that surrounds us.

The Ramblers organise friendly guided walks throughout the year, ranging from gentle strolls to more challenging hikes. Every walk is led by an experienced volunteer, making it easy for newcomers to join in and feel welcome, whatever their level of fitness or walking experience. Walks take place across East Kent, including routes close to Lyminge Parish.

Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve both physical and mental wellbeing. Regular walks can help strengthen your heart, improve

fitness, reduce stress, lift your mood and provide the perfect opportunity to reconnect with nature. Walking with others also offers a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and make new friends.

Late summer and autumn are particularly wonderful seasons for walking. During August, September and October, the countryside comes alive with changing colours. The harvest scenes and crisp, fresh air, making it the perfect time to get outdoors and explore.

To find guided walks taking place around Lyminge Parish and across East Kent, visit the Ramblers website:

<https://bit.ly/4w7AvPC>

And if you're looking for a more local group, the Elham Valley Walkers also organise regular walks throughout the year, many of them within easy reach of Lyminge:

<https://elhamvalleywalkers.co.uk/our-next-walk>

So, dust off your walking boots and come and explore the wonderful countryside on our doorstep!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH

TAYNE FIELD
The long overdue painting of playground equipment



The following meetings all take place at LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

FULL COUNCIL Tuesday 18 August 19.00

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

Welcome to our new councillors:
Peter Barnes
Alan Croucher
Hayley Lloyd

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Roger Joyce

Councillor contact details are available on our website



Still time to join the Big Butterfly Count 2026

Butterfly Conservation is calling on us all to get out for the Big Butterfly Count from Friday 17 July to Sunday 9 August.

The world's largest butterfly survey, the **Big Butterfly Count** asks people to spend just 15 minutes outdoors in a sunny spot, count the butterflies and day-flying moths they see, and submit their sightings via the free app or at www.bigbutterflycount.org.

Anyone can take part in the Count and help to paint a picture of how butterflies are faring by submitting their sightings to help create an interactive map. This data helps scientists understand where butterflies are thriving, struggling, or shifting due to climate change, habitat loss or restoration.

Some of the country's most recognisable and loved species have already had a better-than-average year, setting them up for an abundant summer. The Small Copper and Holly Blue have been seen in excellent numbers, while Peacock, Red Admiral and sunshine-yellow Brimstone also had a promising start to the year.



Small Copper



Holly Blue

Butterfly Conservation's Head of Engagement, Kate Merry, said: "After the colourful spring with seemingly lots of beautiful butterflies appearing across the UK, it's tempting to assume we're heading for a bumper summer, and we'd love nothing more as most of our butterfly species have undergone long-term declines. But a bright spring is only ever part of the story, which is why we need people out there taking part in the Big Butterfly Count this summer. We genuinely don't yet know how this year will unfold, and the only way to find out is for people to tell us what they're seeing in their own gardens and green spaces."

Butterflies in the Parish

Thirty-two different butterfly species have been reported from our Parish on our Lyminge Parish bioblitz on iRecord (<https://irecord.org.uk/join/lyminge-parish-bioblitz>). Some of these, such as Dingy Skipper, Small Heath, Wall, Adonis Blue and Chalkhill Blue, are considered as 'priority

species' in our draft Neighbourhood Plan, as discussed in previous issues of the newsletter.

The most frequently reported butterflies on the Parish bioblitz, in order of number of records, are Red Admiral, Meadow Brown, Peacock, Comma, Small Tortoiseshell, Common Blue, Marbled White, Gatekeeper, Large White, Small Heath, Speckled Wood, Wall, Painted Lady, Small White, Orange-tip, Green-veined White, Ringlet, Holly Blue, Large Skipper, Small Skipper and Brimstone.

Of these species that most of us would consider to be 'common' species here, one in particular



Small Tortoiseshell - upper wing



Small Tortoiseshell - lower wing

seems to be becoming increasingly difficult to see. The Small Tortoiseshell was once arguably our most common garden butterfly, but with only a handful of records in the Parish in 2024, 2025 and 2026, each sighting these days feels like a rare pleasure.

According to Butterfly Conservation in 2025: "Once one of our most common butterflies, the Small Tortoiseshell has seen major declines in recent years. Since the first UKBMS results in 1976, its abundance has plummeted by 86% and in 2024 it had its worst year since counting began".

Let's help track how the Small Tortoiseshell and our other local butterflies are doing this year by taking part in the Big Butterfly Count before it closes on the 9th August.

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LYMINGE COMMUNITY HUB

Lyminge Community Hub is still looking to negotiate with Jim Martin, Leader of FHDC. In the meantime, we look to see if there are any further options worth exploring. We hope that the next edition of this newsletter will carry more concrete information.

Watch this space!

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Quotation of the day:

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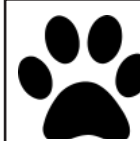
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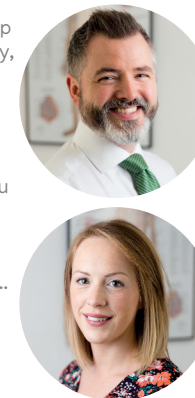
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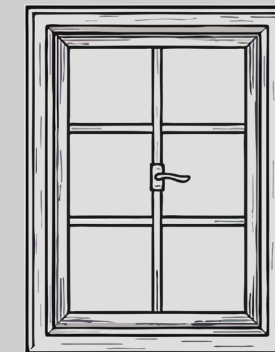
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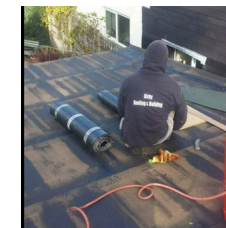
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Lyminge Summer Show

The Lyminge Gardeners' Society
held their Annual Summer Show
on the 18th July. They were hugely
encouraged by the large increase in
the number of entries and visitors
who attended.



The
Gardeners'
Society meet
at 7.30pm
every 3rd
Tuesday of
the month
in the Tayne
Centre



In Memory of Terry Rawbone



More than 60 friends, neighbours and fellow dog
walkers gathered at Etchinghill Village Hall to
celebrate the life of **Terry Rawbone**, who sadly
passed away last month. Together they shared
memories, stories and reflections on a man who
meant so much to so many.

A lifelong resident of Etchinghill, Terry was a
true gentleman whose kindness, generosity and
dedication to the community touched countless
lives. Over many years he served the Village Hall as
a Trustee, Maintenance Manager, Health & Safety
Officer and Head Gardener. His willingness to give
his time and energy so freely embodied the very
spirit of community volunteering.

Terry will be greatly missed by everyone who had
the privilege of knowing him.

John White, Chairman, Etchinghill Village Hall

Etchinghill Doubles Pétanque Competition



The Etchinghill Doubles Pétanque Competition took
place on Saturday 4th July, with several new players
joining the regular competitors and adding to both
the fun and the competitive spirit of the day.

Despite the fresh challenge, the eventual winners
were the defending champions, **Ann Baker and
Graham Barber**, who successfully retained their title.

The rest of the field did their best to convince
themselves that "it's only a game", although the
expressions on the faces of the losing finalists, **Gary
and John**, suggested otherwise!

Better luck next time, gentlemen. **The Singles
Competition takes place in September**, offering
everyone another chance to claim the coveted title.



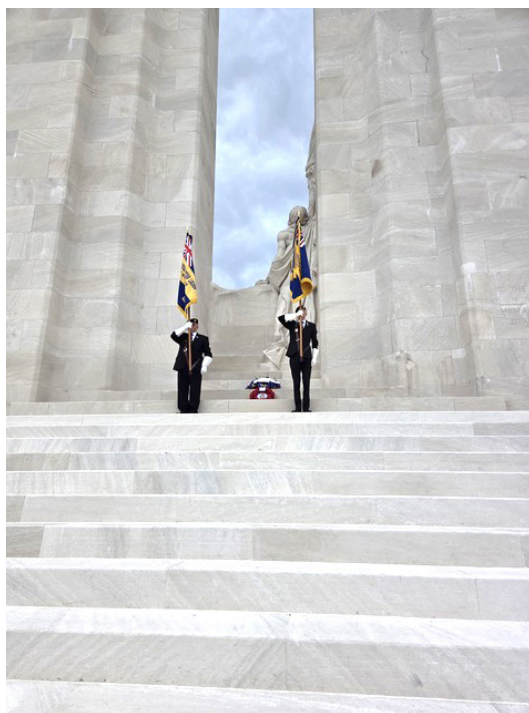
LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



To celebrate the 7th anniversary of the dig to uncover the first church in Lyminge, this month we have three pictures, showing the path leading to the porch on the south side of the Parish Church, before, during and after the excavation. Top right is the view as it appeared in 2018, before work began. To the left we can see the foundations

of the curved east end of the 7th Century church as revealed during the dig in the summer of 2019. This masonry was built almost certainly by masons brought from France by Queen Ethelburga some 1,400 years ago. The final picture on the right shows how the path was re-laid in 2020 incorporating an outline of the old church.



The Standard of the Elham Valley Branch of the Royal British Legion was paraded at the Vimy Ridge Memorial on the Somme by our Standard Bearer, Mr Bill Milner, to mark the 110th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme in 1916. The ceremony was attended by HRH The Princess Royal and many French dignitaries.

