

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

Produced by
THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION
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From The Lyminge Association



Happy Easter to All Our Readers and Contributors



GARAGE SALE

Saturday 12th April
starting at 9am

Bargains Galore!

and TABLE SALE

FREE maps showing garage locations will be available from Lyminge Village Hall, The Coffee Cabin on the day or via www.lyminge.org.uk

Refreshments at
The Village Hall
and The Coffee Cabin

FREE PARKING IN THE MAIN CAR PARK,
VILLAGE HALL AND AROUND THE VILLAGE
For further information
call 01303 863600

Organised by The Lyminge Association

Stalls also
at Lyminge
Village Hall

Garage Sale - 12th April

You can still book your garage in up to Tuesday 6th April using the booking form that can be downloaded from www.lyminge.org.uk or picked up from *Snippers and Clippers*.

Maps of the garage locations will be available on the day (12th) on-line or can be collected from Lyminge Village Hall, *Snippers and Clippers* or *The Coffee Cabin*.

Lyminge Festival

The programme for the Festival (21st-29th June) is coming together and promises to be an exciting time.

There will be the regular events such as a garden safari, school fete, flower festival, cream teas, dog show, art exhibition, midweek concert and quiz, along with fun activities on the last Saturday for the children of the area.

To clear up an understandable misconception, THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION has absolutely no connection or responsibility with regard to the Lyminge Parish Council or the Lyminge Village Hall. The Lyminge Association is run by volunteers, is financially independent of any other body and is run for, and on behalf of, the community.

Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

On the warmest day of the year so far I undertake my third Hythe Canal walk, from Twiss Road eastwards to Seabrook, where the canal begins (or ends). Choosing to take the path on the south side, to benefit from the warmth of the sunshine but to avoid the light in my eyes, I set off on what is a new walk for me. On this side, the bank is lower than on the opposite side and so I am able to walk close to the water's edge. As the air is relatively still, there is a mere shiver of movement on the surface of the water and a slight mistiness in the air, despite the strong sunlight.

The canal cost £234,310 to construct in 1806, which equalled the cost of four of the largest warships of the time. It was originally 18 metres wide and 3 metres deep and had a towing path for the horses that pulled the barges for military and civilian transport. The canal did not in fact ever see active service although it did



form part of Britain's defences in WWII when a line of pillboxes was built along its length. I pass the remains of one of these pentagonal concrete structures on the north bank. Three iron bridges, freshly painted turquoise and of varying designs, cross the canal along my route. During war, these bridges were either removed or prepared for demolition, as mentioned in Colonel Rodney Foster's book, "The Real 'Dad's Army': The War Diaries of Col. Rodney Foster". He lived in Hythe throughout the war and kept a daily diary of entries about the local weather, his pets and war events, the bombings of Dover and Folkestone, including the Battle of Britain.

In the background as I start my walk I can hear the crack of rifle fire from the ranges and the screech of a military jet as it passes parallel to the coast out to sea. Coming only days after the White House 'spat' it is a stark reminder of how fragile peace can be.

Finding solace in nature is well known, so I turn my thoughts and eyes to my surroundings. Tree roots make the path uneven; elder catkins dangle next to bunches of small cones; brambles burst into bud along their viciously thorned stalks; an old fallen tree has shed a tangle of ivy stems, creating a new habitat amongst its twisted and dried remains; spiked glossy leaves shine on perfect cone-shaped holly trees; striking patterns on the bark of a tree; a goldfinch flies across the path, perching in amongst the brambles – it's beautiful colouring of red and yellow made them popular cage birds in Victorian times. Every few yards a short patch of cleared ground leads to the water's edge. At water level on the opposite side a slight break in the reeds is covered by an overhanging tree creating an 'alcove', providing a safe haven for wildlife. South-westerly prevailing winds have pushed the feathery fronds of the reeds so that the more delicate bristle ends face away towards the north-east and today their soft brown spikelets catch the sun and sway slightly in the breeze.

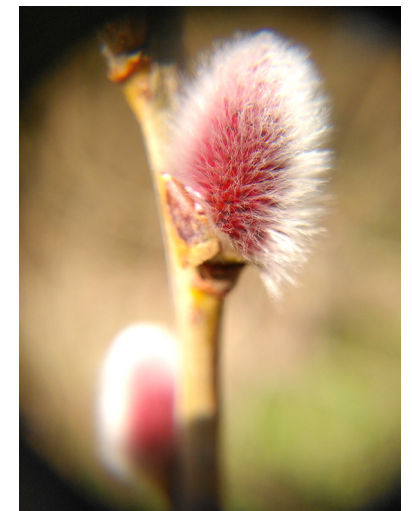


Willow trees spurt new orangey-yellow twigs which shoot straight up like thin jets of flame. A flash of turquoise streaks past me over the water: a kingfisher on a mission! Too fast for a photo, but always good to see. Standing on a bridge and looking westwards into the sun, the haze gives the scene a painterly look, calm and still with the muted colours of approaching Spring. Moving on, I look back at the bridge, fascinated by the rippling reflection of the railings which has turned the straight lines of the uprights into gently weaving zig-zags. This is the last of the three bridges which span the canal on this walk



before I reach the end at Seabrook, where I begin my return journey westwards on the north bank.

This side of the canal is nearer the main road and houses, giving it a more urban feel. Sparrows have gathered in a dense hedge and are chattering non-stop; a blackthorn tree is in full blossom; daisies abound in a patch of grass; ivy, the berries stripped leaving bare stalks sticking into the air; robin song accompanies me as I walk; blackbirds search for worms along the wet patches of mud on the path. Looking along the length of the canal, haze hovers in the air, softening the view.



Something underwater causes a ring of ripples to start from the centre. As the ripples widen, eventually reaching each bank, they become more gentle before finally fading from view. Then, all is still once more.

So, what was once a construction to counter invasion in a time of war, now provides a peaceful haven for both wildlife and humans.

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.
02-Apr	11.15am	Singing For All	TC		17-May	10am	Coffee Morning RBL	St Mary's Church, Elham	
09-Apr	11.15am	Singing For All	LMC		18-May	6pm	EVH AGM	EVH	07514758936
10-Apr	12.30pm	Dementia Café	EGC		21-29 June		LYMINGE FESTIVAL 2025		863737
12-Apr	9am	Garage Sale		863600	18-20 July		Summer Parish on Parade		
16-Apr	11.15am	Singing For All	LMC		19-Jul	7.30pm	The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company	TF	
23-Apr	11.15am	Singing For All	LMC		19-21 July		Summer Parish on Parade	JF	
26-Apr	7pm	Spring Quiz	EVH	07544 670363	14-Sep	9am	Garage Sale		863600
26-Apr	7.15pm	Race Night	SPCC	7850074818	25-Oct	7pm	Autumn Quiz	EVH	07544 670363
27-Apr	9.30am	Farmers' Market	LVH		30-Nov	4.45pm	Christmas Lighting Event	Meriden Park	07544 670363
30-Apr	11.15am	Singing For All	LMC		07-Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363
01-May	7am-10pm	May Elections	EVH/LVH			4.45pm	Christmas Lighting Event	Meriden Park	07544 670363
10-May	10am	Pick Up a Plant	TF		07-Dec	7pm	ERA AGM	EVH	07544 670363

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	10am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	10am	Baby/Toddler Group	EVH	07817777975
Mon	10.30am	Chromatic Greys Art Class	EVH	07783575802	Wed	11.15am	Singing For All (term time only)	TC/LMC	269602
Mon	5.15pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Wed	7.30pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LVH	07778 333339
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Thurs	10am	Lyminge Morning Art Group	EVH	01303211364
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	07369225021	Thurs	2pm	Lyminge Afternoon Art Group	TC	07870494644
Mon	7pm	Yoga	RMV	07977503897	Thurs	5pm	Pilates	TC	07951608008
Tues	9.30am	Tai Chi Qigong	EVH	07402203239	Thurs	6.15pm	Pilates	TC	07951698008
Tues	10am	Lyminge Baby & Toddler Group	TC	07870405567	Thurs	7pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	11.45am	Pilates	EVH	07834839801	Thurs	7.30pm	Ballroom and Latin Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	1pm	Seated Yoga	TC		Fri	9.15am	Nikki Barratt Art Group	EVH	07870494644
Tues	1.45pm	Pickleball	EVH	862696	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	6pm	Board Games Night	Corree 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					

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	10am	Stroke Support Group	C&H	07903150099	3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008
2nd Mon	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	LVH	07999403948	Last Tues	12.15pm	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	03000413131
3rd Mon	7pm	Etchinghill Cinema Club	EVH	07544670363	1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	TC	862598
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	07734 383691	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	

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 6th April

Lyminge **10am** WOW Service
Paddlesworth **6pm** Evensong BCP

Sunday 13th April **Palm Sunday**

Lyminge **8am** Holy Communion CW2
6pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 17th April **Maundy Thursday**

Elham **6pm** Benefice Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 18th April **Good Friday**

Lyminge **11am** One Hour before the cross – with Methodist Church

Sunday 20th April **Easter Day**

Paddlesworth **6am** Daybreak service and lighting of Easter Fire

Lyminge **10am** Holy Communion CW1

Sunday 27th April

Paddlesworth **8am** Holy Communion BCP
Lyminge **10am** Family Praise

Sunday 4th May

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

6th April 11am Mr Dwight Harris
13th April 11am Palm Sunday - Local arrangement
20th April 10.15am EASTER DAY United Service with Rev, Gill Songer (incl. Holy Communion)
27th April 11am Mrs Christine Slater
4th May 11am Mr Dwight Harris

RHODES MINNIS

6th April 9.30am Local Arrangement led by Mrs Liz Talbot
13th April 9.30am Rev'd Alan Hewitt
20th April 10.15am Valley Service at Lyminge, Rev Gill Songer incl Holy Communion
27rd April 9.30am Local Arrangement
4th May 10.15am Mr David Songer

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

Postling Church Services

6th April No Service in Postling
13th April 8.30am Morning Service for Palm
Friday 18th April 12 noon An hour in Front of the Cross on **Good Friday**
20th April 8.30am Holy Communion for **Easter Day**
27th April No Service in Postling

Rector's Message



During this time of political division and global war it can feel like darkness may overcome us. Even in the midst of these troubles, our faith teaches us that God is making all things new, creating life out of places shrouded in death.

The Easter story tells of Mary coming to the tomb after the death of Jesus and meeting with the risen Lord...but mistaking him for the Gardener! The new life God is always creating does not always meet with our expectations.

Our faith proclaims that God is always creating and bringing us new life. This Easter I pray we would recognise, celebrate and join in with the Spirit's work so that this new life would flourish in our communities.

Rev'd Carol Bates

Lyminge Newsletter

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

Etchinghill Update - April 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 - please note that there is no film screening on Easter Monday 21 April. The next showing will be on Monday 19 May - 'Save The Cinema' 12 (2022), a comedy/drama inspired by a true story.

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

Doors open at 6.45 pm for a 7 pm 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 on 07544 670363 or email her gpmccombe49@gmail.com. Places are filling up rapidly, so please book your table soon to secure a place.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY POPPY APPEAL - We are seeking volunteers to knit or crochet poppies to decorate the village sign in Canterbury Road, Etchinghill, in time for the run-up to Remembrance Sunday in November. We would like to have enough poppies to attach to village benches and lamp posts. We already have a small team working on the project but more volunteers are needed to help spread the workload and achieve our goal. Your support would be greatly appreciated: thank you. For further details please contact Geraldine as above.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL (Charity 302736)

Chairman: John White Bookings: Anna Allan 07514 758936, E-mail - d.allan142@btinternet.com

Facebook: Etchinghill Village Hall Kent (CT18 8NQ as original Facebook obsolete). The Dragonflyz Centre - all sessions are cancelled until further notice. Apologies for such short notice.

Help needed - we are moving the stage area from the container in the grounds into the vacated ex-storage area in the hall on Sunday 13th April from 10.30am. Any able-bodied help would be much appreciated.

F&HDC Elections - Thursday 1st May, Doors open at 7am and close at 10pm.

EVH AGM - Sunday 18th May, starts at 6pm (Trustees and Volunteers needed).

All Etchinghill residents are welcome and the meeting will last 1 hour followed by refreshments. Please come along and support your Village Hall.

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

Garage Sale - Saturday 12th April

Maps available on the day on-line (www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/),
from Snippers and Clippers Hairdressing and from The Coffee Cabin

District Councillors' Update - April 2025

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful and Happy Easter.

F&HDC have launched its Green Grants scheme. Application forms and details of how to apply can be found on the Folkestone Works website. From 6pm on the 1st April there will be an in-person forum held at The Workshop in Tontine Street to help and assist with applications.

The District verge mowing contract has been handed back to KCC. We are told the verges will be cut twice between 1 March and 31 October. Any enquiries regarding verge mowing should be directed to KCC from now on through its 'Report A Fault' function.

A public meeting was held explaining the implications of Local Government Reorganisation. The initial submission has been sent to the Government, the final submission is due in November. The Public meeting was recorded and is available on the council website for you to view.

Age UK will be handing back the Jubilee building to F&HDC at the end of March. F&HDC have appointed City Guardians to provide security to prevent squatting and theft from the building. City Guardians work by letting out rooms on a rolling monthly contract so the council can get the property back at very short notice. Guardians have to be over 18 years old and are vetted by City Guardians before they are registered to rent rooms from any properties.

Unfortunately, the average council tax is to be increased by 2.99%. Town and parish precepts form part of the council tax requirement.

Contact elainemartin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Budget 2025/26 The current Administration agreed the budget for 2025/2026 on 26 February 2025. This budget increases Council Tax by 2.99% - an increase of £8.85 on a Band D Property. Fees and charges were also increased. My group abstained from voting because we are concerned by the decrease in assets of £17.2m due to the land held for the Princes Parade Project being revalued as amenity land instead of residential development land. We also asked a question on provision of leisure facilities within the District (including a swimming pool) as there is no immediate funding shown in the budget. There is an additional expense regarding the increased Employers' National Insurance contributions of about £250,000 as the Government promised re-imburement only covered half the cost and this is only for this year!

Age UK Hythe Lyminge & Ashford Along with other District Councillors', I received the proposed plan for The Lyminge Community Hub at Everist Court. I had a discussion with the Director of Housing and Operations who said that the Leader of the Council was considering the proposal and would be responding in due course.

Call for sites FHDC re-opens the call for sites on 13 March and will run for 6 weeks closing at 5 pm on 24 April. The Council are seeking land for several uses, the main one being housing (including plots for Gypsy and Travellers and self-build) but also for employment and community uses. For further information, please see the FHDC website.

Local Government Re-organisation The Government has asked for interim plans on Local Government Re-organisation by 21 March. This involves the creation of a one tier system across Kent. By the time you read this, proposals for the number of unitary Councils for Kent and Medway will have been submitted to Government. There are likely to be four Models submitted.

Model 1 is a three unitary model which has FHDC with Ashford, Dover, Thanet and Canterbury

Model 2 is a four unitary model which has FHDC with Dover and Ashford

Model 3 is a four unitary model which has FHDC with Ashford & Swale

Model 4 is a four unitary model which has FHDC with Thanet and Dover

FHDC have agreed to do some analysis on the models with a view to assessing which is the best model for the District. This is additional work for Officers and is likely to increase the Council's cost.

Government has promised feedback on the initial proposals to the District Leaders and it is expected that a full detailed proposal will need to be submitted by 28 November 2025. However, if there is no overall agreement by District Leaders, the Government could impose a model on us!

The view of my group is to go for Model 1, merging with Ashford, Dover, Thanet and Canterbury. Although this seems very large scale it is very much in keeping with the Government criteria in that a Unitary should have a minimum of 500,000 (Model 1 would be about 650,000) population. Other models have at least one unitary less than the 500,000 population. However, watch this space!

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



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



MUSICIANS WANTED!

Accomplished musicians wanted to form new contemporary gospel band in the benefice of the Elham Valley Group.

Lead singers, guitarists, bassists, drummers, keyboard players etc.

Relaxed auditions & jam nights coming soon.

Contact Will Wright to express your interest.

willwrightjazz@gmail.com



Lyminge Bowls Club

Woodland Road, Lyminge
CT18 8EW



FREE
TUITION

starts
from 27th April
for 4 weeks
10am - 12noon

Equipment provided.
Just wear comfortable
clothes and bring some
flat soled trainers.

Contact details:

Coach - Terry:
07973 202 810

Captain - John:
01303 862467



Growing Up

'Stop sniffing and
blow your nose;
tidy your room,
hang up your clothes.

Smarten up,
put on a clean shirt;
and a hot bath
wouldn't hurt;

with Johnny again,
I want you in
no later than ten.

You're not really
a bad lad,
but for God's sake
act your age dad.'



**Sandgate
Creative Circle**
07435580028

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Pilates +

Improve posture
Balance
Concentration
Flexibility.

Tayne centre
Lyminge Wednesday
10:00-11:00

All abilities welcome

Julie watt
07825109670

Lyminge Friends

On Wednesday, 02 April we will hear about **The Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission** both in the UK and around the world preserving the memory of those who sacrificed their lives, caring for and maintaining war graves and memorials worldwide.

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**Imogen Corrigan** is the speaker at our meeting on Wednesday, 07 May and her talk is "The Hazards of the Pilgrims Journey".

Everyone welcome – Entry is £4 for Social Meetings (including Tea/Coffee)

**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



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH

In recent months, branch members have enjoyed a friendly Christmas lunch and meeting at the Grand Burstin Hotel to enable a military veteran who lives in Folkestone to attend more easily, as well as our regular branch meetings. Plans are now afoot for a busy year ahead which we'd like to share with you.

Our next branch meeting will be on **Tuesday, 1 April at 2pm** (an Elham venue to be decided) after which David Whitethread will give a talk about his experiences during his rural policing career. This part of the meeting (from 2.45pm) is open to anyone and everyone, member or not, and all we ask is that you contact the Secretary (contact details below) if you'd like to attend.

On **Thursday 24 April** we're visiting to the Royal British Legion Industries at Aylesford (10am-12.30pm) for a guided tour, free of charge. Again, member or not, everyone is welcome to join us but please book your place with the Secretary (details below).

We are delighted and feel very honoured that the organisers of VE 80 in Elham have decided to make their events free of charge during **VE Day week and 10 May**, with donations being welcomed for our branch. We are very much looking forward to supporting this extremely well-planned week of events. To round off the celebrations we shall be holding a VE 80 Coffee Morning on **Saturday 10th May** in St Mary's Church, Elham with refreshments, cakes and raffle, to which we warmly invite everyone.

Please address enquiries to the Branch Secretary, Susan Foster: 07734 383691 or email [elhamvalley.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:elhamvalley.secretary@rbl.community)



## PRESENTATION BY ED FLINT "WHAT MAKES A GOOD GARDEN"

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
at  
The Tayne Centre, Lyminge  
Refreshments from 7:15pm /  
Presentation starts 7:30pm  
*Non Members very welcome*

For more information about the Gardeners' Society please email:  
[lymingegardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lymingegardeners@gmail.com)  
or call Anne on 07703 14900

## ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

### Annual General Meeting

The Etchinghill Village Hall AGM

**Sunday 18th May 2025 at 6pm**

All Etchinghill residents are welcome

The Etchinghill Village Hall Trustees look forward to welcoming you, with the meeting lasting for no longer than 1 hour.

Should you wish to put your name forward as a Trustee, or if you would be prepared to help out on an ad hoc basis, or if you would just like to keep up to date with Village Hall life, then this is your opportunity and we look forward to seeing you. Please come along and register your interest.

Refreshments will be available following the AGM.

JOHN WHITE  
CHAIRMAN.  
ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES.

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Information and advice relating to Age UK will be available from Lyminge Library between 10am and 1pm 7th April.

# Footprints

Children's Musculoskeletal & Orthopaedic Physiotherapy

I am an Advanced Practice Children's Physiotherapist in Musculoskeletal and Orthopaedics, specialising in children between the ages of 0-16 years.

Please get in touch for more information on how I may be able to help your little one.

**Call Lucy: 07841 518234**

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## The Open Garden Safari - time to be part of it.

This event is one of the highlights of the **Lyminge Festival** and attracts a large number of visitors to our beautiful villages of Postling, Etchinghill, Rhodes Minnis and Lyminge.

**This year the Open Garden Safari will take place on the 21st and 22nd June.** Our local gardeners always make us proud with the wide variety and size of gardens on display. **The Lyminge Association is looking for a few more green-fingered people to open their gardens to the public in support of this event.**

Whatever the plot you have, your garden can provide inspiration and enjoyment to many others - if you love your garden, many others will too!! Should you be a little unsure about taking part, please give us a call and we'll do our best to answer your questions.

To those of you who have opened your garden in previous years, please can you contact Steve and reassure him that you would like to be included again in this year's bonanza event. Remember, your garden doesn't have to be picture perfect, or even finished; in fact we love a work in progress. We hope to hear from you soon! **Steve Guyatt 01303 863600**

### The Sidings, Lyminge Gets a Spring Clean

On a recent Saturday morning, (8th March) Annie and her son Wills, aged 9, from The Sidings arranged for a group of about 10 houses to set out and clean up The Sidings.

They had posted invitations to all the residents inviting them to help with a clean up. This included litter picking and removing leaves, mud, etc. from the road.

There was a tremendous turn out and everyone did a great job, admirably led by Wills and his friend, Lucy (see door-cam photo).



**Editor:** It's great to see residents taking the initiative to keep their areas clean & tidy.



**The Season of Fun begins on 5th April**

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## A VERY BIG THANK YOU

We have marvellous neighbours in Barton Field, Lyminge, not forgetting the medical attention we received from another resident in Brady Road!

My husband fell over on the pavement which resulted in a hospital stay. Neighbours immediately came to my husband's aid, bringing blankets, chairs, etc. They rang for an ambulance and made sure he stayed where he lay until it was safe to be moved to a chair.

When the paramedics arrived, they thoroughly checked my husband before he was taken to hospital, and I was able to travel with him in the ambulance.

Thank you again, you wonderful friends.

*Sandra Mcken*

## Coach & Horses



We are coming to the end of our 5 year journey at The Coach and Horses. We have had an amazing time and are sad to be leaving. We have tried to make the pub a real community space and we hope that the new people will be able to carry that on.

So here are some dates in the lead up to our final farewell:

**Darts Open** - 5th April and 10th May, £10 person. Starts 4pm.

**Charlie's Music Bingo** - 9th April

**Quiz** - 30th April

**Farewell - Bank Holiday Party 2nd and 3rd May**

Friday 2nd May, 7pm - music by Geoff Stephens

Saturday 3rd May, 7pm - music by Little Big Stone

*Please come along and have a dance, sing and drink with us.*

*Monday 12th May will be our last day, so pop in and say ta-ra.*

## LYMINGE SPEEDWATCH

Your local group will be commencing our 2025 speed monitoring sessions shortly but need to **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.**

Over the winter period we have added to the number of sites at which we can operate (from two in Lyminge to four and from two in Rhodes Minnis to four).

To make full use of all our sites we need volunteers particularly in Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis where we only have two people and one person respectively. Other volunteers from our current group of 12 within the Parish and outside currently make up the numbers (we need a minimum of three per session).

**Can you help? It could just be 1.5 hours once or twice a month at various times and days.**

**If you would like to help or would like more information (or we can arrange a short roadside 'taster' during one of our regular sessions) then please contact:**

**DENNIS CHARMAN,**  
**LYMINGE SPEEDWATCH CO-ORDINATOR**  
[lymingespeed@aol.com](mailto:lymingespeed@aol.com) or 07739998262

**More information can be found on the Kent Police website 'Community Speedwatch'**

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LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 April  
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Photo: King George V and Lord Kitchener in Cheriton following their visit to Lyminge on 2 September 1915

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See our website for details: [www.lymingehistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://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 will continue with:

6 May: The Tithe War in the Elham Valley 1931-36 - Dr John Bulatis

3 June: The Great Storm of 1987 - Bob Ogley

2 September: Richborough Port - Colin Varrall





# THANK YOU

With sadness,  
Age UK closed the doors to our  
Lyminge Hub  
Last month.

We want to share a heartfelt thank you with  
all our visitors at the Lyminge Hub for the  
wonderful memories and smiles!

We also want to say a massive thank you to  
our incredible volunteers for their dedication  
and hard work over the years. We truly  
appreciate everything you do  
and the kindness you have  
brought to the Lyminge  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2nd April – TAYNE CENTRE,  
Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA  
11:15am - 12:15pm**

**9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th April –  
METHODIST CHURCH,  
Church Road, Lyminge CT18 8JA  
11:15am - 12:15pm**



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### Information & Advice: Drop In Sessions

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## Fifth Trust Update

[www.fifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.fifthtrust.co.uk)

We're very excited to bring some FREE Easter fun back to The Fifth Trust. Spring into action between 12-21 April 2025\* and join us at the Vineyard Garden Centre for an egg-citing Easter adventure.

Our family-friendly hunts have become very popular, and we're so pleased to bring them back for a third year. Simply pick up a booklet, follow the clues, crack the code, and claim your special Easter prize!

Try your luck on our lucky dip to win even more Easter goodies.

No need to book - just hop on down between 10am-3pm and enjoy the fun. The eggs have been designed, built, and painted by students from the trust's woodwork and art sessions.

\*Please note: we will be closed on Easter Sunday, 20 April.

Also, we have just released the dates of our Elham Valley Vineyard summer wine tours.

To view the dates and book, visit: [www.vineyardgardencentre.co.uk/events](http://www.vineyardgardencentre.co.uk/events)

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and clicking on the current issue.

Back-issues can also be viewed via this link.

## Rhodes Minnis Circle

We will be meeting on 23rd April for a plant demonstration by Farthing Common Nursery. Plants will also be available to purchase.

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**



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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

**No Screening on  
Easter Monday  
21st April 2025**



[www.etchinghill.info](http://www.etchinghill.info)



Despite rumours to the contrary, Tracey and Richard are pleased to announce that new leases have been signed on their premises. This will enable Snippers and Clippers and Richard's Barbershop to continue trading and to provide hairdressing to the village and surrounding areas.

They look forward to welcoming their local and supportive customers back into the salon and barbershop.

## Letter to the Editor

I know a lot of people, particularly dog walkers have been upset by the large "aggressive" signs placed at two of the entrances to the Sibton Park Cricket Club area. I assume they were primarily intended to deter dog fouling, which is reasonable. However, the vast majority of dog walkers judiciously remove any fouling in the bags they all carry. I have walked 4 dogs over 45 years around the perimeter of the pitch - never across it - the army taught me never to trespass on the Sergeant Major's parade ground!

I think it would be appropriate to remove these signs and replace them with a couple which welcome all to walk or watch whilst reminding them to avoid dog fouling, and to keep off the playing area.

I was one of the early members of the Holiday Property Bond, and I know that they are closely linked with the cricket club, and many members bring their dogs to stay with them. It would be interesting to know if they are given exemption?

It's important that we all do our best to make the many visitors to our lovely village, feel very welcome, and not make them feel threatened by such awful invasive signs.

**Jeremy Podesta**, Yew Tree Cross, Lyminge

### Reply from Sibton Cricket Club:

Thank you for reaching out, and we apologise if the signs have caused you upset. As a mum to 2 fur babies myself, I can see the temptation in seeing a lovely green open space to allow them to have a run around. However, we kindly ask that you avoid doing so.

The pitch is maintained for cricket games and is not a designated right of way. Walking dogs on it can cause damage to the surface and in the past, we have had several, not so considerate people leave unpleasant presents for us to find, which was why the signs were put up several years ago with the support from The Holiday Property Bond.

We do in fact welcome many visitors and their dogs to our club during the season but ask them to adhere to the Countryside Code whilst out enjoying our beautiful local countryside by ensuring they stick to the vast number of designated rights of way and to clean up after their dogs.

We appreciate your understanding on this matter and take on board your comments.

**Claire Norman**, Chair Sibton Park Cricket Club

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10am and 12noon

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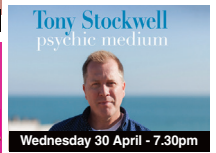
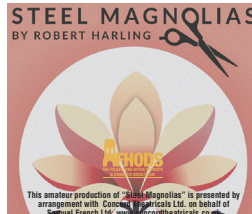
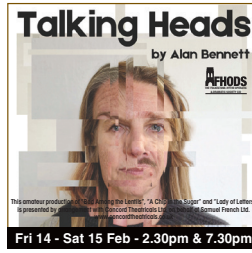
**April  
Meetings**

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

For more information, to check the dates of meetings/events, or if you  
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# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

*For Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis*

## Council news

We are pleased to share that we have co-opted two new councillors, both of whom live in Rhodes Minnis and can provide much needed representation for the village.

We recently undertook a Grounds Maintenance Tender renewal and the winning contractor was Harmer & Sons.

Local elections are due to take place on May 1st. The deadline for registering to vote is 11:59pm on 11th April. Did you know you can register to vote up to 2 years in advance of reaching voting age?

Allotments: Work has been ongoing on the allotments and by the time you have this newsletter in hand we should be ready to welcome new allotment holders! We still have spaces available so please email us if you are interested in having an allotment. For reference, our allotments are at the end of Fordred Lane in Rhodes Minnis. There are large, medium and small plots available and no mains water at present.

## Meeting dates

Planning and Licensing- April 3rd - 9:30 - Etchinghill Village Hall

Finance and Administration - April 7th - 18:30 - Lyminge Village Hall

Community Engagement and Events - April 7th - 19:30 - Lyminge Village Hall

Full Council - April 14th - 19:00 - Lyminge Village Hall

Planning and Licencing - April 24th- 9:30 - Etchinghill Village Hall

Any additional meetings will be on our noticeboards/website.

## VE Day

VE Day 80th Anniversary takes place on 8th May 2025. We invite you to join our celebrations in the following ways:

Attending the raising of the flag at St Mary's & Ethelburga Church (time to be confirmed but AM)

Attending the lighting of the beacon at St Mary's & Ethelburga Church (9:30pm)

Joining us for our 'off the street' tea party from 3:30pm on Tayne Field.

We will need volunteers to assist with the party so please contact us if you are able to help.

We are also asking for people to come in fancy dress throughout the years (1940s to present day).

More information to come...



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

General - [clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

Handyman - [fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:fred@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

Neighbourhood Plan -

[neighbourhoodplan@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplan@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **Committee news:**

### **Planning & Licencing:**

LPC Comments

25/0232/FH - Middle Park

No objection

25/0282/FH - Parkstone House

Objection

25/0346/FH - Ivy Lodge

No objection

25/0190/FH - The Nook

No objection

More detailed comments can be found on the FHDC Planning Portal.

### **Climate Action:**

Liaising with Lyminge Climate Action group to trim brambles and plant native whips.

Agreed to research water testing kits to monitor the Chalk Stream's water quality.

### **Community Engagement & Event:**

Busy organising the 'Parish on Parade' summer event and celebrations for the VE Day 80th Anniversary.

### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

We are hoping to discuss the hiring of a new consultant at Full Council and this will help make progress on the NHP.

## **Parish on Parade - summer event**

The event will be taking place on 18, 19 and 20th July.

The main event on 18 and 19th July will take place on Jubilee Field while the bootfair and other small festivities will take place on 20th July on Tayne Field.

We are taking bookings for stall holders AND boot fair traders. Pitches are £10 per day. Stall holders must have their own insurance however tables and chairs can be provided.

We are also seeking local people who want to showcase their talents between 12 and 4 on Saturday 19th July.

Early bird wristbands for the inflatables are available for £5. Please email us or pop in for our office hours.

## **Office Hours**

We are currently trialling out holding office hours so that residents can come and engage with us face to face.

At present our office hours are taking place in the meeting room at Etchinghill Village Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Tuesday: 10:00 - 13:00

Friday: 9:30 - 12:30

You are welcome to drop in, however for more indepth or specific discussions we would prefer that you make an appointment via email.

The venue is wheelchair accessible.

Please remember to be kind and courteous to parish council staff while they do their best to assist you.

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## Thoughtful Food...

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

**Contact:** [thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com) or on Facebook and Instagram @ [thoughtfulfoodgroup](https://www.facebook.com/thoughtfulfoodgroup)

Next **Thoughtful Food** meeting, **MONDAY 28th April 2025, 7.30PM**, at the Coach & Horses Public House

## PICK UP A PLANT

This popular event will be held on **Saturday 10th May** on **Tayne Field, 10am-12noon**. Come and pick up a plant, get some growing tips, or just to catch up on village news. Plant donations can be dropped off from 9.30am. Let's make this event as successful as ever.

## Getting to know Permaculture

Following on from our **Introduction to Permaculture** last month, we're going to begin to explore some of the key permaculture principles, that show how to apply these approaches in our everyday lives...

### *Principle: Observe and Interact*

This is a great starting point for applying permaculture approaches that will be successful. In our fast-paced world, there is often a temptation to steam ahead and get things done quickly. Sometimes this works fine. But sometimes that failure to take time to observe surroundings, situations and people, means an issue is misdiagnosed and the solution chosen is inappropriate. In taking a pause to observe and interact, we can learn a great deal of valuable information to inform our decisions.

### *In action*

After moving to a new house, the homeowner ponders what to do with their new outdoor space, and would like a bench at the end of the garden. However, after observing the garden for a year before acting, it's clear the end of the garden is often very wet, making it a better spot for a wet-loving tree like a willow instead.



## Things to do in the garden in April

Vegetable growing really takes off this month. Plant out those chitted second and early potatoes in the first half of the month and maincrop potatoes in the second half. It's also time to sow seed outdoors in well prepared soil.

Sow seed outdoors for beetroot, carrots, Swiss chard, summer cauliflower, kohlrabi, lettuce, leeks, radish, turnip, spring and pickling onions, peas and perpetual spinach in well-prepared soil.

Sow seed indoors of marrows, courgettes, pumpkins and squash. Also sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, celeriac, salads and globe artichoke

Fermented foods are good for our gut health and overall wellbeing. There are now many fermented foods like Kafir and Kombucha. Suspensions are raised over the over-processing of these and their plastic packaging.

## Kafir

Kafir is a fermented milk drink which is very easy to make. It can be made with water if you have a dairy intolerance. The recommended daily intake is at least 120ml of Kafir. Many of the supermarket varieties are only 65ml and contain sugar and various fruit flavourings. You would need to drink at least 2 a day which would be quite expensive and involve 2 plastic containers.

### General rules for making Kafir

You will need to buy some Kefir culture.

[https://freshlyfermented.co.uk/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCOjws-S-BhD2ARIsALssG0ZKNsJjUzOm5h3rpfU8a7LHlh1CmXcrqjGWaHrZJ3UzqEuZEXYV5kaApgFEALw\\_wcB](https://freshlyfermented.co.uk/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCOjws-S-BhD2ARIsALssG0ZKNsJjUzOm5h3rpfU8a7LHlh1CmXcrqjGWaHrZJ3UzqEuZEXYV5kaApgFEALw_wcB) or <https://kefirko.com/>

These sites will give you instructions on how to start your culture and probably try to sell you lots of kit but you just need two glass/plastic jars, one for fermenting and one for collecting your kefir drink, a plastic sieve, a glass bowl for sieving, a wooden spoon and a tea cloth to keep your fermenting jar in the dark. Kefir MUST not come into contact with metal.

Kefir culture can last indefinitely, if however you are going away it's best to keep it in the fridge.

If you find the taste a bit challenging you could always add some honey and fruit but after a while you may find you actually enjoy the bitterness! Good luck.



**Very Best Wishes from Thoughtful Food**



# Our Wild Acre - Returning for a Fifth Year!

In 2021 we launched the Our Wild Acre project, which was a challenge aiming to create a new acre of wildlife-friendly habitat across the Parish. Over the past four years numerous households have signed up, committing over 500 m<sup>2</sup> of gardens and other private lands to be left untouched and therefore gently rewilded for the duration of the growing season, as a refuge for wildlife and for us all to enjoy. The project is returning by popular demand for a fifth year. If you can commit a patch of your garden or land, or a window box or anything else, to be a wild area from now until at least August, please let us know by registering online on [forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VT0xhUA](https://forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VT0xhUA) or scan this QR code (link also available on the Lyminge Climate Action facebook page), or by emailing [lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:lymingebiodiversity@gmail.com) or call us on 07956 992092.



## More Hedge/Tree Planting in the Parish



A few weekends ago another keen group of volunteers got together to plant 200 native hedging whips at Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary in Rhodes Minnis. In this year along we have planted over 1000 new hedging trees which will bring huge environmental benefits to our countryside. New hedges support a huge variety of wildlife and do a host of other useful things, like capturing pollutants, conserving soil and storing carbon. There are few endeavours more satisfying in life than watching a

new hedge that you've had a hand in planting, grow. It is a lasting legacy, one that could live on for centuries.



Not to be missed out in all the tree planting going on in the parish, Lyminge Primary School were donated 5 fruit trees (apple, plum, cherry and pear) from the Tree Council to plant in their grounds. These have taken pride of place to the side of one of the playgrounds where they will be nurtured by the Eco Council.



## Hedgehogs in the Parish?

Please let us know if you see hedgehogs in the Parish, they should be out and about now after hunkering down over winter. Hedgehog numbers in the UK have declined greatly over the past years, here in Lyminge Parish we identified them a few years ago as a potential indicator species of the progress of our local habitat enhancement efforts. Some of us have been seeing them more frequently recently, in our gardens, we'd like to know if anyone else has been too. Please let us know, if possible using [www.iRecord.org.uk](http://www.iRecord.org.uk), and/or by email to [tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:tony.king@lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk)





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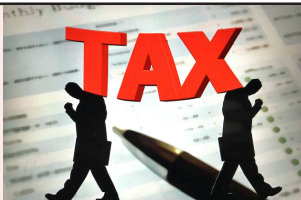
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## LYMINGE THEN AND NOW

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



This month we look at the old village police station, which stands on the corner of Church Road and Canterbury Road, facing Lindon Hall. The picture on the left was taken around 1988, by which time it had acquired the name Burga House.

The main house was originally built in the 1960s as a home for a policeman. The single-storey flat-roofed extension to the right was the village police station at this time. The three-pane window was inserted later to block the original entrance doorway to the police station. There are lots of these police houses still to be found in Kent, built at a time when Kent Constabulary aimed to provide a dense coverage of policing with a local 'bobbie' in many villages. There are two similar houses on the edge of Elham on the main road as you approach from Lyminge. They were sold off to become private housing during the 1980s. A curious legacy that devolved on to the new private householder was to monitor the receiver that was left in place to warn of a Russian nuclear missile attack. A test signal was sent every six months to make sure the village could still receive warning of an attack, and it was necessary for the occupier to confirm that the signal had been received successfully. No instructions were provided on what to do in the event of a real Russian attack, and what would have happened if this had been during the working day when no one was at home is difficult to say.

A scheme of extension executed around 2021/22 has changed Burga House considerably from how it once appeared. The house still stands more or less on its original footprint, but the works involved demolishing the single storey utility room to the left and the old police station to the right. New two-storey extensions to either side have expanded the accommodation and the timber cladding installed to the face of the upper floor now completely obscures the building's original identity and function.

## ***Update from the Lyminge Community Hub..***

The company name has been registered with Companies House and by the time you read this we are formally the **Lyminge Community Hub C.I.C.** which is a Community Interest Company (i.e. not-for-profit).

We have registered the web site - [Lyminge Community Hub.Org](http://LymingeCommunityHub.Org) - and would really, really welcome a volunteer(s) to set it up very simply & properly!

Written presentations have been made to all the key councillors at F&HDC & our MP and conversations are on-going. We are creating the consultation that should have taken place about the closure of the Age UK facility.

One question that has been raised is - ***'What is a Community Hub?'***

It is a modern version of a meeting place for the community that follows from, in historical terms, the origins of village market squares. It is a dedicated space to facilitate communal progress. Importantly the hub will provide facilities which are not otherwise available in the village – that statement is at the core of the hub's purpose.

It is not a sports centre, nor is it theatre or a meeting hall. It is an environment, supported by local opportunities. In the case of Lyminge it is proposed, to begin with a café, a bring and buy repair hub for small electrical goods and other devices as all part of an environmental sustainability policy and a pre-loved or charity shop. There are many other opportunities from a daily farmers market stall to weekly banking hubs. All ideas welcome.

Key to all this is that it is a "not for profit" organisation run by volunteering members for the community for everybody from octogenarians to preschoolers.

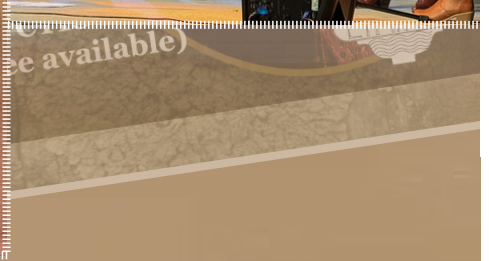
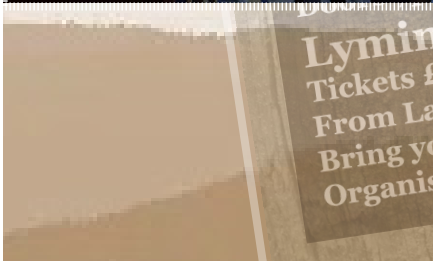
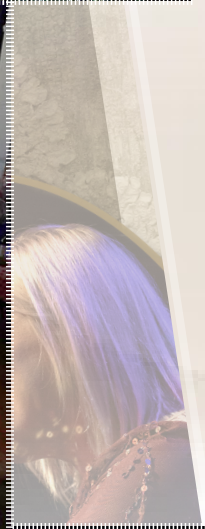
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