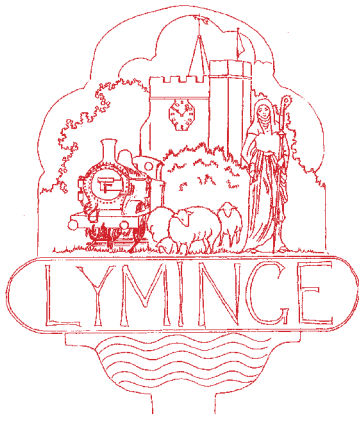




THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

OCTOBER 2026



Lyminge Parish Council **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**



COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL - 10AM TO 2PM

The Neighbourhood Plan is designed to give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what new buildings look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and have a say about what they want to see go ahead.

Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for types of development to meet their communities needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Copies of the plan will be held in Lyminge Library and can also be viewed on our website - www.lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

More details can be found on Page 19 of this newsletter.

You can also comment by emailing -

clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk or by scanning the QR code



THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION AGM - 8TH OCTOBER (SEE P3)

Margaret Saunder's Meanderings

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

October

Daylight dwindles into the softness of the twilight time, between day and night when the world begins to quieten as birdsong ceases. In this month of October, the Hunter or Harvest Moon is a supermoon, stunning as it rises, gracefully moving on its orbit across the sky. The name Hunter's Moon harks back to historic preparations for winter in the northern hemisphere, when people would hunt and then preserve the meat to see them through Winter until Spring arrived, bringing the opportunity for fresh meat. It is also called Harvest Moon, a name given in the past when the full moon would help farmers continue to work into the evening and nighttime, harvesting their crops.

Bright and vivid Autumn colours are everywhere. Walls and buildings are clad in crimson creepers; flame red trees glow amongst the remaining green trees; yellow, orange and copper are the colours of the many beech trees and hedges; horse chestnut trees have had rust-coloured leaves since the end of Summer, their conkers now falling in their spiky green shells, splitting then spilling out their shiny mahogany-coloured seeds, some of which have flat sides where two or more have shared the same pod. Puffs of wind send a flutter of leaves from



trees, their descent soft and silent. Carpets of bright yellow leaves have fallen around the trunks of the lime trees in Sibton Park, like pools of light underneath a street lamp. Fungi proliferate and are particularly noticeable on rotten wood in many shapes, sizes and colours. Dazzlingly bright seeds from a magnolia tree attract my attention on Canterbury Road.

The clocks change, going back an hour, which always seems to bring Winter that much closer. The evening hour is snatched from us but we barely notice that an hour has been given to us in the morning.

Storm Benjamin sweeps across the country in the middle of the month, bringing down leaves, twigs, branches and whole trees. At Fisherman's Beach, the waves pound in from the west, leaving uprooted seaweed high up the shingle bank. Dead dogfish lie like litter over the pebbles – an easy meal for the seagulls. Wind whips at our clothes and faces as we walk across the pristine sand patches, the first ones to leave our footprints after the retreating tide. The red flag is flying indicating that the ranges are in use, so we stop at this point, regretting that we cannot continue our walk along the shore between

the breakwaters. Soon we hear the rat-a-tat-tat of rapid machine gun fire. The Hythe Ranges were established in 1853 as the practice ranges for the newly established Hythe School of Musketry (renamed Small Arms School in 1919). These ranges are some of the oldest ranges in the country and have been used for live firing for nearly 200 years. The ranges were also used by the Royal Flying Corps and were home to the School of Aerial Gunnery.



Driving along the A2 soon after the sun has dipped below the horizon, the light rapidly begins to diminish. I turn into the valley and already the colours of the landscape are fading, turning

the conifers on the skyline into black conical silhouettes. Dark lines indicate the hedgerows enclosing fields where cattle graze, the white on their hides still visible in the dying light of the day.

It is late October and I wake early. At 5.30 I go outside to watch the dawn arrive. Yesterday was dark, dull and full of rain. This morning the sky is clear – to the west it is a soft indigo with stars scattered across its vastness. Dawns in the Winter half of the year are slow to arrive



allowing their beauty to be better appreciated. To the east, along the length of the hills, the palest of yellow begins to overtake the deep blue. Above the horizon,

the twinkling morning star shines bright and clear. No vapour trails mar the perfection before me. In the distance an owl hoots its last calls of the night; a blackbird's alarm call sounds, faint but clear; a robin in the tree next to me lets out a short trill of song; dewdrops drip, pattering onto fallen leaves; sparkling dew mimics the stars, the drops winking as a faint breeze passes over the stalks of grass; the church clock rings out six o'clock and the village begins to prepare for another day. Sun and a strong breeze follow the dawn, bringing down a fresh leaf-fall, the wind sending the leaves scurrying along paths and roads and whirling around corners, finally ending up in heaps when they have nowhere else to blow. It is well and truly Autumn.

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
4th October	10.15am	Lyminge - Valley Service with Mrs Keeley Taylor
11th October	11.00am	Lyminge - Local Arrangement
18th October	10.15am	Valley Service with Rev Peter Cornish
25th October	11.00am	Lyminge - Mr Hugh Burnham
1st November	10.15am	Rhodes Minnis - Valley Service with Rev Gill Songer

RHODES MINNIS		
Date	Time	Event
4th October	10.15am	Valley Service at Lyminge Mrs Keeley Taylor
11th October	9.30am	A Local Arrangement – Harvest Festival
18th October	10.15am	Valley Service at Elham Rev Peter Cornish
25th October	9.30am	A Local Arrangement
1st November	10.15am	Valley Service at Rhodes Minnis Rev Gill Songer

St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Date	Location	Time	Event
4th October	Lyminge	10am	WOW (Ways of Worship) Mike Chinneck and the Worship Band
	Paddlesworth	4pm	Evensong BCP - Janet Butcher-Weisner
11th October	Lyminge	8am 6pm	Said Holy Communion - BCP Revd Sharon Paine Sung Evensong - Janet Butcher-Weisner
18th October	Lyminge Paddlesworth	10am- 4pm	Holy Eucharist CW1 Revd Michael Dakins Evening Holy Communion BCP Revd Sharon Paine.
25th October	Lyminge	10am	Family Praise Service - Katherine Goody and Team

For weddings and baptisms, please contact the Benefice Secretary, Alison Dale, at beneficeadmin@elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk
Further information can be found from the Church Wardens:
Lyle Arnold 07905 438357 or Mike Chinneck 01303 863911

The Lyminge Association

A G M

8th October 2026

at the

Bowls Club 7.30pm

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Lyminge Newsletter

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Winter Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday December 12th 2026

10am - 3pm

Lyminge Village Hall,

Woodland Road
Lyminge CT18 8HW

Join us for Art, Handmade Crafts,
and delicious treats!

Garden marigold
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"Autumn Sown Annuals"

A talk by Ed Flint

Tuesday 20th October
The Tayne Centre
Refreshments from 7:15pm
Talk starts 7:30pm

**Non Members
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£5 entry including
refreshments**



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




THE LYMINGE ART GROUP
ARE HOSTING A

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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.

ONE-OFF EVENTS

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st October	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Concert	EVH	
3rd October		Boot Fayre & End of Year Clearance Sale	LW	
8th October	7.30pm	Lyminge Assoc. AGM	LBC	
13th October	10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	LL	
17th October		Litter Pick	EVH	
24th October	10am	Neighbourhood Plan Referendum	LVH	
24th October	10am	Coffee Morning	SMCH	
24th October	6.45pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07702625474
31st October	11am	Coffee Morning with Cantores	LMC	
14th November	7pm	Toccata & Treats	SMCH	
17th November	7pm	People's Emergency Briefing	ELVH	
24th November	4.45pm	Switch on Lyminge Lights	LL	
29th November	4pm	Christmas tree lighting up	EVH	
1st December		Mount Pleasant Close Christmas lights		Until 5th January
5th December	7pm	The Big Fat Christmas Quiz	EVH	

WEEKLY EVENTS

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951 572920
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951 698008
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369 225021
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951 698008
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870 405567
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834 839801
Tues	1pm	Seated Yoga	TC	
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	862696
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	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
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
2nd Tues	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	LVH	07999 403948
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
1st Wed	7pm	Open Mic Night	C&H	01303901403
2nd Wed	7pm	Bingo	C&H	01303901403
3rd Wed	7pm	Quiz	C&H	01303901403
4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	864256
4th Wed	7.30pm	Music Bingo	C&H	01303901403
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



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Etchinghill update

- October 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

AUTUMN LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

(Subject to weather)

Volunteers should meet outside the village hall at 10.00am to collect the high-vis jackets, rubbish sacks etc. The collection usually takes no more than 1-2 hours. All help is gratefully received.

FILM NIGHT – ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL – MONDAY 19th OCTOBER – DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30 START – 'BILLY ELLIOT' 2000 (15) Run time: 1hr 46mins.

A talented young boy wants to be a professional ballet dancer. But when his father refuses to support his dream, he secretly goes to ballet classes. However, things change when his father sees him dancing. 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 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. PLEASE NOTE – Only assistance dogs can be brought into the village hall.

**RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
TO WESTFIELD LANE** – The farmer has requested that the gateway area at the

bottom of the BT road opposite the entrance to Westfield Heights be **KEPT CLEAR OF VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES**. Regular, immediate access to the field will be required for very large machinery as shown *in the photo on back page*.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
WITH THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANISATION - 'PURPLE
FOR POLIO'** – Roger Joyce, Chair of Lyminge Parish Council, has arranged for the Parish Council to buy 1,000 purple crocus corms and will be looking for spaces where they can be planted (volunteer planting days potentially in October) and locations for explanation boards in verges and public spaces to explain what a sea of purple symbolises. Roger has received a couple of offers of publicly visible but privately owned spaces, so if you would be interested helping get the Etchinghill area planted contact Roger on 07775 621418. See back page.



ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White
f Etchinghill Village Hall Kent
Bookings:

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

TODDLER GROUP – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

- a fun morning starting at 10am for your toddler – with snacks too.

A gentle reminder that our car park is available for Rambling/Walking Groups for a donation please. The village hall is a charity and all costs have to be met to keep everything in good order for our users. Please telephone the Duty Manager to see if space is available on the day you wish as some booked parties require the use of the whole car park. Thank you.

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

**ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

Film Night

MONDAY 19th October
"BILLY ELLIOT"
15 - Run Time: 1hr 46mins.

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' updates

October 2026

Government Re-organisation – on 6 September there was a Ministerial Statement advising that re-organisation in Kent has been paused for the decision to be reviewed! Apparently there was concern about the legality of the situation. It was also confirmed that the normal cycle of local elections will take place next May. I have submitted a motion for full Council to discuss on 7 October. This can be viewed on the website from 1 October.

Local Plan Scoping Consultation - FHDC is preparing a new Local Plan and is inviting comments from local people. Details can be found on a new dedicated webpage at www.folkestoneandhythelocalplan.co.uk There is, in addition, a Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report on which the Council is also seeking comments. Comments can be made on both consultations via the website. The consultation ends at 4pm on Friday 16 October.

Folca 2 – FHDC has submitted a planning application aimed at preparing the Art Deco section of the building to become an active mixed-used building with commercial units and a medical centre. Subject to NHS approval, two GP practices will occupy the upper floors of this building, while

retail and commercial tenants will be located on the ground and basement levels. Comments are invited on this application 26/1453/FH via the planning portal by 8 October 2026.

Eurostar - Residents are being asked to participate in a survey to help demonstrate the level of demand for the return of international rail services to Kent. No international trains have stopped in Kent since 2020, when Eurostar withdrew services from Ashford during the Covid pandemic. The survey has been created by campaign group Bring Back Euro Trains. You can complete the questionnaire here.

In the last month I attended the farewell service for Rev Carol Bates at Elham as she moves on from the Elham Valley Group of Churches Benefice to a new church in Wigan. I also attended the September Parish Council Meeting.

Contact: jennyhollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Elaine sends her apologies for no information this month as she is currently on holiday.

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



It will soon be that time of year again...
(Oh yes it will!)

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***We usually meet each month
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between 10:00am and Noon
at The Coach & Horses, Lyminge***

**Next Meetings
5th and 19th October**

***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
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OR HEATHER ON 07427 664 084**

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Fun, friendship, and activities for everyone

At Age UK Hythe, our Day Services are all about bringing people together to enjoy stimulating, engaging and enjoyable activities in a welcoming and supportive environment. We offer a wide range of activities to suit every interest, from singing, art and painting, to cooking sessions and craft projects. For those who enjoy being active, we also provide opportunities for gentle physical activities such as New Age Curling and chair-based exercises.



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.

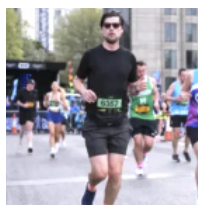


For more details please contact:
Age UK Hythe, Lyminge & Ashford
01303 269602

www.ageuk.org.uk/hythelymingeashford/

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Support Liam Gear in the 2027 London Marathon Running in honour of his Grandad, Alan Boughton

I'm beyond overwhelmed and incredibly grateful to finally say that, after many years of trying, I will be running the **2027 London Marathon** in support of the **Royal British Legion**. I'm running in honour of my Grandad, **Alan Boughton**, who dedicated over 40 years of his life to the Royal British Legion. He was passionate about supporting veterans, serving his community and helping others. I couldn't have been more proud to call him my Grandad.

He was a huge inspiration throughout my life, and this is my way of making him proud while raising money for a charity that meant so much to him. Every donation, however large or small, will help support serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. I'm truly grateful for every bit of support along the way. Thank you for helping me honour my Grandad's legacy and raise money for such an incredible cause.

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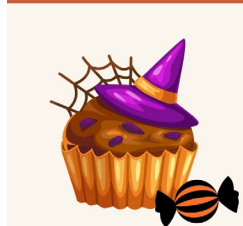
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Lyminge before the Conquest: from Pioneer Settlement to Royal Estate to Holy Shrine
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(due to unforeseen circumstances, our previously advertised speaker has had to cancel and so our October talk will now be)



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All our publications are on sale at our meetings,
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings for 2026 will continue with:
3 November: The Ship Swallower: Wrecks on the Goodwin Sands – John Buss
1 December: Mystery and make-believe: a miscellany of things you (probably) never knew about Lyminge Parish Church – Rob Baldwin (preceded by the AGM)

Lyminge Community Hub CIC

JUBILEE BUILDING – HAVE YOUR SAY

The District Council (FHDC) owns the **Jubilee Building at Everist Court**, formerly occupied by Age UK. FHDC has now submitted a planning application to **convert this community building into housing for five older vulnerable people**, as part of its response to the district's housing needs.

If approved, this will mean that **Lyminge has no building that can provide a community hub for everyone.**

That matters. We already face increasing social isolation in Lyminge and the wider Elham Valley and there will be **no obvious meeting place for the people moving into the 47 new homes at the Fairways development, or the proposed development at Lyndon Field** to meet neighbours, make friends and become part of village life.

YOUR VIEWS MATTER

It is **not too late to comment** on this change of use. You have until **at least mid-October** to make your views known.

Please email: planning@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Quote planning application **25/1203/FH** and explain why you believe the community's need for a shared hub should be properly considered before this valuable community asset is lost.

Please don't leave it until the last minute – make your voice heard.



Etchinghill Remembrance Making a Sea of Poppies

After a successful knitting/crochet meet up in September, another event has been organised at the

**Gatekeepers Pub in Etchinghill,
Tuesday 13th October from 1pm**

Everyone is welcome and there's no need to book. However, if you're planning to come along, please contact Denise so that we have an idea of numbers.

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

No need to 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

Lyminge Community Hub CIC

MINUTE SECRETARY WANTED

Our group urgently needs a new **Minute Secretary**, following the departure of our current secretary for personal reasons.

We meet approximately every two weeks, usually in the evening, as necessary. Our main focus is continuing to campaign for a Community Hub for everyone in Lyminge and the wider Elham Valley.

If you could spare a little time to support this important community project, we would love to hear from you.

Interested? Please get in touch for more information.

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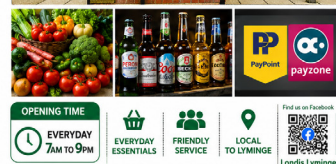
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Lyminge Friends

Our next Social Meeting will be on **Wednesday, 7th October** when **Pete Warren** will join us 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 aircraft and the Hawker Hunter. He now instructs on the B777/787. He is still fascinated by flying.

Our meeting on **Wednesday, 4th November** is our second Community meeting of the year and the **Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance** will be telling us about the brilliant work the charity does. **There will be no charge for this meeting.**

Also, our 2027 programme will be available to view.

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 Friends enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Coach & Horses in September and were well looked after by Darren and Emma

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

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Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Monday 26th October at The Coach & Horses**



Lynsted Community Kitchen Gardens

Five years ago, Lynsted Park, near Sittingbourne, offered a field to the local community, provided it was used to benefit local people. Vanessa Ross Russell seized the opportunity, and what followed has been remarkable.

Vanessa, a passionate gardener of 30 years, invited households in Teynham and Lynsted to join a community kitchen garden. Within 24 hours, 24 people had signed up — and Lynsted Community Kitchen Gardens (LCKG) was born.

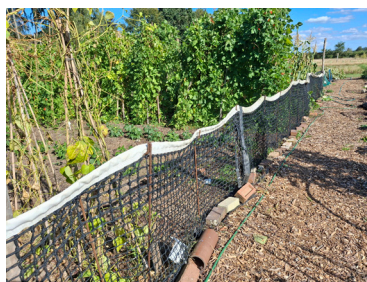


Unlike a traditional allotment, LCKG is a collective venture. Members work together and, in return, can pick fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables throughout the year. Today, the garden provides produce for around 80 families.

Membership is open to people living within roughly six miles. There is an optional £20 annual contribution, but cost is never a barrier and children are free. Education is also important, with children involved as ambassadors on the management committee.

Volunteers of all ages and experience levels work together,

learning about gardening and sustainable methods such as 'No Dig'. The gardens have become a wonderful example of recycling and community ingenuity. Crops are often grown from saved seed, rainwater is collected for irrigation and recycled materials have been used for crop hoops and rabbit fencing. Donations have provided compost and a polytunnel, allowing salad crops to be grown year-round.



There is also a beehive area, a wheelchair-accessible herb and wellness garden supported by the B Foundation, a newly planted vineyard and an organic flower area managed by Claire from Nettle & Bloom, all contributing to biodiversity.

But LCKG is about much more than growing food. It provides friendship, purpose, learning and a place where people can simply feel part of a community. During my visit, a couple arrived to collect salad crops for their evening meal after a particularly difficult two-day experience at A&E. 'We just want to be here,' they said — a lovely illustration of what the garden means to people.

It is easy to see why LCKG has received recognition from the RHS and BBC, and this year won Gold from the Kent Wildlife Trust in its Wilder Kent awards.

For more information and details of future events, visit

www.lynstedkitchengarden.com

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

SQUASH AND SAGE RISOTTO

- 1kg squash peeled and cut into bite-size chunks
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- bunch of sage: leaves picked, half roughly chopped, half left whole
- 1½l vegetable stock
- 50g butter
- 1 onion - finely chopped
- 300g risotto: arborio or carnaroli
- 1 small glass white wine
- 50g parmesan: or vegetarian alternative, finely grated

Method

Heat oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. Toss the squash with 1 tbsp oil and chopped sage. Roast in a shallow tin for 30 mins, until browned and tender.

Meanwhile, bring the stock to a gentle simmer. Melt half the butter in a separate pan, add the onions and cook gently for 8–10 mins until soft. Stir in the rice and cook until glossy and the edges become transparent.

Add the wine and simmer until absorbed. Gradually add the hot stock, one ladle at a time, stirring continuously, for 25–30 mins, until the rice is al dente and the risotto is creamy and slightly soupy.

Fry the whole sage leaves in a little oil until crisp; drain on kitchen paper. Mash half the roasted squash and leave the rest in chunks.

When the risotto is ready, stir in the squash purée, cheese and remaining butter. Rest for a few minutes, then serve topped with the squash pieces and crispy sage.





LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

The Court Lodge Green cut

OR KNOWN TO MOST AS THE BUMPY FIELD

The bottom part of Court Lodge Green was cut in early August, and the cuttings removed. The top part will be cut later in the year, with some patches left uncut.

This staggered approach to the annual cut and collect is intended to help provide a diversity of vegetation cover to help wildlife over the winter, whilst removing the cuttings reduces nutrient levels in the soil therefore allowing a wider diversity of plant species to flourish than would do under higher nutrient levels which would

benefit a smaller number of tall grasses and other aggressive plants.

The relatively late cuts allow most wildflowers to seed and therefore replenish the diversity of the seed bank in the soil ready for next year. Similarly, areas of particularly high flower diversity in the lower part of the Green, including areas of Red Bartsia flowers, were left alone during the August cut for the same reason, and also to allow local pollinators to continue to benefit from the flowers for as long as possible.



The following meetings all take place at LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

FULL COUNCIL Tuesday 20 October 19.00

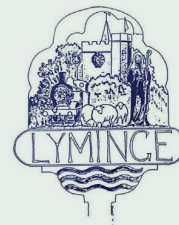
Please note all planning meetings will now be held at Lyminge Village Hall. Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website.

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



Neighbourhood Plan Development update

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE. THE TIMELINE HAS CHANGED SLIGHTLY FROM THE LAST UPDATE, BUT WE ARE NOW ON TRACK.

Just a reminder of the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan which is designed to give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area.

They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

The next steps are:

1. Review of the draft plan
2. The Draft NHP will be presented at the September Full Council for sign off accepting that there may be some minor amendments following.
3. Commence The parish consultation period of 6 weeks minimum commencing the 1st of October to 12th November
4. Final amendments to the plan and submission of final Neighbourhood Plan to Folkestone Hythe District Council before Christmas.

The consultation meeting will be held at Lyminge Village Hall on 24th October 10am – 2pm. We would welcome your feedback on the plan. See front page.

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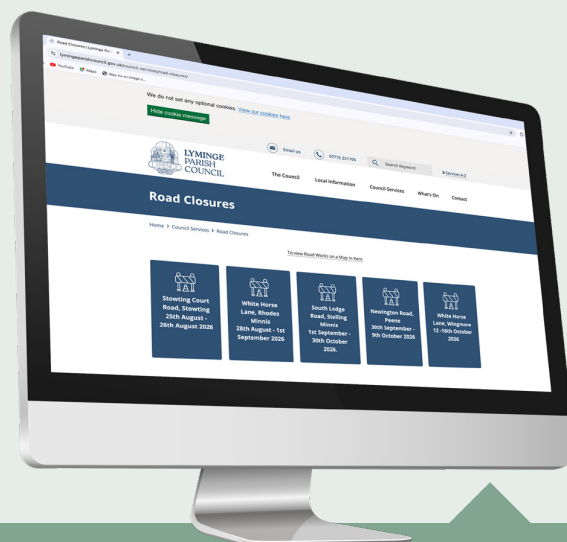
Roadworks and road closures

We have updated the Road Closures section of the Lyminge Parish Council website to make it easier to find information about roadworks and closures in our area.

Visit www.lymingeparishcouncil.gov.uk and select Council Services, followed by Road Closures.

From there, simply click on the information you are looking for. You will be taken to Causeway one.network, where you can view details of current and planned roadworks and road closures.

We hope the updated pages make it quicker and easier to find the information you need.



If you would like to get in touch please email:

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Sibton Park Flooding Project: From Plans to Progress

With support from landowner HPB, the South East Rivers Trust, Natural England, Kent County Council and Kent Cricket, a nature-based scheme has been developed to reduce flood risk, restore habitats and improve the long-term resilience of the area around Sibton Park Cricket Club.

Turning the plans into action

Detailed designs are now being developed for a Natural Flood Management scheme in the fields around the cricket ground. Surveys are underway and monitoring equipment has been installed to help understand how water moves through the landscape. The scheme includes approximately 1 km of new hedgerow planting, together with wetland and water-retention features designed to slow and hold water in the landscape, reducing pressure on the cricket ground while benefiting wildlife.

What happens next?

Community engagement events are planned for the autumn and winter, providing an opportunity to hear more about the proposals and contribute to their development.

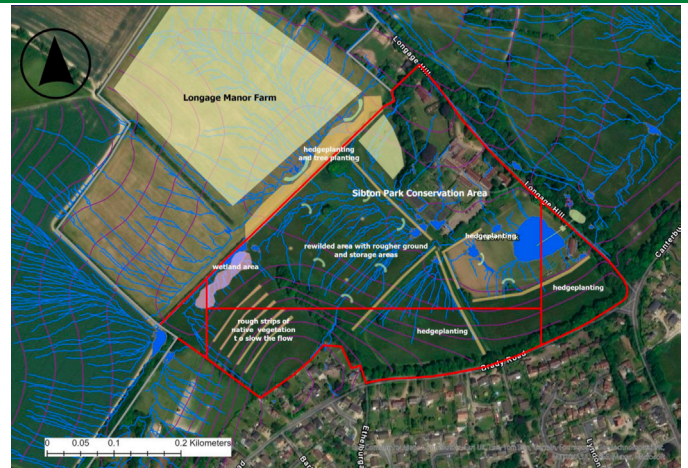


Figure 1: Map showing the proposed measures for the Sibton Park naturalised area to their development.

The aim is to protect the cricket ground for future generations, create new habitats and make the wider landscape more resilient to climate change.

Dates will be advertised in the newsletter and online once confirmed.

Have You Seen It - The People's Emergency Briefing?

There's a bit of a buzz going round. You may have heard people asking: "**Have you seen it – the People's Emergency Briefing?**"

Recently, a husband was slightly irritated because his wife had already seen it and he hadn't! So, what exactly is it, and what is all the fuss about?

In November 2025, leading experts briefed an audience of more than 1,200 politicians, together with leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media, about the very real risks that the escalating climate and nature crises pose to our **health, food supply, national security and economy**.

Many of the scientists, academics and specialists involved had also contributed to a climate change report commissioned by the Government. However, the report was not ultimately released to the public, for reasons that remain unclear.

The National Emergency Briefing is an independent, citizen-led initiative based on the advice presented by these experts. Communities across the UK are being encouraged by public figures, including MPs from a range of political parties, to screen the **People's Emergency Briefing** film and help broaden awareness of the seriousness of the situation.

The film is a 50-minute documentary that brings together key excerpts from the original briefing, explaining the latest science and its implications in a clear and accessible way. It also includes reactions from members of the public and some familiar faces from television. There are a few lighter moments, but for the most part it is pretty hard-hitting and is recommended for audiences aged 16 and over.

Given the Met Office report that **summer 2026 was the UK's hottest summer on record**, together with the alarming news of wildfires across the country, the effects of a changing climate are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.

So, what's the point of an emergency briefing film?

The message is that, as a nation, we are not yet doing enough to reduce the risks or prepare for the changes that are already happening. The organisers believe we need to spread awareness so that our friends, families and colleagues understand the science and its implications.

They are also calling for people to lobby their elected representatives and the Government to hold **an official, prime-time televised National Emergency Briefing**, in which the Prime Minister would address the nation about the implications of the climate and nature crises.

But perhaps just as importantly, the film is intended to encourage conversations within our own communities about what we can do locally — and how we can take positive action to make our communities more resilient in the face of a rapidly changing climate and continuing loss of nature.

The **People's Emergency Briefing** was screened at Stelling Minnis Village Hall in July, and we are currently trying to organise a screening for the communities of the Lyminge Parish.

In the meantime, there's an opportunity to see the film at **Elham Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 17 November 2026**. See Page 21

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Land east of Canterbury Road:
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Quinn Estates has submitted an outline planning application to Folkestone & Hythe District Council for up to 18 new homes on land east of Canterbury Road, Lyminge. The application has now been validated under reference 26/1481/FH.

The proposals include a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes, four of which would be affordable, together with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our consultation earlier this year, including the 75 or so residents who attended the exhibition at the Village Hall in June. Your feedback has directly shaped the scheme. Changes include road safety improvements around the bus stop and a better crossing on Canterbury Road, a refinement of the drainage strategy informed by further information provided by Southern Water, design principles reflecting traditional Kent materials, and landscape buffers along neighbouring boundaries to ensure screening.

The full application, including all supporting documents, can be viewed on the Folkestone & Hythe District Council planning portal by searching for reference 26/1481/FH. Comments can be submitted directly to the Council through the portal.

An explanation of purpose behind The People's Emergency Briefing and its implications can be found on the adjoining page (p20)

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Pilgrims Hospices, thanks to the wonderful support of traders and visitors.

Sadly, for a variety of reasons, principally health, the Elham Christmas Market will not be taking place at the Village Hall this year. We know this will be disappointing for many of you.

However, we are working on an *online version of the Market*, where you will be able to find many of the lovely traders who have supported us over the years. Keep an eye on elhamchristmasmarket.co.uk for further details.

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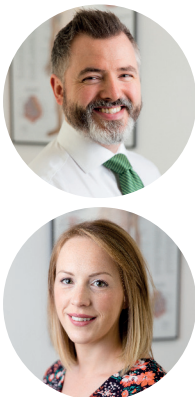
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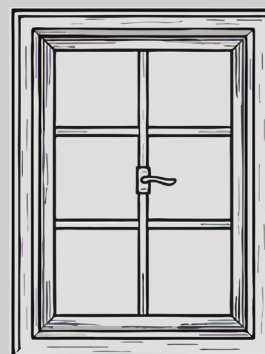
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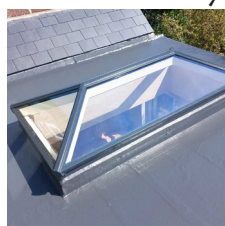
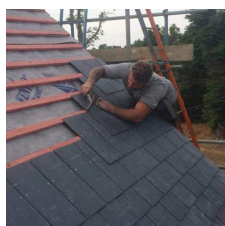
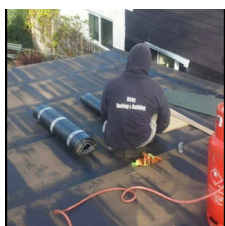
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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



This view may be a little hard to recognise at first. It is taken on Canterbury Road, looking down the hill with Yew Tree Cross behind, just opposite the entrance to Mount Pleasant, part of which is visible to the right. The slight retaining wall where the drive meets the road is still there. There are also still lots of trees, but there is now much more hedging than there was in the early years of the last century.

The wooden-faced building that is prominent in the left-hand picture, and just visible in the picture on the right with the gable peeping over the hedge, was built sometime between 1896 and 1907, since it appears on the Ordnance Survey map of the later date but not the earlier. The image on the left comes from a postcard post-dated 1931. The lady standing on the road by the entrance appears to be dressed in Edwardian style, so this photo could be



pre-First World War, but it may equally date to the 1920s.

Mount Pleasant dates to the 17th Century although it was refaced in the late 1700s or early 1800s making it appear much newer than it actually is. It is one of the oldest houses in Lyminge. At the time the photo on the left was taken, it was occupied by Hubert Finn-Kelcey and his family. He ran a land management business from the estate office in Station Road, still an estate agency today although under different ownership. Finn-Kelcey also ran the weekly produce market in Station Road. A much larger live stock sale took place every two months or so. Three great sheds and extensive stock pens occupied the area between the pharmacy and Everist Court where houses were built in the 1960s.

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