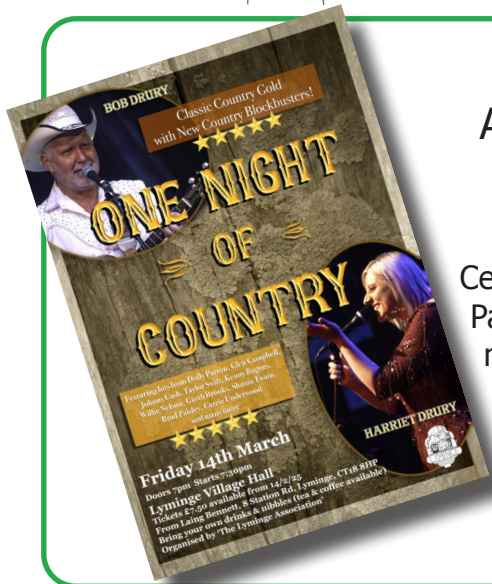


THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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One Night of Country

An unforgettable evening of country classics with
Bob and Harriet Drury

Celebrating timeless hits of country legends such as Shania Twain, Dolly Parton, Taylor Swift, Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and many more. A magical night with this extraordinary father-daughter duo who capture the spirit and heart of country music with their harmonies and soaring voices.

7.30pm Friday 14th March - Lyminge Village Hall
Tickets (£7.50 each) available from Laing Bennett

GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

See P 9 & 31 for
further details

AK Healthcare



Adam and Katie, the osteopaths from AK Healthcare in Lyminge, are thrilled to welcome **Sharon Doolan** to our team. On Thursdays, Sharon will be offering Clinical Solution Focused Hypnotherapy, foot reflexology, Indian Head Massage and upper back/neck/shoulder massage in our clinic.

She has a wealth of experience in helping people with challenges around stress and anxiety, weight management, fears and phobias as well as offering relaxation through hands on therapeutic massage and reflexology.

To ask Sharon how she can help you and to book in with her, please contact her directly on 07983537463 or email:

sharon@holisticmindbodyandsoul.co.uk

To contact osteopaths Adam and Katie, call 07904 311 554 or email: info@akhealthcare.org.uk

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

It is a bright and raw morning and one of February's frosty starts. After so many dull misty days it is a pleasure to be out in the morning sunshine. I am once more at the Hythe Military Canal, starting from the same point as last month's walk, but walking in the opposite direction, towards Folkestone.

After passing some allotments, I cross the road by the RHDR station and walk alongside the water rather than taking the normal path. As the easterly wind is bitter, I choose to start my walk on the south side of the canal so that I might gather a little warmth from the sun. Pausing for a few moments on a bench I watch the rippling reflection of the reeds whilst listening to birdsong all around. Traffic noise is audible but not intrusive, allowing their songs to be heard clearly. A pair of moorhens is swimming near the opposite bank, upending as they feed on vegetation underwater. Floating on the surface three small yellow leaves bob about on the undulating ripples, making negligible progress as the canal water does not flow like a stream. Two mallards, male and female, dabble by ducking into the water to feed, their pale rear ends rising vertically into the air.



A milepost, in the shape of an upturned fish tail, tells me I am twenty four miles from Rye and six miles from Folkestone. Painted deep blue and decorated with marine shapes in gold, this milepost is one of a thousand 'Millennium Mileposts' erected by the National Cycle Network to mark its creation and was funded by the Royal Bank of Scotland. It is Cycle Route 2 which runs from Dover to St Austell, along the south coast.



The Royal Military Canal was built under the supervision of the Royal Staff Corps and was operated by Soldiers of the Royal Waggon Train. The latter was disbanded in 1832 when it was absorbed into the Royal Army Service Corps. Archaeological evidence shows that the original bridges across the canal were swing bridges. Much of its entire length is designated as a Local Wildlife Site and weed barges regularly cut the reeds and water lilies to maintain a channel for boats and fishermen. Towards the end of the section that runs alongside Portland Road, stone and then cement have been used to stabilize the canal bank, continuing all the way to Twiss Road. In the Summer months between Easter and October, rowing boats can be hired and an electric boat runs a cruise westwards along the canal.

Crossing Stade Street I continue along the north side as this is now in the sun. Seagulls bask on the bank preening and resting while many ducks peck in the grass or swim in pairs on the water, the female always leading the male (or even two!) indicating the mating season is around the corner. Pied wagtails wag their tails up and down on the opposite bank searching for insects and seeds. I take the bridge by the white War Memorial and continue along the south bank. Buffeted by the wind, a small white feather spirals, pirouetting its way along like a ballerina, light enough and mostly proud of the surface to become mobile. Two crows peck in the grass, their glossy black plumage shining in the sunlight. On reaching Twiss Road I cross the bridge and turn back westwards along the north side, stopping off at Waitrose for a warming cup of tea, as my fingers are now numb and I'm finding it difficult to write my notes.

Once warm again with the sun on my left, I spot snowdrops and crocuses around the base of a tree. High up, spherical seeds hang from a plane tree and straight golden twigs push skywards from willow trees. A memorial to the civilian navvies who dug the canal, one holding a pickaxe and the other a shovel, sits alongside the path. Soldiers built the ramparts. It took four and a half years to build and after the threat of invasion had passed, it was used in an effort to control smuggling on Romney Marsh, with limited success. During the Second World War the canal was manned by the 31st Independent Brigade Group, who fortified each salient with barbed wire entanglements and a concrete pillbox, many of the latter still survive today.



Walking close to the water once again, I notice some butterbur plants, their pretty pink flowers almost lost amongst their bright green foliage. In the days before fridges, butter was wrapped in the leaves of this plant in an effort to keep it cool and clean. As an early flowering plant, they provide pollen and nectar for bees and insects when little else is available.



From its defensive military beginnings to the current status of Local Wildlife Site, the canal is now a great asset to the local area and one to be enjoyed at any time of year.

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 4.

Location and name codes below:

One-Off Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
05-Mar	11.15am	Singing for All	TC		26-Apr	7pm	Spring Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
12-Mar	11.15am	Singing for All	LMC		26-Apr	7.15pm	Race Night	SPCC	7850074818
13-Mar	12.30pm	Dementia Café	EGC		27-Apr	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
14-Mar	7.30pm	Concert: The Drurys	LVH	863737	21-29 June		LYMINGE FESTIVAL 2025		863737
19-Mar	11.15am	Singing for All	LMC		18-20 July		Summer Parish on Parade		
20-Mar	10am	Dominoes/Scrabble	LBC		19-Jul		The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	
22-Mar	7pm	Quiz Night	SPCC	7850074818	19-21 July		Summer Parish on Parade	JF	
23-Mar	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH		14-Sep	9am	Garage Sale		863600
26-Mar	11.15am	Singing for All	LMC		25-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
29-Mar	10.00 am	Spring Litter Pick	EVH	07544 670363	30-Nov	4.45pm	Christmas Lighting Event	Meriden Park	07544 670363
12-Apr	9am	Garage Sale		863600	07-Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Sun	5.30pm	The Dragonglyz Centre	EVH		Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10am	Dementia Daybreak	AUKL	269602	Wed	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817777975
Mon	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Wed	11.15am	Singing For All (term time only)	TC/LMC	269602
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicæ Choir	LVH	07778 333339
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Thurs	10am	Boxfit (non-contact)	AUKL	269602
Mon	1pm	Lyminge Knitters	AUKL	269602	Thurs	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602
Mon	1.30pm	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303 11364
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951698008
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369225021	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	0777063897	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	9am	Seated Yoga	TC	269602	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	AUKL	269602
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Fri	9am	Pilates with Katherine	AUKL	269602
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby's Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	AUKL	269602
Tues	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602	Fri	9.15am	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07870494644
Tues	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602	Fri	10am	Dementia Day Break	AUKL	269602
Tues	1.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Fri	10am	Painting and Drawing	AUKL	269602
Tues	1pm	Seated Yoga	TC		Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	862696	Fri	10.30am	Main Cog Stim Therapy (MCST)	AUKL	269602
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	Coffee Cabin		Fri	6pm	Junior Cricket Training Sessions	SPCC	07869283195
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	7pm	Table Tennis	EVH	
Tues	7pm	Bridge Club	EVH	07790160476					
Wed	9am	All Day Breakfast	AUKL	269602					

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903150099	Last Tues	10.30am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131
2nd Mon	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	LVH	07999403948	1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	TC	862598
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544670363	1st Wed	2pm	Bingo	EVH	
3rd Monday	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07715221705	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
1st Tues	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley Branch	St Mary's Church Hall, Elham	862508	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	01303901011
1st Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	2nd Sat	10am	Ethelburga Quilters	EVH	
2nd Tues	2pm	Library Reading Group	LL	03000413131	4th Sun	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH	
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	3 monthly Sunday	10am	Blue Kangaroo Baby Class	EVH	07800 737936

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; **EGC:** Etchinghill Golf Club; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH:** Elham Village Hall; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES:** Elham Square; **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; **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; **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



St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

Sunday 2nd March

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

Tuesday 4th March **Shrove Tuesday**

Wednesday 5th March **Ash Wednesday**

Elham 10am Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 9th. March

Lyminge 8am Holy Communion CW2
6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 16th March

Lyminge 10am Holy Communion CW1
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd March

Paddlesworth 8am Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge 10am Family Praise

Sunday 30th March **Mothering Sunday**

Swingfield 10am Benefice Eucharist

Sunday 6th April

Lyminge 10am WOW Service
Paddlesworth 6pm Evensong BCP

A reminder that reordering work is underway in the Church and therefore there is minimal heating. You are advised to dress warmly and bring a small blanket if you feel the need.

If more information is required please contact the Church Wardens,
Derek Smith 01303 862508 or Mike Chinneck 01303 863911

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.

LYMINGE

2nd March Mr Tim James
9th March **10.15am** Valley Service at Elham (Holy Communion)
16th March Mr Tom Lewis
23rd March Mr Richard Blackwell
30th March Video Service with Rev Gill Songer

RHODES MINNIS

2nd March **9.30am** Rev Peter Cornish
9th March **10.15am** Valley Service at Elham Rev Gill Songer incl Holy Communion
16th March **9.30am** Mrs Keeley Taylor
23rd March **9.30am** Rev Kevin Taylor
30th March **10.15am** United Service at Lyminge
6th April **9.30am** Local Arrangement

Lent Course will be held at Lyminge at 2pm on Tuesdays starting on the 4th March, to which ALL are welcome.

Postling Church Services

9th March 8.30 am Breakfast Service
16th March 8.30am Morning Service
23rd March 8.30am Holy Communion
30th March No Service in Postling

Rector's Message



March sees the approach of the season of Lent. This is where Christians follow in the footsteps of Christ as he enters the wilderness to pray, fast and fight temptation as he draws himself closer to God.

Over the 40 days of Lent, we can do nothing better than bring ourselves before the Lord - holding nothing back. Allow his words of mercy to fill your heart and soul, "I do not condemn you. Go on your way and do not sin."

As we journey with Jesus may we know we are not condemned but are sent on our way, loved and trusted. *Rev'd Carol Bates*

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Further details from Peter Barnes (editor) on 01303 863737 or pbarnes20@icloud.com

Etchinghill Update - March 2025

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ERA)

Chairman: David McCombe - 07939 076617 E-mail: dmccombel@gmail.com

Website: www.etchinghill.info Facebook: Etchinghill Residents

ETCHINGHILL FILM NIGHTS - MONDAY 17 MARCH - "WILDING" PG (2023) Run Time: 1hr 15 mins. A documentary, starring Matthew Colyer, Rhiannon Neads and Isabella Tree. A dying landscape is healed against all the odds and goes on to thrive in astonishing ways. Charlie and his wife Isabella, inherit a country estate and farm in West Sussex which, with its clay soil, proves very challenging to continue as a working farm. In 15 years, they make a profit in only two of them! They then hit on the idea of giving up the farm, selling all the equipment and returning the estate to its "natural" state, all except their front lawn! The film follows the reclamation of this space by creatures that would have roamed the land a few hundred years ago and the return of birds not seen for years such as the Nightingale. A short 30 minute classic comedy film will follow after the intermission. Entry fee is only £6 pp and includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee with biscuits and entry into a free raffle. New members are welcome, simply register and pay on the night, there's no need to book.

N.B. THERE WILL NOT BE A FILM SCREENING ON EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL.

ETCHINGHILL LITTER PICK - SATURDAY 29 MARCH. The Spring Litter Pick will start at 10am (subject to weather) and volunteers should meet in the village hall car park to collect their high viz jackets, rubbish sacks etc. The collection usually takes around 1-2 hours. All help will be gratefully accepted!

ERA FUN SPRING QUIZ - SATURDAY 26 APRIL - ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL.

Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Entry fee is only £4pp - no charge for under 18s or full time students. To reserve a table (maximum 6 persons in a team please) or to make a raffle donation, contact Geraldine 07544 670363 or email gpmccombe49@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION - The extension has now been finished and everything has been moved back with plenty more storage space.

POPPY APPEAL! We are looking for volunteers in Etchinghill to knit or crochet poppies which will be used to decorate the village sign in Canterbury road in time for the run-up to Remembrance Sunday in November. For further details please contact Geraldine 07544 670363 or email gpmccombe49@gmail.com

News contact: Jacqui Blandford – 07543 966830 or email: jacqui.blandford@gmail.com



SATURDAY 26 APRIL '25

FUN SPRING QUIZ

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

7 pm start - doors open 6.45 pm



ENTRY IS ONLY

£4 pp!

An Etchinghill Residents' Association fund raising event - www.etchinghill.info

FUN FOR ALL THE

FAMILY!

To reserve a table, please contact Geraldine: gpmccombe49@gmail.com or call 07544 670363

Maximum 6 players in a team. Entry fees are payable on the night; no charge for full time students or under 18s. Please bring your own snacks and refreshments

Raffle prize donations will be gratefully received - please contact Geraldine to arrange

Letter to The Editor

My wife and I walk our dogs in the Sibton Park field every day, even when the weather is not permitting! Over the last few months someone has regularly been putting food over the fence on Brady Road, possibly for the wildlife, but all they are doing is feeding two cocker spaniels who now regularly inspect the area on every trip.

We try to feed the dogs a specific diet to maintain their health so it doesn't help when they come out of the tree line with sliced bread or packets of meat. I'm not sure that the wildlife need feeding anyway as there is a plentiful supply of rabbits and pigeons for the foxes etc. **Stephen Harrison**

District Councillors' Update - March 2025

FHDC have been informed that KCC is not on the priority list for devolution, meaning that the KCC Elections on 1st May will be going ahead as originally planned.

The Officers at FHDC have said there is a lot of work to do before they can consider what happens with the AgeUK building in Lyminge and a final decision is yet to be made. However, to continue to make use of the building as a community facility it would need to be kept maintained and serviced and the council does not have the resources to do this.

Disappointingly, there were two incidents of surface water discharge into the Nailbourne recently. On both occasions the separate incidents were reported to Southern Water, they attended, and resolved the problems. I alerted Southern Water via their Engagement Manager for Kent. Thankfully, the blockages were cleared.

Agreeing the final collaboration agreement for the Otterpool Park development is moving into a final stage. Interviews have been carried out for the post of Home England's project manager in order for them to report on progress.

FHDC is to launch a Green Grants scheme later this month. The money will be available over the next two years and is targeted at groups whose aim is to increase climate resilience and reduce carbon footprints. This will be available across the district and applications will be invited from parishes, community groups and other organisations. It can be used for anything from rewilding and tree planting to parish premises improvements.

Contact elainemartin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation - In view of the Government Reorganisation Programme with Kent County Council, Medway Council and the Districts and Boroughs likely to disappear over the next few years, I put forward a motion to full Council on 29 January to ask the Secretary of State for permission to remain as a Cabinet/Leader style of Governance. This is to allow resources, Officer and staff time and funding to be focused on ensuring our residents get the best deal possible moving forward. The motion was passed by 16 votes to 13.

It is extremely disappointing that Kent is not in the priority programme as some funding was promised. However, Kent and Medway are still expected, to put forward a proposal by the 21 March on how many Unitary Councils Kent and Medway should have with a full programme of implementation by the autumn. At the moment three or four Unitary councils are being considered; three I think would be sensible in East Kent, West Kent and North Kent. Dividing the County into four is more difficult. In the meantime Kent County Council elections will take place on 1 May.

Kent & Medway Police & Crime Panel – I attended the Budget Police & Crime Panel on 4 February. In order to balance the budget, there is a need to make savings of £10m – for details [Agenda for Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025, 10.00 am](#) In the circumstances, it was unanimously agreed to an increase in the precept to £14 per year for a Band D Property. Meetings are held quarterly and I can put one question to the Commissioner on policy (not operations), the next meeting is in June.

Scrutiny Programme – 2025-2026 - Residents have the opportunity to shape the programme of the council's overview and scrutiny committee. Ideas do not have to be limited to the council or its services – but cannot include planning applications, licensing matters, housing appeals or disciplinary issues. For further details [Getting what matters to you on the agenda | Folkestone & Hythe District Council](#)

Contact: jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk



Garage Sale - Saturday 12th April

Application Forms will be available from 15th March, on-line (www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/), from Snippers and Clippers Hairdressing and from The Coffee Cabin

Lyminge Judo Club

(Bushido Club registered)

We are a small friendly village club. We welcome and encourage both novices and skilled players and train every Monday evening at Lyminge Village Hall from 6.30pm. Open to all ages from 6 upwards - no upper age limit. Juniors £2.50 per week; Seniors £3.50 per week. First session free, with no obligation.

Contact: **Craig Munn** email: craig.munn1@yahoo.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Lymingejudoclub



MEET YOUR MP

Sojan Joseph, the MP for the Ashford Constituency which includes this area, recently held one of his advice surgeries for constituents at the Coach and Horses in Lyminge.

If you would like to attend future surgeries or have a meeting with Sojan, please contact him at sojan.joseph.mp@parliament.uk or give his office a call on **01233 515107** for details.

THE LYMINGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH

In a report to this group (formerly known as the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) a member of the public who attended the Lyminge Parish Council (LPC) Full Council meeting on 10th February advised that during discussion of the agenda item '**Neighbourhood Plan**' it was agreed that a further **Public Meeting** will be held, to form an independent 'Advisory Committee' of residents, with LPC representation.

At the time of this article going to print (18/02/25) the minutes of the Council meeting have not yet been added to their website. Hopefully, the LPC will have given further details of the **Public Meeting** in its own (green) pages within this Newsletter - please check - and if so please do make every effort to attend and help to influence how our Parish develops.

Additionally, in the light of recent Central Government announcements on Devolution, and with the clock ticking for the preparation of the new FHDC wide Local Plan (where sites will be put forward for development), it is becoming more and more important that we create our own Neighbourhood Plan now so that our views are taken into account by FHDC.

The next LPC Full Council meeting is on Monday 10 March.



Singleton Environment Centre

You may not have heard of the wonderful **Singleton Environment Centre**, set within the Ashford Community Woodland and just 3 miles outside Ashford Town Centre. It's a great place to meet up, to enjoy delicious fayre in the outstanding **Footsteps Café** whilst connecting with the natural environment. The Centre aims to provide the community with the resources to learn, gain skills, participate and work together in a way that helps us all take positive environmental and sustainable action. There are plenty of workshops and events to suit everyone.

I am most privileged to be a Trustee for Singleton Spaces, the charity that operates the Centre. Why not visit the Centre, we'd love to welcome you. More information at:

www.singletonenvironmentcentre.org.uk

Donna Sowerby

Being Loved. I enjoyed my time when I was a manager in Tearfund and more latterly with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Folkestone. I have always liked leading. Not because I like the power and kudos (though these cannot be ignored as elements of leadership) but because I enjoyed enabling others to be their best to achieve their goals – to be productive. So, this meant that I would meet with the senior members of my team once a week for a catch-up. These would be a combination of, "How's it going, what next and how can I support you in developing?". In retirement I now find myself mentoring a number of Christians in senior leadership roles so that they can be their best.

You may be aware that sadly people often leave an organisation because of the way they are being managed, or not. My reading of professional magazines would suggest that the best managers "love" their team. They care for each of their team members, they support them and are aware of not just their work life but, as appropriate, what is happening in their home life. Being their advocate to get things done in an organisation to help them develop in their roles, and even to help them grow beyond the organisation to new pastures.

Now as a Christian, one of the most incredible things about God is that He has always loved us. We read in the Bible, 'But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!' (Romans 5:8). That is truly amazing to think that the God of the Universe loves you and me, regardless of what we say, do or think. God truly wants to have a relationship with us so that we can experience that love more deeply. And when we experience that intimate relationship, these words come alive, "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16).

So, what do we receive from God as our heavenly father when we believe in Jesus? Primarily that we are unconditionally loved. Yes really! He does not hold anything against us even though we know that we do things that are not good. He still loves us. Remember the parable of the Prodigal Son? A picture of love from the father despite what the wayward son had done. Of course, God wants us to develop in our faith and do better next time. He is always there to help when we face difficulties. When we pray, He hears us and helps us by the Holy Spirit in those difficult situations.

And what about those catch-ups? We have an amazing freedom in our country to worship God both in church and in our homes each day. They remind us that we are deeply loved by God.

Gary Colvin

Lyminge Friends

Wednesday 5th March 2025 10.30am in The Methodist Chapel,
Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA

A fascinating insight into the world of a Female Private Investigator. Veronica King is an accomplished and entertaining speaker, who will share her stories of over 36 years experience dealing with "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly".

An interesting morning awaits!

Entrance Fee is £4 (includes tea/coffee)

We are a friendly social group and welcome new members/visitors so just drop into a meeting or call 07904 157897 for more information



The Kindness of Strangers

At a time when we are becoming so used to hearing of tragedies and negativity, the events I will recount are absolutely true and demonstrate the best in humanity.

Recently, I was being driven by my sister-in-law (Trish) to a medical appointment in Rochester. My nephew (Dan) was also with us.

Having made good progress until the top of Bluebell Hill, the car suddenly developed threatening noises, lurching forward, slowing down and screaming until it ground to a full halt in the town centre, It was Saturday afternoon when parking was restricted here.

On the pavement stood an unknown couple (I'll call them Bob and Clare). Bob and Dan guided the car into the safety of the kerb. Trish turned on the emergency flash lights and prepared to ring the AA for assistance.

When Clare asked if we were alright I told her that I had 10 minutes to get to an appointment. She offered to accompany me on foot but Bob had already called a taxi to take us both there. He declined any money from me, having already paid the fare. Trish and Dan stayed with the car, awaiting assistance.

Clare waited for me in the waiting room for 40 minutes during the course of my appointment. When we left the building, Bob was waiting with his own car to take the two of us back to the stricken vehicle. When we arrived, this was being attached to the back of the AA van, in preparation to be towed back to Lyminge, separate transport having been arranged also for Trish, Dan and myself to return home.

My gratitude to this selfless couple, Bob and Clare, cannot be overstated, for their kindness was spontaneous and exceptional. Such actions, and the kindness of many others to me, have certainly restored my faith in human nature.

This was certainly a series of events almost seamlessly resolved by chance. But, the good Lord was certainly watching over us that day! **Val Darnley**

St Mary's Church Elham

Folkestone Young Strings

Musical Director Floriane Peycelon

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH at 3pm

The String Ensemble based in Folkestone is for string players of school age living in Shepway and East Kent. They will play a selection of well known music and will include classical music favourites as well as themes from well known films and musicals. All showcasing achievements made since September.

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Gavotte by Grieg
Badinerie by Bach
Ryan's Polka from Titanic
March, Air and Minuet by Mozart
America from Bernstein's West Side Story

AND MORE!!

Come along and be inspired! There will be an opportunity to look at and try instruments at the end...

FREE ENTRY (donations warmly welcomed!)
Refreshments will be available



A TALK BY ANNA

of

ANNA'S COUNTRY FLOWERS, CHILHAM

Tuesday 18th March

The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Refreshments from 7:15pm

Talk starts 7:30pm

NON MEMBERS VERY WELCOME



SPRING SHOW and PLANT SALE

Saturday 29th March
at The Tayne Centre, Lyminge

Staging 8:30am – 10:30am
Plant Sales, Doors Open for Show and
Refreshments from 12:30pm
Presentation of Cups 3:30pm

Show Schedules will be available at The
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Further details from John and Sara
Packer on 01303 862816
or email: lymingegardeners@gmail.com

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

**Information and advice relating to Age
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between 10am and 1pm 7th April. See P 10**

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How to access

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to the
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OR
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Adults 18+

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Social Prescribing supports individuals with non-medical concerns that may be negatively affecting their health and wellbeing

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- Housing related queries

Ethelburga Cottages Trust

Ethelburga Cottages Trust is a registered charity and has accommodation available for persons aged 60 and over with limited means: a husband and wife, brother and sister or single woman born within the parishes of Lyminge, Postling or Stowting

- who is/are resident and have been for not less than 20 years, but this need not have been continuous or
- who is/are not resident but who have resided for not less than 20 years in all or
- who was/were born elsewhere and have resided within the parishes for not less than 20 years.

In the event of there being no applicant with a residential qualification in a) to c) above but is/are otherwise qualified then applicants shall be eligible for appointment as Resident.

Contact details are: williamhh72@icloud.com



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Email: kathyhct@gmail.com



Lyminge Bridge Club

Have you ever thought you would like to learn to play bridge but are not quite sure if it is for you?

Come along to Lyminge Bridge Club to meet some of the members who are happy to give free lessons. The support will be for anyone who has never played before or for those of you who can play but would like a recap.

We meet at Lyminge Bowls Club 10am-12noon on a Monday morning.

It is only £2 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

If you want a chat beforehand, then please call Janet on 01303 863177 or email her on janet@rhodesminnis.org.uk



Rhodes Minnis Circle

We will be meeting on 26th March for a talk by Rod Legear about Underground Thanet. Rod has published work on this subject with the Trust for Thanet Archaeology, and will talk about quarries, shelter, tunnels and caves.

The meeting is at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall at 2.30pm and visitors are very welcome to join us. For further information contact: **Lis Hirlemann 07590 913856**

SPRING SHOW



AT



Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

22nd March at 2:30 pm

Raffle

Refreshments

Free Entrance



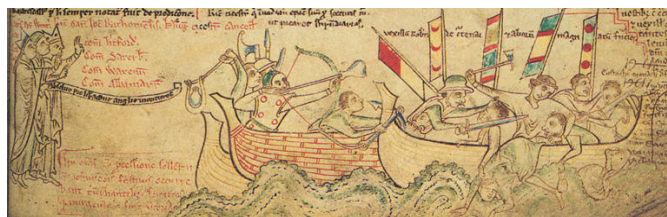
Schedules Tel. 01303862616

<https://rmvh.org.uk/>



LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 March at The Tayne Centre, Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA



The Battle of Sandwich in 1217

Speaker: Len Howell

Members Free

Please note that subscriptions for 2025 are now due – only £11 for the year

New members and visitors are always welcome

Visitors: £5 Payable on the door

Newly published: **Lyminge a History Part 14**

See our website for details: www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk

All our books are on sale at our meetings, at the Library and at Lyminge Village Store.

We accept payments by cash or card.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings for 2025 begin in March and will continue later with:

- 1 April: Folkestone, Cheriton and Shorncliffe Camp in the First World War - Vince Williams
- 6 May: The Tithe War in the Elham Valley 1931-36 - Dr John Bulatis
- 3 June: The Great Storm of 1987 - Bob Ogley

Our 2025 fundraising target is...



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY


First Wednesday of the month, 5th March:
11:15AM - 12:15PM
at The Tayne Centre.
The Tayne Centre, Church Road,
Lyminge CT18 8JA

Then every Wednesday of the month
12th, 19th and 26th March:
11:15AM - 12:15PM
at the Methodist Church.
The Methodist Church, Church Rd,
Lyminge, CT18 8JA

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Hythe, Lyminge & Ashford

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Starting every Monday from the 7th April 2025
Drop In Sessions are open from 10AM - 1PM

Lyminge Library, 7-9 Station Rd, Lyminge, Folkestone CT18 8HS

Need support with benefits, available services or other issues affecting later life? Our Information & Advice Drop-In offers free, confidential guidance on a range of topics, including:

-  Benefit checks to see what you may be entitled to
-  Blue Badge applications
-  Local community resources
-  Health & wellbeing services

No appointment needed—just drop in and speak with our friendly team!

Call **01303 269602** for more information



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Fifth Trust Update

www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Have you visited the **Gift Shack** our bespoke gift shop located within the Elham Valley Garden Centre? There's woodwork from cutting boards to decorative items, all crafted in our Wood Shack by students honing their woodworking skills. Also ceramics – unique pottery pieces that make perfect gifts or additions to your home and artwork – canvases, tote bags, t-shirts. There's an array of beautiful items painted and drawn by talented students in their art sessions. And of course our own Elham Valley Vineyard wine - something distinct from Kent. With each season, we introduce new collections to celebrate the talents of our students year round.

We still have some cold days and evenings ahead of us before summer so make sure you don't run out of logs. Woodsure-accredited, our logs are guaranteed to be below 20% moisture content on delivery. Order now on 01227 831052 (please select call option 2) weekdays only, or email: logs@fifthtrust.co.uk.

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COMMUNITY SOCIAL MORNING

10.00 to 12.00

LYMINGE BOWLS CLUB

Thursday 20th March

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for a drink...or...stay and play

DOMINOES & SCRABBLE

£2 inc. Tea / Coffee

The Lyminge Newsletter

can be viewed online

(and in colour) using this link

www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/

and clicking on the current issue.

Back-issues can also be viewed via this link.

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Contact details

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Have you trimmed the vegetation bordering your footpaths?

If yes...thank you!! If not, can you please do so ASAP so that pedestrians have a clear walk way.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

MONDAY 17 MARCH

- "WILDING"

PG (2023) Run Time: 1hr 15m

Etchinghill Village Hall - 7 for 7.30pm

Entrance Fee £6pp

Open to new and existing members
Free Refreshments and Raffle

www.etchinghill.info

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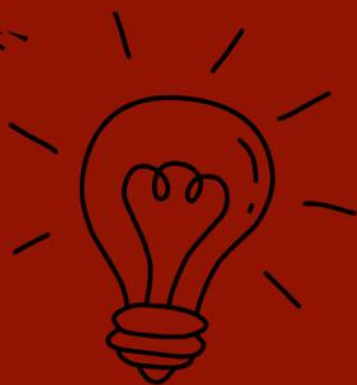
EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

22ND MARCH 2025
7PM START DOORS
OPEN AT 6:30PM

TABLES OF 6 MAX
£5 PER PERSON.

BAR OPEN BRING
YOUR OWN SNACKS

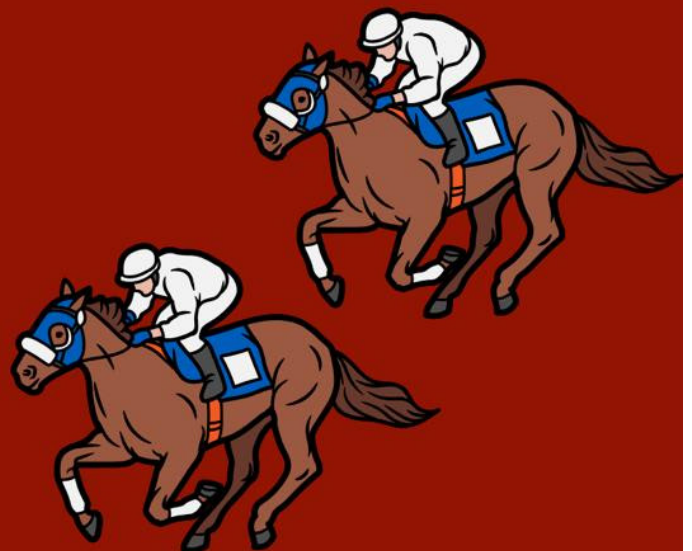


RACE NIGHT

26TH APRIL 2025
FIRST RACE 7:15PM

£5 A PERSON

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SNACKS



BOOK EARLY

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LYMINGE AND ELHAM VALLEY STROKE SUPPORT

Have you or
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you know
been
affected by
a stroke?

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

New faces very welcome

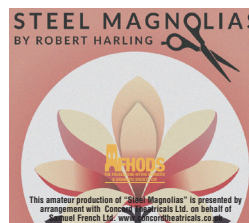
**March
Meetings**

3rd March 2025

17th March 2025

For more information, to check the dates of meetings/events, or if you
would like support but are unable to attend the meetings
Email: Lymingestrokesocial@gmail.com
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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis

Council news

We are intending to co-opt a new councillor at our Full Council meeting on March 10th. If you are interested in joining us, please email the Clerk.

We are looking at ways to make Lyminge Village Hall a more user friendly space. This includes changing the internal or external layout - we are currently just in the ideas phase but wanted to invite any suggestions! This could also help as a space to hold Age UK related services now that we are losing access to the current Age UK building.

Many members of the parish attended our Full Council on February 10th regarding a planning application that has been submitted in Woodland Road (25/0038/FH). The council objected to this application on the basis of increased traffic, detrimental light, and noise pollution, harm to our local ecology and several other matters. Having residents bring their concerns was very helpful. So we encourage you to contact us or attend meetings with your opinions.

Meeting dates

Finance and Administration - March 3rd - 18:30 - Lyminge Village Hall

Climate Action - March 3rd - 19:30 - Lyminge Village Hall

Full Council - March 10th - 19:00 - Lyminge Village Hall

Planning and Licencing - March 13th - 9:30 - Etchinghill Village Hall

Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website.

Neighbourhood Plan

At our Full Council meeting on February 10th, the council agreed to alter the legal make up of the current Neighbourhood Plan committee to make it easier for members of the public to have a say. This is referred to as an 'Advisory Committee' and gives councillor and non-councillor members the right to an equal vote.

We will be ironing out the details of this over the next couple of weeks and will share information via our website and social media to begin with. If you would like to be involved with the committee and/or the other working groups, please get in touch via email neighbourhoodplan@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

If you'd like to understand more about what a NHP is, please get in touch or have a look at our website. We are happy to discuss it further if you'd like to.

www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk



CONTACT INFORMATION

General - clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

Handyman - fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan -
neighbourhoodplan@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

2025 SUMMER EVENT

LYMINGE PARISH

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER PARISH ON PARADE

**FRIDAY 18 JULY,
SATURDAY 19 JULY AND
SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025**

FREE ENTRY

Events

Bouncy Castle, Silent Disco, Live Music, Local Bands,
Stalls, Food Vans, Arts & Crafts, and much more.
Additionally on Sunday 20 July there is a Boot Fair!

For more information email:
clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk

We are excited to share some of our plans for our summer festival set to take place in July!

Over the 18,19 and 20th July we will be hosting a three day extravaganza for the whole parish.

You should expect to see live music, kids entertainment (i.e bouncy castle, face painting etc), a bootfair, lots of food and drink and MUCH MORE.

If you are a local trader, artist, musician etc and you want to be involved, please get in touch!

Equally we are going to need sponsors, volunteers and attendees so keep your schedules free and get in touch with us!



Thoughtful Food....

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

Contact: thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com or on Facebook and Instagram [@thoughtfulfoodgroup](https://www.instagram.com/thoughtfulfoodgroup)
Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **Tuesday 4th March, 7.30PM** at the Coach & Horses Public House

This year we have promised to give ideas on how to cut down on waste from utilizing more food stuffs in the kitchen, collecting seeds to sustainably grow vegetables to the general principles of permaculture.

What is Permaculture?

Permaculture is an ethics-based approach to designing systems for all aspects of life, inspired by and working with nature. Following this approach helps us to tread lightly on the Earth, without degrading the environment we need to survive. It all sounds a bit mysterious, but it's actually very simple, intuitive and in many ways 'common sense'. The world can feel like a tough place to be, from pandemics, to social isolation, to cost-of-living crisis and climate breakdown. Permaculture holds many keys to a different way forward that offers more hope. We'll cover different aspects of permaculture over the next few newsletters, to give you an introduction.

Permaculture's Ethics

There are three key ethics that underpin all permaculture approaches...

- Earth Care - Simply put, our approaches should have taking care of the Earth in mind, and living within its means. Permaculture solutions are often regenerative in nature, actually improving our environment, whilst providing what we need.
- People Care - This focuses on the well-being of individuals and communities, ensuring that solutions provide access to what people need.
- Future Care - This is also sometimes called 'Fair Share' and is about living within our means and resources, to create sustainable human habitation of the Earth, preserving it for those who come after us.



Next month we will begin highlighting different permaculture principles, and how you can use them in practice

Things to do in the garden in March

Spring is on its way so you can start sowing seeds directly outdoors for cool-weather crops like carrots, spinach, beetroot, salad leaves, spring onions, radishes, broad beans, and peas. It is worth investing in a soil thermometer, they are not expensive and will prove a great investment. Test the temperature of the soil and hang back from planting your seeds until it reaches around 10°C, but at least 7°C. Prepare the soil by adding compost, start sowing seeds indoors for more tender plants like tomatoes and peppers.



Key tasks for March vegetable garden: Direct sow outdoors: carrots, spinach, beetroot, salad leaves, spring onions, radishes, broad beans, peas

Thai Curry Noodle Soup

This is a great dinner made up from those bits and bobs of veg you have in the fridge that need using up, anything will do, broccoli stalks, cauliflower leaves, those two dog end of carrots you can't bear to throw away.....

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| • 1 tsp vegetable oil | • 250g straight-to-wok udon noodles |
| • 1 heaped tbs Thai green curry paste | • 5g coriander roughly chopped |
| • 220g stir-fry vegetable mix | • 5g Thai basil roughly torn |
| • 180ml light coconut milk | • Red chilli sliced, to serve (optional) |
| • 220ml vegetable stock made with 1 low-salt stock cube | • 1 spring onion sliced, to serve |



Method

Step 1 Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat and cook the curry paste for 1 min before adding the stir-fry veg and prawns. Cook for 3 mins until the prawns are mostly pink, then add the coconut milk, veg stock and noodles.

Step 2 Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 5 mins until the noodles are cooked through and the veg is tender but still has a bite. Divide between two bowls and sprinkle over the herbs, chilli and spring onion.

Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food



Do You Ever Buy Big Packs of Fruit and Veg, and Then End Up Throwing Some of The Pack Away?

If you do, then you're not alone. Every year in the UK we throw away 1.7 million tonnes of fruit and veg. We buy too much and then

don't get around to eating it in time. Isn't that ridiculous?

Research from our friends at Love Food Hate Waste has shown that if all apples, bananas and potatoes were sold loose, 8.2 million shopping baskets worth of food waste could be prevented every year. And that's simply because when fruit and veg is sold loose, you can buy the amount that you need and can use.

Buying your fruit and veg loose also means that you can choose the quality that you prefer too – a slightly greener banana, one rosy, red apple or the perfect potatoes for jackets! So, why not give it a try? Buy Loose, Waste Less.

Find out more at lovefoodhatewaste.com/fwaw



Record Spring's Vital Signs with the Woodland Trust



WOODLAND
TRUST

The climate crisis is having a profound impact on nature.

Climate change has already accelerated spring's arrival by an average of 8.4 days compared to the early 1900s. Now, we need you to help to find out whether the signs of spring are changing too.

Let the Woodland Trust know whether you've spotted any of **spring's three vital signs** – **frogspawn**, a **singing song thrush** or **flowering blackthorn**. Your records are crucial in helping them understand current threats and how climate change is affecting the health of nature.

Submit your records before 31 March 2025 and play your part in nature's recovery. www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Tree Planting in the Parish



This week saw Sibton Park Cricket Club taking up the challenge of planting hedging and trees around its pitch. This is the start of a larger piece of flood mitigation work that will be taking place this coming winter in partnership with Southeast Rivers Trust, Affinity Water, Holiday Property Board and Natural England.

Sibton Park Cricket Club have been working to understand the flow of underground water in the area that sometimes appears on the pitch in the Winter and early Spring. They hope to reduce the amount of water that comes to the surface by increasing the amount of water sapping roots around the ground (obviously being sensitive to the pitch itself) and increase the biodiversity in the area.



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INFO: 07547 545 601

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Guideline prices:

Main Hall hire: £88.40 (Fri / Sat evenings)

£47.60 (Sat / Sun morning or afternoon)

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Rigden Room Seating Max 35	£11 per hour
Wesley Room Seating Max 15	£11 per hour

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Contact Tel: 07716521405 Email: maryeblanch@outlook.com

Lyminge Library Opening Times

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Tuesday	12noon - 5pm
Wednesday	10am - 2pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Friday	10am - 2pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm

Tel: 03000413131 lymingelibrary@kent.gov.uk

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES

The next time you are thinking of holding a function why not try Etchinghill Village Hall, which holds the highest Hallmark accreditation level (Hallmark 3), with its excellent facilities, including ample parking space.

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The Duty Manager on 07514 758936

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Charity No.800345

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Rates

Mon to Fri £18 per session £48 all day

Sat & Sun £23 per session

£33 for evening session and £69 all day

Sessions

AM session 08.30 - 12.30

PM session 13.30 - 17.30

Evening session 18.00 - 23.45

Separate rates for Bank Holidays and New Year and special rates for regular users.

For all bookings and enquiries please contact:

Mick & Dorothy Athow: 01303 862616

e-mail: booking-rmvh@outlook.com

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The Lyminge Association

We're here to support and develop our community!!

Contacts:

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07808775302 pbarnes20@icloud.com

Treasurer: Janet Fry 01303 863177
janet@rhodesminnis.org.uk

Minutes Sec: Heather Dunford

Committee Members:

Marian Chubb, Richard Chubb, Stephen Guyatt, Gillian Heywood, Robin Mackonochie, Derek Smith, Penny Stephens, Adrian Willcox (deputy chair), Bernie Wood, Martin Wood

Newsletter: As for Peter Barnes above.

Please contact the Chair or Treasurer if you need any financial support for your charity.

Editor: pbarnes20@icloud.com



Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group

We are excited to welcome you to our local parent, baby and toddler group.

Please come along, meet new mums and dads for a chat and a play.

It costs £3.50 with tea and coffee provided along with snacks for your child.

Tuesdays, term times only. 10am to 12noon at the Tayne Centre.

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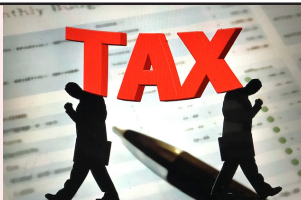
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LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



Readers last month may recall that the view of the crossroads between Church Road and the High Street, showed Old Forge Cottage, on the corner opposite the Coach and Horses. It was newly built in the years after the Second World War, and at that time there was very little tree cover. As you can see from the picture on the right, this house today is shrouded by trees.

The view this month shows the crossroads from Well Road, with the Coach and Horses on the right-hand side, and the site of the Old Forge to the left. The photo on the left probably dates from between 1900 and 1920 when Forge Cottages occupied the corner of the crossroads. The forge was to the left of this building, just visible at the edge of the picture. In 1840, the smith Edward Hogben lived in this cottage with his wife Esther and seven children. By 1911, the smith was Walter, Edward's grandson, who lived in part of the cottages with his wife Rosetta and five children, while 73 year old widower John Black occupied the end cottage with his housekeeper.

The current pub building dates to 1888, although as we saw in last December's *Lyminge Then and Now*, this was built on the site of a much older pub of the same name. The pub was owned by Faversham-based brewer Rigden's. The picture on the left seems to predate the merger of the business with that of George Beer & Co of Canterbury in 1922 when the brewery became George Beer and Rigden Ltd. Thomas Tritton moved from another Rigden's pub, The Rising Sun on Sturry Road, Canterbury, to become licensee in 1903. After he died in 1905, his widow Elizabeth took over the licence, but she moved away during the First World War. Frederick Hopton, previously at another Rigden's pub, The Chequers in Ash, then took over. He died in 1925, but his widow Emma continued the business. By the time of the Second World War, she was no longer the licensee, but she was still living at the pub in 1961 when she died at the age of 86.

Garage Sale - Saturday 12th April

Application Forms will be available from 15th March, on-line (www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/), from Snippers and Clippers Hairdressers and from The Coffee Cabin.

Newcomers to the area may wonder what this event is about. In essence, if you have any items you wish to dispose of, then this is your opportunity to register your address, for a fee of £5 on the application form mentioned above. Your details will be collated into a map which will be given to those wishing to visit the garages on the day - 12th April. Should you need further details, then please contact Steve on 863600.

What's to be the Future of Jubilee Building, Everist Court, formerly Age UK, Lyminge

In the absence of any action by The Lyminge Parish Council, The Lyminge Association hosted a meeting on 11th February for residents in the Elham Valley interested in the re-purposing the Age UK building which will be vacated at the end of March. With over 100 people attending, there was a resounding agreement to investigate the possibility of securing the building as a community centre with many people adding their name to a list of willing volunteers.

What do you want to see from a community centre?

On Tuesday, 18th February a meeting of all volunteers discussed the future of Jubilee building. A committee was established to take things forward by establishing a registered organisation to secure the possible future community centre.

If you would like to add your support to this group and be kept up to date with developments and information, then please contact them using this link, giving your contact details and the support you may be able to offer:

lymingecommunitycentre@yahoo.com



Elaine Hartup

It is with great sadness we share that Elaine passed away on 14th February, at the age of 86.

Elaine moved to Postling in 1983 and has been well-known in the local villages over the last 40 years. Elaine began working at St Mary's Hospital in Etchinghill and then the Royal Victoria Hospital in Folkestone. For many years she ran the Rhodes Minnis Toddler Group and sat on their village hall committee. She was also president of Stanford with Postling W.I., helped with Pilgrims Hospice coffee mornings and volunteered on the Postling Cross-Country rides. A beloved wife, mum, grandma, great-grandma and friend to so many; she will be very sadly missed by her family and friends.

The funeral service will be held at Barham Crematorium at 11am on Thursday, 27th March, and a wake will follow at Etchinghill Golf Club. All are welcome for any part of the day. **Contact Diane on 07860**

867695 with any queries. Flowers can be sent to the Chapel of Rest at Hogben & Partis (ME13 8EF) or donations made to Pilgrims Hospice in memory of Elaine.

