

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

September 2020

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION  
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From The Lyminge Association

## GARAGE SAFARI - YES... BUT...

The Committee has deliberated long and hard regarding holding a Garage Safari this autumn. It finally decided to go ahead and run one on **Saturday 10th October**. However, we respectfully remind people that they are obliged to adhere to the rules and laws governing us at that point of time and to respect each other at all times. Being 5 weeks away, anything can, and most likely will change and we expect each and everyone to closely adhere to the guidelines of the day.

The committee reserves the right to withdraw the event should anything untoward come about. Application forms are available on-line from 1st September from our website ([www.lyminge.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.lyminge.org.uk/whats-on/)). We are very grateful to '*Snippers and Clippers*' for their willingness to provide applications forms to those who are unable to download it, as well as collecting the completed application forms and monies (£5) by Monday 5th October at the very, very latest - sorry, there is absolutely no wriggle room. See P6 for additional details.

Any questions, then please contact **Peter Barnes - 01303 863737**

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# 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](mailto: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, **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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**THINGS ARE ON THE MOVE -  
PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE  
DETAILS BEFORE TURNING UP**

## Garage Safari 10th October

## Weekly Events

Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed <sup>5</sup>	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925 982995
Mon	10.30am	Men-in-Sheds (appointment only)	JC	269602	Wed	7pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LMC	07813071867
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951 572920	Thurs	AM	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	892067
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Thurs	9.30am	Dementia Daybreak (appt only)	JC	269602
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	TC	863049	Thurs	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966 751991	Thurs	10am	Art Group - Morning	TC	211364
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 (appt only)	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	AM	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	892067
Wed	10.30am	Hearing Aid Clinic (appointment only)	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	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Wed	2pm	Bingo	EVH	863819					

## 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 <sup>3</sup>	7.30pm	LHS Talk/Event	TC	863879	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694
		Lyminge Reading Group 2 (Railway Readers)	LL	03000413131	4th Fri	7.30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
2nd Tues	2pm				Last Fri	1.30pm	Team Quiz	JC	269602
3rd Tues <sup>2</sup>	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					
1st Thurs	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley	St Mary's	862508					

<sup>1</sup> In term time only <sup>2</sup> Except Jan and Feb <sup>3</sup> Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug <sup>4</sup> Except Aug and Dec <sup>5</sup> Not held in August



## God's Heartbeat

High on a hill the old church stands.  
Looking over the village,  
Keeping us safe in God's powerful hands.  
With the eyes of the tower high up in the sky,  
Watching, waiting, as the years they do fly.

The clock rings out,  
Striking hour after hour.  
The hours, the minutes ticking on and on,  
Through morning and night until day is gone.

The seasons come, the seasons go,  
Spring rain and winter snow.  
The peace of summer and the reflection of fall,  
Gods perfect creation displayed for us all.

Bells ringing, choirs singing, babies crying, people dying.  
Tears and laughter, Happy ever after,  
The bride, the groom, the christening spoon.  
The rhythm of life beats on and on,  
All playing its part in Gods own song.

The Sunday people make their way,  
Up the winding path to the old oak door.  
And thank God for another day,  
To worship His name for evermore.  
To sing of His goodness all of their days  
With hymns and prayers of hope and praise.

For centuries now the Church has stood,  
Its bricks and mortar, time and weather withstood.  
Pilgrims and Saints over the years have done their part,  
To keep the beating of Gods heart.  
He looks after us now, He looked after us then.  
A safe haven for all, Praise God and Amen.

**Katherine Goody**



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**Thich Nhat Hanh**

## ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Film Night

The results of our questionnaire have been very revealing and I appreciate the time everyone has taken to reply so far. If you haven't replied as yet, please do so as your opinions and comments are important.

In essence, it appears that we made the correct decision to suspend our Film Nights, at least for the foreseeable future. The results are still coming in but so far, from 34 replies, they are:

- 29 in favour of suspending screenings whilst the wearing of masks is necessary and no refreshments can be served
- 26 in favour of suspending screenings whilst Covid-19 is still with us, even if the above requirements could be relaxed
- 27 in favour of resuming screenings if a vaccine and/or effective treatment is approved - good news!
- 8 members would like more information about the October Zoom-quiz

I have also received many offers of help, support and encouragement. Thank you all again, for your kind words and comments but it appears it will now be 2021 before we can all look forward to meeting up again. Until then, please stay safe and keep well

Kind regards David McCombe  
(Chairman ERA)



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## The Surgery - Church Road - Lyminge

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To access this site visit the Surgery website, [www.thesurgerylyminge.nhs.uk](http://www.thesurgerylyminge.nhs.uk) and click on the 'Get Started' box under **eConsult**. Follow the various options and provide the information dependent on your personal need.

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Should you have any queries or concerns then please contact The Surgery via email: [kmccg.lymingesurgery@nhs.net](mailto:kmccg.lymingesurgery@nhs.net) or **01303 862109**.

Thank you - Stay Safe





## Lyminge Village Hall Update

The LVH management committee wish to thank Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee, our Folkestone and Hythe District Councillors, who have supported the Village Hall in obtaining several grants in the last couple of months. One of which has thankfully buffered us against the financial losses of having to close the Hall during the Covid-19 lockdown and the other will enable us to purchase a much larger fridge for our recently renovated kitchen. This will make running catering larger social events like the Christmas Day Lunch Club, quiz nights and weddings so much easier. Fingers crossed they may be able to be held again in the not too distant future!

Looking ahead to this autumn we are disappointed to confirm that the Village Hall will not be putting on our annual fireworks display this year as the social distancing limitations and infection risks are deemed too great to overcome.

However, we are focussing on what we can do: installing our new permanent hand sanitising station at the front entrance, communicating with all our regular user groups and risk assessing how we can begin to safely open up the Hall to more than one group. Currently, the Hall is only being used by Lyminge Preschool, providing a vital service for local families who are trying to get back to work. Being sole users has enabled them to operate safely without risk of cross contamination from other groups.

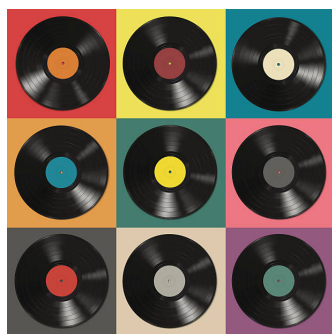
At the present time, we are not allowing other private hire events to take place in the Hall but we are constantly reviewing the situation and doing our best to reschedule existing bookings for future dates. If you are looking ahead towards a future event perhaps for 2021, please do get in touch with us via our Facebook page or email lvh.bookings@outlook.com to make a provisional booking, without the risk of losing a deposit. Alternatively, you can call: 07497625741.

### Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Reopens

1 September 2020

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### To All Friends and Neighbours of Marjorie Hayward

We sadly announce her death on Monday 10th  
August. She died at home in Postling surrounded  
by her loving family.

Marjorie was born in Postling and later moved to  
Lyminge in the 1970s. She returned to Postling in  
the late 1990s with her late husband Charles to enjoy  
a long and happy retirement together.

Marjorie trained as a nurse and spent much of her  
career working at St Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill.



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hesitation in speaking his opinion, but merely an  
understanding of the relationship of what he can  
say and what he can do."*

**John Ruskin**



## Garage Sale Safari – Saturday 10th October 2020

The Lyminge Association Committee has decided to put on the autumn Garage Safari on 10th October. It is a month later than normal due to the earlier uncertainty of running one.

The uncertainty remains, and will remain for the foreseeable future. However, we thought we would prepare the community for such an event and provide some opportunity to move-on some of the clutter collected over the past 6 months.

Obviously, this whole event is governed by the legislation put in place by Folkestone & Hythe District Council and the Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, we may need to cancel the event, in which case a full refund will be given.

Application forms will be available from 1st September and can be down-loaded from our website ([www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter)). Please respect others and take care. You are personally responsible for the care and well-being of your patrons, ensuring that the social distancing and any other rules of the day are closely adhered to.

**The British Newspaper Archive <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/> is a treasure chest of information on social history, both local and national.**

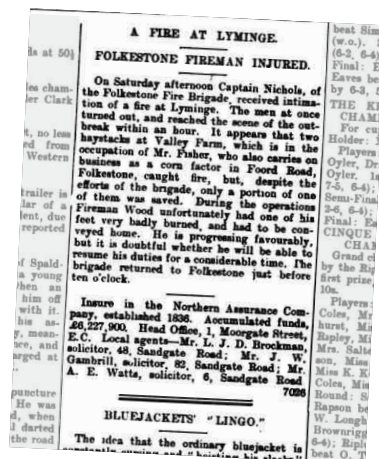


Extract from: The Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate & Cheriton Herald - Saturday 13 August 1921  
(picture from 20 August 1921)

GIRL GUIDES AT LYMINGE .CAMP FIRE TEA UNIQUE "BOUQUET" FOR THE MAYORESS The Folkestone Divisional and District Commissioner, Guiders, and Guides held what was termed a camp fire at the newly acquired meadow, Cloverland, Lyminge, on Thursday afternoon last. Here amidst beautiful surroundings. Nos 3 and 3a Companies of Girl Guides were tented out, the camp being well-laid out on semi-military lines, in the centre fluttered the Union Jack, at the base of the flag-staff being a clump of clover the emblem of the guides, 'two big wood fires were blazing and over there the old-fashioned type camp kettles were boiling. Amongst those who were welcomed on the ground by the Divisional Commissioner (Mrs. Percy Lewis), the District Commissioner (Miss Lewis) and other officers were the Mayor (Alderman Reginald G. Wood, J.P.), and the Mayoress, the Rev. E. S.W. Watson (Rector Lyminge) .....

Extract from: Folkestone Express, Sandgate, Shorncliffe & Hythe Advertiser - Saturday 05 September 1903....  
...reported it took an hour to get to a fire in Lyminge

A FIRE AT LYMINGE. FOLKESTONE FIREMAN INJURED. On Saturday afternoon Captain Nichols, of the Folkestone Fire Brigade, received intimation of a fire at Lyminge. The men at once turned out, and reached the scene of the outbreak within an hour. It appears that two hay stacks at Valley Farm, which is in the occupation of Mr. Fisher, who also carries on business as a corn factor in Foord Road, Folkestone, caught fire, but, despite the efforts of the brigade, only a portion of one of them was saved. During the operations Fireman Wood unfortunately had one of his feet very badly burned, and had to be conveyed home. He is progressing favourably, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to resume his duties for a considerable time. The brigade returned to Folkestone just before ten o'clock.





## District Councillors' Update - August 2020

More and more services have been moving online and the pandemic has underlined the benefit of being able to be in contact without needing to be face to face. In line with this trend, your District Council has introduced 'my account' on its website so that residents can see information directly relevant to them and not have to search through the whole website. 'My account' shows which bin collections are made and when to your property, who your elected representatives are and information on your council tax bill. 'My account' is designed to be 'mobile friendly' and more services will be added to it. You need an email address to sign up to 'my account' and information from your council tax bill to access the full range of services. It takes just a few moments to register and should make it easier for you to find information and report problems. Do give it a try.



We've reported before about how our council meetings have moved online. We've had Cabinet, Planning and Overview & Scrutiny meetings by Zoom and now on 16 September we will be holding a Full Council meeting to consider the Places and Policies Local Plan. Without such a plan our district is open to development taking place anywhere and, whilst people sometimes complain there is too much development, there would be far more and in far worse places without these council policies. The Government currently has two consultations underway about changes to the way areas are designated as suitable for development but in the meantime, we need the Places and Policies Local Plan. If you are interested, you can view the papers for the meeting on the council website and the meeting itself is webcast live.

Another meeting that might be of interest is the Licensing Sub-Committee of 27 July which approved an application from Immigration Enforcement for the revocation of the premises licence of Spicy Touch restaurant in Lyminge. The restaurant was found to be employing someone not entitled to work and the fine imposed for this remained unpaid. The report found no evidence of modern slavery but the owner was in clear breach of the law.

The District Council continues to face many problems from the visitors who have flocked to our coast to enjoy the summer weather. Working with Kent Police we've been trying to make sure that people can enjoy our beautiful area whilst respecting the need for social distancing. We're not helped by people who use our beaches for large events without permission as happened in Greatstone on 08 August. The council will seek to prosecute the event organiser, recover the costs of the clean-up needed and prevent a re-occurrence. It was, however, heartening that over 60 volunteers were out on the beach the day after it was trashed to help clear it of rubbish.

Finally, we are sad to report the death of Robert Bliss who became leader of the District Council at what was probably its lowest point in 2004 when the previous short-lived administration had left the council finances and services in a ruinous state. Robert led the council with courage, good humour and shrewdness. Our district owes a great deal to Robert and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

**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**



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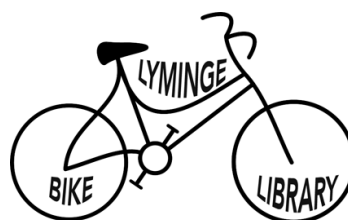
Our Garden Centre is now open Saturdays 10am - 4pm as well as weekdays 11am - 3pm. The Cafe is serving outdoors weekdays 9am - 4pm and the Farmshop is weekdays 11am - 4pm.

### Lyminge Friends - September 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.



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**"Happy Cycling"**





# Pathways to the Past

## *Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga*

We are delighted at the positive feedback we have received about the new paths in the churchyard. This is very welcome. The project is being run entirely by volunteers, so it does help to know that our efforts are appreciated.

The wall by the south porch has now been repaired but there is, of course more work to do to clean up the churchyard. Our contractors have a few things more to do before the contract is complete. Then it will be a matter of deciding how to manage the churchyard going forward

and what to plant in order to turn it into an area supporting a range of plant and animal life. If you would like to volunteer to help us, then please contact us at the email below to register your interest. We can then let you know when we are ready to move forward, which is likely now to be in the Autumn.

We have made great progress over the past month planning the new information panels that will be installed around the village highlighting the amazing archaeology that has been found over the past decade or so. We hope these will be ready to be installed during the Autumn, but this will depend upon when the illustrations of the reconstructed Anglo-Saxon church are finished. These are being created for us by an archaeological artist.

If you want to see how the 3D digital reconstructions of the Anglo-Saxon church are progressing, then visit our website at [geopaethas.com](http://geopaethas.com) and scroll through Latest News. We have posted some still images to give an impression of what the reconstruction will look like.

If you want to get in contact, please email on [geopaethas@gmail.com](mailto:geopaethas@gmail.com). And if you would like to donate to help our work improving the churchyard, please go to our PayPal giving page at [paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3200879](https://paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3200879).

### ***Rhodes Minnis Circle***

Dear Members.

Just to let you know that you are still in our thoughts. We hope you are keeping well - its good to catch up over the phone on our Circle days.

We will meet again some sunny day, but not just yet as we are all still vulnerable.

Keep safe and keep smiling.

Best Wishes Marion (862913)

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

This little story is quite true, only the name of the priest has been changed to protect his identity.

Father Joseph, a dedicated priest of many years, was addressing his congregation from the lecturn at his local church. "We are all children of God, god's loving creation, therefore we are all going to heaven, every one of us".

Now whatever views you may hold on religion, few would deny this to be a very positive message. It was generally well received by the congregation, some doubters of course, and an even smaller group who honestly believe that only Catholics go to heaven. It is this smaller group that became the motivation in a story that I'm about to relate.

This rather surprising revelation by Father Joseph was not confined to just one sermon. In the coming weekly homilies, he was to elaborate on this theme, which served only to cause a wider rift amongst his Catholic brethren. Something had to be done; a decision was taken to inform the Bishop, and the letter was sent. What exactly was expected to be achieved by this action is uncertain, but its effect was immediate. On opening his Presbytery door, Father Joseph was quite astounded to witness the Bishop in full raiment complete with mitre and crook, facing him on the doorstep.

"What's all this about Joseph? You're telling them there is no such place as purgatory, there is no such place as hell, and that they would all be going to heaven"... .. "Please come in my Lord Bishop, I'll make you a nice cup of tea and explain". With his tea, the Bishop was comfortably seated, and bringing his hands together as if in prayer, listened as Father Joseph began to speak. The Bishop slowly close his eyes giving the occasional slight nod as if in agreement as Father Joseph revealed his thoughts.

Finally he came to that rather obtuse line in the Apostles Creed, "Jesus was crucified, died and was buried, he descended into hell"... .. WHAT!! Jesus descended into hell?... YES... he went to rescue all the poor souls that had been sent there... because Jesus came to save and forgive all sinners, therefore we are all going to heaven.

After a few moments of silence, the Bishop slowly opened his eyes, turned towards Father Joseph and said.....

..."Got any cake?". **John Phillips**

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



**All planned events remain cancelled until further notice but there is still lots to keep us busy.**

September is a good time to think about planting more spring bulbs.

Try dwarf daffodils in pots for an early feel of spring. Plant tulips in pots with mesh over to prevent the mice eating them - then plant out where you can see there are gaps in your borders, as the tips begin to show.



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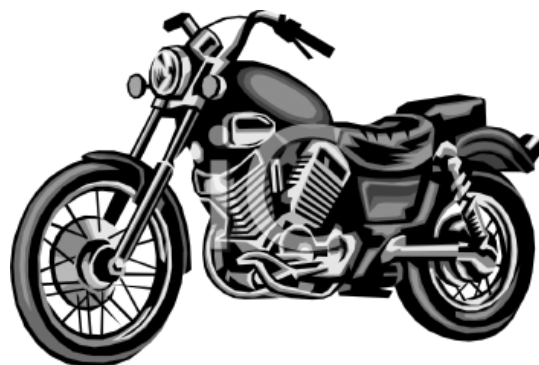
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Following Members' feedback on whether or not to meet in the Tayne Centre to resume our monthly meetings, the consensus is that we should not meet until December at the earliest, and possibly not until March 2021, which is when we would normally continue after our Winter Break in January and February.

The Tayne Centre does not yet know when it will be given the go-ahead to re-open.

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

Stay safe and well.

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## Lyminge Youth Action

Despite the difficulties of this year, the team continues to pursue funding opportunities. We have faced some challenges given the need for funders to divert money in response to COVID, but this is starting to ease, so we hope to make headway with applications soon. We are also in discussion with Folkestone & Hythe Council about funding in relation to the upkeep of local play parks. If you would like to support the project, you can donate online at [www.lymingepark.com](http://www.lymingepark.com). Every pound gets us a step closer to building the park Lyminge deserves. And if you would like more detail on sponsoring specific items of equipment please contact us at [lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com](mailto:lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com) for a price list.

Many thanks,

*Lyminge Youth Action*



## Lyminge Village Sign

A number of people, particularly relative newcomers to the village, have wondered about the source of the Lyminge signs that grace the main entrances to the village. A little research found this article from Ann Sparkes which is reprinted below along with a colour photograph included in on P23.

*"The Lyminge Village Signs were unveiled on 24th June 1990 – the culmination of over a year of behind-the-scenes planning and work.*

*The entries for a design-the-sign competition were displayed at an Art and Craft show, at the Village Hall in October 1988, where residents could vote for their preferred design. The winning entry, by Ann Sparkes, shows images of the history of Lyminge – the Church tower behind the figure of St. Ethelburga, a steam locomotive depicting the Elham Valley Railway, a group of sheep and the River Nailbourne.*

*A full-size mould was made by Rosie Robus of Acrise Potteries, from which Oyster Signs of Whitstable cast two double-sided signs in fibre glass. Jim Smith from Lyminge Joinery made the posts and carved the name boards and 'rivers'. The signs were painted by Ann Sparkes using Humbrol enamel paints and landscape gardeners T. Metcalfe from Rhodes Minnis did the groundwork and erected the signs prior to the unveiling ceremony.*

*The signs were dedicated by Rev. Kent and Pastor Lolley, and unveiled by Doug Pidding and Bert Lewis at the ceremony attended by many residents and visitors. The cost of £1400 for the signs was met by the Lyminge Association and the Parish Council together with donations from villagers and generous financial support from British Gas.*

*Over the years the signs have suffered from weather damage, strong winds blowing down both signs on different occasions, and a car accident. They have been fully re-painted twice by Ann, repaired and re-erected by Steve Sparkes and Adrian Willcox – the latest 'wash and brush up' took place in October 2006.*

*Ann Sparkes November 2006"*

**Editor: Since then, The Lyminge Association commissioned a third sign as a spare. More recently, the replacement of the posts, along with a further 'wash and brush up' took place in 2018.**

## Letter To The Editor.....

Dear Sir

A recent letter from one of your correspondents highlighted the issue of walkers making their way across or around fields where no footpath is designated. Understandably this is irksome for the farmers, but there is the other side of the coin. Very few local landowners fulfill their responsibilities regarding public footpaths under the Countryside Act 2000. There it states that footpaths around the perimeter of a field should be a **MINIMUM** of 1.5m wide and kept clear. Footpaths through a field the footpath should be a **MINIMUM** of one metre and kept clear of crops. During the winter, one farmer ploughed up a footpath and did nothing to reinstate it.

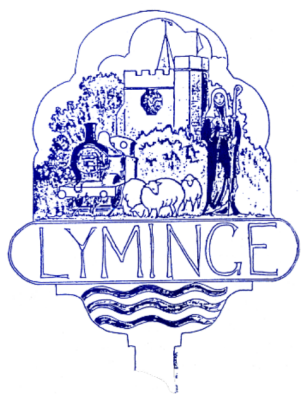
So there are responsibilities on both sides. Let us all fulfill them.

Yours sincerely **John Adams**

PS Congratulations to the Parish Council for their exciting environmental plans for the village .

**Editor:** This information can be found at [www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities#keep-public-rights-of-way-clear-of-obstructions](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities#keep-public-rights-of-way-clear-of-obstructions)





# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## September 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](http://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.*

### **NEW CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN for FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

We are pleased to announce Rob Baldwin has taken over as Chair of the F & A Committee. Rob is a retired chartered accountant and has lived in Lyminge for over 30 years. Over this period, Rob has served at various times on the Village Hall Management Committee, the Parochial Church Council, and as Vice-chair of Governors at the school. You may also know him from his current role as Project Manager for the *Pathways to the Past* project, which organised the excavation of the Anglo-Saxon church in the churchyard last year, replacement of the churchyard paths and implementation of step-free access to the church.

Rob will be supported by Sue Luff, Vice Chair, who has lived in the parish for 16 years. Sue still works in the NHS and has done so for 41 years. She therefore has a wide range of experience to bring to the role and believes it is important to give back to our community for the equal benefit of everyone.

Our thanks to Emma Hanson the retiring Chairman for her hard work during the last year.

### **F & A COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

These meetings normally take place monthly, on the second Monday of the month and members of the public are welcome to attend. Currently the business dealt with at these meetings is included on the agenda at the main council meetings due to the COVID19 restrictions.. Separate F & A meetings will resume as soon as possible.

### **COUNCILLORS NEEDED**

Cllr Jane Boreham has unfortunately had to step down from the role of councillor (Etchinghill Ward) to focus on work and family commitments and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time on the council. This means that we now have a second vacancy for a new councillor to join us. If you are interested in the role, please do contact either the Clerk or Chair for more information or an informal chat to learn more about the role.

## CHANGES TO THE PLANNING PROCESS

The government has recently announced substantial plans for changes to the current planning process. There are currently three consultations which the council will be reviewing:

- Changes to the current planning system
- Planning for the future
- Transparency and competition

The proposed changes could have a substantial impact on local communities.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system>

## PLAY PARKS

We would remind everyone that as announced last month our play areas remain closed as we are unable to meet the strict health and hygiene requirements to protect against COVID19. Therefore, anyone using the equipment will be doing this at their own risk.

## GRANTS

If your organisation would like to apply for a project grant please have a look on our website for further information or contact the Clerk.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED

A contract has been awarded for the installation of a new gate to allow access for the management of Well Field.

## 30 MPH SIGNAGE

In co-operation with Kent Highways to deter speeding, 30mph repeater signs and 30mph roundels are to be installed either side of the crossroads of Longage Hill with Green Lane/White Horse Lane, Rhodes Minnis.

## ROAD RE-SURFACING

This work has unfortunately been postponed and is now planned overnight for the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> August. Please look out for up-dates on Facebook or Nextdoor Lyminge in case things change again.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 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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# Lyminge Climate Action



## What we weren't expecting when we tried "No mow May"!

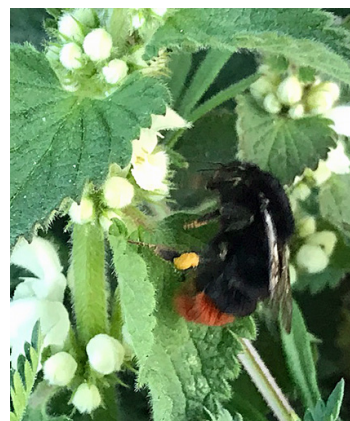
This year, unsurprisingly, we have been spending a lot more time than usual outside. Considering ourselves extremely fortunate, we took home schooling outside and have been looking a bit more carefully to see what is going on in the garden.

We've been encouraging bees into our garden with lots of bee friendly plants, but have also been experimenting with letting a bit more of our garden do its own thing. Having read up a bit on all the benefits of letting the lawn grow freely in May, I managed to persuade my lawn-mowing-loving husband to have a month off.

First came the dandelions; followed by even more bees! We counted 7 different types of bumblebees in our garden along with a number of others including honey bees and found a nest of buff-tailed bumble bees busy making their home in a remote compost heap. We even tried making dandelion honey; delicious (but a bit of a faff)!



By the middle of the month, we had buttercups, cowslips, birdseye trefoil, red clover, speedwell (I had to look most of these up ?) and the grass was buzzing with all kinds of insects including an early Red Admiral butterfly. We were amazed at how many different types of grasses we had, in addition to blue, purple, white and plenty of yellow flowers. The garden had really sprung to life. We'd had hardly any rain for the whole month, and where the short grass around our path was turning a sad and ugly brown, the un-mowed lawn was bursting with colour. By May 30th, a sea of Ox-eye daisies stood proudly a foot tall. Even my husband couldn't bring himself to mow. So we left it just a bit longer...



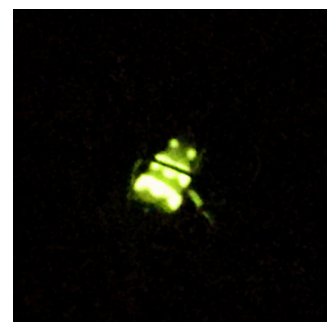
By mid-June, we found 6 different patches of pyramid orchids, where only a few months before was plain lawn, and a few patches of stinking iris (name doesn't do them justice, they don't stink and they look beautiful!). July brought us clouds of butterflies (gatekeepers, meadow browns, blues, whites, peacocks, tortoiseshells) and moths when we walked across the "used-to-be-lawn", grasshoppers pinging about, and the sound of chirping crickets in the evening that would make you think you were in the south of France.

Then the aliens landed. One particularly hot evening, lights off, windows open, I saw a glinting eye from across the garden. What kind of creature has one eye that glows in the dark?! Bravely, I set out into the dark (wellies on, just in case) and crept closer. Knee high in meadow, I looked around and counted 6 glowing lights in the garden. It was magical and mysterious, and unlike anything I had ever seen before. Some would call them glow worms. After close inspection from all the family, the boys settled on alien robot frogs which I tend to agree with.



Apparently glow worms (not worms at all, more beetle like), aside from being a natural curiosity are good indicators of "ecological continuity" (leaving nature to get on with it...) as adult females cannot fly, and therefore can't get out of the way of lawn mowers. Great news for my veg patch; they love eating snails (so that's why they don't need to move fast!). Glow worms are still reasonably common in ancient landscapes such as ours where habitats are well connected by hedgerows and grassy field margins and love the 'untidy corners' left uncut to act as refuges. Keep an eye out next time you're out after dark, and you may get a glimpse of some magical alien robot frogs too. Better still, try giving the lawn mower a rest next May, and you may be amazed at what appears in your garden.

Signed Jane Michotte





## Lyminge Climate Action...

.....has a Facebook page 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.



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## Thoughtful Food....

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

Contact: [thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com) or on Facebook and Instagram @thoughtfulfoodgroup. We are meeting on the first Tuesday evening of the month - please email if you would like to attend.

## Vegetable Growing Workshops 2021: Open for booking

As promised, we are pleased to be able to promote the workshop series for new vegetable gardeners for 2021. These workshops were run for the first time in the spring of this year, and gave invaluable support to a group of new gardeners, who now have established vegetable plots. If you would like to start growing your own food in your garden or allotment, and would like some support and guidance from a knowledgeable, local group, please do register for a place. Places are limited so that we can ensure social distancing guidelines can be met.

The workshops will be held in Lyminge on the following dates:

- **'Get Ready to Grow'** - Sunday 21st February 2021
- **'Seeds and Sowing'** – Sunday 14th March 2021
- **'Potting and Planting'** – Sunday 18th April 2021

If you would like to attend these free-of-charge workshops, please email [thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com) to reserve your place. A waiting list will run if places are oversubscribed.

## Forest Gardening

Forest Gardening is growing in popularity and can be a great approach to managing our garden spaces in a way that is productive, beautiful and beneficial to wildlife.

A forest garden is a designed garden space, incorporating chosen trees, shrubs and perennial plants to mimic a natural woodland. In doing so, you can create a garden that is not only productive in terms of nuts, fruits, herbs and vegetables, but also low maintenance, self-sustaining and of enormous benefit to wildlife. Instead of adopting traditional gardening techniques that work against nature (such as digging, spraying, mowing etc), in a forest garden, natural processes and cycles do much of the work for you. And despite the name, you don't need much space for a food forest, as even a small garden is suitable.

Look out for more information on forest gardening in forthcoming newsletters, check out the National Forest Gardening Scheme at [www.nationalforestgardening.org](http://www.nationalforestgardening.org) or get in touch with us at Thoughtful Food to share your thoughts and ideas.

## Action in September

**Monday 7th: International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies** – think why **bonfires** aren't great for the environment  
[www.un.org/en/observances/clean-air-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/clean-air-day)

**Wednesday 16th: International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer** – think **sun protection** and **fridges/aircon**  
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**Saturday 19th: World Clean Up Day** – **clean up the trash** on your **mobile, tablet, laptop, PC** to extend their lifespan  
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**Monday 21st: Zero Emissions Day** – **don't burn Fossil fuels** (coal, oil or gas) and **minimise your electricity use**  
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**Tuesday 22nd: Car Free Day** – try for a **no car** day

**Tuesday 29th: Awareness of Food Loss and Waste Reduction** – **1/3 of food** produced for human consumption is **lost or wasted**

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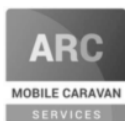


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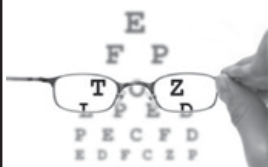
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Do you have any photos of local events or groups in action? If so can you please forward them along with a few words relating to each photo to [pb@pbarnes20.plus.com](mailto:pb@pbarnes20.plus.com)

Local artist, Ann Sparkes, has photographed the fields behind Sibton Park to reflect the passing seasons over the COVID-19 period March - August



On occasions, Ann uses her photographs to inspire her embroidery - this one taken off Stone Street near Farthing Common in May





# Out & About (contd)



## Lyminge Village Sign

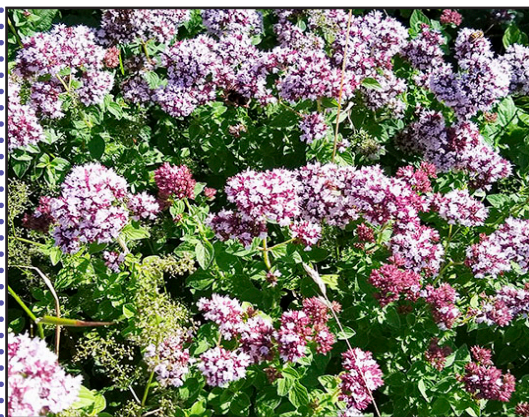
Designed by Ann Sparkes, it shows images of the history of Lyminge – the Church tower behind the figure of St. Ethelburga, a steam locomotive depicting the Elham Valley Railway, a group of sheep and the River Nailbourne. See P10 for more detail



The blood-red colour of poppies in full bloom appears to bleed across the fields looking towards Tolsford Hill Mast, Etchinghill.  
(With thanks to Derek Smith for bringing it to our attention.)

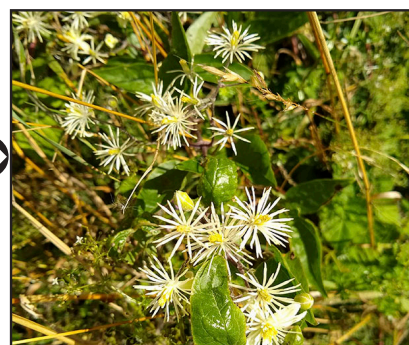
## Wayside Watch

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



**Wild Marjoram** ~ also known as Oregano [*Origanum vulgare*] and is from the mint family. It has been named by the RHS as the perfect pollinator. This was obvious as the clump was covered with various butterflies and bees just before the photo was taken.

**Traveller's Joy** ~ otherwise known as Old Man's Beard [*Clematis vitalba*]. It clammers around the hedgerows, and is probably better known in its autumn form with fluffy white seed heads.



## Mystery Flowers 1

Can you identify this flower seen at the roadside in Rhodes Minnis, growing to about 90cm tall?

What about this one? It is a perennial garden plant and the leaves have tiny black dots on them with the flowers about 3cm in diameter.

All answers to [adrian.willcox@virgin.net](mailto:adrian.willcox@virgin.net)

