

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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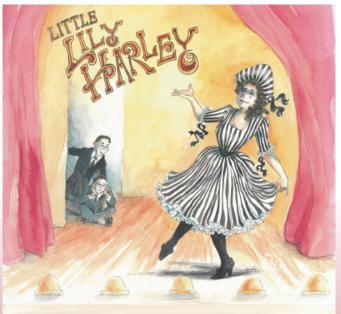
I'm writing this on the first day of the **Lyminge Festival**, with the rain pouring down and the Covid restrictions playing havoc with a few of events. I remain hopeful that the weather will improve and that many of you will have or have been able to enjoy some of the events over the Festival fortnight.

The **Medieval Banquet** and the **Quiz Through The Ages** have both been postponed. (See page 2 for details).

By popular demand we will be running a **Garage Safari** on **Saturday 21st August** - a golden opportunity to shift your unwanted belongings that have been sitting around for the past 15 months!!

Peter Barnes (Editor)

# Outdoor Theatre in Lyminge!



At last! Something to get excited about! The wonderful Rude Mechanicals are planning to perform on **Tayne Field** on **Sunday 25th July at 7.30pm** (subject to Lyminge Parish Council approval).

It will be something to give us a good laugh and raise our spirits – and we all need that!

The play will be 'Little Lily Harley', postponed from last year, and is about Charlie Chaplin's childhood in Lambeth. With a drunken but charismatic actor father who was rarely around & a beautiful young actress of a mother who had three children by different fathers, he had to learn along-side his big brother Sydney how to survive a very precarious existence. Sometimes fostered by other people, sometimes in a school for destitute children, sometimes separated from Sydney & sometimes living on the street (as a child!), he nevertheless managed to triumph over all this to become arguably the greatest film actor ever.

Pete Talbot, the director, says, "When I wrote the play in 2019, I could not have known how apt it would be for today. The message of hope, triumph over pain, through the imagination

and laughter, is really important for today because people are desperate to see theatre and escape for a while. That is why

Tickets are available online from The Rudes website from 1st March. Because of social distancing spaces will be limited, so BOOK EARLY! You will get your money back if you can't subsequently come. Prices will favour people booking in bubbles of four or more. Go to their website for details. It will make you cry, release all that tension and laugh out loud. Full of music hall and silent movie magic with a great team of professional actor/musicians! Featuring Chaplin's powerful classic music, 'Smile'. The company say that the date might be delayed because we don't know how the rules may change but that it is 'highly likely' to happen. Watch the company's website - therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk - for changes, or speak to Mike Chisnall on 01303-862743 or ring The Rudes on 01323-5012560, or email them at therudes1948@gmail.com.

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# A fantastic selection of different events over FOURTEEN days!!

Theme - Anglo Saxon with

## THE GREAT LYMINGE ART EXHIBITION

all around the village, throughout the fortnight

# REMAINING FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 1st July Saturday 3rd July

Canterbury Brass Band Concert ~ Retiring Collection 7.30pm Parish Church

An exciting and informative display by Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-

enactment group. Tayne Field (See Page 6)

Quilter's Exhibition in the Parish Church.

Sunday 4th July Another chance to see the display by Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-

enactment group Tayne Field (See Page 6) **Quilter's Exhibition** in the Parish Church

A Walking Treasure Hunt around the village for all the family with versions for children, adults and with wheelchair access. Meet at Parish Church at 2pm.

Pre-registration for the Treasure Hunt on 4th July

If you would like to pre-register for the treasure hunt and have the details sent to you by email, then please send an email to <u>Jon529320@gmail.com</u> using the subject heading: LA Treasurer Hunt 2021

We'll forward a registration form along with the rules and conditions of participation. Once you have returned the completed form, we will forward the route and clues in digital format.

On the day you will need to call in to Lyminge Parish Church to physically register and we will supply you with the answer sheets on which to record your results. Pre-registration closes on the 2nd July!

# **Change of Programme**

Due to the Covid restrictions, the Medieval Banquet has been put back to

Saturday 11th September

and The Quiz Through The Ages to Saturday 2nd October.

Tickets remain valid, and should anybody be unable to attend, please let us know and we will arrange a refund. A few tickets remain unsold as we go to press.





# Diary of Forthcoming Events

This page is printed to give readers and organisers the opportunity of planning events without clashing with existing ones, which are already in the 'diary'. It is not intended as a means of advertising and we take no responsibility for errors or omissions. Acceptance is at the discretion of the editor. Please send your updates by email to pb@pbarnes20.plus.com or via methods outlined on Page 3. **Location and name codes below:** 

One-Off Events									
Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
01-Jul	7pm	Canterbury Brass Band Concert	LPC		07-Aug	2.30pm	Rhodes Minnis Summer Show	RMVH	862616
03-Jul		Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re- enactment group			10-Aug	10am	Elham Walkers	Elham Sq	862933
03-Jul		Quilters Exhibition			14-Aug	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559
04-Jul		Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re- enactment group			15-Aug	10am	Elham Walkers	LL	862933
04-Jul		Quilters Exhibition			21-Aug	9am	Garage Safari		863737
04-Jul	2pm	Walking Treasure Hunt	LPC		03-Sep		Music on a Friday BBQ		
17-Jul	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559	04-Sep	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559
18-Jul	10am	Elham Walkers	Barham	862933	11-Sep	7.30pm	Medieval Banquet	LVH	862928
19-Jul	7.30pm	Film Night - 'Military Wives'	EVH	07939076617	02-Oct	7pm	Quiz	LVH	
25-Jul	7.30pm	Outdoor Theatre - 'Little Lilv Harlev	TF	862743	12-Oct	7.30pm	Lyminge Assoc AGM		
31-Jul	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559					

	Weekly Events								
Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel .No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel .No.
Mon	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	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 <sup>5</sup>	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Wed	7pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LMC	07813071867
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	TC	863049	Thurs	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10am	ArtGroup - 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	07870494644
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	Thurs	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Tues	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Thurs	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008
Tues	9.45am	Young at Heart Dance/Fitness	EVH	07565182259	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Tues	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	10am	Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	JC	269602	Fri	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364					
	Monthly Events								

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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 <sup>3</sup>	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 <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					

<sup>1</sup> 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

C&H: Coach & Horses; EVH: Etchinghill Village Hall; ELVH: Elham Village Hall, ERA: Etchinghill Residents' Association; ES: Elham Square, 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 House; PVH: Postling Village Hall; RVH: Rhodes Minnis Village Hall; RWC: Rhodes Minnis Church; RMCS: Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary; RR: Rigden Room; SMVH: Stelling Minnis Village Hall, SNL: See Newsletter for info; SP: Sibton Park; SPCC: Sibton Park Cricket Club; TC: Tayne Centre; TF: Tayne Field; WF: Well Field



#### St Mary and St Ethelburga Parish Church, Lyminge

4 July Postling 9.30am Eucharist CW1 by Zoom Lyminge 11.00am WOW Service Paddlesworth 6.00pm Evensong

11 July Lyminge 8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Service by Zoom

18 July Postling 9.30am Morning Prayer by Zoom Paddlesworth 9.30am Holy Communion Lyminge 11.00am Holy Communion CW1

25 July Lyminge 11.00am Joint Worship Service

Acrise at Lyminge

Benefice Morning Prayer by Zoom every Wednesday at 8.00am 1 August Postling 9.30am Eucharist CW1 by Zoom

Lyminge 11.00am WOW Service Paddlesworth 6.00pm Evensong

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

#### **Postling Church Services**

4th July 9.30am Holy Communion by Zoom
11th July 9.30am Morning Service by Zoom
18th July 9.30am Morning Service by Zoom
25th July No service in Postling
1st August 9.30am Holy Communion

ALL SERVICES ARE VIA ZOOM. Log In details available at

www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk

#### **Lyminge Methodist Church**

The following services will be held under current Government guidelines (masks, social distancing, etc.) at **11am**, but we are unable to share indoor fellowship or refreshments.

4th July - Miss Barbara Lunn

11th July - 6pm Circuit Service for Rev. Kevin Taylor's farewell will now be on Zoom and YouTube

18th July - Local Arrangement 25th July - Mrs. Joy Brumwell

1st August - Rev. Kevin Taylor (incl. Holy

Communion)

#### **Rhodes Minnis Chapel**

We held a very successful Open-Air service at our Chapel last month and intend to hold more of them again, weather permitting. This was conducted by Rev. Kevin Taylor in brilliant sunshine, hats were worn, a parasol was put up and singing was enjoyed for the first time in 15 months! Even a tractor was working in the field opposite - this created a real country scene which is what we have at Rhodes Minnis.

The service on **Sunday, 11th July at 9.30am** will be led by Rev. Kevin Taylor. This will be Kevin's last service with us as he will be retiring shortly. We give thanks for his ministry amongst us over the last 10 years and wish him well.

Service on **Sunday, 25th July at 9.30am** will be led by the local congregation to which a warm welcome is extended to all. We are abiding by the current Government restrictions but are sorry we cannot offer refreshments after these services.

Because of the size of our Chapel, it would be appreciated if you could let Daphne know on 01303 862865 if you would like to join us so that we can accommodate you. We look forward to seeing you.



# Christians in Lyminge



There are no combined social events as such in July, but as can be seen elsewhere in the newsletter there will a lot going on at the Parish Church during the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival.

Enjoy the experience!

#### **Lyminge Newsletter**

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



#### A BIG STEP CLOSER TO TARGET

We want to start with a huge thank you to the Tory Family Foundation who have donated an incredible £10,000 to the park project. Thank you so much to them for their support. This takes us another big step closer to our target.

Also, we'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has donated to our crowdfunding campaign already. It is wonderful to see the community coming together to help us get across the line.

Just a reminder, if you have a child at Lyminge Primary School, or Lyminge Preschool, you should have been given an envelope for donations. If you're able to make a donation simply pop it in the envelope and return it to school/preschool, who will pass it on to us. Every pound gets us one step closer to work starting on the new parks.

Alternatively, you can donate online on our new crowdfunding page: gofundme.com/lymingeparks.

#### PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER PARTY POSTPONED

Due to the delay in the lifting of Covid restrictions, we have decided to postpone our summer party which was due to take place on Friday 16 July. We will hold the event at the end of the summer instead and will confirm the new date in August's newsletter.

# Wanted: A House For A Short Term Let

Our son and daughter-in-law along with their six year old daughter are looking to rent a property prior to moving to Lyminge. Do you know of anyone who might be able to help them?

They would like to move in the school summer holidays, and have sold their house, subject to contract However, there are currently no suitable properties to buy in Lyminge.

Obviously, they are not able to say for how long the let would be needed; it is entirely dependent on them finding somewhere suitable to buy, and the length of any chains, etc.

They would be happy with somewhere that is not absolutely central to Lyminge, as long as they can get to Lyminge primary school each day.

If you are able to help, please contact John & Vanessa Carr on 01303 862972 for further details.



With COVID restrictions being extended please check our website

www.elhamvalleylinetrust.org and/or www.facebook.com/ElhamValleyLineTust.Official

for the latest news on the venue reopening. We certainly hope to see you all again really soon.

## **Lyminge Primary School**

The school will be looking for a cleaner as one of our team is sadly moving away.

- 12.5 hours per week 3.30-6pm Monday to Friday
- 38 weeks per year (paid for 43 weeks)
- Pay Scale: Kent Range 3 £5,025.67 (Full Time Equivalent £18,039)

If you are interested, please contact Matt or Carol at the school for further information

Phone: 01303 862367

Email: office@lyminge.kent.sch.uk

(This job is subject to an enhanced DBS check and the Right to Work in the UK)

#### Vaccination Rate in our Primary Care Network

(Figures for the 7 surgeries including the 2 Lyminge ones up to 31st May. Low percentages for the last two groups reflects the ones most recently invited to have their jabs.)

Group	<b>Population</b>	Vaccinated	%
Over 80	3428	3325	97
75 - 80	2636	2547	97
70 - 75 & CEV	4954	4691	95
65 -70	2779	2604	94
16-65 at risk	6061	5362	88
60-65	1931	1776	92
55-60	2283	2069	91
50-55	2460	2200	89
40-50	4166	3419	82
30-40	4122	1848	45
18-30	4798	837	17
Total	39618	30678	77

#### Letters To The Editor.....



I would be very grateful if people thought twice before lighting bonfires. Sometimes the acrid smoke that arises makes breathing very difficult for those who, for a variety of reasons, already have breathing difficulties. For these people, both young and old, breathing is difficult on the best of days and any difference in air quality has a severe impact on their well-being. Even if people's breathing isn't affected, the impact on their washing on the line can be significant, not forgetting any creatures that have set up home in your rubbish. So please think twice before putting a light to your bonfire and find an alternative way to dispose of your rubbish responsibly.

Signed: Name and address supplied

# LYMINGE anglo-gaxon FESTIVAL EVENT The Anglo-Saxons are coming!



Historical re-enactment group Øst Centingas make a welcome return to Lyminge over the weekend of 3-4 July. To make it an even bigger spectacular, this year they will be joined by Sussex-based Haestingas!

The combined group will be in costume on Tayne Field, close to the Coach and Horses, between 9am and 5pm on both days. Over this time there will be set-piece displays, as well as the living history experience in Open Camp, featuring authentic craft activities, displays about food and fishing, and a full-sized long boat of the kind used in the Anglo-Saxon period.



#### Scheduled activities are:

Open camp	09.00 - 10.00		
Combat training			
and displays	10.00 - 11.00		
Open camp	11.00 - 12.00		
Battle	13.00 - 14.00		
Open camp	14.00 - 15.00		
Period games	15.00 - 16.00		
Open camp	16.00 - 17.00		





Come along and see history come to life.



# **Pathways to the Past**

#### Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga

June has been the last full month of the project. Many of the work streams have reached a conclusion and we are delighted with the results so far. We hope everyone in the parish will be too.

Visitors to the churchyard and to Well Field and to Court Lodge Green ("the Bumpy Field") will have seen the new information panels that have been installed. These for the first time

tell the story of the archaeology discovered around the village since 2008.

In the church itself, a new solid oak display unit has been placed in the north aisle. This unit has been made for us by local craftsmen Neil Heaver and Simon Linch, who have just set up in business at Little Woodland Farm. They have created a magnificent addition to the church, which now houses a small archaeological display of finds from the churchyard dig. In addition, a touch screen has been fitted where you can explore a reconstruction of the Anglo-Saxon church in 3D, learn more about the shrine of St Eadburg, and see how the present church has changed over the 1,000 years since it was built soon after the Norman Conquest.

By the time you read this, the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival will be in progress, most events still being permissible under

the continuing Covid restrictions. Fortunately too, Boris was not able to put a stop to Queen Ethelburga's Ale which has been brewed specially for the festival and is available on draught exclusively at the Coach and Horses. This beer will be on sale throughout the festival, so drop by and try it. At 3.8% it is a refreshingly quaffable ale, malty with good hop flavour from the East Kent Goldings hops that are grown only in our part of the county.

We are still working on project publications, so if you would like to help us make these a reality, please support us with your donation using the QR code to reach our giving page at PayPal. If you are a taxpayer, you can also add 25% to your donation through Gift Aid.



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

# Medieval Banquet Saturday 11th September

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



**INTERNET** – I first became aware of computers in the 1950s from an enthusiastic maths teacher who predicted the invention of the personal computer and the Internet. In 1958, after an interview at a top international company at Sandwich, I politely declined a job that seemed to involve pushing pencils through holes in cards. It was of course a simple explanation of how computers work and I had rejected it.

In those days computers were big and clumsy. At Cambridge in the 1950s the caretaker's first job each morning was to switch the EDSAC on to warm up the valves. In the 1960s we had our first huge mainframe computers at work. All input data was pencilled on coding sheets. These were then typed as square holes on cards by two typists, so that a rectangular hole would be accepted by the computer and square ones rejected. They were also numbered to ensure the correct order. All this took several days to turn around and then the printout would often come back with an error message, sometimes resulting

from the computer operators dropping the cards and putting them back in the wrong order. Such stories seem incredible in this era of the Internet, which was 40 years old last month. At 10.30pm on 29 October 1969 Charley Kline sat down at a computer at California University and started to type the word LOGIN to his opposite number at Stanford University. After typing the G, the system crashed, but the almost biblical message "LO" had been transmitted to Stanford. It was the birth of the Internet, which became, after the development of the World Wide Web by Tim Berners-Lee 20 years later, the massive intellectual, economic and social revolution that, good or bad, is undoubtedly here to stay. © Steve Osborn

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#### District Councillors' Update - July 2021

#### **Waste Collection**

As you will be aware there has been an unacceptable number of missed collections, affecting households across the district. Our customers have received a level of service well below the excellent standards that were in place through the pandemic and before the route changes. Veolia has fallen short of the service levels we expect as a Council and not acted swiftly enough to address this. Discussions have taken place with the Managing Director and Senior Management of Veolia. It was clearly stated that the Council currently has no confidence in Veolia as our contractor and that corrective action is required immediately. I can assure you that the Veolia team were left in no doubt about the Council's exasperation with a situation, not of our making, that has brought significant reputational damage to the Council.



The Managing Director of Veolia apologised and promised to address the situation through immediate corrective actions. This will include providing additional resources, over and above what has been deployed thus far, to ensure collection rates return to expected service levels as soon as possible. A full review of the data used to develop the new routes will also be undertaken to ensure that any underlying issues are identified and addressed. Veolia will also send a letter of apology to every household across the district and have also agreed to set-up a call centre – details to follow.

We are extremely sorry that our Waste Collection service has not been up to our usual standards and you can rest assured that we will do everything to ensure it returns to the high service level we expect. This issue has naturally caused problems with the Call Centre and additional staff have been drafted in to help address the delay in responding to calls.

Please do let me know if you experience further problems as I am very happy to take up individual issues immediately.

Vaccination Programme - The vaccine is currently being given to people who are aged 18 or over, are at high risk from coronavirus (clinically extremely vulnerable), are an eligible front-line health or social care worker, have a condition that puts you at higher risk (clinically vulnerable), have a learning disability, are a main carer for someone at high risk from coronavirus. Appointments can be booked on the www.nhs.uk If you are not eligible yet wait to be contacted. The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine. It's important not to contact the NHS for a vaccination before then. Please do look out for 'walk-in sessions' where appointments are not necessary – for residents to get their second vaccination.

Covid Testing - There are two types of test for Covid-19 and it's important to use the right one at the right time. No symptoms: Everyone should be doing regular symptom free testing with the Lateral Flow Tests (LTF). You can order these free on-line or collect from pharmacies. Everyone is encouraged to do twice weekly tests. Symptoms: If you or someone you live with has symptoms, it's important that you all get tested as soon as possible (within five days of symptoms starting). To get this type of test you can - book an appointment at a drive-through or walk-through test site or ask for a home test kit - this will be delivered to your home.

Otterpool Park LLP is now hosting family-friendly workshops at Westenhanger Castle over the coming months as part of a community outreach project to encourage learning about the history and heritage of the Otterpool Park site. In July, three events are planned at Sellindge Village Hall on July 3 from 12pm-4pm, at Lympne Village Hall on July 10 from 11am-3pm and back at Westenhanger Castle on July 17 from 11am-3pm.

Park & Ride – The District Council is piloting a Park & Ride service which will be operated by Stagecoach – it will run from the Motis Business Centre in Cheriton near J12 of the M20, CT19 4QJ. Users can enjoy hassle free parking paying just £5 per car to park all day. Shuttle buses will run every 30 minutes between 9am and 6pm to Folkestone Harbour via Folkestone Central Station. The park and ride service will operate every weekend until October and daily from 19 July to 31 August. This park and ride service is a pilot to assess demand and help alleviate parking congestion in the harbour area during the summer months. The service has been made possible by Welcome Back funding from government.

Elham Valley Results - Kent County Council Election 17 June 2021

Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of votes cast
CAREY Susan Joan	The Conservative Party Candidate	1809
COWAN Gordon	Labour Party	247
EGERTON Joe	Independent	221
WADE Douglas Ian Vaug	han Green Party	1335

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

#### **Change of Officers for The Lyminge Association**

The constitution of the The Lyminge Association demands that officers can only serve for a period of 6 years. Consequently, both the chair and deputy chair stand down at this year's forthcoming AGM in October. We would welcome the names of any people who you may think suitable to lead an enthusiastic group of

volunteers committed to making a positive difference in their community.

All names (in confidence) can be forwarded to Peter Barnes, pb@pbarnes20.plus.com or 07808775302.

#### Etchinghill Update - July 2021

**ETCHINGHILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, Chairman:** David McCombe, 07939 076617, dmccombe1@gmail.com, www.etchinghill.info, Facebook-Etchinghill Residents

#### **LITTER PICK - 3rd JUNE**

Our willing volunteers did an excellent job of participating in an impromptu litter pick whilst Canterbury Road was closed for a couple of days in June. The streets were cleared from the golf club, adjacent roads and down to the roundabout at Beachborough on the A20. Thank you to everyone who took part.

#### **CURTAINS UP! RESUMPTION OF FILM NIGHTS - MONDAY 19 JULY**

Subject to a successful government strategy to fully exit Covid restrictions, we intend to screen the film 'Military Wives' in the Etchinghill village hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 19th July. Doors open at 7 pm - please arrive by no later than 7.15 pm to allow for registration. New members are welcome.

Starring Kristen Scott Thomas and Sharon Horgan, this feel-good film follows a group of women in England whose partners are away serving in Afghanistan. Faced with the men's absences, they form a choir and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media sensation and global movement.

Entry fee is £5pp (please have the exact money ready to reduce handling by our volunteers) and includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee.

# PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT ADVICE & VILLAGE HALL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE AT THE TIME

Please refer to our website and Facebook page for any last minute alterations and cancellations. We will also communicate via email for those members on our mailing list. We look forward to welcoming and meeting everyone again!

For any item of general interest to be included in the Newsletter for Etchinghill, please contact: Jacqui Blandford: **07543 966830** or **jacqui.blandford@gmail.com** 





#### **Classic Cinema Event**

Sunday 4th July 2021

Doors open 6.30pm. Film starts at 7.30pm

Elham Village Hall Association are delighted to host an OUTDOOR (weather permitting) cinema event in the grounds of the Village Hall.

We are unable to publi**S**h the name **O**f the film, **M**ainly b**E**cause our **LI**cence ma**KE**s **IT** impossible. **HO**pefully, **T**he name of the film will come to you by magic!

Bring your own picnic chairs or blankets and wrap up warmly! We'll be selling hot food, hot chocolate and have a pay bar to keep you comfortable.

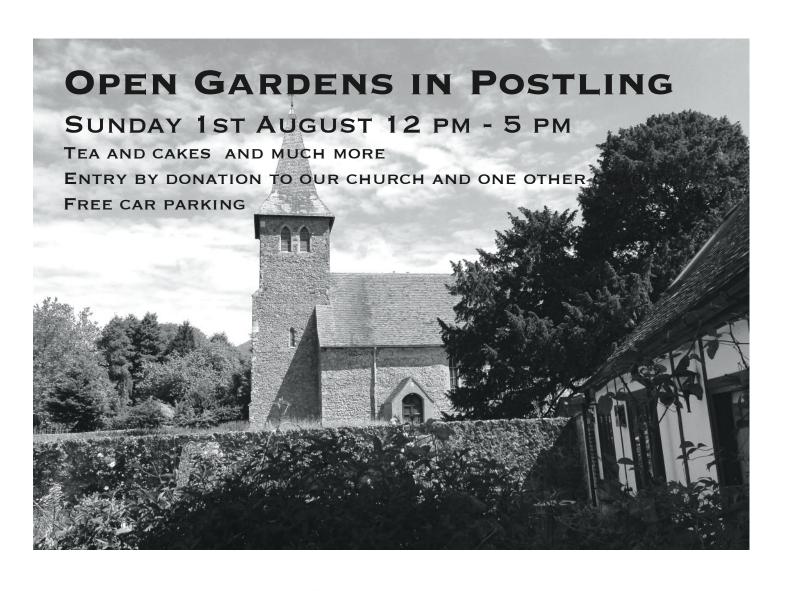
Entry is £6.00 or £5.00 for EVH members/friends on the door and primary aged children are free.

This 'U' rated film is an absolute classic.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place in the hall.



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# **Pet Photography**

Studio or Location
Photo session & 2 prints £50
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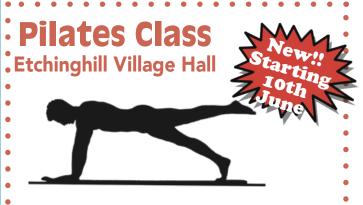




Are you, or someone you know in the early stages of Dementia?

Please come and join our **FREE** group and take part in meaningful and stimulating activities, proven to help maintain memory and mental functioning.

Wednesday 10.30am – 12pm or Friday 12.00-1.30pm Free 12 week programme starting 23rd June 2021



60 minute Class 3:30pm Thursdays

Suitable for mixed abilities

For more information and bookings, please contact: Luciana Clarke 07944028445

lucianaclarke.pilates@gmail.com



Age UK Lyminge Dementia Support Hub, 63 Station Road,

Lyminge, CT18 8HQ age UK

Booking essential on 01303 269602

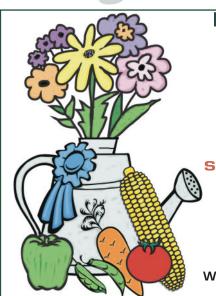
Transport may be available for a small fee

Carers, friends and family are welcome to enjoy our Dementia friendly cafe for the duration of the session





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#### Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

(Charity No. 800345)

## SUMMER SHOW

7th August 2021 at 2:30pm

Schedules available from the Show Secretary Dorothy Athow 01303 862616 or

mick@athow.co.uk

- and the Library

Would all cup holders please return them - contact details above New Saturday Market in Lyminge

Sibton Park Cricket Club 9am – 1pm

> 17th & 31st July, 14th August & 4th September

Refreshments available.
Please respect the signage regarding government guidelines.

For further details contact Debbie 07977 899559

## **Elham Village Hall**

Thinking of marrying in Autumn 2021 or Spring/Summer 2022

Our venue is licensed to hold wedding ceremonies and Civil Partnerships either outside in our newly built gazebo with stunning countryside surroundings or inside if preferred.

Contact our bookings co-ordinator for details:

# bookingsecretary.evh@gmail.com or 07746790618





We have space available for Lengths/Improvers for Expanded Learn to Swim Scheme (Swim England LTS Level 4+)

Due to the expansion of our successful (nationally accredited) Swimschool at Hythe Aqua we currently have immediate vacancies for lengths and intermediate level swimmers

Club Secretary: 01303 862353

family.parris13@btinternet.com www.hytheaqua.org.uk



#### Fifth Trust Update www.fifthtrust.co.uk

Both the Vineyard Garden Centre and Café are now open seven days a week: 9-4pm Monday to Saturday and 10-4pm on Sundays.

The popular KM East Kent Big Bike Ride, an annual road cycling event which attracts hundreds of club and individual riders every year takes place on 12 September this year. It offers a 50k or 100k route starting from and finishing at Betteshanger Country Park. If you are signing up for the event and collecting sponsorship, please consider choosing the Fifth Trust as your nominated charity. We will receive 70% of money raised by our supporters with the remainder going to the KM Charity Team to cover costs for the event and to fund the Inspire Schools initiative. We're not expecting our supporters to do all the work, we have entered our own team!





#### **Our New Summer Walks Programme**

- Sunday 18th July, meet 10am, Barham Village Hall, CT4 6NX. Down to Pett Bottom, allow 3 hours
- Tuesday 10th August, meet 10am, Elham Square, CT4
   6TJ. Via the Wych Elms at Gatteridge Farm, allow 3 hours
- Sunday 15th August, meet 10am, Lyminge Library Car Park, CT18 8HS. Downland hills and dales of the southern end of the Elham Valley with spectacular views over the Channel, allow 3 hours

Please wear shoes/boots suitable for the prevailing ground conditions. Dogs are welcome but please keep under control especially around livestock. There will be stiles on some routes. We look forward to seeing new faces and to welcoming back familiar ones!

For details of our seven fantastic Elham self-guided walks or if you want to join us, please go to elhamvalleywalkers. co.uk and send us a message.

For more details contact Chris Jelly, chris@cjelly.plus.com or 01303 862933

#### **Rhodes Minnis Circle**

We are still waiting to hear when we are able to meet up again.

Meanwhile enjoy the sunshine and look forward to better times.

Marion 862913



during the current pandemic)

www.etchinghill.info



# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL July 2021 Newsletter

Forthcoming Council and Committee Agendas are displayed on the Council notice boards in Station Road car park Lyminge, 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: <a href="www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk">www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk</a> 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 on the next page.

#### **NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Council are pleased to announce that Sue Luff has been appointed Chair of Lyminge Parish Council (replacing Chris Barnett who stepped down earlier this year) and Roger Joyce has been appointed Vice Chair. Roger is also now the lead councillor in respect of planning.

Our thanks to Rowena Bergin for her past hard work as Vice Chair. Rowena remains a member of the council.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING -

People sometimes ask what this meeting is and if it is different to a Parish Council Meeting. In short, the Annual Parish Meeting is a legally required meeting of the people of the parish (those on the electoral roll), facilitated by the parish council Chairman whereas a Parish Council Meeting is a meeting of the parish councillors conducting council business.

At the annual Parish Meeting, electors, public and press are invited to hear reports from the Parish Council Chairman and/or Finance Chair,

District & County Councillors, community groups and any organisation that the parish council has funded during the year.

In 2020, due to the Covid pandemic, parish councils were granted the right not to hold an annual parish meeting. This year, we are required to hold one, it can done be within Government's Covid guidelines. council postponed the meeting from May and plan to hold it on Wednesday 21st July at 7.30pm at Lyminge Village Hall, all electors are welcome to Public health and safety is paramount to the council and any ongoing social distancing measures that are in place at the time will be adhered

**NEW NOTICE BOARDS** - The new notice board in Station Road Car Park has now been installed and work to tidy up the area has been started. The back of the noticeboard will be left unlocked so that local organisations can still display their notices (more magnets are being ordered!)

#### **NEW WEBSITE**

Please note our new website is available at:

www.lymingeparishcouncil.org.uk



#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Since April 2012, local communities have been able to produce Neighbourhood Plans for their local area, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of the neighbourhood.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.

Neighbourhood plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. It may deal with a wide range of issues (like housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues that are of particular importance in a local area. There are financial benefits when a Plan is in place, enabling us to work with the Community, to provide more services and facilities in our Parish area.

Folkestone and Hythe District Council have included a commitment in the Local Plan to work with Parishes to help them create their own Plan, and your Council have voted to progress this, building on the Ambition Plan that was created recently. There will be a need to consult at every stage with you, as well as landowners, developers and other stakeholders, over what may become a lengthy period, so the sooner this process is got underway, the sooner we will have more say in what happens in our Parish

The Parish Council will arrange a public meeting with the District Council as soon as regulations allow us to, and will set up a working party to start the process, so if you have a particular skill or interest to bring to the process, or if you simply want to have your say, we hope that everyone will get involved.

Cllr Roger Joyce, Planning Lead, LPC

#### **JULY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

Finance and Administration – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm – Rigden Room, Tayne Centre Full Council – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm – Etchinghill Village Hall Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. There will be a specific opportunity to comment upon items on the agenda, or raise other matters.

#### Cherri Norman, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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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 or on Facebook and Instagram @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th July** at 7.45pm at the Coach and Horses.

#### Request for donations of wood

We are looking to create some raised beds on the community allotment plot in Lyminge. If you have any suitable wood, such as sleepers or scaffold boards, that you would like to donate, please get in touch (contact details above). Thank you!

#### What to do now...July

Acknowledgments and Recommendations. Charles Dowding's Vegetable Diary and Calendar. (Available from www. charlesdowding.co.uk)

Just to cheer you gardeners up...as far as light levels in July are concerned – they are beginning to reduce. Every growing day in July is equivalent to two in August and a week in October!

#### Sowing

Sow undercover by end of first week: kohlrabi, beetroot, savoy cabbage, lettuce, leaf beet, chard, endive, chicory, bulb/Florence fennel, chervil, coriander.

After mid-month sow land cress, wild rocket, Chinese cabbage and spinach.

At month's end in cool areas, sow mustards, pak choi, salad rocket, turnips.

Sow outside same as undercover, and carrots until mid-July.

#### Watering and Feeding Tips

- Less often but more water not little and often. Make plants seek the water.
- Water effectively by aiming water at the roots.
- Don't waste water by blanket and indiscriminate watering.
- Young plants will need daily watering to establish their roots after that much less often.
- The surface of the soil may look bone dry but either use a moisture sensor spike or push your finger down you may be surprised how damp it is further down.
- Plants and crops in pots or raised containers will need a regular watering regime. Compost runs out of nutrients in about 6 weeks so top up feeding.
- I tend to water my greenhouse tomatoes twice a week and feed them once a week. At the same time pinch out the side shoots.

And...... relax and enjoy the summer!

#### **Happy Growing!**

#### **Anne's Roasted Tomato and Courgette Soup**

#### What you need?

Loads tomatoes - with skins on and seeds in, courgettes, olive oil or equivalent, salt and pepper, basil leaves, turmeric, concentrated tomato paste.

#### How to make it?

Heat oven to 180°C ish!

Chop larger tomatoes into halves or leave baby toms whole. No skinning or de-seeding. Chop courgettes in large chunks - no peeling. Lay the courgettes and tomatoes in a single layer in a big roasting pan. Sprinkle with olive oil and chopped fresh basil leaves. Season.

Roast in oven for about 25mins until the juice is flowing out and they are soft but not browning. Don't overcook or all the juice will be lost. Blend the vegetables. Pour through a sieve into a saucepan to remove the seeds and excess skin.

Add a dollop of tomato paste and a pinch of turmeric. Heat through, serve with crusty bread .... and enjoy!!

# **Photo Record of Our Wild Acre**

As the flowers have come into bloom, the wonderful energy around Our Wild Acre has been a joy to behold. These are a few of our favourite bits:

Pat in Etchinghill showed you can keep it simple and get amazing results, and it's always good to get first hand knowledge of how wildlife is fairing on sites:

> 'I bought ten packets of seed from Homebargains in March and just raked the ground lightly. With the very cold Spring the seeds did not germinate till late but now are well established as you can see. I have a natural pond and bug hotel. I have had swallows nesting in my chicken shed for several years but sadly they have not come this year. The bee numbers are well down this year because of the cold Spring.

Jenny's bit up close with her wildlife:

'Isn't it amazing what we see when we look! These are just a few of the creatures in my small front garden. Three, maybe four species of hoverflies, several bee species including cuckoo bees and solitary bees as well as bumblebees, several micro moths, some very large ladybird larvae, a type of weevil, a blue butterfly, common frog, blue tailed damselfly, azure damselfly, red-legged robberfly, longhorn beetle... this is just the tip of the iceberg!

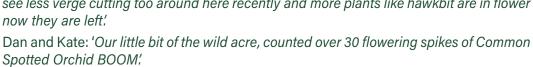






Wendy's front garden this year, it's been managed as a wildlife garden for 21 years, planting native plants, native small trees and hedges which are now well grown. 'It is packed with birds and insects and visited daily by animals and a great feature of "Our Wild Acre":

Julia's results of no mow May are in and 'we absolutely love it. The ox eye daisies are rather invasive but I feel like it's my own meadow. And I'm a huge fan of grass in flower. I see less verge cutting too around here recently and more plants like hawkbit are in flower now they are left'.





# **Bumpy Field Update**

Even after just one year of management, the bumpy field is becoming more diverse and the flowers look to be slowly moving out of the plots we created last year. The Yellow Rattle is performing really well and behind it we can see Wild Carrot, Ox-eye Daisy and Corn Winkle.







#### GARDEN GET TOGETHER

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July - 2:30pm - 4:00pm In the garden at Longfield, Canterbury Road, Lyminge (Parking Available) Directions: Towards Elham, on the right just after Longage Hill junction

Bring your own cake / nibbles / drinks and garden chair

MEMBERS ONLY (MAX 30 PEOPLE) BOOKING REQUIRED

Email: lymingegardeners@gmail.com or call Anne on 07703 149008



# Lyminge Friends - July 2021

#### News!!

We are hoping to resume meetings in September and as the Rigden Room is too small, we will meet in the Methodist Church.

# Wednesday 1st September 2021 10.30am in the Church

This will be a catch-up meeting without a speaker and we will decide how we want to carry on. The kitchen is currently closed so please bring your own drinks.

There will be Covid19 precautions in place to comply with the Government regulations in force at the time - we'll let you know the details in plenty of time but as things stand at the moment, it is basically masks, sanitisers and social distancing.

We look forward to seeing you all in September and in the meantime, have a lovely summer, stay safe and keep well.

Meeting are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church. Entry for 2021 is £3.00.

We are a friendly social group and welcome new members so just drop into a meeting, or if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 863500.



# Elham Environment Group presents

# **Green Horizons**

our Eco/Family Day

Saturday 11th September, 11am - 4pm Elham Village Hall, CT4 6SX



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Entertainment from 11am - Mini Fun Dog Show
Hot & Cold Refreshments - Tombola - Raffle
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Low-Income Veterinary Clinics

Monday & Friday, 2pm-3pm at Herne Common No appointment necessary Tuesday & Thursday, from 2pm at Rhodes Minnis By appointment only. Ring 01303 862622



# Lyminge Historical Society



#### !!!!BREAKING NEWS!!!!

The new Lyminge Historical Society web site is now up and running.

For the first time, it is now possible to purchase Lyminge a History publications and Guide Walks via the web site using the PayPal facility. Our first customer has bought the bundle, Parts 1 to 10, as well as the Lyminge and Etchinghill Guide Walks.

See the web site address below.

The Summer Outing to Deal in July will not take place. Hopefully we can resume monthly meetings in September. Stay safe and well.

Lyminge Historical Society Committee

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

Plus: purchase Parts 1-5 as a bundle for £22 or Parts 1-10 for £50\* To take advantage of the offer please call Daphne Andrews on 01303 862865. This bundle offer is not available from the shop.

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#### \*NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH - "SPRING RISE" PET FOOD RANGE\*

**Spring Rise** is excited to inform you of the launch of "My Own Label" dog food range. Over the past few months, I have been working hard to find a complete dog food that provides highly nutritious, ethically sourced, human grade fresh ingredients and a diet that can combine all the benefits of both raw and dry food. It was exciting to discover these criteria could be met using FreshtrusionTM technology, whereby my dog food ingredients (freshly prepared meats, vegetables and botanicals) are gently cooked at 90°C at low pressure which keeps in the freshness and protects the proteins, allowing the food to retain its full flavour and provide a highly nutritious food for your pet!

**Spring Rise** dog food provides a range of delicious dishes including, duck with parsnip, beetroot, orange, asparagus and pumpkin for those dogs with digestive issues or trout, salmon, sweet potato and asparagus! There are also lots and lots of mouth-watering treats such as calming and dental functional treats, along with healthy training treats and a variety of natural treats from my **Doggie Deli** to name a few!!! If you have any special dietary requests, please let me know and I will discuss your requirements with the nutritionist and hopefully find a meal to suit your dog!!

....and what's more, I can deliver to your door!!

#### \*TOUCHANGO K9 TRAINING TOYS AND CANINE ENRICHMENT BOXES \*

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**Contact: Spring Rise Pet Store** 

Maple Cottage, Westfield Lane, Etchinghill, Folkestone, Kent. CT18 8BZ

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#### Lyminge Pre-School



Lyminge Preschool provides quality Early Years education and day care all year round for children aged 2-5 years. The Pre-School is run by a team of qualified, highly experienced and dedicated practitioners.

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To arrange to meet the team, please call 01303 863149 (day) or email lymingepreschool@gmail.com and visit our website www.lymingepreschool.org.uk





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#### **BADGERS BRIDGE NURSERY**

" Bridging the indoor and outdoor learning environment for children in their Early Years"

Badgers Bridge is set in the idyllic countryside of Postling, just outside Lyminge. We are a small and friendly Preschool who blend the Montessori principles with the outdoor learning ethos.



We were awarded Outstanding by Ofsted in 2018 in every area. This is a real achievement and we are really proud of the staff who work tirelessly to provide a stimulating and caring environment for the children of Badgers Bridge.

The inspector was particularly impressed with our Forest School. "Children enjoy limitless opportunities to explore, investigate and work together in the natural woodland environment. Staff skilfully inspire children to develop a significant understanding of the world in which they live".

".....exemplary relationships between staff provide excellent role models for children and promote high standards of behaviour. Children make outstanding progress during their time at the nursery".

Exciting news! We have opened our new setting in Elham. We offer the same unique outdoor experiences for children from 20 months old. Come along and see us at The Gore!" So please call or email us:.

Email: badgersbridge@gmail.co.uk Website: www.badgersbridge.co.uk Tel: 01303 862951

Postling Village Hall, The Street, Postling CT21 4EU

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# oach & Horses



Diary of Events: American Festival 3-4th July Rodeo Bull 3rd July Country Singer and Line Dancing 4th July

**Summer Menus** (can be seen on-line): including Lite Bites. Catering available 12-2.30pm, 5.30pm-8pm. Bar snacks

available all afternoon. Sunday Roasts 12noon to 7pm

Table service only until the lifting of lockdown. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Darts Team - Fred intends starting up a Darts Team shortly. Please contact him if you are at all interested in joining in.

#### Emily and Fred

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

# **Snippers and Clippers** Barbers - Lyminge



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#### The Lyminge Association

We're here to support and develop our community!!

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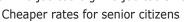




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# **Margaret Saunders' Meanderings**

Yesterday was a day of mist and rain, sandwiched in between days of traditional June weather of warm sunshine and gentle breezes. The mist and damp continued until mid morning today, when the sun broke through and the sky became increasingly blue, the remaining clouds being pushed eastwards. The rain was welcome after a period of dry weather, making the air feel fresh and clean.

It is late afternoon and I choose my favourite June walk through a flower-filled meadow, walking westwards towards the now gentle and gradually sinking sun. This is not a purposeful walk in the sense of striding out but more of an amble to enjoy and savour the flora which has changed from Spring to early Summer flowers. Gone are the primroses, violets, dandelions and cowslips - buttercups and daisies are now dominant as they fill the scene amongst the growing grasses with their positivity, birdsfoot trefoil coming a close second, as it bursts forth with its red buds and vibrant yellow flowers. But amongst these stalwarts I find a host of other flowers, a little less dominant but well worth the effort of looking as I keep a slow pace, not digressing from the narrow path, fearful of treading on these wonders of nature.



Clover and the tiny cut-leaved cranesbill are a pinky-mauve whereas germander speedwell and common milkwort are a deeper hue of blue and purple. The delightfully named mouse-ear hawkweed is everywhere, its pale lemon flowers growing



on long leafless stalks. Bog stitchwort has small white flowers which are almost lost amongst the other brighter specimens. Little clumps of delicate quaking-grass with their green and purple heart-shaped flower heads quiver and quake in the moving air. These are sun loving plants and nowhere can I see stitchwort, red campion, jack-by-the-hedge or herb robert, as these prefer shadier spots.

Butterflies rise suddenly as I walk, the common blue amongst them, as well as large and small brown patterned ones, too fast for me to identify. I am accompanied by a lark, singing way up high and from the hedgerow by a chaffinch, with

a blackbird in the distance. Over on the other side of the valley the plaintive cry of a buzzard joins this small, but wonderful orchestra.

For the return I follow an animal track close to the hedgerow where the air is heady with the perfume of May blossom, strong and distinctive, it's creamy white flowers in full bloom with the occasional pink tinge adding to their beauty. If the blossom is anything to go by, there will be a wealth of berries for the birds' Autumn gorging. This has been a peaceful and rewarding walk, with the bonus that I have learnt the names of two more wild flowers.



# The Start of the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival

The weather proved to be favourably dry, if not cold, for the start of the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival. Linked with *Pathways To the Past*, Rob Baldwin and Andrew Coleman led a very informative route through Lyminge reflecting on both the great depth of history held within a very small area as well as the geological influences that have helped to shape the area over the centuries and beyond. The recently installed information boards were the 'milestones' for this ramble from Tayne Field, through to the Lyminge Parish Church and into the Bumpy Field.



Rob Baldwin speaking about the history surrounding the history of the site of the parish church



Andrew Coleman addressing the gathering on the development of the topography and soil structures in the area.

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Some of the litter pickers who scoured Lyminge on 19 June for discarded rubbish. Many thanks for doing a very worthwhile job and thanks to Steve from FHDC who supplied the 'tools of the trade' for the occasion...

Lyminge is a fairly clean area but could be a little cleaner if people would please take their rubbish home with them or discard it in the many bins located through our village.

"I don't believe it" A recently hatched white blackbird that fledged along with two other normal birds in the garden of Caroline Miller.



# If you have any photos of favourite wild flowers, or any interesting wildlife, please send them to adrian.willcox@virgin.net together with a few words about

them. Mystery ones also very welcome!!



The **Red Campion** [Silene dioica] is to be seen along many footpaths and road verges at this time of year. The male and female flowers look very similar but grow on different plants.

**Cleavers or Goose Grass** [Galium aparine] is that plant that grabs you as you walk past with its tiny hooks on the stems. These also enable it to climb all over the place. This variety has tiny white flowers just about visible in the picture. These turn into those 3mm diameter bobbles that catch on your clothes and animals' fur in the autumn. This is the way in which the plant succeeds in distributing its seeds far and wide.



# Mystery Flower I



How about this picture?

Again taken as a very close up picture.

You may well have some of these in your garden and not really noticed them since they are probably not grown for their flowers!

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Last month's Mysteries were identified by Chris & Sarah Glass, who recognised the delicate skeleton of the dried calyx of a Chinese Lantern plant [Physalis alkekengi]. Seen here before decaying away to the skeleton!

They also suggested that the tiny yellow flower was a Wild Mustard or Charnock [Sinapis arvensis] which seems a very likely answer.





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