



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

November 2020

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The Lyminge Association

**Christmas is
coming and it is
going to be very
different this
year.....**



Villagers will be pleased to hear that The Lyminge Association will be supporting the usual festive trees and lights along the main street this year. The Association will be providing the large tree outside Laing Bennett (generously supported by a Lyminge Parish Council grant) as well as all the smaller trees on houses with brackets attached to their properties along Canterbury and Station Roads. The committee will be installing the trees and switching on the lights on Saturday 21st November. Should there be any other houses that wish to have a bracket and tree, then please contact Adrian on 862699. Unfortunately, there will be no formal switching-on of the lights or carol singing, as we have done in the past.

We've also heard that **Father Christmas has sent a special message** to the young people of our community to say that he too has been affected by the corona-virus and has been asked to deliberately keep his visits to a minimum. So he will not be coming to switch on the lights and deliver any presents in the time leading up to Christmas, but he'll make every effort to deliver the children's presents on Christmas Eve.

So as we move through autumn to winter, and the pandemic continues to run amok, **we must not forget our neighbours and friends.** In the spring it was a fear and sense of "We are all in it together". However, things are different now and fear has been replaced with fatigue. The pandemic has exhausted us all, regardless of where we live or what we do. During the first lock-down, many people were focused on tackling this pandemic as a united community. This time people are worrying more about themselves, their survival along with their own needs. Whilst partially understandable, we must not let this attitude get in the way of supporting our friends and neighbours, not just for the week or the month but for the long haul until the virus is overcome or we develop a strategy to cope with it.

So please remember to **keep a watchful eye on those you feel may be vulnerable, physically or mentally**, in the hope that we can put this behind us very soon.

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 3. **Location and name codes follow:**

C&H: Coach & Horses; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ELVH:** Elham Village Hall, **EVL:** 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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THINGS ARE ON THE MOVE - PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE DETAILS BEFORE TURNING UP

Christmas Lights w/c 23 November

Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia Daybreak	JC	269602	Wed	11.45am	Pilates	TC	07825109670
Mon	10am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed	2pm	Bingo	EVH	863819
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed ⁵	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	10am	Age UK Café and Shop now open	JC	269602	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925 982995
Mon	10.30am	Men-in-Sheds (appointment only)	JC	269602	Wed	7pm	Cantores Dominicæ Choir	LMC	07813071867
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951 572920	Thurs	9.30am	Dementia Daybreak	JC	269602
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Thurs	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	TC	863049	Thurs	10am	Art Group - Morning	TC	211364
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991	Thurs	10am	Age UK Café and Shop now open	JC	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Thurs	2pm	Art Group - Afternoon	TC	862972
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	Thurs	2-4pm	Free Computer Help & Guidance	LL	03000413131
Tues	9.30am	Dementia Daybreak	JC	269602	Thurs	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Thurs	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia Daybreak	JC	269602	Fri	9.30am	Dementia Daybreak	JC	269602
Wed	10am	Age UK Café and Shop now open	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel A Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10.30am	Hearing Aid Clinic (appointment only)	JC	269602	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	10.45am	Singing For Health	JC	862364	Fri	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610

Monthly Events

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

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



St Mary and St Ethelburga

Parish Church, Lyminge

Good News. The churches in the Elham Valley Benefice are starting live services once again. Here is the new rota of services for our churches - please note start dates where applicable.

1st Sundays 8am Elham Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Acrise Holy Communion (BCP)
11am Lyminge WOW
6pm Paddlesworth Evensong - starting 4th October

2nd Sundays 9.30am Stanford Morning Prayer
9.30am Acrise Fellowship Service
11.15am Denton Eucharist (CW1)

3rd Sundays 9.30am Paddlesworth Eucharist (CW2)
11am Lyminge Eucharist (CW1)
9.30am Acrise Fellowship Service

4th Sundays 9.30am Elham Eucharist (CW1) - starting 25th October
9.30am Acrise Fellowship Service
11.15am Wootton Worship (BCP - Book of Common Prayer; CW - Common Worship)
9.30am Stanford - Eucharist (CW1 and 2 alternating)

Every Wednesday - 8am Lyminge - Morning Prayer

Every Thursday - 6pm Postling A short informal service

FoodBank Harvest

Thanks to all those who brought FoodBank offerings to the 18th October service and also to those who gave gifts separately.

All gifts are greatly appreciated - please remember to keep giving to the FoodBank through the winter months.

To contact the churches, please phone:

Reverend Jane Weeks

01303 840219 or email revweeks@hotmail.com

www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk or

www.achurchnearyou.com

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November

As usual there will be a short ceremony of remembrance at the War Memorial starting at 10.45am.

Unlike most years, however, it will not be advisable for the large number that normally attend to do so. It is requested that only two or three members of each organised youth group and civic or other authorities attends and that all those who are at the memorial observe the up to date social distancing rules.

There will be no singing and music will be provided electronically. The gathering will disperse after the two-minute silence and there will not be a church service afterwards.

We all hope to be back to normal next year.

Lyminge Methodist Church

This is to let you all know that we are hoping to re-open the church in December for weekly worship, under Government guidelines, of course. Until then Valley services continue at Elham at 10.15am, where you would be very welcome.

Regarding the Tayne Centre, our risk assessment has been completed, but anyone wishing to use the premises will need to present their own risk assessment before being allowed access. As soon as these have been received and accepted we are hoping that use of the premises will be able to resume - unless, of course, circumstances change.

In the meantime, we continue to hold everyone in our thoughts and prayers.



**CHRISTIANS
IN LYMINGE**



8th November: 10.45am There will be a brief act of remembrance at the War Memorial with limited numbers.

Members of the public are allowed to watch at a safe distance observing the rule of 6.

We are still unable to have any social events but you are in our thoughts and prayers and we look forward to meeting up again.

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Further details from Peter Barnes (editor) on 01303 863737

All her efforts have been recognised....

In Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Birthday Honours List, Cleo Smith, CO of Age UK Hythe & Lyminge, was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community during Covid-19.

When lockdown was announced Cleo established the Community Support Hub based in the Hythe Centre to support vulnerable people across the area. Within days, Cleo and her team took 4000 calls, made 1600 calls to vulnerable people, delivered 1200 hot meals, organised shopping and prescription collections, befriending of lonely people and a whole range of other things to make sure people weren't forgotten. The team has since gone from strength to strength, at the last count, helping over 18000 people.

Cleo said: *"I am absolutely honoured to receive this award. I am extremely proud of the staff and volunteer team, they have all pulled together without question to ensure that those living in our local community were supported and continue to be.*

I love my job, and although recent times have been extremely challenging, I have great satisfaction in knowing, that we as an organisation have helped and supported over 18,000 individual people in so many ways.

"This award is for us all."

The Community Support Hub Team is now gearing up for the Winter and looking for more volunteers so if you would like to help, please call 01303 269602.



Mrs Cleo Smith BEM
Chief Officer,
Age UK Hythe and Lyminge



**Community
Support Hub**

Charity Shop and Café

We are delighted to say that our **Charity shop and café** in Lyminge will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday as of 5th October. Charity shop donation drop-off will be on Thursdays only, strictly between 10am and 12noon and to be left outside under the porch.

Meals on Wheels deliveries are available every day. **Chiropody** is available on Friday mornings and **Hearing Aid Clinics** on Wednesday 10:30am-12noon.

Dementia Café sessions will be starting soon. In the meantime **Dementia Daybreak** sessions are running weekdays 9.30am – 3.30pm, limited to three clients per day. And **COGS** is running on Thursdays 10am–2pm, limited to four clients per day.

We will be arranging some afternoon exercise and general well-being activities from mid-November, complying with Government Covid-19 guidelines. More details to follow next month.

Hythe Centre

From Monday 2nd November, we will be hosting activities for small groups, complying with Government Covid-19 guidelines.

Mondays, seated Yoga, 3pm-3.45pm

Tuesdays, Pyrography, 2.30pm one hour

Tuesday 3rd November, 7pm Screening of Les Misérables £2

Wednesdays, Zumba Gold 3pm one hour

Thursdays, IT session time tbc, approx. 2.30pm

Fridays, Social Sports, New Age Curling, Darts or Table Tennis.

When visiting please respect the current guidelines and procedures. We look forward to welcoming you back in! Contact us for any of the above on 01303 269602.

Thank you!



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

Sadly, this year the Poppy Appeal must be quite restricted to keep within the national guidelines of the Royal British Legion. There will be no house-to-house collections in order to keep our volunteers and the general public as safe as possible. There will, however, be a supply of poppies and other poppy appeal items available at our local schools and commercial outlets wherever possible.

Remembrance is nevertheless very much at the forefront of our minds and I would encourage you to still spare some time to think of those who gave everything for our freedoms.

If you have any special requirements e.g. remembrance crosses, lapel pins, wreaths, etc, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will do my best to meet your needs.

Susan Foster, Poppy Appeal Organiser Elham Valley

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Fifth Trust Update - www.fifthtrust.co.uk

New wine on sale! From our 2019 harvest, we have a new still white wine. The Seyval Blanc blend has just gone on sale at the Vineyard Café and Farm shop. Retailing at £15, the dry white wine is clean, bright and well-balanced, a good partner to cheese or fish. The current year's crop of 700kg of grapes has recently been harvested by a team of staff, students and volunteers and after processing, the wine will go on sale next year.

By the way, as nights draw in, a reminder you can order logs from us, although the stacking service is currently suspended. Call 01227 831052 for details.



Etchinghill Update - November 2020

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL: John White - jaylwhite@aol.com

Unfortunately, the Hall remains closed for casual bookings. Several of our regular groups continue with their activities, including Pilates and Yoga. Please contact the organisers directly for more information.

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: Dave McCombe - dmccombe1@gmail.com

ETCHINGHILL CHRISTMAS TREES - LIGHTING-UP - Because of the current government restrictions on public gatherings, we regret that we are unable to organise our usual carol singing event this year. We are, however, pleased to advise that the Christmas tree lights at both ends of the hamlet, will be switched on at the end of November or early December.

ERA - AGM - We are postponing our usual AGM, planned for December, until spring 2021 when, hopefully, the government will be able to allow public gatherings. In the meantime, we have a vacancy for a committee member to join our friendly, proactive team. Please contact the chairman, Dave McCombe, by email dmccombe1@gmail.com or call him on 07939 076617, for more information.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS - PENTLAND HOMES, BROAD STREET DEVELOPMENT, LYMINGE - Would residents please ensure that they visit the Folkestone & Hythe District Council website, to see how the development could impact on the area. Please log your comments on the Folkestone and Hythe District Council website or write an old fashioned letter to them. The planning application number is 20/1397/FH

MISCELLANEOUS – Barbara Collins-Newing (Barbara.newing@hotmail.co.uk) 01303 862873

LOCAL ENDEAVOURS:

Following the rising numbers of unemployed, many people are venturing out on their own and starting their own self-employed businesses. Is this you and do you live in Etchinghill; do let us know about your new venture? For instance, we are aware a new freelance business making Cinnamon Buns (and other varieties) for sale. Contact me if you wish to know more or would like to tell us about your latest idea.

CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE ETCHINGHILL UPDATE – Barbara Collins-Newing 01303 862873

Due to my proposed departure from Etchinghill, we will be looking for someone to take over the role of Co-ordinator of the Etchinghill Update for the Lyngme Newsletter. If any resident of Etchinghill would like to volunteer please give me a ring to discuss what is involved.

Please contact Barbara on 862873 or e-mail on Barbara.newing@hotmail.co.uk if you would like an item included in future Updates.

District Councillors' Update - November 2020

Congratulations to Cleo Smith of Age UK Hythe and Lyminge who has been awarded a BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for her work during the recent pandemic. It's good to see one of the local 'heroes' honoured in this way. (See P4)

Congratulations as well to Etchinghill resident Judith Lansdell who reached her 100th birthday on 25 September and celebrated with friends and family at The Gatekeeper. Judith received an MBE in 1999 for services to the Shepway Victim Support Scheme.

On 1 October, your District Council took back direct control of its housing services. These had been run by East Kent Housing which brought together housing services for Canterbury City Council, Dover District Council, Folkestone & Hythe District Council and Thanet District Council. A series of health and safety failings led to the decision. A consultation last year found an overwhelming majority of tenants and leaseholders in favour of this move. The council is committed to rectifying the problems and improving both the standard of existing council homes as well as continuing its programme of building new council homes.

We attended a briefing on the council's 'my account' service which offers all residents a personalised service on the website. It's still in its early stages but new facilities will be added to what's already on offer which includes details of waste and recycling services and planning applications.

Our meetings at the council continue to be online and are likely to continue that way for the foreseeable future. Many more residents now also look to contact the council online rather than come to a building. We are also keen to reduce the amount of money the council pays to run our buildings and reduce our carbon footprint. We have therefore asked our officers to look at options for disposing of the Civic Centre building in Folkestone. We are likely to keep a much smaller public office in Folkestone (possibly in the old Debenhams building now renamed 'Folca') with back office staff based at Otterpool Park. There's a lot of work to do before a decision can be taken and we will keep you informed of progress.

Folca? It was the winning entry from over 200 suggestions to rename the old Debenham's building which was bought by the District Council in May. 'Folca's stone' is said to have marked a meeting place for local people and is thought to be the origin of the name Folkestone. Options for the building are still being developed. Suggestions have included a medical centre, workspaces and shop units. There is plenty of space for all these uses and more.

A reminder that the NHS Track and Trace app is available to download here <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/> There is no charge for this. Our district has a lower rate of Covid cases than most of the country and measures such as Track and Trace can help keep it that way.

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



Coach & Horses



Forthcoming Events:

Mondays/Tuesdays: Curry Lunches inc. a beer or house wine

Wednesday/Saturday: 10.30am - 1.30pm English Breakfast

3rd Wednesday of the month: Steak Night (booking essential)

Thursday: 12noon - 5pm Afternoon Teas

Quiz Night: 25th November starting at 7.15pm

Take Away Menu available with free delivery within a 3 mile radius - phone orders

We look forward to seeing you all soon, *Emily and Fred*.

For bookings and any other help needed please phone 01303 901011 or check Facebook page 'Coach & Horses'



Lyminge Friends - November 2020

The meetings and visits for the remainder of 2020 and January 2021 have been cancelled due to Covid19 and the need to stay safe. We will be in touch when the situation changes.

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.



The Lyminge Association

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Please contact: Peter Barnes (chair)

01303 863737 or pb@pbarnes20.plus.com



Pathways to the Past

Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga

It is just over a year since we uncovered the remains of Queen Ethelburga's church in the churchyard. We are delighted to unveil our artist's reconstruction of what we think the interior of this church looked like

around 650 AD, shortly after Ethelburga died.

If you go to our website at <https://geopaethas.com/2020/10/07/re-creating-queen-ethelburgas-church>, you can also see a picture of the church and monastery. Printed copies are for sale through the website.

Visitors to the churchyard should now see a great improvement after a working party in October cleared away the last remnants of the spoil heaps from the dig last year. We have planted several thousand bulbs and sown wild flowers and grass seed in accordance with our new management plan to improve bio-diversity. Many thanks to the stalwart group of volunteers who turned out on a really wet weekend to make this happen.

We are still looking for funding to help us complete the last few elements of our project, which will include further work to enhance the church yard through new planting and management of the trees. If you would like to donate to this initiative, then please go to our PayPal giving page at paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3200879. You can make a gift by card or through PayPal, and if you are a taxpayer, you can add 25% to your donation through Gift Aid. PayPal does not charge us for this, so all your donation will go towards the project.

If you have any questions about the project, you can email us at geopaethas@gmail.com



Lyminge Festival - 7th to 20th June 2021

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

An American businessman purchased for himself a fine box of luxury Havana cigars. As the cigars were quite expensive, he decided to insure them against fire and theft. Having completed the paperwork and paid his insurance premium, he settled back to enjoy the fine aroma and satisfying smoke of these luxury cigars. Within a month he had come to the end of the last pleasurable puffs.

He now prepared and sent a letter to the insurance company to make a claim for the loss of the cigars through fire. He received an abrupt reply, not only dismissing his claim, but to stop wasting the companies time with a fatuous and absurd claim. But the businessman was no fool, he'd studied the 12 pages of insurance documents that came with his policy. He considered every word carefully, line by line, and there was no clause to say that he could not do, what in fact he had done.

He proceeded to prosecute the insurance company for not honouring his claim for compensation for the loss of the cigars through fire. The insurance company confidently contested the claim, assured that any judge would see exactly what was going on, and that his laughable action would immediately be thrown out of court.

Generally speaking judges are not by temperament of a humorous disposition, and do have a tendency to be serious minded. The judge in this particular case did precisely what the businessman did, I went through all the insurance paperwork carefully line by line.

He found in favour of the businessman, who was awarded a small token amount. The insurance company was to pay all his legal expenses, plus their own of course. The final humiliation for the company was they had to provide the businessman with a new fresh box of luxury Havana cigars.

Well you may say, "All is well that ends well" no one was hurt, and the insurance companies are not exactly on our top list of venerated institutions. But I'm afraid there is a sting in the tail to this story. Just six months later the insurance company hit back. They successfully sued the businessman on a charge of arson of deliberately setting fire to his own property. *John Phillips*

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



Hyacinth Bulbs



All members should by now have received their free Hyacinth Bulb - if you have not received yours do contact any of the committee or email the address below.

We are looking for innovative ways to display some of the resulting plants if the usual spring show cannot go ahead - so ideas welcome.

**For further information about
Lyminge Gardeners' Society
please email: lymingegardeners@gmail.com**

Rhodes Minnis Circle

Dear Members.

Keep safe, we are thinking of you all.
Marion 862913

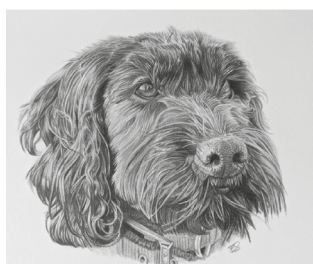
We care for one another
We help each other out
We ring each other every month
(and there's no need to shout!)

We used to meet at the Minnis hall
Winter, spring, summer and fall
Listen to a speaker, have a cup of tea
We had a good natter - our time was free.

How time used to fly - we were having fun
Now the time goes slowly and the days are long
We listen to the radio and watch TV
And then make yet another cup of tea.

But we are so lucky to live where we do
And with God's help we will all get through
We still have each other and help each other out
We still ring up every month
(and there's still no need to shout!)

Marion Hoare.



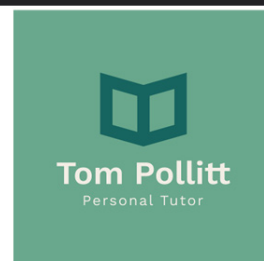
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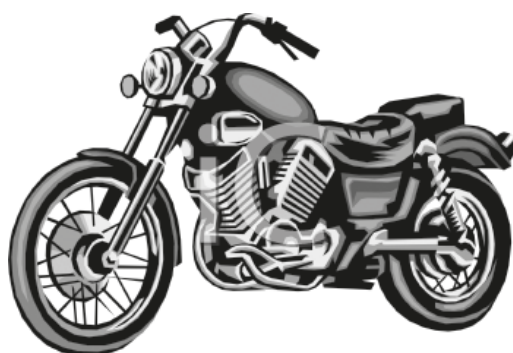
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*Lyminge
Historical Society*



Regrettably, it is now apparent that, due to the continuing Covid-19 situation, the December AGM and talk cannot take place. Restrictions do not allow such a large group to gather and our safety is of paramount importance, plus the Tayne Centre shows no sign of reopening.

The situation will be reviewed as to when we can resume, but in any event not until March 2021 at the earliest, which is when we would normally continue after our Winter Break in January and February. As ever, Government guidelines will determine the way forward.

Watch the Notice Boards and the Lyminge Newsletter for further updates.

Stay safe and well.

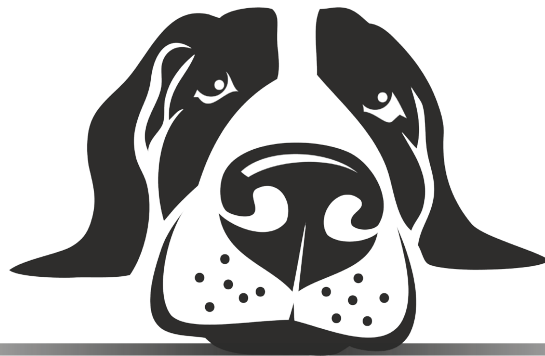
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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Lyminge Youth Action

With the festive season fast approaching we wanted to do something to bring a bit of joy to people this Christmas.

So we will be running a fantastic Christmas raffle, with some wonderful (and some delicious) prizes up for grabs.

To enter the raffle, please donate £2 per entry (no limit if you wish to enter multiple entries) via our website: lymingepark.com. Or you can donate in cash: your entry can be dropped off to 47 Silverlands Road, Lyminge, or handed to Tara Anderson at school. Please make sure you provide your name and phone number with your entry.

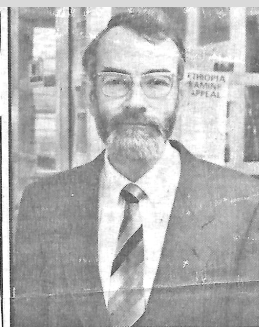
We appreciate your support in what has been, and continues to be, a difficult time.

Rest assured, despite all 2020 has thrown at us, our mission to transform the play park continues!

All the best, *Lyminge Youth Action*



Look what Veronica Hopker found recently from The Folkestone Extra 26 January 1990



Christopher Blanch: Hit the shop alarm



The village store: Target for a gunman

Armed raider flees from Mr Cool

SHOPKEEPER Christopher Blanch stayed cool when confronted by a gunman at his village store.

It was not until he heard the menacing tones of the masked man that he realised the hold-up on Saturday was real.

Mr Blanch, 52, said from his Lyminge shop: "At first, I thought it was a practical joke by one of the local lads."

"The man pushed a Tesco carrier bag under the post office counter grill and said to fill it up and I asked with what?"

"I did not see the gun at first. When I did I hit the shop

by LUNED
JAMES

alarm. This must have scared the man off and he ran out. "It was a very amateurish attempt, I didn't feel threatened in any way."

"He was either thick or it was his first job." The would-be raider ran straight into the arms of a passer-by as he left the shop, dropping the weapon and the carrier bag.

He then ran in the direction of Echinghill chased by a second man who lost him in Nash Hill.

A third man gave chase and the Post Office would like him to come forward to be thanked.

Police hunted with tracker dogs but the gunman escaped. They appeal for witnesses of the raid at 2.25pm.

A police spokesman said the weapon, an air rifle, would not kill but it could inflict a nasty wound.

The gunman is aged about 25, 6ft tall, medium build with short fair hair.

A motorcyclist fitting the description was seen in the area prior to the incident and police would like information about this rider.

Reflecting on the event, Chris says "There were in fact two youngsters who charged into the shop, just after Saturday lunch, and were eventually caught.

It was a rather eventful afternoon, with all the police arriving, etc., taking charge of the 'dummy' gun and generally scouring the neighbourhood. The irony was that all money was still securely locked in the safe!!, but it was still scary, especially with the family in the house."



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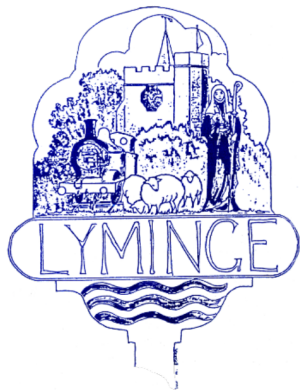
However, there will not be a switch on event due to COVID-19 social distancing rules.

The lights will be on from 1st December until Twelfth Night.

We will, of course, be supporting the usual charities, British Heart Foundation, MS Society, Cancer Research and Lyminge Age UK.

We hope the lights will help to brighten up the year that has been tough for all of us and hope to see you enjoying them whilst adhering to the social distancing guidelines.

Thank you for your continued support.



LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

November 2020 Newsletter

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.

PROPOSED PENTLAND HOMES DEVELOPMENT

With the adoption by FHDC of the Places and Policies Local Plan last month, the way was clear for Pentland Homes to lodge a planning application on the land presently forming part of the golf course. Pentland have duly submitted their application under reference 20/1397/FH and the application can be viewed on the District Council's website. Some of you may have attended the presentation almost 2 years ago at the Golf Club when the proposals were put forward for initial public comment. The land has now been included in the Local Plan for development, but your views remain valid so do please email the planning department as soon as possible with any comments or concerns you may have, once you have read the planning statement in the application file.

One important aspect is the Public Right of Way linking Etchinghill and Lyminge and the enhancement of the path to provide safe access for people of all abilities. The Parish Council will lodge its comments by reference to the effect on the BUILT environment of the village (the design itself and traffic management with particular reference to the policies applicable to the ANOB), the NATURAL environment (examining the steps taken to date and intended to be taken to preserve and enhance the natural environment, the level of carbon generated by the development etc), the HISTORICAL environment –

looking at the impact on the archaeology of the site and the SOCIAL implications of the development (which is intended to include some affordable housing (by examining what this actually means in this context), the impact on health services in the village and the education facilities etc.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO HAVE YOUR SAY EITHER DIRECTLY ON THE FHDC WEBSITE OR BY EMAILING THE PARISH CLERK lymingepc@gmail.com or the Chair on chairlymingepc@gmail.com

LIBRARY TO REMAIN CLOSED



We have been informed that the Library will not open again until March 2021 a further blow to endure in this coronavirus crisis. Our much-loved library is such a warm welcoming space catering for parishioners aged 9 months to 90 plus and offers so much more than the facility of borrowing a book or two doesn't it? Jane and her colleagues are so welcoming and engaging, taking the initiative on fund raising coffee mornings, welcoming groups of all ages and spanning a broad spectrum of interests. It's a place to meet, chat, use the computers, see Gary our Community Warden to share concerns about scams, etc. or just somewhere to browse on a wet and miserable afternoon when perhaps your own four walls are feeling oppressive. **IF YOU CARE (AND WE ARE SURE YOU DO) PLEASE** express your concerns

by writing to your County Councillor,
Susan Carey at
Susan.Carey@kent.gov.uk.

As a Council we are exploring all options to try to bring this invaluable service back into operation at the earliest opportunity.

WELL FIELD GATES



The new gates were installed on a very wet and cold morning in early October and are looking very smart.

Consideration is now being given to laying some kind of surface around the pedestrian gateway.

CHRISTMAS TREE GRANT

The council is very pleased to be able to provide a grant to The Lyminge Association for use towards the cost of the usual large Christmas tree which will be located outside Laing Bennett.

STATION ROAD PHONE BOX

Repainting work has been undertaken in readiness for the change of use to a community library.

KERBSIDE WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Folkestone and Hythe District Council have confirmed that a new 8-year contract, commencing January 2021, has been agreed with Veolia to continue the kerbside waste and recycling collections. An up-to-date 'green' fleet of vehicles and a number of initiatives to help the District Council achieve their ambition of a net-zero carbon emissions target for its services by 2030, will be introduced. Services to your property will continue to be fortnightly for waste and recycling collections and weekly for food waste.

SCAMS

Please beware of the increasing number of scams relating to Covid-19. Fraudsters continue to try and scare people into giving away personal information. Do be on guard for this and never reveal personal information unless you are absolutely sure the enquirer is genuine. Our Community Warden, Gary Harrison, is always happy to give advice if needed.

YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

Finally, there are still vacancies for additional parish councillors. For more information please contact the Clerk by email or telephone (details below).

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm via Zoom
Members of the public are welcome to attend the virtual meetings. There will be a specific opportunity to comment upon items on the agenda, or raise other matters. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact the clerk for details of how to join the meeting.

Cherri Norman, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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[www.facebook.com Lyminge Parish Council](https://www.facebook.com/LymingeParishCouncil)

Community Safety Contacts

The **PCSO for Etchinghill, Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis** is
Nicholas Hazell, who can be contacted on 101

KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison can be contacted on 07977 982185

Lyminge Climate Action



Thoughtful Food....

.....is a group of local volunteers looking at our food, and how this impacts climate change. Our aims are to support people to produce more of their own food, and to shop locally, sourcing seasonal produce. We also run a community allotment in Lyminge and welcome new members. Contact: thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com or on Facebook and Instagram @thoughtfulfoodgroup. We are meeting on the first Tuesday evening of the month via Zoom - please email if you would like to attend.

Thoughtful Food Visit to Windmill Community Forest Gardening

At the end of September, members of Thoughtful Food visited Windmill Community Forest Garden in Margate. Started 5 years ago, the forest garden is part of their scheme to produce food that can be shared with the community. It was an interesting outing, and very inspiring to see the diverse range of produce that a forest garden can provide, as well as a beautiful space in which to enjoy a stroll.

The Windmill Community Forest Garden includes a huge array of plants, most of which contain edible parts, that are



designed to work together and mimic a natural ecosystem. The garden includes apple, pear, olive, lime and quince trees, hawthorn, elder, blackthorn and sea buckthorn grown as shrubs, as well as many smaller plants, such as rosemary and redcurrant. Now established, the produce can be foraged, and the garden is also a fantastic habitat for local wildlife.

For more information, please visit the Windmill Community Garden website at <https://www.windmillcommunitygardens.org/>, check out the National Forest Gardening Scheme at www.nationalforestgardening.org or get in touch with us at Thoughtful Food to request a copy of our free factsheet with further resources to get you started. If you would like to be involved in creating a community forest garden for Lyminge, please do get in touch.

Spooky Success!

We wanted to share this great picture of Louie, who started his vegetable garden with mum Emma earlier this year, now reaping his rewards with this giant pumpkin, just in time for Halloween.

Congratulations Louie!



Community Allotment

We are coming to the end of the main growing season in our first year of running the Community Allotment. For the most part, the allotment is being 'put to bed' by mulching with a sheet of cardboard and a layer of well-rotted manure, following 'no-dig' gardening methods that help to restore the soil. Thank you for recent donations for the plot, including elephant garlic, that will be planted in the coming week, and lots of well-rotted manure. There have been many contributions to the Community Allotment this year, from time and muscle (!) to seeds, plants and expertise. Thank you to everyone who has been involved; despite the additional challenges faced this year, the plot has been very successful. Please do get in touch if you would like to be involved - no experience is necessary and it can be a great way to learn before getting started with growing food in your own garden.



Become a Cut Above the Rest

Autumn is a critical season for wildlife. Birds, small mammals and amphibians rely on the rural larder of fruits, nuts and insects to increase their body fat prior to the ensuing cold hunger gap.

It is widely known that the State of Nature in the UK is poor, with the UK being rated globally as being in the bottom 10% of nature depleted countries.

As a rural parish it is important that we all make every effort to stop the local decline of wildlife. Hedgerow cutting in autumn removes an entire food supply, extending the hunger gap from October through until March. Bare hedgerows eliminate small insects, spiders and larva, with additional removal of autumn foliage that offers protection and shelter through early winter. This management technique is a direct cause of bird decline in the countryside.

The alternative is hedge cutting from December to February. Hedges cut during this time retain protection, shelter and an essential food supply deep into the winter season.

Without putting obstacles in the way of management, land managers, farmers, gardeners and Parish Councillors need to identify opportunities. Some fields are not accessible through the heavy wet clay conditions of winter, some roadside corners may require trimming for road safety. But, this leaves many miles of hedgerows around fields and gardens that are cut bare through the autumn without any justification and a subsequent brutal impact on our wildlife.

Wildlife needs habitat to be enriched and restored before the loss of species tips beyond recoverable populations. The tree sparrow is now locally extinct due to habitat loss.

We can identify opportunities in our own gardens, land and farms to allow hedgerows to grow. Many species such as hawthorn do not fruit until their second year of growth. Endangered species such as Turtle Dove, has suffered a 93% decline since the 1970's. This beautiful summer visitor relies on mature hedgerows with a species rich grassland close by to provide insects for their chicks. Just one Turtle Dove was recorded in Monks Horton in 2020.

A hedge with benefits: Hedgerows provide shelter for livestock, break up the ferocity of wind across crops and aid in the reduction of flooding and soil run-off through soil stabilisation and deep rooting. Autumn foliage and fruiting also delivers a vivid palette in the garden and field boundary. There is not much not to like about a healthy, well connected, full hedge.



Winter is a time for planting too. We can look for opportunities to fill in hedgerow gaps to extend hunting strips for bats. Correct species selection is imperative. Native hedgerows bursting with thorn, hazel, dogwood and field maple provide a glut of food and shelter whilst the popular laurel bears no positive attributes other than shelter for mice from a scouring kestrel. This species even alters soil microbiology and inhibits all other plant growth. Certainly, one to steer away from.

With a topographic landscape of rolling hills, copses, farmland and pretty houses it is time to look more closely at how to connect this landscape, attribute management to improve the environment and restore wildlife before it is too late.



Action in November

Sunday 1st **World Vegan Day (and Month)** – go **VEGAN** for a day or a whole month www.vegansociety.com

Sunday 1st to 30th **Veg Pledge** – go **VEGETARIAN** for a whole month to raise funds for **CANCER RESEARCH UK** www.cancerresearchuk.org

Thursday 5th **Bonfire Night** – create yourselves a **VIRTUAL BONFIRE** and **FIREWORKS NIGHT** instead this year

- **BONFIRES – PAHs** (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons), **PCBs** (Polychlorinated Biphenyls), **DIOXINS & FURANS** many are released on Bonfire Night www.environmental-protection.org.uk
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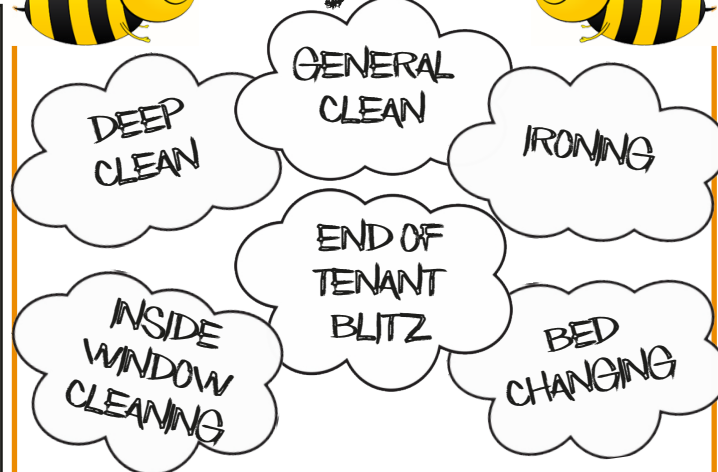
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Newsletter: As for Peter Barnes above

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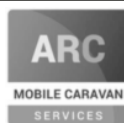
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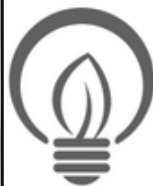
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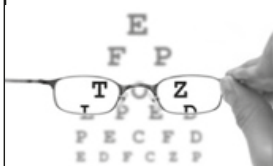
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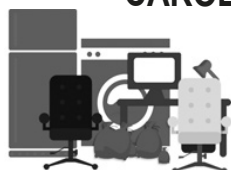
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Out & About (contd)



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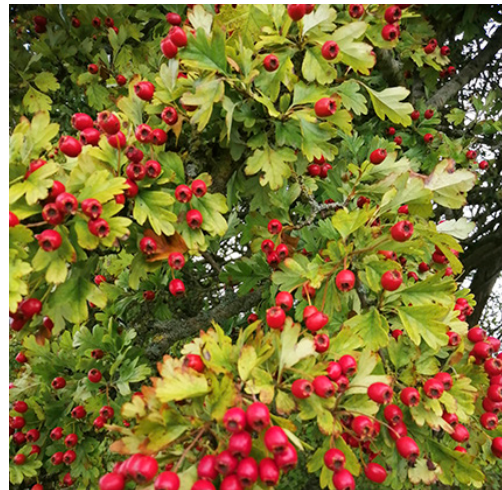
If you have any photos of favourite wild flowers in bloom locally, please send them to adrian.willcox@virgin.net together with a few words about them. Our thanks this month go to Margaret Saunders and Dorothy Athow.



This time of the year sees the fruits of many wild plants which are very much needed by our wildlife.

The black berries are on the **Elder Tree** [*Sambucus nigra*]. As well as being eaten by wildlife these are often picked and turned into elderberry wine or elderberry jelly.

To the right is the fruit of the **Hawthorn** or **May Tree**. [*Crataegus monogyna*] Those pinkish white blossoms in May have now turned into a blaze of red berries or 'haws'. Sometimes referred to as the Bread & Butter/ Cheese Tree, with the leaves being the bread and the paste coming from the berries being the butter or cheese.



Evening Primrose ~ [*Oenothera biennis*]

Spotted at the roadside on a recent walk. The lorry in the background gives an idea of the size of the plant.

Mystery Flowers 3



The purple Mystery Flower from last month was identified as being a **Common Spotted Orchid** [*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*] or an **Early Purple Orchid** [*Orchis mascula*]. Thank you to Alan Shallcross and Chris & Sarah Glass for their suggestions

The second, shown again to the right, still seems to be a mystery since no one has come up with an answer - yet.

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