

THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association



Congratulations to the Organisers of the Mount Pleasant Close Christmas Lights



As we go to print (22/12/20) they have raised in excess of £5250, double the amount taken at this time last year. The monies are divided between British Heart Foundation, MS Society, Cancer Research and Hythe & Lyminge Age UK.

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, **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**

Lyminge Festival - 7th to 20th June 2021

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 Cafe & 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
					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.

- 1st Sundays** 8am Elham Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Acrise Holy Communion (BCP)
11am Lyminge WOW
6pm Paddlesworth Evensong
- 2nd Sundays** 8.00am in Lyminge - Holy Communion (CW2)
9.30am Stanford Morning Prayer
9.30am Acrise Fellowship Service
11.15am Denton Eucharist (CW1)
- 3rd Sundays** 9.30am Paddlesworth (usually Eucharist CW 2)
9.30am Acrise Fellowship Service
11am Lyminge Eucharist (CW1)
- 4th Sundays** 9.30am Elham Eucharist (CW1)
9.30am Acrise Fellowship Service
9.30am Stanford – Eucharist (CW1 and 2 alternating)
11.15am Wootton Worship (BCP – Book of Common Prayer; CW – Common Worship)

Every Wednesday - 8am Lyminge – Morning Prayer

Every Thursday – 6pm Postling - A short informal service

To contact the churches, please phone:
Reverend Jane Weeks
01303 840219 or email revweeks@hotmail.com
www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk or
www.achurchnearyou.com



**CHRISTIANS
IN LYMINGE**



With everything in abeyance, please look after each other and, most importantly, keep safe.

Happy New Year to you all.

Rhodes Minnis Chapel

Rhodes Minnis Methodist Chapel has unfortunately not been open for worship since March but the congregation did join with the Elham and Lyminge folk for services in Elham Methodist Church for a few weeks from September until that was forced to close again. These Valley services were very much enjoyed despite all the restrictions.

Since November some of us have been taking part in on-line Methodist services via Zoom, listening to the Circuit's Podcast and services on YouTube. Written services were sent to those not on the Internet so we have been thankful for all these opportunities to worship.

Our Chapel has received constant care whilst closed; we can only hope that we shall be back in there worshipping again when circumstances permit. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us on a Sunday at 9.30am.

We wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

Lyminge Newsletter

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We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes
and kind donations over the Christmas period.
It has meant a lot to us.

For opening times of our Tea Rooms, and details of our
fundraising events, please visit our website at
www.lordwhisky.co.uk

The low-income veterinary clinic at Rhodes Minnis
is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm-3pm.
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We wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year
and hope we can hold our summer events.



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Fifth Trust Update - www.fifthtrust.co.uk



A Happy New Year to all our supporters. May it be better than the last one.

The Vineyard Garden Centre and Farm-shop reopen at 11am on 4th January. Our zoom sessions
restart on the same day. Ticket sales for our New Year raffle close on 15th January – you could
win a Prosecco dinner for two at The Ambrette award winning restaurant in Canterbury, as well
as other prizes. Tickets £5 from the garden centre and farm-shop or call 01227 832022.

Our on-line Christmas party featured a surprise reading from our ambassador Pam Ferris. You can also find it on the Fifth Trust
Vineyard Garden Centre and Café Facebook page.

Etchinghill Update - January 2021

'Happy New Year' to everyone and a big thank you to Barbara for all her help.

*If you'd like a notice posted behind glass on the village noticeboard or would like an item of interest to Etchinghill
residents included in the Update, please contact me: jacqui.blandford@gmail.com or 07543 966830.*

ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – DAVE McCOMBE (07939 076617 : dmccombe1@gmail.com)
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The committee would like to wish everyone in the parish a very Happy & Healthy New Year. 2020 was a difficult year
for most of us but with the advent of an anti-Covid vaccine being distributed and responsible self-distancing by
residents, hopefully the New Year will look a lot better for us all. Fingers crossed!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

We have received some great feedback about the new Christmas tree lights; our thanks, once again, go to everyone
who made the project a success. Plans are in place to tidy up the larger of the two trees during the winter months,
as it's getting too tall to manage and is dividing at the top.

DAMAGE TO GATE & DOWNLAND

The grass on the North Downs Way has been severely damaged and the gate adjacent to the BT tower at the top of Westfield Lane has been
destroyed, primarily by 4X4 vehicles and trail bikes late at night. The registration of one vehicle has been submitted to the police by a local
resident. In addition, KCC, F&HDC, the landowner (MOD) and BT Outreach have all been contacted by the resident and by the ERA. If you
notice any other criminal activity or damage in that area, or in the parish, please report it to the relevant authorities and don't assume someone
else has already done so. The police log all reports no matter how many people contact them. Also see P10 of this newsletter.

Kent's Police & Crime Commissioner: Matthew Scott

The Annual Policing Survey gives residents the opportunity to have their say on what Kent Police's priorities should be. To take part, go to
www.makingkentsafer.co.uk by 5th Jan.

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL - John White (01303 863819 : jaylwhite@aol.com)

The Trustees will hold the first meeting of the year on the 10th February and hope they can confirm an opening date and start planning a few
events. If any residents would like to contribute any ideas for 2021, please contact any Trustee prior to the meeting.



District Councillors' Update - January 2021

Covid19 Vaccination Programme - Good news that the William Harvey Hospital is one of the first sites to administer the vaccine. Each person needs two doses of the vaccine and the programme will take several months to complete. More hospitals, primary care services and large vaccination centres will open across Kent as further supplies of the vaccine become available. The NHS advise that they contact you when it is the time to come forward so please do not contact them - for further details see <https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine>.

Your District Today - if you have not received your copy, you can download a copy from here <https://folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/yourdistricttoday>

Matthew Scott, Kent's Police & Crime Commissioner has launched the Kent Annual Policing Survey. The survey helps decide priorities for Kent Police so do take the opportunity to have your say at www.makingkentsafer.co.uk.

Lifeline365 is the new look Shepway Lifeline service and offers help and support, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to individuals, their families, friends and co-workers. In an emergency it doesn't matter what age you are, or where you may be. You could be a lone worker, out exercising, playing sport, or living independently and this is where Lifeline365 can prove a real lifesaver. For further information visit folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/lifeline or call Lifeline365 on 01303 242615.

Princes Parade, Hythe - The District Council's plans to develop the old landfill site on the seafront in Hythe have cleared their final hurdle. This follows a judgement by Lord Justice Newey that there were no grounds for appeal against the decision made by Mr Justice Dove to uphold the planning permission when it was challenged with a judicial review. This vindicates the process followed by the council and work will now start on the new leisure centre, the wider walkway, new public park and homes.


Otterpool Park - The Business Plan for Otterpool Park, the new town that is planned to be built over the next 30 years, is being scrutinised by councillors. Councillors are also being briefed on the development of a design code for Otterpool Park.

Street naming following a debate we initiated, the District Council will now be reviewing its street naming process with a view to allowing more local input into new street names especially from local history societies.

Rough sleepers - the 2020 Street Homelessness Count took place the night of 24/25 November and 12 individuals were found. 11 of these have been found accommodation and efforts continue to persuade the one remaining person to accept an offer of accommodation.

Many of those who sleep rough have multiple and complex problems which are not necessarily about housing. However, there is no doubt that we also have a shortage of housing in our district especially affordable housing which is why projects such as Otterpool Park which will provide over 2,000 council homes and registered social housing accommodation are so needed.

A reminder that the District Council re-established community hubs to help with shopping, meals, dog walking etc for those who need help during the pandemic.



The contact details are: Email covid-19@ageukhl.org.uk
Call 01303 269602 (messages can be left outside opening hours)
Open Monday - Friday 8.45am - 3.45pm

Jenny attended the Lyminge Parish Council on 30 November and Susan the meeting on 14 December.

We wish you all a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jenny Hollingsbee (Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk 07887918458) & 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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'Twenty Twenty'

This year has left us wondering
What will the next one bring?
So many now not with us
No Carols will we sing

We say goodbye to twenty twenty
With trepidation from us all
As we hope and pray this virus
Has had its final call

No more the fear of lockdowns
No isolation anywhere
Meeting now with whom we want
Any place at all we share

This is perhaps a dream for us
But one we hope comes true
As we certainly pray that very soon
Our old way of life's renewed

Has this year taught us anything?
That perhaps we took for granted
Seeds of doubt were sent to us
Many of which were planted

But following the directions
On the packets we were given
We've got through this all together
Although many have been self-driven

We've many now to thank of course
Many who have shown
Their dedication, selflessness
Never did they moan

The NHS, the postmen
Dustmen and the like
Those who drive the buses
The local midwife on her bike

Life goes on but differently
Through this year of twenty twenty
The stories told, the memories
In the future there'll be plenty

How long it takes to be where we want to be
Just tell me, who does know?
If we all do what we are told of course
Then success I'm sure will show

Terry Bickell December 2020

Unsolicited text from Stacie, an advertiser in The Lyminge Newsletter (see Busy Bees, P15)

*'It's all very new to me advertising in this way
but can I just say a huge thank you as my
schedule is now full and I have 2 staff members
working for me. Its gone through the roof and
80% from the Lyminge newsletter. Thank you for
all you've done, I appreciate everything.'*

Regards, Stacie'



Pathways to the Past

We are now moving into the final 6 months of the project, with the intention to deliver on the last few elements that have been delayed from 2020 because of the Covid crisis.

We are planning to have new information panels installed around the village around Easter so that at last we will have public information explaining the archaeology that has been discovered, particularly over the last decade or so.

We have been working hard to create new 3D digital reconstructions of both Queen Ethelburga's church and the current parish church to illustrate how the church site has changed over the past 1,400 years. This is nearing completion and we hope to release this on-line early in the New Year. Later, a touch-screen display will also be available in the church.

Reconstructions of the Anglo-Saxon church and monastery have also been created by an archaeological artist and prints are on sale through our website at <https://geopaethas.com/prints-of-queen-ethelburgas-church-for-sale/>.

We are pleased to see the first green shoots coming through in the churchyard where we sowed seed in October. This is good news, and we hope this bodes well for a good display of bulbs and wildflowers in the coming months.

We are still looking for funding to help us complete this work. 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.

Garden Safari 2021

As part of the Lyminge Festival we will again be running the Garden Safari. It will take place on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June. If you are considering entering your garden and are unsure about any aspect, please give me a call, whether you are a first timer or an old hand. In 2019 we were fortunate to include several newbies, which added a fresh look at some new gardens, as well as a good number of regulars. We would like 2021 to be the best year ever to make up for the trying times we have all had in 2020. Small gardens, large natural gardens, allotments, etc - all are welcome.

Please keep an eye on your Lyminge Newsletter for further updates

Contact Ray Smith 01303 863856

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

The Spring in Well Field

The spring in Well Field is often known as 'St Ethelburga's Well'. But in the past it was called 'St Eadburg's Well'. St Ethelburga (c 608-647) was a Kentish Princess involved in the conversion of northern England to Christianity. Later she founded a church in Lyminge, probably the structure excavated in the churchyard in 2019.

St Eadburg (died 751) was the third Abbess of the abbey at Minster-in-Thane. In 804 when Lyminge and Minster Abbeys were under the joint rule of a single Abbess, a charter records that the body of St Eadburg had been moved to Lyminge from her original tomb in Minster. A biography of Eadburg written around 1000 records her shrine at Lyminge and mentions miracles at her holy well, so the association of the spring with St Eadburg goes back over 1,000 years.

By the 16th Century, saints were no longer so important, but Queen Ethelburga was viewed as significant in the development of England as a Christian nation state. As the more prominent historical character, it was thought the church at Lyminge was not just founded by St Ethelburga but also dedicated to her. The name St Eadburg in the dedication was explained as just a version of the name Ethelburga and the real St Eadburg was forgotten.

The earliest reference to the spring as 'St Ethelburga's Well' appears in the Folkestone Herald of 4 February 1899. The new rector of Lyminge had launched a major fund-raising effort to repair the church. He used the name St Ethelburga to make explicit the connection between the church and the historical queen, which otherwise was rather obscure. The Church of England's own Clerical Directory recorded the church's dedication as 'St Mary and St Eadburg' as late as 1983.

The ancient name for the spring of 'St Eadburg's Well' was restored in 2020 following a vote by the Parish Council, who maintain the well house.

Rob Baldwin

Parish Councillor

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A very happy and (hopefully) safe and healthy 2021!

Discussions are taking place as to the way forward for our society. We will be in touch via email. If you have any thoughts/ideas please contact the committee at: lymingegardeners@gmail.com

In the meantime, it might still be cold with short days but there are always jobs to do in the garden:



Who doesn't love sweet peas? Well, why not try sowing some to get an early start.



When your hellebore flowers start to bulk up, trim back the old leaves to get the best display.

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

Rhodes Minnis Circle

We can now look forward to the days getting lighter and hopefully to a better year ahead when we may be able to meet again.

Meanwhile stay safe and keep smiling.

Thinking of you. Marion. 862913



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Josie Morgan

Our dear Mum passed away peacefully on 25th November after a short illness aged 89. Neil and Marion would like to thank all who came along to Palm Tree Way on Thursday 10th December to pay their respects to our lovely Mum. We know she would have said cheers to all at Lyminge Bowls, her three bridge clubs and close friends around her. A memorial service will be held next summer at Elham Church. Any donations please to Crossroads Care Kent. R.I.P. Mum back with Dad.

Neil Morgan



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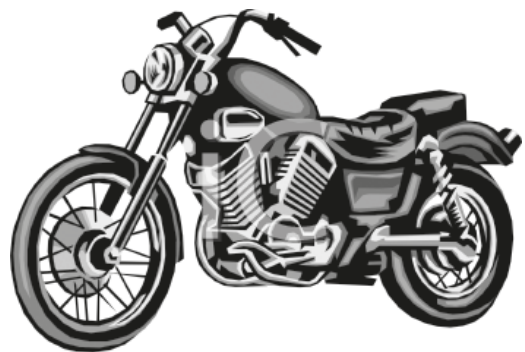
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**Happy
New Year!**

After the strangest of years in 2020, we hope to meet up again in the Spring, so watch the notice boards and the Lyminge Newsletter for details.

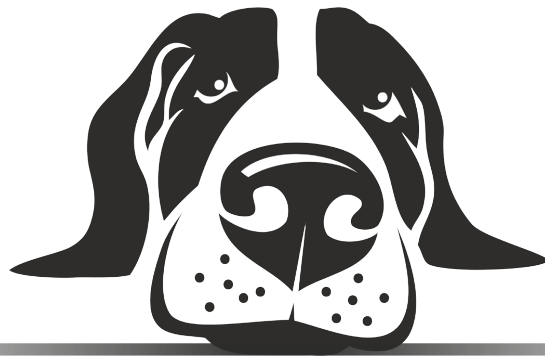
Lyminge Historical Society Committee

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Mobile: 07582407637 : Telephone: 01303 863090 : Email: susannahparkin@googlemail.com

www.caninecare.thespringrise.co.uk

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Elham Village Hall

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Happy new year to everyone. We hope you had a safe and happy Christmas.

We are delighted to let you know our Christmas raffle in partnership with Lyminge Primary School raised £962 in total, with £481 going towards our project to redevelop the park on Tayne Field. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser.

We are certainly excited to enter 2021 and what will hopefully be an important year for the park project having received planning permission last year.

The LYA team is currently investigating ways to divide up the park project to enable us to get started as soon as possible. If anyone can offer any advice, practical help or expertise please get in touch with the team at lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com.

All the best, *Lyminge Youth Action*

Letter To The Editor.....

Dear Dogs Owners of Lyminge,

Most of you are scrupulous in cleaning up after your dogs but sadly it only takes a few people who can't be bothered and our pavements and open spaces such as Tayne Field are fouled.

I have been asked by those whose young children have run into dog mess to ask all of you to keep an eye out for anyone failing to clear up after their dog. If you can identify anyone who is doing this, and are prepared to give evidence, then the District Council will be able to take action. You can also report dog fouling to the District Council online. If a pattern of place and time can be established then the dog warden will have a better chance of identifying the offender.

The council's website is clear about the requirement to clear up after your dog.

"Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis - a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

Under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 1995 it is your responsibility to clean up after a dog you are walking, whether a bin is available to deposit the waste in or not. You can use a dog or litter bin to dispose of the waste. If there is no bin available in the immediate area, please take it home and dispose of it. It is not acceptable to leave bagged dog waste hanging in a nearby tree; this is an offence.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse."

Please keep an eye out for whoever is letting their dog and our community down and report any problems you spot.

Susan Carey, & Jenny Hollingsbee District Councillors

Be Aware...

From Gary Harrison, KCC Community Warden, Elham Valley

All in all it's been a quiet month with most people respecting the Covid-19 advice and regulations.

Scams remain consistently high in all areas and we are constantly trying to keep on top of them. If anybody is suspicious of something and they wish to discuss it with me, I am happy for them to send me details and I will give my advice if I think something is genuine or not.

Jubilee Field, Lyminge There was an incident of criminal damage on the 26th November, where a soft top Vauxhall Tigra was driven around the football pitch causing extensive damage to the pitch, making it difficult for the youth football team to play their next game without carrying out extensive work to repair the pitch. It was reported to Kent Police and I have forwarded the CCTV footage which has clear images of the driver and passenger of the car causing the damage. If anybody knows who these people could be, or the people themselves want to come forward themselves, this would save much time identifying who they are and would be looked at more favourably if they do so. Please report it to myself or Kent Police directly if you prefer. Bollards have been put up to deter this happening again.

Etchinghill There have been many incidents of 4x4's and motorbikes on the land around the byway near the Mast at Tolsford, across the top and causing damage to the field and terrorising dog walkers and walkers alike. The gate has been broken and will be replaced soon, if not already and I am hoping to be able to work with the MOD and the farmer to come to a solution long term to stop these vehicles leaving the byway and causing damage. Kent Police are aware of the incidents and will be upping their patrols to try to deter them or possibly seize any of the vehicles that are on private land or are not road legal.

CCTV of parts of the area may be used to identify any offenders not staying on the byway as the incidents are often late at night or in the early hours of the morning. Any information of who these people may be would be welcome including vehicle registrations and times they are not on the byway. Vehicles that are road legal that stay on the byway are fully able to do so and the majority do, but the others that churn up the adjoining land off the byway give them all a bad reputation. You can please report details to myself or Kent police on 101

Gary Harrison

KCC Community Warden

07977982185 gary.harrison@kent.gov.uk

Lyminge Friends - January 2021

Happy New Year Everyone

No change in the current state of affairs and planned meetings and visits will not take place for the next few months due to Covid19. We will advise you when the situation changes.

Fingers crossed for a healthy 2021.

Keep well and stay safe everyone.



Meetings are 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre. Entry for 2021 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.

Editor: pb@pbarnes20.plus.com

The Late Wendy Preston

Wendy died after a two year fight against cancer. A great supporter of village activities in the early years, The Lyminge Parish Plan and drama group and later the many activities in Etchinghill.

Wendy's family would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Rosalind Powell, New Lyminge Surgery, Dr Cominos, the Oncology Team, Marie Curie, Crossroads, The Ashford Hospice, The Acute Care Team, District Nurses and care staff, and many good friends and particularly Sarah, Adrian and Lynne for all their support and care during Wendy's illness along with the many friends who sent condolences over the last month. Grateful thanks go to you all.

Best wishes

Les, Sarah and Adrian Preston

Coach & Horses



Take Aways will continue to be available throughout lockdown in January, on Wednesdays through to Sundays.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful 2021

Emily and Fred.

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



Lyle Arnold (Podiatrist).....

.....apologises that she will be unable to see any patients until probably Feb 2021 due to a nasty triple fracture of her ankle.

Clinics before Christmas are being cancelled and patients will be contacted toward mid-Jan with an update.

Apologies to all of those affected by this but we hope to resume service as soon as she is able to weight-bear, in approximately six weeks time.



Mount Pleasant Close Christmas Lights

(see front page)

Mount Pleasant Close Christmas lights would like to thank everybody that has been to see the lights and made donations to our four charities. Feedback that we have received is that you have enjoyed the lights and it has brought some light to what has been a very difficult year. The lights will remain on until Twelfth Night (5th January).

Thank you again for your continued support.



LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

January 2021 Newsletter

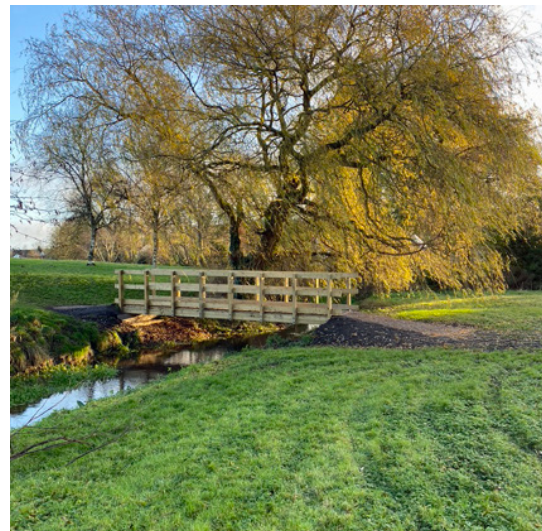
Forthcoming Council and Committee Agendas are displayed on the Council notice boards in Lyminge Station Road car park, the Rhodes Minnis bus shelter and the entrance to the Village Hall car park, Etchinghill. Agendas and minutes are published on the Council's website www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk 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.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN At the meeting of the council held on 30th November, members regretfully accepted the resignation of the Chairman's role from Councillor Chris Barnett. Cllr Barnett has done a superb job since taking on the leadership role in 2018, working through some very difficult times which saw the sad passing of the previous Clerk, an election year, and the Covid-19 pandemic. Throughout this time she has worked tenaciously on behalf of the parish, to set a sound path forward for the council. Members and the Clerk wish to express their sincere thanks to her for all the time and commitment she has given to the role and are very pleased that she remains on the council and retains her roles as Planning Lead and Shepway Committee representative (continuing to attend local meetings of the CPRE) and as Ambassador to the North Downs Way.

Unfortunately none of the existing council members felt able at present to commit to taking over the role of Chair due either to work commitments (3 members are key workers), other voluntary commitments or personal circumstances. As such, it was agreed that the position will be rotated at meetings until May 2021, at which point election of a new Chair will take place at the Annual Council Meeting.

NEW COUNCILLORS We are delighted to confirm that Dennis Huntley and Tony King have been 'co-opted' as new members of the council. Dennis has been registered under Lyminge Ward and Tony under the Etchinghill Ward.

THE TAYNE FIELD BRIDGE is now looking very good. The soil on the sides contains grassroots etc., that should grow back, but if nothing is naturally coming through by spring the contractors will come back and re-seed it.



JANUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Finance and Administration Meeting - Monday 11th January at 7.00 pm via Zoom

Full Council Meeting – Monday 25th January at 7.30 pm via Zoom

Members of the public are welcome to attend these 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 (details below) for information on how to join the meeting.

Cherri Norman, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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THE PARISH COUNCIL AMBITION PLAN AND THE PRECEPT FOR 2021/22

The Parish Council has been considering the projects it should undertake in the financial year beginning in April 2021. Over the past 12 months, we have begun to develop our vision for the parish, and we have set out our ambition to make the parish a better place at the end of our term. The plan sets out how we are aiming to maintain the assets we have, and at the same time how we are looking for ways to improve the environment around us. Over the course of the coming year, we need to spend significant sums on some existing assets, and we intend to make enhancements to improve the parish in a number of ways:

- **Court Lodge Green (also known as the Bumpy Field).** This is well-used for recreation and we have already begun to develop the bio-diversity through a new management programme. More work is needed to improve the ponds at the bottom of the field. They are both a vital part of the drainage scheme in the area necessary to take run-off from Woodland Road and prevent flooding, and also they give us an opportunity to create an area of wetland capable of supporting an enhanced range of wildlife;
- **Jubilee Field.** The running track is used by many people. It has become very overgrown from grass encroaching from the sides and the surface has deteriorated considerably. We need to renovate the whole track and make it suitable for use in all weather. This will make it once again the valuable resource it once was, supporting and promoting fitness in our community;
- **St Eadburg's Well (formerly known as St Ethelburga's Well).** The well house in Well Field was built in 1898, and is now a listed structure. It has been refurbished at various times over the years, but the fabric is now sadly decayed, some elements are missing, and it is in dire need of substantial repair. We are working with a specialist contractor to ensure that we meet our statutory obligation to protect and preserve this historic structure;
- **Play Equipment in Tayne Field.** Lyminge Youth Action have put a lot of effort into developing a new scheme for the play area that will greatly add to and improve the facilities available. They have secured planning permission and have already received commitments for some grant funding from local charities, but this is not enough in itself to allow any work to commence. The Parish Council is keen to ensure that this project can begin, so will

be committing significant resources to make this possible;

- **Environmental projects.** We have committed funds to create a reserve out of which we can address small-scale environmental projects during the year. This will give us the ability to support the delivery of projects that will help tackle the Climate Emergency. We intend this to be a permanent component of the annual budget, increasing our ability to support projects not just next year but also in the years ahead;
- **Traffic management.** Similarly, we know that traffic management is a significant issue for many if not most residents, whether as pedestrians, cyclists or motorists. We are therefore committing some of our reserves to fund improvements. As with our support for the Green Agenda, we see this as a tangible way of showing our commitment to make changes where they are appropriate. In these difficult times, Kent County Council will not pay for all the improvements we may want. This means there are times when we have to be prepared to find the money ourselves if we are to enhance the environment in which we all live.

We have drawn up a budget that we believe will manage and maintain our existing parish assets. So far as day-to-day running costs are concerned, these will increase broadly in line with inflation. But if we want to secure the benefits of the projects outlined above, we need to find the funds to cover the cost. We can find some from the reserves built up over the years by the Parish Council, and we will still keep reserves as we are required to do in order to meet unexpected costs. (The replacement of the collapsed bridge in Tayne Field is a good example of such unexpected cost incurred during the current year.) But the balance must come from the Precept, the portion of the Council Tax that is allocated to the Parish Council.

The budget for the financial year commencing in April 2021 will involve an increase in the Precept. However, we have sought to keep this to a reasonable level by drawing upon reserves, as noted already. The net result is that the Precept for 2021/22 will increase by of just 21.5p per week per Band D household (an increase of 23.75% compared with the Precept in the current year). We firmly believe as a Council that this represents exceptional value for money.

Rob Baldwin, Chair, Finance and Administration Committee

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.

What to do now...January

Thoughtful Food member, and Lyminge Gardeners' Society Chair, Anne Gould, has kindly set out her thoughts on what to do in our gardens in January to prepare for a successful growing season.

Reflecting Back and Thinking Forward...

This month is a time for reflection, checking things and thinking ahead for the new season. We seriously do not know how much our food supplies are going to be affected over the next few years by one thing or another, so think about 'home producing'. If you are completely new to vegetable and fruit growing, think about attending our workshops which will guide you through (see below for details).

Already a 'pro'? Then ask yourself questions such as: What worked well? What didn't work so well? How can I be more aware of the cycle of growing and how can I fit my growing into that cycle? Am I minimising waste and working with nature as opposed to trying to control it? What vegetables will I grow? What do I/my family like to eat? Am I making my own yummy organic compost to feed my soil? A healthy soil is essential to good growth. Have I got a good water harvesting system to save pressure on our ever dwindling supplies? Why not use the dark time to 'swot up' on your gardening knowledge with Huw Richards on Youtube? You could even enrol on a course!

Here is advice from Charles Dowding (www.charlesdowding.co.uk) a lead proponent of the 'No -Dig' approach. I have used his methods in my raised beds and never have to dig them now!

Spread compost now, on the surface, where soil organisms like to feed. Do not "fork in" any organic matter, just let nature take care of it. Think in terms of feeding the soil life generally, rather than feeding specific plants. In damp climates, compost is the best mulch for giving minimum habitat to slugs. If you still have a mass of weeds, mulch either by covering with cardboard and compost above it, or old recycled polythene with compost below it. Excluding light from weeds slowly starves their roots, until they die in-situ and without any cultivation or removal. Meanwhile the compost is feeding soil life and gives your plants a fast start.

In January, don't sow seeds because they will struggle to grow in the cool and darkness, then would be overtaken by later sowings. (Extract from Charles Dowding's Calendar -available to buy online)

Put your new-year enthusiasm to good use by cleaning pots, tools, water butts and greenhouses in preparation for spring.

Start planning what you want to do with your garden in the months to come. Now is the time to order seeds and plants from the comfort of your armchair. Real Seeds www.realseeds.co.uk supply organic seeds and I would also recommend Kings Seeds www.kingsseeds.com and Marshall's www.marshallsgarden.com

You can also prune apples, blackcurrants, gooseberries and redcurrants to maintain a productive framework and plant bare root trees and fruit bushes if the ground is not hard or waterlogged.

Let us know how you are getting on or what you need support with in your vegetable garden/orchard.

Vegetable Growing Workshops

If you would like to attend the free-of-charge workshops that Anne mentions, please email thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com to reserve your place. If it is not possible to hold these workshops face to face, then they will be run on Zoom.

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

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| • 'Get Ready to Grow' | Sunday 21st February 2021 | 14:30-16:30 |
| • 'Seeds and Sowing' | Sunday 14th March 2021 | 14:30-16:30 |
| • 'Potting and Planting' | Sunday 18th April 2021 | 14:30-16:30 |

Happy New Year from all of us at Thoughtful Food!

News of your Local Log-down

As the world twists and turns through the maze of Covid guidance and local lockdowns we are all looking to Christmas with a different perspective. The value of time with family and friends is exceeding the expectation of indulgent gifts, rediscovering the importance of comfort, and the irrelevance of extravagance. We start to consider what really matters this Christmas season. Our family, our friends and our local environment.

We know the sad tale of our declining nature and wildlife, as the habitats they depend on disappear under road, house, industry and field. This is where this Christmas, we can give the most important gift of all, we can give life to our parish through the enrichment of our environment.

The increasing reality is, biodiversity is collapsing, with the South East being hard hit. One in ten species are considered at risk from extinction in Kent on our current trajectory.

Lyminge Climate Action Group is asking for us all to look at what we are offering our landscape. Providing a log pile, of any size, in a shaded area of our gardens, will not only create a niche environment for fabulous predatory insects such as ground beetles and devil's coach horse, or a cool ambient hostel for a noble slug and snail eating toad, or an indulgent larder for a green woodpecker, or the security of shelter for a hibernating queen bee but also a great way to store carbon!

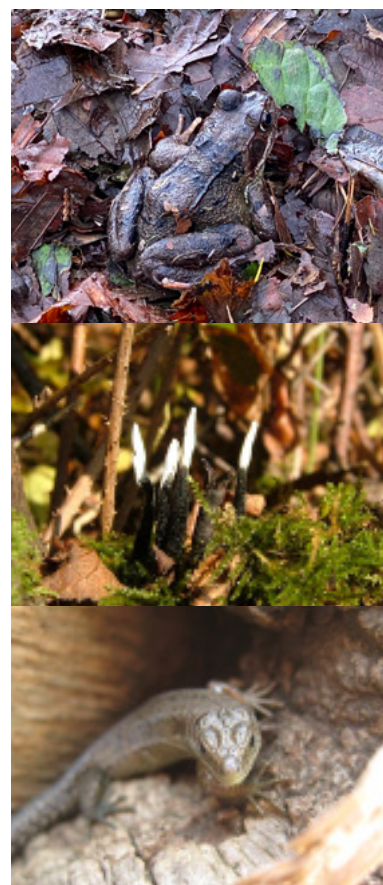
Log piles can become an attractive feature in a garden, with colourful displays of mosses and lichen or candle-snuff fungus showcasing its vertical snow-white growth. Alternatively, a trailing plant or grand ferns can be planted to create a wonderful garden display.

Gardens can knit our landscape together again. Simple investments in nature such as log piles and small meadow areas provide key habitats that are sadly missing through the ceaseless need to tidy, burn, trim, cut, pave or concrete entire areas.

Christmas is a time to give thanks to all life on earth. A local log-down will not cost the earth but will provide a crucial sanctuary and opportunity to the living nature we love in our Parish.

In the words of Wangari Maathai

"In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now." **Debbie Reynolds**



CLIMATE

On the 12 December the UK became one of the first countries in the world to fulfil a key commitment of the Paris Agreement, publishing the UK's Adaptation Communication, setting out how we are enhancing our resilience to the changing climate at home and to support those facing impacts overseas. This comes as the UK brings countries together for the Climate Ambition Summit, marking the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, and mobilising action ahead of COP26 in Glasgow.

The UK's action to adapt to the effects of climate change is integrated across government departments, covering the natural environment, infrastructure, people and the built environment, business and industry, and local government. Examples include:

- putting nature at the heart of its approach to adaptation and resilience, including committing £640 million through the Nature for Climate Fund to protect, restore, and expand habitats like woodlands and peat bogs. It also means supporting climate mitigation and adaptation through natural carbon capture and helping to alleviate flooding. The Green Recovery Challenge Fund has brought forward £80 million in these funds to kickstart a programme of nature-based solutions, and create and retain jobs in the conservation sector.
- ensuring that climate science and research, such as the UK Climate Projections 2018, are fully integrated into planning and decision making, including on major infrastructure.
- building resilience to flooding and coastal change with a long-term flood policy statement and Environment Agency strategy which set out a roadmap to create a nation more resilient to future flood and coastal erosion risk. This has been accompanied by record funding of £5.2 billion for new flood and coastal defences between 2021 and 2027.

Alongside delivering adaptation at home, the UK is also helping countries on the frontline of climate change adapt and build resilience to its effects, by:

- doubling our International Climate Finance (ICF) contribution to £11.6 billion between 2021-2026. This builds on the support UK ICF has provided, to help 66 million people around the world cope with the effects of climate change.
- supporting the international Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) which aims to make one billion people safer from disasters by 2025 through integrated disaster risk management and climate adaptation laws, health and social protection for populations, and improved early warning systems.
- spearheading changes to adaptation and resilience financing, for example through the Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment and the LIFE AR programme, which will enable the least developed countries to direct at least 70% of climate finance flows to support local level adaptation and resilience actions by 2030.
- promoting international cooperation, with a Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience which has been endorsed by 120 countries and 86 institutions and provides a commitment to create the environment, partnerships, and political leverage for countries to take action on adaptation.
- emphasising the importance of nature-based solutions in adaptation and resilience across the globe, through the Leaders' Pledge for Nature and government-to-government dialogue to bring effective action on sustainable land use and commodities.



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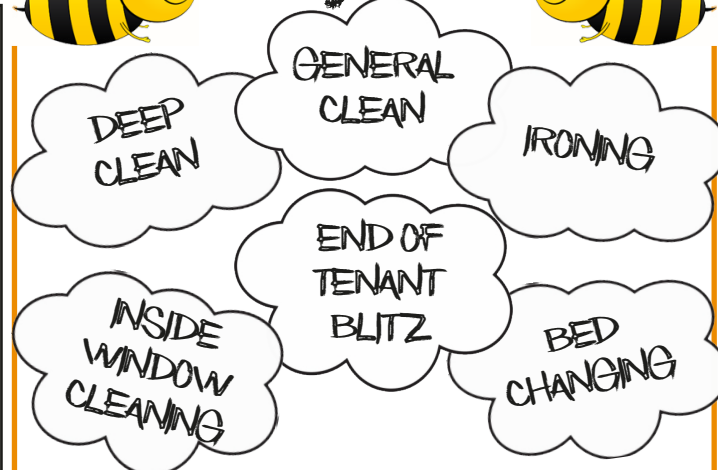
Etchinghill Baby & Toddler Group

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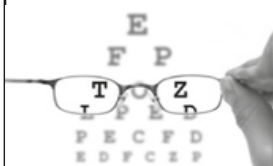
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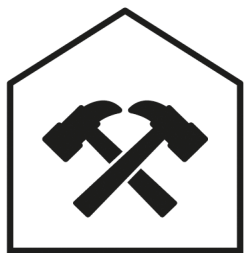


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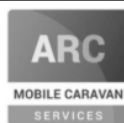
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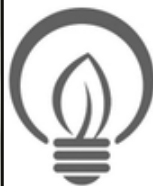
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James Stanley Smith (Jim)



Jim passed away on 17th October. Below is a tribute to him and to his significance within the Lyminge community, and beyond. It was submitted on behalf of his wife and family.

There are many talented individuals in our community and Jim Smith was one of them. He first came to live in 'digs' in Lyminge at the age of 15. He started a seven year apprenticeship with J.J. Clayson, the well established building firm. He studied carpentry and wood machinery and when J.J. Clayson changed business direction he stayed with them, building and restoring harpsichords. When they closed, Jim went to work as a foreman at Lewis Products in Hythe and continued to be a carpenter and joiner.

Jim purchased and restored Beddingfield House on the High Street and lived there for many years. He eventually purchased a building owned by H. Wooding next door, and turned this into a workshop called Lyminge Joinery. He worked here for many years and particularly enjoyed restoration projects, working on Grade 2 listed buildings. Other projects included restoration of a 'travellers' caravan and a rebuild of the Leas water lift carriage which can be found at Peene Railway Museum. There were only a few pieces of wood that could be salvaged from the original lift, as it was in his terms, "rotten as a pear". However, it was successfully restored, ably-assisted by John Tappenden's painting.



You will see many other things around the village and elsewhere in which Jim was involved, notably the woodwork on the Lyminge signs entering and leaving the village, and the

pitching of the roofs on the Silverlands bungalows. He felt that his "legacy" to the village was The Pastures, the big Tudor-inspired house which can be found on the High Street. He spent 18 months designing and building it from the year 2000. It contains 35 tons of oak and it was all cut and built by hand as the Tudors would have done. He lived there for 15 years until his ill health which forced him the move to a bungalow and hence to give up Lyminge Joinery.



Jim had a passion for music and was an extremely talented musician. He had his first guitar lesson with Noel Redding (bass player for Jimi Hendrix) but he eventually found his niche playing the pedal steel guitar. He built many of these himself under the name Redstone Steel Guitars (red reflecting the colour of his hair).



Jim was quite the inventor - he devised a slide rule helping beginners in guitar and piano, a machine to cut vinyl records, and even attempted to create a hydrogen powered engine! Even when he was so ill, his inventive streak remained.

Eventually his long standing illness led to his passing in October 2020, leaving behind his wife, Trish, his children (Sean, Rachel, Sam, Daniel and Georgia) and grandson (George). He lived in Lyminge for 62 years and for the many that have had work done by Jim, or are lucky enough to own one of his creations (snooker tables, roll top desks, musical instruments, rocking horses and even the shelters along Herne Bay Seafront), you look at them and say that they were made by a true gentleman and a master craftsman named Jim Smith.



Out & About..

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



Work in progress to clean out the silt in the pond at the bottom of Court Lodge Green.

This is to ensure that the pond serves its purpose of handling run-off from Woodland Road and prevent flooding in the High Street. It soon filled up as was seen a few weeks later.



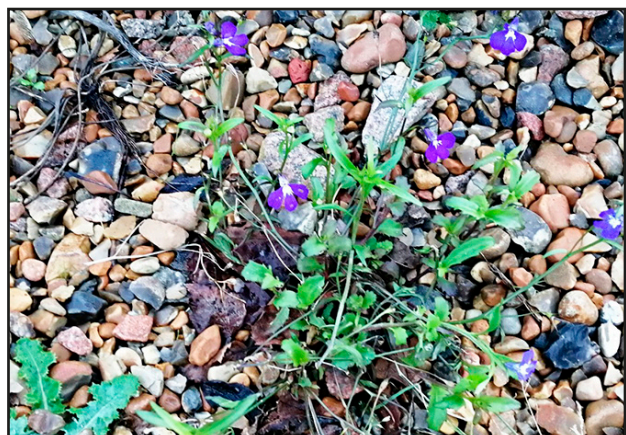
Wayside Watch

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.

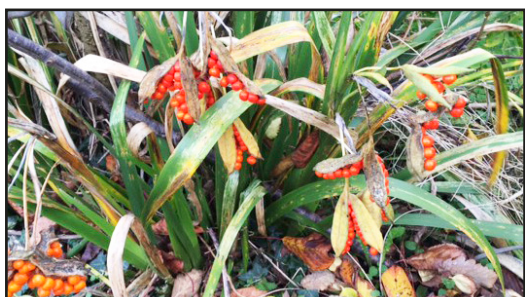


Another flower seen in Church Road [as was last month's Mystery Flower] is **Lacy Phacelia or Fiddleneck** ~ [Phacelia tanacetifolia] A plant that is very attractive to bees and often comes in packets of 'flowers for bees'. It is not native to this country but is becoming more common as a robust winter annual. It will self seed.

Mystery Flower !



Here is this month's Mystery Flower often seen, as here, in gravel driveways. Any answers to: adrian.willcox@virgin.net



Last month's Mystery Flower produced the biggest postbag so far! Correctly identified as a **Stinking Iris** [Iris foetidissima]. Thanks this month to David Hoare, Chris and Sarah Glass, Morna Nunn, Heather Dunsford, Margaret Saunders, Ann Harris, Mandy Feist, Jane Reynolds, Maureen Cox and Jackie Hall. We were also given a variety of alternative common names: Roast Beef plant, Gladdon and Stinking Gladwin.