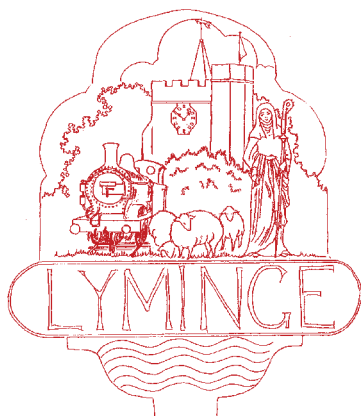




THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

SEPTEMBER 2026

Garage & Table Sale

The Lyminge Association has been organising these hugely popular Garage Sales (or Garage Safaris) for many years, attracting bargain hunters from the local area and further afield.

It's the perfect opportunity to give your pre-loved items a new home while making a little extra cash. Yes, it takes a bit of sorting and deciding what you're ready to part with, but it's certainly easier than loading everything into the car for a boot fair, getting up at the crack of dawn and paying a much higher pitch fee than the modest £5 entry fee here.

So, get sorting, dig out those hidden treasures and make sure your booking form and £5 entry fee are in by 12th September at the very latest.

Don't miss out! Clear the clutter, uncover those forgotten gems in your garage, shed or loft, and get ready to take part in what could be the biggest and best Garage Sale yet!

Lyminge
GARAGE AND TABLE SALE
♥ AT LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL ♥

FOR GARAGES IN
LYMINGE
AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

SALE

SATURDAY 19TH OF SEPTEMBER
STARTING AT 9AM

BOOKING NOW!
Registration forms available from 22nd August to Saturday 12th September

CLOSING DATE 12TH SEPTEMBER

☕ The Coffee Cabin
✂ Snippers & Clippers
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📞 **CONTACT STEVE | 01303 86 36 00**

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY - SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

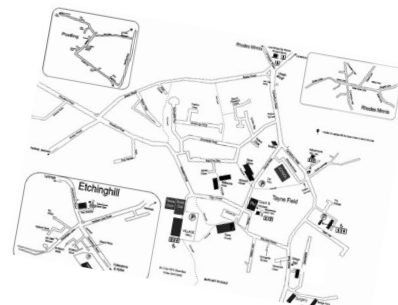
Maps of all garage locations will be available on the day and can be collected from:

- Lyminge Village Hall (Woodland Road, Lyminge, CT18 8EW)
- Snippers and Clippers (4A Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HP)

or downloaded from

- The Lyminge Newsletter website (www.lyminge.org.uk>newsletter)

Refreshments will be available at the village hall until 12 noon



Margaret Saunder's Meanderings

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

September

August has slipped seamlessly into September, the first day bringing wind, sun and showers. Clouds are fast moving and there is still plenty of warmth in the sun. As the day moves to its close, a golden aura fills the western sky and tints the soft clouds, which float past the half moon. There is just enough light to see the outline of the fields and trees and as the still warm wind sweeps across the scene, an owl hoots into the darkening space. I wait, watch and listen until blackness envelopes everything. The following morning, however, rain-filled grey clouds sweep in, emptying themselves during the day with rainwater rushing down hills and filling dips in the roads with deep pools of water. Newly sown crops will greatly benefit from this downpour.

A week into the month and the skies are blue once again with warm breezes, the temperatures climbing up through the 20s. Fluffy white flat-bottomed clouds pepper the sky in an artistic array, sending matching shadows moving across fields, and hills. Seedheads attract me once again with their pared down beauty. At the end of the day, the almost full moon rises, its benign halo of light colouring the thin layers of cloud which surround it, like delicate brush strokes across a dark canvas. The moon's light whitens the sky as it rises, its silvery beams paling the surrounding stars into insignificance.



A few days later, as the sun is about to set, the golden light from its sphere colours the western sky with a gilded glow and imbues the whole countryside with a honeyed hue. Clouds high up, form like the ridges of sand left by a retreating tide, are tinged with apricot. The Corn moon, full on this seventh day of the month, is a 'Blood Moon' lunar eclipse, but unfortunately there is cloud cover to the east and I can only catch the merest glimpse of its redness for less than a minute.

Whilst on holiday on the Roseland Peninsular in Cornwall the white wind-whipped waves roll shorewards in a ceaseless motion across a cerulean blue sea, with an almost matching but paler blue sky above. Wet sand shines in the sunlight as each successive wave breaks then pulls back. Sunken lanes, bordered by banks, are held together with moss-covered granite stones. Nearer the coast, steep lanes have been cut deep into the granite rock. They are dark and damp as the sun's rays cannot penetrate the trees' thick canopy.



The church of St Just-in-Roseland sits at the edge of a peaceful tidal creek. It's 13th century church is built on the site of a 6th century chapel. Beautiful gardens surround the church, with winding paths which pass through tall bamboo plants. A running stream flows down the rocks into the creek past the Holy Well. The path descends through gardens full of tropical plants and is lined with granite stones, on which have been carved quotations from the Bible. Inside the church it is calm and dark, as little sunlight can filter through the trees. Near the door is a facsimile of the visitor's book from 1944 in which dozens of American servicemen had signed their names. They were stationed in camps all around the area prior to the D-Day landings, for training and then subsequent embarkation for Normandy from Falmouth harbour. I imagine many prayers were said in the church for a successful operation and a safe home-coming.

Back home, hedges bearing varying shades of red hawthorn berries, line the road into Etchinghill from New Barn, providing an early feast for both native and visiting birds. Autumn is here, if only in its early stages. We have passed the equinox and gradually the days are becoming shorter and the nights longer. Mornings are fresher, the dampness of the dew eliciting earthy aromas from freshly ploughed fields. Growth on the land begins to slow down as nature prepares for the advance of Autumn and the shorter days of Winter.

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
6th September	10.15am	Valley Service Elham with Rev Gill Songer
13th September	11.00am	Lyminge - Mr Richard Blackwell
20th September	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis - Tom Lewis
27th September	11.00am	Lyminge - United Harvest Festival with Rev Gill Songer
4th October	10.15am	Lyminge - Valley Service with Mrs Keeley Taylor

RHODES MINNIS

Date	Time	Event
6th September	10.15am	Elham - Valley Service with Rev Gill Songer
13th September	9.30am	Rhodes Minnis - a Local Arrangement
20th September	10.15am	Rhodes Minnis - Valley Service with Tom Lewis
27th September	9.30am	Rhodes Minnis - Rev Adrian Roux - Harvest Festival
4th October	10.15am	Lyminge - Valley Service with Mrs Keeley Taylor

St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
6th September	Elham	10.00am	Eucharist Benefice Service (CW1) - Rev Carol Bates
13th September	Lyminge	8.00am	Said Communion (BCP) Revd Stephen Dougal
13th September	Lyminge	3.00pm	Sung Evensong - Janet Butcher-Weisner
20th September	Lyminge	11.00am	Eucharist (CW1) - Revd Sharon Paine
20th September	Paddlesworth	4.00pm	Eucharist (BCP) - Revd Sharon Paine
27th September	Lyminge Methodist Church	11.00am	Combined Harvest Thanksgiving followed by a simple lunch

News from The Pews

The Revd Carol Bates is leaving Kent and the last service she will conduct will be at Elham on the 6th September at 10am. See her letter to the Benefice on P4. Going forward, the Parishes will be run during Interregnum by the Churchwardens, Clergy and Lay Readers under the guidance of the Archdeacon of Ashford, Darren Miller. However, it may sometimes be necessary to change the service order at short notice if Clergy/ Lay Readers are away or are conducting Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals at other churches. Anyone wanting to book a funeral, please contact Rev Sharon Paine - 07503 290552 or email sharonpaine10@aol.com. For weddings and baptisms, please contact the Benefice Secretary, Alison Dale, at beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk

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

The Rector's Wonderings...

I wonder what image of God you hold.....?

All of us have our own particular image of God, and that image will have been affected by so many things - our parents, our church, authority figures in our lives, our coming to faith, our experiences.

Sometimes, that image can be deep down, and be very different from our expressed beliefs. So, for example, we can believe and even preach that God is loving, is in fact Love itself, and offers unconditional love, and yet we can still feel that we need to do things to earn God's love.

We think there are the right prayers, right actions, right thoughts that will earn us God's love. Somewhere in the recesses of our minds and hearts, there is a battle between our images of God - a God who is all loving but is also a taskmaster we have to please.

Jesus demonstrated with everything in him, the deep love of God. A love that reaches out - accepts and draws in, rather than excluding. Everything he did and said reflects the heart of God - a God who is always searching for the lost and confused.

Julian of Norwich recognised this in her visions: *"I saw to us he is everything that is good. He is our clothing. In his love he wraps us and holds us. He enfolds us for love and will never let us go..... everything owes its existence to the love of God"*

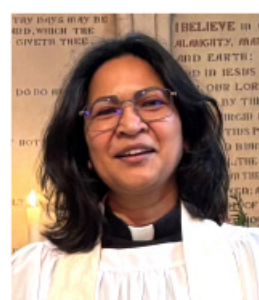
I invite you to reflect first of all on your own image of God.

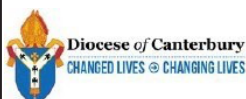
And then, to measure it up against the words of Jesus - *"if you have seen me you have seen the Father."*

Blessing

May the peace of God reign in this place, and the love of God forever hold you. May the Spirit of God flow through your life, and the joy of God uphold you. **Amen**

Revd
Carol
Bates
Rector





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Sunday 2nd August 2026

Dear Friends

The following announcement was made on the above date, at all benefice churches holding services:

Bishop Ruth Worsley is pleased to announce that the Revd Carol Bates has been appointed as a member of the Wigan Team Ministry to serve as Team Vicar and Hub leader of the parish of Wigan North West, subject to the usual checks.

She will be licensed to this role at a date to be confirmed in October. Revd Carol's last Sunday in the benefice is likely to be 6th September.

After a period of ill health and a challenging season within the benefice, this decision was made after much time in prayer and reflection and is necessary for my ongoing ministry, whilst giving the benefice the opportunity for a new beginning.

While it is difficult to say goodbye, I feel a clear sense of calling to this new chapter of ministry in Wigan.

I am deeply grateful for the prayers, kindness, and support that I received from many of you during my time here and especially during my illness. It has been a privilege to serve as your Rector and I will carry many fond memories of our time together.

Benefice Clergy and Wardens will work together with the Archdeacon on interregnum arrangements over the next few weeks and this information will be shared with you in due course.

Please be assured of my prayers for your continued strength and unity in Christ during this time of change.

With every blessing,

Revd Carol Bates
Rector of THE ELHAM VALLEY GROUP

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"THE CULTIVATION OF CHOCOLATE"



Tuesday 15th September
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Refreshments from 7:15pm
Presentation starts 7:30pm

Non Members very welcome - £5 entry to include refreshments



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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.
12th September		Boot & Autumn Fayre	LW	
13th September	3pm	The Elham Duo (see P12)	SMCH	
16th September	1pm	Etchinghill Remembrance Poppy making (see P6)	Gate-keeper	
19th September		Autumn Garage Sale (P1)		
26th September	12noon	Pétanque Competition	EVH	
1st October	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	EVH	
3rd October		Boot Fayre & End of Year Clearance Sale	LW	
13th October	10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	LL	
17th October		Neighbourhood Plan Consultation	LVH	
17th October		Litter Pick	EVH	
24th October	6.45pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07702625474
31st October	11am	Coffee Morning with Cantores	LMC	
24th November	4.45pm	Switch on Lyminge Lights	LL	
29th November	4pm	Christmas tree lighting up	EVH	
6th December	6.30pm	ERA AGM	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	Gatekeeper	
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	LPC	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



The Coach and Horses

Join us at The Coach and Horses this September

05/09	Karaoke and disco night	
09/09	Bingo	
11/09	Thai night with Boo	
13/09	Live music with G & T	
16/09	Quiz night	
18/09	Happy hour 5pm-7pm <i>selected beers ciders and spirits</i>	
19/09	Andy Mack live Music	
23/09	Music bingo	
25/09	Thai night with Boo	
30/09	Pauline Mason Clairvoyant	

Food served till the evening

Please see our Facebook page for further details
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Etchinghill Remembrance

Making a Sea of Poppies

Following our previous advert, we're delighted to have received interest from people wishing to knit or crochet poppies to help decorate the village for **Remembrance Sunday**.

To get everyone together, we've arranged a **knit and crochet afternoon** at **The Gatekeeper pub, Etchinghill**, on **Wednesday 16th September from 1pm**. Everyone is welcome, and there's no need to book. However, if you're planning to come along, please contact Denise so we have an idea of numbers.

Don't forget to bring your needles or hooks and some yarn!

And don't worry if you're not sure how to get started – **help will be on hand if you need it.**

We hope you can join us and help create a **sea of poppies** for Etchinghill this **Remembrance Sunday!**

Denise: 07929 031567




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Etchinghill update

- September 2026

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

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f Etchinghill Residents Association

FILM NIGHT – ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL – MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER – DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30 START – 'SONG SUNG BLUE' 2025 (12) Run time: 2hr 13mins.

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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.

ERA are pleased to learn that there has been significant interest in our poppy knitting and crocheting project **LET'S MAKE A SEA OF POPPIES'**. Our volunteer Denise is leading on this activity and following her full page advert in the August Newsletter, her updated information including contact details, can be found on **the adjoining page 6**. Denise has arranged a meeting on 16th September and welcomes beginners and those with more experience.

ERA FUN AUTUMN QUIZ – SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER – ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Entry fee is only £5pp – no charge for under 18's or full-time students. To reserve a table (maximum 6 persons) or to make a raffle donation, contact Victoria on 07702 625474 or email vickie.couper@icloud.com. **Please book your table soon to secure your place.**



ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White
f Etchinghill Village Hall Kent
Bookings:

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

ANNUAL SINGLES PETANQUE COMPETITION – takes place at Etchinghill Village Hall on Saturday 26th September. 12pm sign in for a 12.30pm start. £5 per player. Trophies for the finalists plus the winners name engraved on the prestigious Community Shield. Don't miss out. You don't want to wait until next year!

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Lyminge Newsletter

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ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Film Night

MONDAY 21st September

"Song, Sung Blue' 2005"
12 - Run Time: 2hrs 13mins

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

Open to new and existing members
Free Refreshments and Raffle



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District Councillors' updates

September 2026



Folkestone Racecourse – Since this emergency measure was introduced for overspill parking from Eurotunnel, it appears that it has not yet been actioned. This is, of course, a good thing, and, although there is no cost to FHDC, it will be interesting to know the cost to general taxation!

National Planning Reform – The government is introducing a national scheme of delegation for Planning & Licensing Committees to standardize how planning functions are allocated between officers and committees. Applications are categorized into two tiers:

- Tier A: Applications that must always be delegated to officers, such as minor developments and certain reserved matters approvals. These will not be considered by committees.
- Tier B: Applications that are delegated to officers by default but can be referred to a committee if the Chief Planning Officer and Committee Chair agree.

The reforms set a maximum size for planning committees, currently proposed at 13 members, to balance political representation. The Planning & Licensing Committee at FHDC is currently 12 Members but going into a Unitary Council covering three current Councils, could prove extremely difficult since both Ashford and Swale have more than 13 Members on their Planning Committee. I am waiting for a District Councillor Briefing on the new regulations to learn more. Further information can be found at [Planning Committees and the National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions: Guidance for local planning authorities in England - GOV.UK](#)

Local Government Re-organisation – now that we know that the model decided for the Unitary for our area will be made up of FHDC, Dover and Swale, - now called 'Mid Kent', the Overview & Scrutiny Committee have received an update on the current situation – see Minutes [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 28th July, 2026, 6.00 pm | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](#) There are a lot of questions to be asked on how the Unitary will work, e.g. where the main Office will be, who will be the Chief Executive, how will a Cabinet and Leader be decided, where services will run from, how the democratic system will operate, etc.

Ward Budget – I still have some funding available for small grants (up to £500). Please do contact me if this is of interest to your organisation, as I am keen to support local groups.

HGV Parking – I have recently been looking into the current situation and questioning what enforcement has been undertaken. I was told that inspections take place mainly at weekends – I have

asked that these also be implemented for weekday evenings when the parking seems to be more prevalent, particularly around J11 and the Otterpool layby.

Contact: jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Folkestone's coastal park has been officially opened. The £750,000 refurbishment of the south east's largest free adventure playground is offering more play challenges and inclusive elements. The investment has been funded by the council, including the use of developer levies paid to support community infrastructure. Smaller play areas around the district are also in line for upgrades. The £670,000 of play area work is being partly funded by the council's own budget for capital projects and is part of the council's Corporate Plan commitment to invest in local communities.

Waste crews have been busy keeping the district's coastline looking beautiful as it is enjoyed during this summer's hot weather. Visitors are being urged by the council's #LoveYourBeach campaign to leave rubbish in the bins provided, including the special summer high compactor rubbish units and bulk bins.

Kingsnorth Gardens, Lower Leas Coastal Park, Radnor Park and the Royal Military Canal have all been recognised with the Green Flag Award for 2026/27. The international quality mark is awarded to parks and green spaces which display the highest environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities. The parks are maintained by the council's grounds team whose members also planted up a beautiful carpet bed on The Leas in Folkestone.

The council has been awarded the Regulator of Social Housing's highest consumer standards rating, C1, becoming the first council in Kent to achieve the distinction and one of just 13% of councils nationwide to hold the top grade.

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

Need Funds for your Charity or Organisation?

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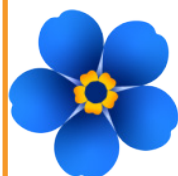
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www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/

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DEMENTIA FRIENDSHIP GROUP

With grateful thanks to Darren, the new landlord of the Coach and Horses in Lyminge, a new **Friendship Group** for people living with dementia and their carers is starting.

The group will meet on the **second Tuesday of each month, 10.30am–12 noon, at the Coach and Horses**. It will offer gentle activities for those living with dementia, while giving carers an opportunity to meet, share experiences and support one another.

If there is sufficient interest, the meetings may become more frequent. **Free transport may also be available on request.**

Dates:

Tuesday 13 October

Tuesday 10 November

Tuesday 8 December

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Dementia & Me

DAY	Event	Location	Time
MONDAY	Cinema – Dementia Friendly	The Ashford Cinema, Elwick Place, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AE – showing <i>Coyote vs Acme</i>	Monday 14 th September 11:00am – End Of Film
	Memory Café	Three Hills Sports Park, Cheriton Road, Folkestone, CT19 5JU	Monday 28 th September, 10:00am – 12:00pm
TUESDAY	Calehill Memory Café	1st Charing Scout Headquarters, Pett Lane, Charing, TN27 0DL	Tuesday 8 th September, 11:00am – 1:00pm
	Social Evening* (with a meal)	The Royal Norfolk Hotel, 7 Sandgate High Street, Sandgate, CT20 3BD	Tuesday 8 th September, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
	Memory Café	Stade Court Hotel, Stade Street, West Parade, Hythe, CT21 6DT	Tuesday 15 th September, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
	Social Evening* (with a meal)	The New Chimneys, Loudon Way, Ashford, TN23 3JJ	Tuesday 22 nd September, 5:30pm – 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	Winkies*	Skuba Bar Old Bistro, 2 Langhorne Gardens, Folkestone, CT20 2EA	Wednesday 2 nd September, 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 3 rd September, 10:30am – 12:00pm
	Memory Café	Etchinghill Golf Club, Canterbury Road, Etchinghill, Folkestone, CT18 8FA	Thursday 10 th September, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
	Hythe Walking Group	Age UK Hythe, Sanford House, Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BD	Thursday 17 th September, 10:00am – 11:00am
	Young at Heart group	Ashford Library, Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, TN23 1AS	Thursday 24 th September, 10:30am – 12:30pm
FRIDAY	Drop-In Clinic	Hamstreet Surgery, Ruckinge Road, Hamstreet, Ashford TN26 2NJ	Friday 4 th September, 12:00pm – 2:00pm
	Ashford Walking Group	Harper's Café, Victoria Park, Jemmett Road, Ashford, TN23 4AD	Friday 11 th September, 10:00am – 11:00am
	Memory Café	Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF	Friday 18 th September, 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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Their visit was a great example of what can happen when local businesses share their time, skills and enthusiasm with a good cause. They are far from alone. Last year corporate volunteers contributed an incredible 600 hours of their time to caring for the vineyard. From helping with essential seasonal tasks to getting stuck into practical jobs, their teams rolled up their sleeves and experienced first-hand the work that goes into caring for our vines.

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Our monthly meetings for 2026 will continue with:

6th October: The Hazards of the Journey: Pilgrimage and Travel in the Middle Ages - Imogen Corrigan
3rd November: Goodwin Sands: The Shippe Swallower - John Buss
1st December: Mystery and make-believe: a miscellany of things you (probably) never knew about Lyminge Parish Church - Rob Baldwin

LYMINGE COMMUNITY HUB CIC

Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) have finally submitted a Planning Application to convert Everist Court to housing. This needs a change of Planning Use from Community to Housing.

Both the District Local Plan and National Planning Guidelines state that a community use building should only be changed if:

- a) There is no further community use for it
- b) There is another building which can be used or
- c) It is turned to part community and part something else.

LCH's plan is to use the ground floor as a community hub with housing above.

We have also suggested to FHDC that there could be a lightweight Mansard roof extension, thus creating further flats.

This would replace some of the services provided by

AgeUK for 49 years and create a thriving community hub to serve the whole community.

Both the Parish Council and the Lyminge Community Hub have objected to the Planning Application on the above grounds.

It would help, if you haven't already written in, if further objections are made as soon as possible to FHDC Planning, case number 26/1203/FH.

All comments which are received before a decision is made will be considered - the latest decision date is 29/9/26.

Alternatively, please write to the Chief Planning officer, FHDC, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QY Quoting 26/1203/FH

Thank you all for your support.

Lyminge Community Hub Committee



There are only approximately 200 pure chalk streams in the entire world and the Nailbourne is one of them.

With increasing awareness of the importance of rivers and streams to us all, and the particular fragility of pure chalk stream habitats, the

Friends of the Nailbourne is a recently established initiative by, and for, the communities through which the Nailbourne flows. It aims to protect, raise awareness and celebrate this globally rare ecosystem, from its source in Lyminge to where the stream joins the Little Stour near Littlebourne.

In order to monitor water quality, we are joining the Our Stour citizen science initiative run by the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership. To assess the health of watercourses such as the Stour and its tributaries including the Nailbourne, the presence or absence of freshwater invertebrates is an excellent indicator.

The Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership are therefore kindly providing **riverfly survey** training for us this November. This will mean we can have trained and equipped **riverfly monitor** volunteers regularly collecting water quality data along the Nailbourne.

Alongside this, to increase awareness and to celebrate our globally rare chalk stream we would like to gather images and information on the history and folklore of the Nailbourne – as a winterbourne it also has a rich series of legends associated with it. Such information will help to shape events and exhibition material in the coming year.

If you live in any of the communities along the Nailbourne and are interested in joining the Group, in becoming a volunteer **riverfly monitor**, or have knowledge of the history and local legends associated with the Nailbourne, we would love to hear from you.

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Our last speaker of the year is **Pete Warren** with a talk entitled **"Flying – A Life in the Cockpit"**. Pete joined the RAF at the age of 20 and flew for the next 45 years, including the Buccaneer and the Hawker Hunter. He now instructs on the B777/787. He is still fascinated by flying.

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.*



Last month, Lyminge Friends held their annual Summer Lunch in Lyminge Parish Church which was enjoyed by everyone.

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Thoughtful Food...

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✉ thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com f t i @thoughtfulfoodgroup

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



Sadly we will not be holding Surplus Saturday this September which is a great loss to us. The recent weather means that yields have been very unpredictable and many crops have already been collected, eaten, put into freezers or turned into preserves. If you do have any surplus, please leave in a visible spot for people to help themselves. And be on the lookout for surplus that is put out. A marrow was recently spotted on the front wall of the Methodist Church! There are other organisations (listed below) that would welcome any surplus produce.

www.rainbow-centre.org/

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/

folkestonecommunityfridge.com/

www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/hythe-pantry-kent/

Over the 10yrs I have been growing here in Lyminge, there has been a significant, and in many ways drastic, change to the weather. I never thought I would think the greenhouse would be inhospitable to tomatoes but I have watched them literally curl away from the heat into little balls. I have watched climbing beans turn their leaves away from the sun and only recover when the cooler night time came! So we must 'gird our loins' as they say and face up to the challenges of the 'new future' in gardening. Over the next few months I will try to give guidelines and suggestions as to how we may adapt our practices in manageable and sustainable ways.

This month I will be concentrating on WATER. If you would like to contribute ideas then please contact me on lymingegardeners@gmail.com.

I keep a record of the max and min temperature and the rainfall each day. Below is the rainfall record over the past few years for April - July. This is only a very rough estimate and I am not a scientist or expert! What we are

seeing doesn't really need evidence - we are getting all or nothing. So - how do we cope with this?

	2023	2024	2025	2026
April	97	47	33	6
May	16	43	61	27
June	17	22	36	105
July	105	46	109	0
TOTALS	235	158	239	138

WATER COLLECTING and STORING

It might seem obvious and you may think - oh here we go again, someone banging on about the obvious but, look around your gutter system on the house / garage / shed greenhouse etc. Place a water butt on every downpipe. If you've only got one downpipe maybe add more? It is well worth the initial investment. You can also 'daisy chain' as many as you have space for. Forget aesthetics - you need to collect it! Kits can be bought in garden centres.



Above is system installed at the Tayne Centre allotments. Pop down and take a look.

Here is my system, below. You are welcome to come and take a look.



If you have space - find the biggest containers possible: IBCs (Intermediate Bulk Container, 1000l),

open feed troughs, dustbins etc. Be ready for when that rain eventually comes. You may need to invest in a pump to move water from containers to hose systems. I'm now thinking of a borehole!

Next month – SOIL and PLANTS

Here is a seasonal recipe to make good use of your produce:

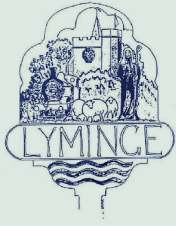
COURGETTE AND RICE FILO PIE

- 500g courgettes, coarsely grated
- 75g long-grain white rice
- ½ medium red onion, finely chopped
- 75g hard goat's cheese or mature Cheddar, grated
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- A handful of dill, chopped
- A good handful of flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 250g ready-made filo pastry
- 75g unsalted butter, melted
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 190°C/Gas Mark 5. Mix the courgettes, rice, onion, cheese, eggs, olive oil and chopped herbs together in a large bowl. Season with plenty of salt and pepper.

Take a sheet of filo pastry, brush with a little melted butter and use it to line a smallish oven-proof dish, about 1.5 litre capacity, placing the pastry butter side down. Let any excess hang over at the ends. Add another buttered sheet on top and continue until you've used all but one sheet of the pastry.

Tip the filling into the pastry-lined dish. Fold over the pastry ends to enclose the filling, dabbing with a little more melted butter to keep the pastry together. Take the remaining sheet of pastry, crumple it lightly in your hands to give a nicely textured finish and place on top of the pie, tucking in the edges around the side. Dab a little more butter over the surface and bake for 45 minutes until golden. Serve hot or warm.



LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillor of the month

INTRODUCING PETER BARNES

I was born and brought up in Bristol and graduated as a scientist. My early career took me to the University of York, where I worked on a Medical Research Council-funded human health project. After six years, I moved to Kent to join Pfizer Central Research, continuing in a similar field before moving into Internal Communications. After a varied and rewarding career, I took early retirement in 2003.

A constant throughout my life has been Scouting. I joined the Boy Scouts (as they were known then) in my youth, and the

movement has remained an important part of my life ever since. In 1985, I led a district team in Thanet before becoming County Commissioner for Kent Scouts. I later served as Chief Commissioner for the Scout Association in South East England and British Scouts Overseas, a role I held until 2008.

Within the local community, I have been actively involved with The Lyminge Association for many years, serving as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. For more than 12 years, I have also edited the Association's monthly newsletter, helping it evolve into the valued publication it is today. To me, the newsletter is the cement that helps bind together the many and varied organisations that make up our community.

I have also chaired the Patient Participation Group at Church Road Surgery for eight years, helping to provide feedback on local healthcare services and ensuring important information reaches patients.

I believe that effective councillors earn respect through trust, integrity and a genuine commitment to serving others. They need to be approachable, empathetic and aware of both community needs and future opportunities, while working to ensure that the organisations they represent are never let down. I hope that over the years I have developed many of these qualities.

If you see me around the village, please do stop and say hello.



The following meetings all take place at
LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

FULL COUNCIL Tuesday 15 September 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:**

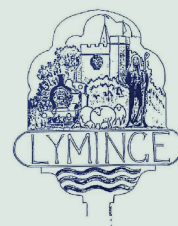
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Lyminge Parish encompasses the villages of Lyminge, Etchinghill and part of Rhodes Minnis and lies within the Kent Downs National Landscape.



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Many improvements take place behind the scenes and often go unnoticed, but they are essential to keeping the hall running smoothly and safely.

Over the past few months, we have:

- Replaced two fire doors to improve safety and meet current standards.
- Repaired and serviced the CCTV system, ensuring it is fully operational.
- Identified sections of guttering that require replacement and are planning these works as part of our ongoing maintenance programme.
- Restored hot water to the gent's toilets after it had been unavailable for more than a year.

During the pre-school summer holiday at the end of August, we scheduled two significant pieces of work. The entire electrical installation underwent a full inspection and service,

helping to ensure everything remains safe and compliant. At the same time, the hall received a comprehensive two-day deep clean. This was a major undertaking and one that was long overdue, as the hall had not had a full deep clean for a considerable time.

These improvements are part of a wider programme of maintenance and investment. As funds allow, we will continue to address both essential repairs and general improvements throughout the building. Our priority is to protect this valuable community asset and ensure it remains a welcoming, safe and well-maintained venue for the many groups, organisations and residents who use it.

While there is still more to do, every improvement brings us another step closer to ensuring the Village Hall meets the high standard our community deserves. We appreciate the continued support and patience of our hall users while these works are carried out and look forward to sharing further updates as more projects are completed.

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN BUSY WITH

Bench in Lyminge near main road and library restored and painted.

Bench in Well Field painted.

Guttering at Lyminge Village Hall cleared of debris.



If you would like to get in touch please email:

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Swifts: From the Congo to Kent and Back Again

“Swifts: From the Congo to Kent and Back Again”

This is a talk organised as part of the Canterbury Festival, to be held on Monday 19th October at 5.45pm at the Augustine Hall in Canterbury. Tickets are now on sale using the link below.

In this talk, Edward Mayer, founder of Swift Conservation, will explain his remarkable journey to protect the UK's Common Swift.

From childhood fascination to working with the RSPB, Edward will share how citizen action, architecture and collaboration can transform urban habitats for these extraordinary birds.

Discover the challenges Swifts face, the innovative solutions that safeguard their nesting sites, and how local communities across Britain and Europe are making a difference, including here in Kent.



See <https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/swifts-from-the-congo-to-kent-and-back-again/>

Swifts in Lyminge

Several pairs of swifts nest each year in Lyminge. This year the Parish Council funded the installation of some nest boxes designed for swifts, which hopefully will provide opportunities for additional pairs to nest locally. We will monitor these nest boxes over the next few years to see if and when they get used.

Swifts facts from the RSPB

Swifts migrate to the UK from Africa each year, and only spend a few months with us while they raise their chicks. Swifts begin arriving from late April, with most arriving in May. They then head back to Africa from early August onwards.

Swifts are incredible birds, and one of our greatest long-distance athletes. They've undertaken a crazy journey to get here, one of

the longest migration journeys in the world. Swifts fly around 22,000 km (or 14,000 miles) every year.

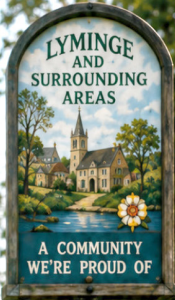


Swifts are superb flyers. Sleeping, eating, bathing and even mating on the wing (while flying), Swifts rarely touch the ground. They are also the fastest birds in level flight, with an impressive top speed of 69mph. Swifts are plain sooty brown, with a white throat, but in flight against the sky they appear black. They have curved wings and a forked tail. Swifts are summer visitors, breeding across the UK, but are most numerous in the south and east. Spending their winters in Africa, Swifts migrate more than 6,000 miles twice a year, stopping off to refuel in places like Portugal and France along the way.

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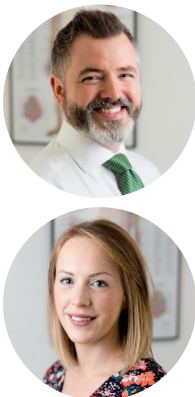
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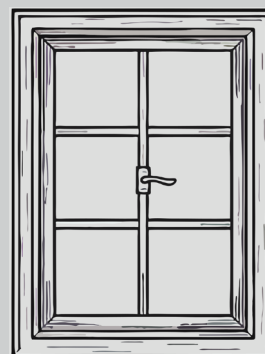
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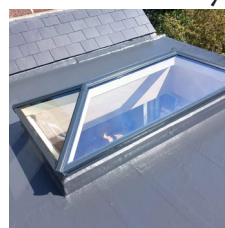
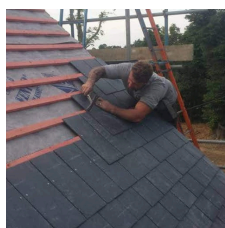
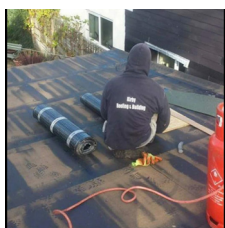
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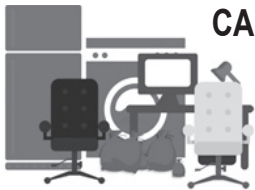


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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



The picture on the left shows the dining hall of the old workhouse in Etchinghill, on the site of what is now Meriden Park. The site was redeveloped as housing in the 1990s, and the picture on the right shows roughly the same view as it is today.

In the 18th Century, the poor of the parish were cared for within the parish. In Lyminge, there were a few houses where old people lived together communally, with their rents paid by the ratepayers, while others had a spare room in a house with a family, for which the rent was paid. This arrangement not only provided care for the elderly person but also extra income for the householder.

Provision for the poor changed with new legislation in 1834 that created poor law unions of parishes. The Elham Union was created in 1835, initially of 18



local parishes but a year later increased to include Folkestone and Hythe. This new institution needed new premises, which were built at Etchinghill. The new workhouse, as it was commonly called, was built economically using recycled bricks.

A newspaper report of 1902 describes the premises as sound but quite spartan. The menu served in the communal dining hall changed daily but was the same each week: on Sunday, for example, residents could look forward to bread, margarine and coffee for breakfast, and the same for supper with tea substituted for coffee. Dinner in the middle of the day comprised 16 oz (454g) of suet pudding for men and 14 oz (397g) of meat pudding and vegetables for women. In a time before state pensions, the workhouse did at least provide regular meals, medical care and a bed to sleep in.

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” — Mark Twain

“Action is the foundational key to all success.” — Pablo Picasso



CYCLING TO PARIS

Ninety-two cyclists set off from Blackheath in South East London on Wednesday 22nd July, stopping off for refreshments at Etchinghill Village Hall before continuing to Paris, France. Half of the cyclists had reached Etchinghill by 2pm with the remainder arriving during the following hour.

The weather was cloudy and dry which is ideal for serious cycling.

THE WISHING WELL

As many villagers will have seen, the roof of the recently renovated listed building, **The Wishing Well on Well Road, Lyminge**, was recently damaged by a delivery vehicle.

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It is also worth recording that three local roofing businesses generously offered to carry out the repair at no cost. This was an extremely kind gesture.

Our thanks to everyone involved in identifying the vehicle, clearing up and helping to resolve the incident.



Acrise Summer Festival

The Acrise Summer Festival was held at St Martin's church grounds on Saturday, 1st August. For the first time in months the heavens opened and it rained torrentially for the half hour that **Lyminge Church Choir** were "on stage". However, they calmly completed their set despite the microphones being switched off midway through to avoid electrocution as everyone and everything got soaked.



So long, farewell...



I'm sure all the patrons from Lyminge and the surrounding area will want to join us in wishing **Eric and Nicky** all the very best as they move on from **The Coffee Cabin**.

Over the past five years, they have earned a great deal of respect and affection from people from all walks of life, while supporting and contributing to many village events and activities.

They will leave the premises on **30th September** for a well-earned rest before looking for new opportunities to keep themselves busy and active. Thankfully, they reassure us that they will be remaining in the area!

Good luck to you both, Eric and Nicky, and thank you for all you have done for the Coffee Cabin and the wider community. You will certainly be missed.

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