

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

July 2020

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From The Lyminge Association

our next
step is...?

With the reinstatement of some of our freedoms, it is hopefully the right time to speculate on what The Lyminge Association can do to help people get back on their feet and restore some normality.

That's the easy bit said - saying it without any crystal ball. However, we would be derelict in our duties if we didn't start planning at least something for the future.

So the plea is simple...what would you like us to do for you?

Perhaps the lockdown has given you the opportunity to restructure your home and you have a lot of items you no longer need and are ready to be moved on. "When's the next Garage Safari?" I hear some of you say... or how about a Treasurer Hunt or an 'Unlock Picnic' on Tayne Field with people suitably spaced.

If you have any ideas as to some events for Autumn, we look forward to hearing from you ASAP. Please contact pb@pbarnes20.plus.com or 01303863737 or 07808775302 with your ideas or thoughts.

New Accounting System for The Lyminge Association

The Association is very grateful to all our advertisers, whether they be a once-off advertiser or our annual businesses and charities. However, one of the biggest headaches is the invoicing and collection of monies due. The Editor has struggled year-on-year to get these invoices out in a timely fashion and the funds sent to the treasurer. This was highlighted this year when his holiday got in the way and we are still chasing a few outstanding accounts (if its YOU, please send them in ASAP. Unpaid ones will be removed from the August edition).

With the start of the new financial year (July 2020) we have put in place a new accounting system, WAVE, ably set-up by Janet and Martin Fry. Once in place, the invoices are sent out by email exactly when they are due. As before, payment can be made by BACs (you can do it from your own armchair but please note that with banks they are now checking the name of accounts as well as the sort code and account number. Our account name is **THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION**), cheque (left at the library, when it re-opens, or by post), or cash (left at the library, when it re-opens or through my letterbox).

The money raised by this and events put on by The Association is used to finance the printing of the newsletter as well as various projects throughout the community we serve.



DIARY OF 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 pb@pbarnes20.plus.com or via methods outlined on Page 2. **Location and name codes follow:**

C&H: Coach & Horses; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ELVH:** Elham Village Hall, **EVLT:** Elham Valley Line Trust, **JC:** Jubilee Centre; **JF:** Jubilee Field; **KH:** Korf House; **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 Hse; **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 News Letter for info; **SP:** Sibton Park; **SPCC:** Sibton Park Cricket Club; **TC:** Tayne Centre; **TF:** Tayne Field; **WF:** Well Field

One-Off Events

Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
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WITH THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE DETAILS

See Page 24 for photographs relating to the re-laying of the paths of the Parish Church

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed ⁵	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925 982995
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951 572920	Wed	7pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LMC	07813071867
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Thur	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	TC	863049	Thur	10am	Art Group - Morning	TC	211364
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991	Thur	10am	Memory Sessions	JC	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thur	10am	COGS Club	jJC	269602
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	Thur	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Tues	10am	COGS Club	JC	269602	Thur	11am	Shopping trips to Supermarket	JC	269602
Tues	10.30am	Art Class	JC	269602	Thur	2pm	Art Group - Afternoon	TC	862972
Tues	11am	Reminiscence	JC	269602	Thur	2-4pm	Free Computer Help & Guidance	LL	03000413131
Tues	11.15am	Chairbics	JC	269602	Thur	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thur	7pm	Pilates	EVH	7951698008
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Tues	10am	Memory Sessions	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel A Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10.45am	Singing For Health	JC	862364	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	11.45am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	11am	Seated Exercise	JC	269602

Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
3rd Mon	7.30pm	Etchinghill Film Night	EVH	07544670363	1st Thurs	6pm	Refill Station	LVH	
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	07715221705	3rd Wed	10am	Family History	LL	03000413131
1st Tues	2pm	Lyminge Reading Group	LL	03000413131	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
1st Tues ³	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694
2nd Tues	2pm	Lyminge Reading Group 2 (Railway Readers)	LL	03000413131	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
3rd Tues ²	7.30pm	Gardeners' Society	TC	07703149008	Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	JC	269602
Last Tues	2.15pm	Poetry Group	LL	03000413131	1st Sat	10am	Saturday@10	EVH	
1st Wed	10.30am	Lyminge Friends	RR	862598	2nd Sat	10am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morning	PC	863536
2nd Wed	10.30am	Mothers Union	NC	862221	3rd Sat	9am	Saturday Market	TC	862710
1st Thurs	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley	St Mary's	862508					

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



Lyminge Church: Open for Private Prayer only

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are functioning in a new
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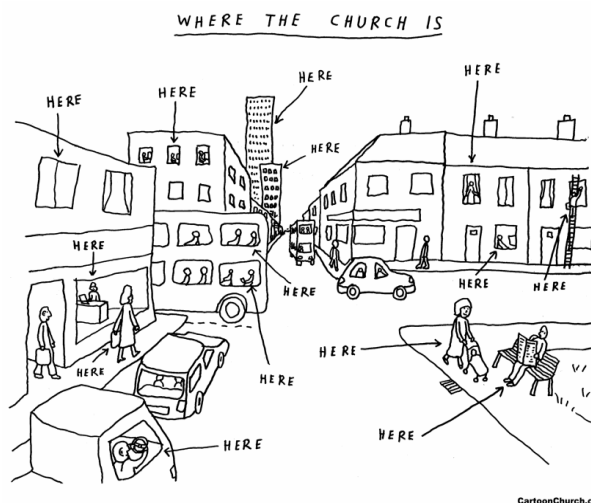
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CHRISTIANS IN LYMINGE



We hope you are all keeping well and able to take advantage of the beautiful surroundings in which we live. We look forward to seeing you once we are able to restart our activities and will keep you informed. Meanwhile stay safe.

The Methodist Church (Tayne Centre) has now received official notification that the buildings will not be opened until at least the beginning of September. We realise the inconvenience this closure has caused, but the decision has been made in order to protect everyone from Covid-19 and as soon as the position is safer we will let you know. In the meantime, we would like to assure all our users and indeed all our friends in the village that you are held in our prayers at this difficult time and we pray for your continued health and safety. The Church community is still here even if we cannot meet in our building!!

Lyminge Newsletter

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Further details from Peter Barnes (editor) on 01303 863737

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Also:

Our low income vets clinics will be open as follows:

- Rhodes Minnis (next to the tea rooms) on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3pm
- Wealden Forest Park on Friday only from 2-3 pm
- Macknades, Faversham on Monday 11th July 2-3 pm

Our charity shop in Hythe will open on Saturday 4th July.

We look forward to meeting you all.

The Elham Valley Line Trust Railway Museum and Countryside Centre may have to be closed at the moment but we are now able to start working again to maintain the site. We would love to open again this year but at this stage we are unable to make any definite plans. Please watch this space and see our website or Facebook page.



Meet the new landlord and landlady of The Coach & Horses

Fred Newing & Emily Arnold have become the new landlord and landlady of The Coach & Horses. They are both 46, grew up in Folkestone and have known each other for 35 years. They have been together for twelve years, married for two and have a daughter, Scarlett, 9 who attends Elham Primary school. Fred has another grown up daughter and Emily has four other children, one of whom still lives at home. Gene is 17 and attends the Harvey Grammar School.

Fred & Emily lived in Wingmore for 8 years. There they were both involved in Elham with Fred playing for the darts team and Emily being on the parish council. They have many links to the Elham Valley and Lyminge with both Fred's mother and Emily's grandparents working at the hospital in Etchinghill. Emily's grandparents lived in one of the hospital cottages and her mother was born there. She attended the old Lyminge primary school and died of cancer aged only 28. She is laid to rest in the church in Lyminge along with Emily's grandparents.

Fred & Emily is very excited to have been able to take over The Coach & Horses even in the strange times we find ourselves living in. They know they have a lot to live up to after taking over from Steve & Ro. Neither Fred nor Emily are going to cook but they have been lucky enough to employ an amazing chef, Rosa Webber who some of you may know from The Gatekeeper in Etchinghill.

Once pubs are able to open again they hope you will all pop in to say hello, have a drink and maybe a bite to eat (the menu will be limited at the start until they have direction from the government as to how pubs are to move forward).

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WALK ELHAM

ELHAM VALLEY WALKERS are a group of volunteers sharing a love of the great outdoors and a strong commitment to our local community.

Our activities include guiding local walks, producing walk information and, as members of 'Walkers are Welcome', promoting the valley as an attractive destination for visitors.

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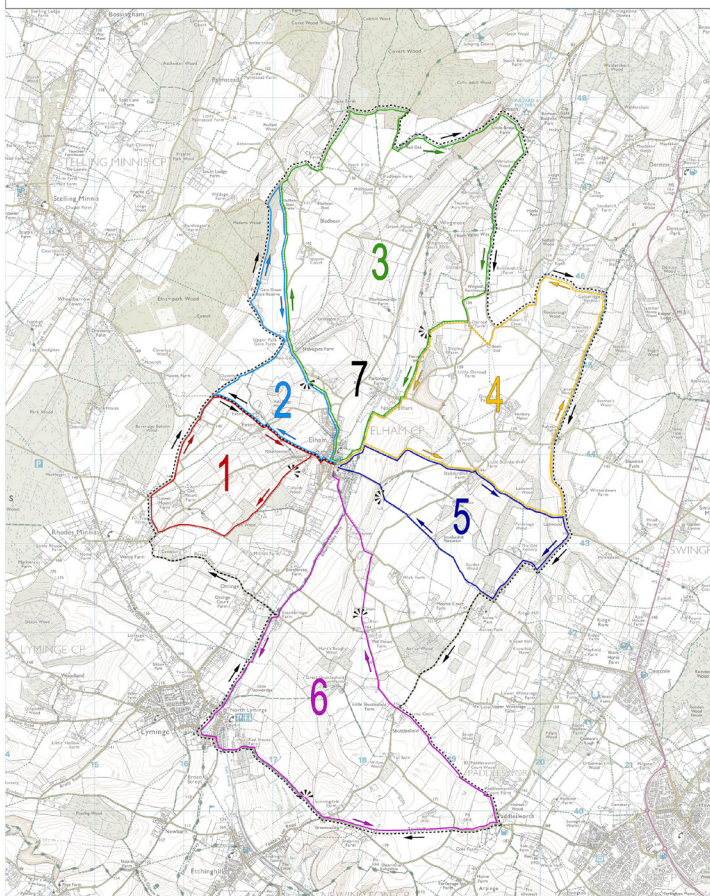
THE WALKS

The seven walks in and around the Elham Valley cater for both the casual and the seasoned walker. Ranging from 3.5 miles (the Exted Amble) to the challenging Elham Ring (20 miles), the routes pass through a wide variety of landscapes and points of interest. All the walks begin and end in The Square, Elham.



WALK GRADES

- easy** Short, typically flat walks suitable for most including children.
- moderate** Longer walks with more ascents and descents.
- demanding** Require reasonable fitness as walks are longer, with steeper hills and some rough terrain.



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download walk guides at: elhamvalleywalkers.co.uk/elham-walks

Walks in and around Elham

Elham Walkers have produce an excellent downloadable map with 7 walks in the Elham Valley. Our friends in Elham thought our community may like to benefit from using some of their footpaths and countryside.

The map and route descriptions can be found here at: <https://elhamvalleywalkers.co.uk/elham-walks/>

The Very FIRST Newsletter

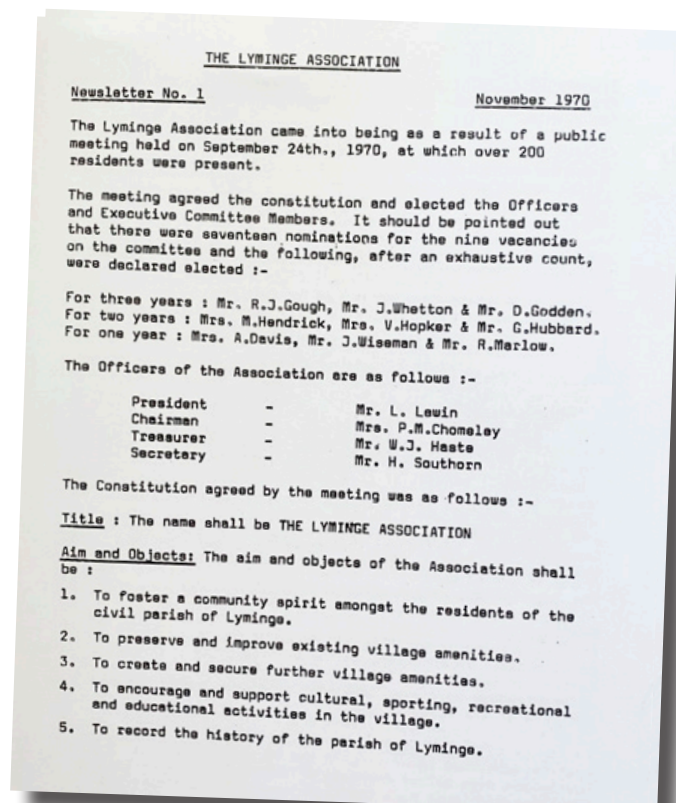
After some considerable searching we have been able to locate a copy of the very first Lyminge Newsletter printed in November 1970.

In it is recorded the formation of The Lyminge Association with seventeen nominations for the nine vacancies, along with its Aims and Objectives and constitution. The formation of the Lyminge Historical Society was proposed as was the proposed publication of the Diary of Events to try alleviate any overlap of meetings and events. It is still found in the current newsletter, be it on hold, because of the current Covid19.

Bingo was used as a fund raiser and feelers were put out to see if there was any interest in a Film Society, Philatelic Society, Tennis Club and Debating Society. A Wine and Cheese Party was planned for later in the year along with a Lyminge Day planed for the following year.

If anybody has any interesting anecdotes to tell us, we look forward to receiving them with interest - contact the editor, details at bottom of this page.

Back issues from January 2007 can be seen on-line at: www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/backissues.php





Etchinghill Update - July 2020

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION - gpmccombe49@gmail.com

The **ERA** has a new fresher and more modern looking website which has just been launched. It is still being developed but is functioning well. As the old site is still somewhere in the 'clouds' until 30th June, please ensure you enter the address correctly when visiting the site see <http://www.etchinghill.info/> or you may get a '404 error code – page not found'. Please visit our site and see what you think – your feedback is valued and welcome. Email **Dave McCombe** dmccombe1@gmail.com

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

OPEN HOUSE – Tel: 862873, Barbara.newing@hotmail.co.uk

Those of you who would normally drop in on Open House on a Monday morning are probably missing one another and the various activities that are arranged for you. We have done our best to keep you occupied with the weekly delivery of 'Brain Teasers, Quizzes, Crosswords etc, prepared by Lorna and Barbara'. Of course we must not forget the biscuit/cookies, freshly cooked by Hester, from The Ark Bakery. Also our 'Paper Boy' Rodney who has walked miles in all weathers (actually I think it has been mostly sunny!) to make sure you get your delivery on a Monday. Do let us know if you were an Open House attendee and have been overlooked so that we can make sure you are included in future deliveries or Emails. Hopefully we will soon get together again as normal.

SPEEDING - colinmanvell@btinternet.com

Our less congested roads appear to have given irresponsible drivers a freedom to ignore speed restriction signs in the Parish, notably in Canterbury Road and surrounding roads in Etchinghill. Please remember **SPEED KILLS**.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Jim Parris - family.parris13@btinternet.com

There was an attempted break-in in Tolsford Close, recently. Someone was trying to break into a property at 3 am but was caught on camera. A white van was also seen reversing up Teddars Leas, during the early hours, which looked suspicious. We just need to remind you to be extra vigilant and to keep an eye on your own security arrangements. Do make sure that everything of value outside is locked up at night or when not in use.

ADVICE FROM GOV.UK REGARDING POSSIBLE SCAMS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICEBOARD BY THE BUS STOP, OPPOSITE THE PUB.

If you would like an item included in next month's Update please contact Barbara Collins-Newing on 01303 862873, or e-mail Barbara.newing@hotmail.co.uk.



The Vineyard Garden Centre and new Farm Shop (in the Cafe building) are operating safely and successfully (11am to 3pm). "Thank-you" to all our customers who continue to support us. We are selling all local produce including fresh fruit and vegetables, cheeses, yoghurt and cream from Ottinge Farm, sausages, bacon and free-range chicken, wine from Simpsons and of course our own sparkling wine and homemade cakes, scones, and pies, etc. Also teas and coffees to take away.

We are working to reopen to students on a limited basis in September. Meanwhile our online sessions are very popular and if you know anyone who might benefit, please let them know they are welcome to join us; simply email info@fifthtrust.co.uk.

The Fifth Trust is a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities.

Lyminge Friends - July 2020

The meetings and visits for July and August have been cancelled due to Covid19. Hopefully there will be better news soon.

Keep well and stay safe

Meetings are 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre. Entry for 2020 is £3.00 which includes light refreshments. We are a friendly social group and welcome new members so just drop into one of our meetings, or, if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 863500.



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ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Film Night

The Etchinghill Residents Association regret to announce that due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak the monthly Film Nights at the Etchinghill Village Hall are cancelled until further notice.

The situation will continue to be closely monitored and the Film Night will recommence once the "all clear" is given.



www.etchinghill.info

District Councillors' Update - July 2020

The District Council has been administering the Government grants to businesses to support them during the pandemic and we know that many local businesses, organisations and village halls have benefitted from this simple process and swift payment. However, not all traders were eligible and there is now a new fund designed to help those who missed out on the first tranche of the Government's Covid-19 financial support programme. The District Council approved 22 applications totalling £185,000 in June, with a further £1m of the funding available. A further 50 applications are being assessed and we encourage any small business which has not yet applied to do so online now.



The Hythe Community Hub led by Age UK Hythe & Lyminge, continues to offer help, support and services to vulnerable residents in our villages. Please contact them on 01303 269602. There are three Community hubs serving our district and, together with the District Council, they are considering how to adapt their services as demand decreases but we are all mindful of a possible further peak and the need to be able to scale up very quickly. We would like to thank the 637 volunteers who have supported the three hubs as well as all of you who have been good neighbours to those who've needed help during lockdown.

Every year the District Council conducts a canvass of all homes to make sure the electoral register is accurate. One difference this year is that the information on the electoral register will be cross checked against records held by the Department for Work and Pensions. The District Council will start contacting people from 01 July by email (if they have these contact details) or by post if they do not. If anything is unclear then the Electoral Services Team can be contacted at 01303 853497 or ask one of us.

We attended both the Postling and Lyminge parish council meetings held on Zoom on 27 May with the Postling meeting finishing just moments before the Lyminge meeting started. Similarly we are attending council meetings both formal and the day to day business meetings online. We continue to be available by email or phone but we look forward to being able to take part in village events in person before long.

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee

Jenny Hollingsbee (Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 07887918458) and Susan Carey (susan.carey@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 01303 670561) - your district councillors for North Downs West, Folkestone and Hythe District Council

Letters To The Editor.....

A Subtle Uprising

What happened to the surge of colour we expected to see on the 'Bumpy Field' this spring following the rotavating of some areas and planting of wild flower seed last autumn?? Peter Barnes

Wildflowers on the 'bumpy field' has been a more subtle change than we first thought we would see, but diversification of species-poor grasslands can take a bit of time. Those of us that have been able to follow the changes closely, have seen some positive changes. Amongst the competition from established species, we have been delighted to see a steady drift of yellow flowers take hold. Yellow Rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*) is more than an attractive flower it is a management tool in the creation of a wildflower meadow. It is parasitic on grasses (the yellow rattle roots attach to grass roots and draw nutrients from them) and therefore decreases the grasses' productivity, giving wild flowers a chance to compete and gradually establish themselves.

Wildflower rich grasslands found on the south-east's chalk land are an important habitat and an attractive feature of the landscape. The decline in the area covered by these special grasslands has become a serious threat to biodiversity. In response to this we have started the process of changing the management so over time we create as much diversity as possible. Cutting has been delayed until October after all flowering is over and gone to seed. Spring cutting if needed should take place before the end of February as Yellow Rattle starts to germinate as mild weather comes in the spring. We know the land has had fertiliser put on it in the past and it will take time to reverse this impact. The new management will remove all cuttings to prevent nutrient build up, which can encourage competitive species and to prevent smothering of wildflower seedlings.

Owen Standen

(See also P14 for more detail relating to the 'Bumpy Field')



I Cant' Thank You Enough...

My name is Daniel Ashton from Etchinghill, I am 50 and had a heart attack in February followed recently by heart surgery. My wife has asthma and so I rang NHS Volunteers to see if they could pick up medications for both of us. Gill Meeks got in touch from Lyminge. She has been amazing, doing shopping and getting pills as my medication was changing frequently due to my condition. We can't thank her enough. A big thank you from Daniel and Sharon Ashton; if anyone deserves a mention in the newsletter it's her, many thanks.

Daniel Ashton



Pathways to the Past

Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga

At long last the new paths have been laid throughout the church yard and it is fully open again. The new path surface is made from resin-bound aggregate in a mix of colours to complement the range in the church itself. This material is water-permeable so rain water will just drain through and it should resist icing in bad weather. We have fitted a new hand rail to the main path and scraped the path surface down to create a shallower and more even gradient. The Anglo-Saxon church is marked out in the newly enlarged paved area outside

the porch. There is a new path laid up to the War Memorial, completing the job begun 100 years ago. The line of walls from what we believe was the Archbishops' Palace is marked out in this. There is also a new path to the north door where we now have step-free access. Some more work is still required to repair the north door threshold, and there will be further work tidying up in the church yard before the work is complete. There are pictures in the Out and About section at the back of this Newsletter.

I am delighted to say that we are partnering with Councillor Owen Standen who has developed the management plan for Court Lodge Green ("the Bumpy Field"), to create a planting and management plan for the church yard too. Both areas together will create a wonderful large environmentally friendly corridor leading from the open countryside into the heart of our village. The churchyard provides a link to the equally large managed area of Well Field and Tayne Field, which similarly is now being actively managed for wildlife by the Parish Council.

Don't forget to keep up to date with the project on our website at geopaethas.com. We hope to be publishing an update on the 3D reconstructions soon and you will be able to see how work is progressing.

If you would like to get in contact, please email on geopaethas@gmail.com.



Can you help this lady raise money for MIND on 4/5 July?

I am Midge Bennett. I live on my own and enjoy walking and exploring all our beautiful countryside that we are lucky enough to have around us.

Planned sponsored walks for MIND have been cancelled through COVID19 but I decided to keep training and raise money by doing 3X 100km's (62.2 miles) Kent style, and on my own! All my walking is a bit of a challenge as I have been a Type 1 insulin dependent diabetic for 45 years and had a quadruple heart bypass 5 years ago. I have tried to never let that stop me! I also went through a very difficult, dark time mentally, 3 years ago, but I was fortunate to receive some excellent counselling from Maidstone Mind; hence my passion to raise money to support them to help as many people as they can, especially this year.

So, back in May I walked two circular routes of 32 & 31 miles respectively with great support from friends & strangers alike. Through that event I raised £475

I am now currently planning my second event on 4/5th July, when I hope to push a bit harder and walk 40+ miles on day 1, followed by 20 miles on day 2. The route is predominately east along the North Downs Way, looping inland around Alkham, then back home towards Lyminge...

I would be very grateful if people can help support me to raise funds using the following link: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MidgeBennett1 and I can be contacted on 07555 965045.

Thank you *Midge*

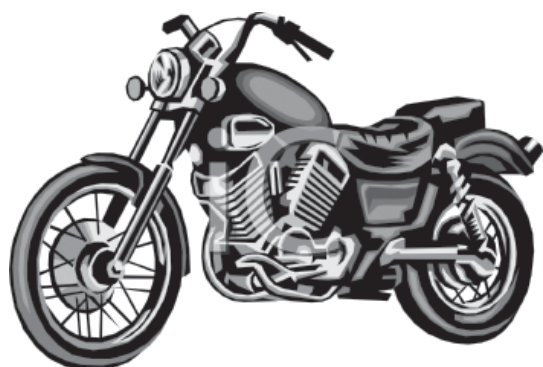




We are still hoping we may be able to have some meetings again this year and will advertise these just as soon as we are able.

In the meantime,
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*Lyminge
Historical Society*



Due to the Coronavirus and the continuing lockdown, meetings are cancelled until September. Please watch the Notice Boards and the Lyminge Newsletter for further updates. Stay safe and well.

Lyminge Historical Society Committee

Lyminge a history can be purchased individually through the Premier Food Store

Plus: purchase Parts 1-5 as a bundle for £22 or Parts 1-10 for £50*

To take advantage of the offer please call Daphne Andrews on 01303 862865. This bundle offer is not available from the shop.

*Postage and packaging extra

The Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Committee

Owing to the present situation,

The Rhodes Minnis Summer Flower Show

will be cancelled this year.

We hope to see you all next Spring. In the meantime please try and keep fit and healthy and keep growing your flowers and vegetables.



JLinks
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Rhodes Minnis Circle

Unfortunately our meeting in March was cancelled due to the current health crisis.

There will be no further meetings for now, but we will let members know when we start up again.

Keep safe - we are thinking of you all.

For further details contact Marion on 862913

Thank you to all the young writers who entered our lockdown poetry competition, and to those who also donated to the park project. Our judge has a tough task ahead to choose the winners, and we look forward to announcing them soon.

While most of our planned fundraising events had to be put on hold, the team is still busy in the background applying for grants and funds to keep working towards our goal of renovating the Tayne Field play park.

If you know of any funding we could apply for please let us know on lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com. For more information on our plans visit lymingepark.com.

In the meantime, we hope you continue to keep well, stay safe and look after each other.

All the best, *Lyminge Youth Action*



Write 300ish words on any subject - then send it to the editor

Monitoring our local wildlife

It's great to see the local efforts to make space for nature in our area. Tayne Field and Court Lodge Green are both looking more diverse than they were this time last year, and Lyminge churchyard is looking fabulous with the new paths winding through plenty of wild flowers. A big thanks to everyone involved in looking after these spaces that we hold dear. But who exactly is living in our wild places? Everyone can help us find out. We can all look out for wildlife, and share our observations of any plant or animal through wildlife recording schemes.

In the limited area I spend most of my time, basically between Court Lodge Green and Tayne Field, I have recorded over 700 different species of animal in recent years, many of them since the coronavirus lockdown. This includes 55 bird species, with red kites added for the first time this year. Pollinators are particularly good indicators of the health of our local environment, and we have plenty here: so far I have found 23 different butterfly species, 43 bees, 26 hoverflies, and 390 moths. We have bees that look like wasps, flies that look like bees, and moths that look like twigs. We have wasps that live inside caterpillars, and caterpillars that live inside leaves. We have stickleback fish, and we have frogs and toads and lizards and snakes.

One animal I have never seen in Lyminge though is a hedgehog. If anyone sees one please do let us know – or better still, iRecord it. In fact it would be great if as many people as possible could use iRecord to let us know about any wildlife observations. iRecord is a national wildlife recording scheme, anyone can register and then submit wildlife records online, preferably accompanied with a photo for verification by experts – these records go straight to the national Biological Records Centre, and we can browse them to see what is living locally. Although I have recorded over 700 local animals, I am rubbish with plants, and would love to see people adding local plant records to iRecord, especially of plants in our communal green spaces.

Another good online scheme specifically for birds is eBird, although there is minimal verification of records so this is suitable only if you are confident of your identifications. On eBird there is an interactive and illustrated list of birds observed in Lyminge village, which anyone can add their observations to, and of course the same can be done for any other local sites.



Recording wildlife is very helpful, but clearly ensuring wildlife has a home is more important. In addition to the local work in our communal areas I've seen some wonderful efforts to give wildlife a home in private gardens – flowering lawns are one great way to provide space for wildlife, as of course are flower beds with native flowers, hedges of native trees/bushes, ponds, compost heaps, wood piles, bird and bat boxes, bee hotels, and so on. Avoiding pesticides and herbicides and other poisons is also important. Everyone can do something for wildlife, and if you can help record it then all the better. For more information on how you can help please see www.643world.com/lymingebiodiversity or contact lymingeclimateaction@gmail.com

Tony King, June 2020

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LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER JULY 2020

Forthcoming Council and Committee Agendas are displayed on the Council notice boards in Station Road car park, the Rhodes Minnis bus shelter and the entrance to the Village Hall car park Etchinghill. Agendas and minutes are published on the Council's website www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk and Facebook page. We invite you to read the minutes online or on the noticeboards which may provide the information you are seeking regarding a particular item, but correspondence is always welcome from parishioners and can be sent to the Clerk at the addresses given below.

COVID 19 - STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

With a change in the latest Government guidance we would remind parishioners that our open spaces and sports facilities remain open for your unlimited use, however at the time of publishing, playparks still remain closed. The fine weather will tempt many people to resume going out and socialising but please remember that current guidelines only allow for group size of 6 people. Children's parties which do not meet these guidelines can not be held on our open spaces.

AND REMEMBER, PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME. WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS REPORTS OF DOG FOULING/HIGH LEVELS OF LITTERING. PLEASE USE THE BINS PROVIDED OR TAKE IT WITH YOU.

KENT HIGHWAYS

As soon as social distancing permits, we have requested work be carried out through Lyminge as a matter of urgency. Be aware though, this may be carried out at night, so some disturbance is possible. Kent Highways have been asked to give as much advance information as possible so that we can get the information out to you.

Meantime, we have ordered 4 new village signs incorporating the 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' designation to be erected at strategic entry points into the village of Lyminge, to match the others across the Parish. Whilst consulting on those, Kent Highways offered to appraise the current provision of dropped kerbs across the Parish. A number of new locations have been agreed and marked out with spray paint, ready for the works to be carried out.

The appraisal with Kent Highways and FHDC on the lining outside the village shop and post office has been held in abeyance during these recent months, but we are now pursuing this again...

This month FHDC will be meeting to consider adoption of the Planning and Places Local Plan Review which will almost certainly have implications for our Parish. More details next month.

Due to the continued efforts of our Speedwatch team, Kent Police came out earlier this month to monitor speed in Rhodes Minnis and Etchinghill. A number of tickets were issued to speeding drivers in Etchinghill, and we hope that they are out again in the not too distant future, to deter drivers from speeding through the Parish.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: TBC August, Zoom online meeting (details available from Clerk).

Cherri Norman, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Following guidance on Covid-19 from the Government and from the National Association of Local Councils, we regretfully had to cancel this year's Annual Parish Meeting in May. Once all community reports have been received, we will publish them on our website, but for now, we are pleased to give a few highlights from the reports received below.

Etchinghill Residents Association: We have worked very hard over the past year to secure a mains power source to facilitate the Meriden Walk Christmas tree and a permanent supply of power to facilitate the second tree near the golf club. This is a great result and means no more recharging and lugging heavy truck batteries by the committee, friends and neighbours! We also have our new website up and running www.etchinghill.info which lists all of the community activities on offer and showcases the venue as a beautiful wedding location.

Etchinghill Village Hall: We entered this last financial year in a very positive frame of mind. Bookings were holding their own due largely to a solid array of regular users. However, due to the Government's guidance relating to Covid-19 the hall has been closed since March which has obviously had a major impact on our income. The trustees continue to meet virtually and once we are able to re-open we will publish a new date for the AGM. The re-submission of the extension application has been approved by F&HDC and we are continuing with the design and costings to enable us to apply for grants for the building work in due course. The extension should hopefully provide a new storage area so that we can open up the stage, allowing it to be used for live entertainment and increase its viability as a wedding venue.

Hythe & Lyminge Age UK: We had made many plans for the year ahead as we approached 2020 to sustain the future for older people living in and around Lyminge for many years to come. Like many, our plans and services were suddenly interrupted by the Coronavirus situation. We adapted quickly, setting up the Community Hub in 48 hours, but it meant we had no choice but to close the Lyminge facility. We are now looking at ways in which we can interact with people at home in a more active way, maintaining social distance, through activity workbooks, discussions groups, online sessions and much more. The plans and developments for Age UK Hythe and Lyminge are still in the pipeline and works in Hythe are underway to ensure that we are ready for the next stage in our operations.

Lyminge Friends: 2019 was another successful year with 11 Talks and 1 Workshop on Quilting, 6 Lunches, 6 Outings including 2 Cream Teas, the Curry Night and the Christmas Party! Our most successful outings were the Elham Valley Vineyard, Samphire Hoe and Dover Castle. Our trip to Kearsney Abbey has been rescheduled for October this year (Covid19 permitting of course!).

Lyminge Historical Society: We have a membership of 68 this year. As a result of the lockdown, only the March meeting took place, but we will re-evaluate the situation in September. Meetings are held at the Tayne Centre on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome and can pay for each talk at the door. This year we have donated two tranches of £500 each for the Pathways to the Past project – Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga and several members took part in the archaeological project at the Parish Church.

1st Lyminge Scouts: The group grows from strength to strength. We now have 75 members, both boys and girls across the four packs- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers' 15 leaders and a small executive of four, along with regular parent helpers keep the group running. Before lockdown we enjoyed many activities such as the Cubs district 5-a-side football – winning the cup without losing a single game; the district Beavers sleepover; Explorer's winter survival and Scout's water activity camp. The big project this last year was the installation of insulation into the hut roof and replacement of the worn felt at the same time. Thanks go to the many bodies that grant funded the £20K+ cost.

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall: All regular activities have been well attended: yoga, beetle drive, table tennis, flower shows, toddlers group etc. We arranged for the installation of the defibrillator which is a tremendous plus for the community and was strongly supported all through the process by the Committee along with LPC, Elham PC, Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee. We are very pleased to be in receipt of a grant from FHDC to help support us through the difficult time and circumstances that the lockdown has presented.

And finally, the Chairman's report –

Who would have thought as we were in a crowded Tayne Centre for last year's meeting, with so many representatives from the numerous groups in our active Parish that this year would be so different? In so many ways, Covid19 has highlighted how resourceful and caring our community is in times of need. A significant number of Councillors are key workers or volunteers, working from home, and home-schooling children and have still committed time and energy to Council matters. We have had a few changes in personnel over the

year and I am always grateful for the time, skills and ideas offered however long or short their time as a Councillor (*there is still one councillor vacancy open for co-option so if you would like to join us, please do get in contact!*). We have a strong team bringing a breadth and depth of knowledge and ideas forward for discussion and implementation. We are currently working together to produce a single document which we hope to publish shortly for consideration and comment by parishioners. We are defining our ambition for the Parish under four headings: the Natural environment, the Historical environment, the Social environment and the Built environment to give a strong framework to all our decision-making. More to follow soon

Meanwhile Councillor Owen Standen called the Climate Emergency Meeting last August which attracted wide interest across the Parish and from which has developed active groups and joint projects between groups (Thoughtful Food and the Gardening Society for instance). When the new format for the Newsletter was introduced, we were more than happy to increase our presence at the centre of the Newsletter and to hand over half the space to the Climate Action initiative. Last autumn and into the spring we planted more trees and hedging “whips” on Council land to improve biodiversity and we shall be consulting shortly on work to the pond at Court Lodge Green. As a Council we are happy to promote and financially support additional recycling using the company Terracycle. (www.terracycle.com/en-GB). With bins being placed at strategic points around the Parish (details to be finalised as soon as social-distancing measures permit).

Project Manager, Rob Baldwin, has been managing the very considerable Pathways to the Past project and after the excitement of the dig last year it is great to see the path to the church laid, including the area around the War Memorial. The Council was happy to support with a grant to supply a number of information boards which will share the wealth of history our Parish holds across a wider audience.

The Councillors looking at the Built environment will have a busy time not least because Folkestone & Hythe District Council are due to adopt the Planning and Places Policy Review in July which will almost certainly have implications for our Parish.

We renewed some of the outdoor gym equipment this year and continued to support the Youth Club by meeting their running costs. Thanks are due to our Community Warden, Gary Harrison, for his commitment to this project and for everything he does across the Parish. We were pleased to support the Scouts with a grant toward the cost of works to the Scout Hut and their report shows just how well supported this group is by our young people.

Etchinghill now has mains power for its Christmas trees (no more back-breaking carrying of batteries for weary volunteers). We gave a contribution towards this and towards the defibrillator installed at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall. We also assisted with the costs of replacement CCTV equipment at Etchinghill Village Hall, Lyminge Village Hall’s new kitchen, the Lyminge Association’s supply of Christmas trees.

The Parish Precept was increased this year to bring the sum up to a figure in line with the Consumer Prices Index (no increase having been made for some years). This means we are well placed to continue to support Parish groups and develop ideas to enhance living in this lovely place (and cope with the unexpected, such as the bridge collapsing in Well Field).

I cannot end this report without thanking Cherri, our hard-working Clerk, who has brought us all up to date with the legislation which permits Council meetings to take place by Zoom (often featuring Councillors’ cats and dogs making guest appearances). It doesn’t seem to make Council meetings any shorter though! She has worked solidly through the past year and coped during the lockdown despite nursing a poorly (now recovered) husband, as well as home-schooling the children.

At the Parish meeting we would have taken questions so I invite you to email Cherri (address below) and she will pass them onto me. We always like to hear by email or phone with any of your concerns and there is always the 15 minutes set aside at our meetings (face to face or virtual) for you to speak about anything you wish to raise with us. Cherri's email address is lymingepc@btinternet.com.

Best regards, Chris Barnett, Chairman

Cllrs: Rob Baldwin, Rowena Bergin (Deputy Chair), Jane Boreham, Heather Dunford, Emma Hanson (Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee), Gillian Heywood, Roger Joyce, Sue Luff, Mike Packman, Owen Standen, Paul Trayner.

Lyminge Climate Action



Join the conversation

We have set up a Facebook group, **Lyminge Climate Action**, to share tips and information on ways to personally and locally tackle climate change. If you live in or around the Lyminge Parish, and would like to join the conversation, please do search for the group on Facebook and request to join.



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 welcome new members.

Contact: thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com or on Facebook and Instagram @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Face-to-face meetings are currently suspended so please email us if you would like to get involved.

Pick Up a Plant

In collaboration with Lyminge Gardener's Society, we ran a very successful *Pick Up a Plant* event at the end of May, where surplus plants were shared across the community. Most re-homed plants were vegetables and herbs, hopefully enabling more of us to grow our own food at home. Thank you to everyone who donated and re-homed plants. Please look out for this event again next year.



Community Allotment



We are continuing to get settled in to our new *community allotment* plot in Lyminge, with the space now fully planted with a range of vegetables, to add to the established fruit bushes already in situ. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to keep the allotment watered in this dry spell. If you live in the Church Road vicinity and can help, please do get in touch to share the workload (thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com).

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Newsletter: As for Peter Barnes above

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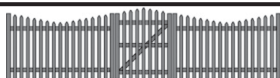
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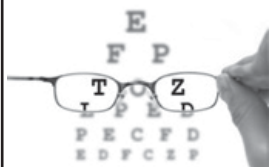
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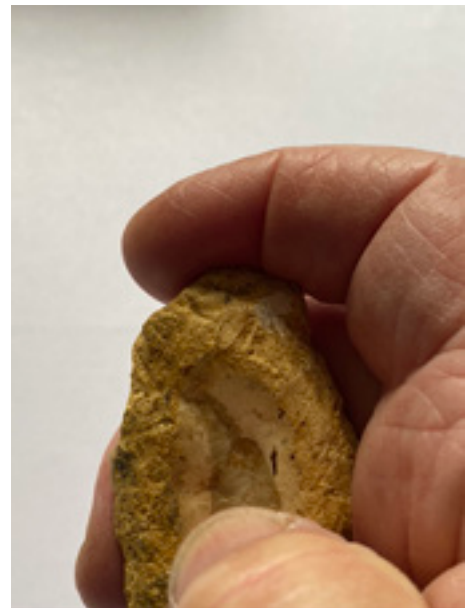
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