

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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From The Lyminge Association

**Lyminge**  
Anglo-Saxon  
**Festival**



A fantastic selection of different  
events over **FOURTEEN** days !!  
Theme - Anglo Saxon

**21st June - 4th July 2021**

**It's here ....we hope!!**

The joint committee (The Lyminge Association and Pathways To The Past) have committed considerable resources to this fortnight of fun and entertainment and we look forward to everybody enjoying their new found freedom (in a responsible way).

**THE FULL PROGRAMME AND DETAILS OF MANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER, STARTING ON P2.**

Besides the extensive programme, there are considerable amounts of information relating to the events and how to engage with them. Some events need booking and so you are encouraged to make your bookings as soon as possible since tickets are limited. In particular the Banquet and the Quiz need to be booked beforehand. For a variety of reasons, we are NOT able to accept payment for these two events on the night and in the case of the Banquet, the cut-off date for booking is 11 June.

Finally, we always welcome any feedback and comment which is always useful in steering future events.

So, we look forward to seeing you all at some stage over this Festival Fortnight.

*The Festival Committee*



**Lyminge Litter Pick**

**A giant litter pick throughout the village  
Saturday 19 June 2021**



**10am Lyminge Village Hall with gloves and anything else you feel would help.  
Please identify the key areas that would benefit from our late Spring Clean!!**

# Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival

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Theme - Anglo Saxon with

**THE GREAT LYMINGE ART EXHIBITION**  
all around the village, throughout the fortnight

## PROGRAMME

- Monday 21st June** **'Meet Rob Macintosh** to discuss his trilogy of novels set in Anglo-Saxon Kent' 2 - 4pm Lyminge Parish Church
- Tuesday 22nd June** An informative **walk around the village** with Mike Foxon and Andrew Coleman. All about the History and Geology of the area. The walk should take about 2.5 hours. Starting from information panel, Tayne Field at 2pm
- Thursday 24th June** **A Walk along the Royal Saxon Way** with Andrew Swarbrick - 13km round trip. PLEASE NOTE that this special walk has to be booked in advance by TEXT to 07754797848 or by E-mail: andrewswarbrick13@googlemail.com. Please bring packed food and a drink. (See P8)
- Friday 25th June** **Dressing the Well** with Lyminge Girlguiding Well Field ~ 6pm - 8pm
- Medieval Banquet** complete with appropriate music supplied by Rough Musick! Lyminge Village Hall. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Booking is essential for this event ~ cut-off date 11th June, please call Dave Hunt-Cooke on 01303 862928 or Peter Barnes on 01303 863737. (See P6)
- Saturday 26th June** **Garden Safari** ~ Special PASSPORTS available at Lyminge Village Stores and the Parish Church
- Cream Teas** at Lyminge Parish Church
- Visit by the Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover** to the school fayre and the parish church for the dedication of the new artworks (See P8)
- Primary School Summer Fayre** Midday - 3pm ~ Fun for all the family Tayne Field (See P 5)
- Meet **Emma Batten** with her book "**The Pendant Cross**" and the sequel. Lyminge Parish Church
- Beer Festival** at the Coach & Horses including the especially brewed *queen ethelburga's ale* (See P9)
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- Meet **Emma Batten** with her book "**The Pendant Cross**" and the sequel. [after church service] Lyminge Parish Church
- Beer Festival** at the Coach & Horses including the especially brewed *queen ethelburga's ale* (See P9)
- Wed 30th June** **'Kentish Minsters and Royal Saints'** - a talk by Dr Andrew Richardson, Canterbury Archaeological Trust, Parish Church
- Thursday 1st July** **Canterbury Brass Band Concert** ~ Retiring Collection 7.30pm Parish Church
- Friday 2nd July** A **Quiz** with an Anglo-Saxon theme ~ bring your own supper. Lyminge Village Hall. 7 for 7.30pm £3 per head, teams of 8 max. Book with Nancy Benham on nancybeham@aol.com (See Page 9)
- Saturday 3rd July** An exciting and informative display by **Øst Centingas** Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group. Tayne Field (See Page 8)
- 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 8)
- 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.

# 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](mailto: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.
05-Jun	7pm	"Romeo and Juliet"	See P11		04-Jul		Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group		
15-Jun	8pm	LVH AGM	Zoom	<a href="mailto:lvh.bookings@outlook.com">lvh.bookings@outlook.com</a>	04-Jul		Quilters Exhibition		
17-Jun		County Council Councillor Elections	Polling Station		04-Jul	2pm	Walking Treasure Hunt	LPC	
19-Jun	10am	Lyminge Litter Pick	LVH	862508	09-Jul	7pm	Music On A Friday	LPC	
21-Jun	10am	Open House	EVH		16-Jul	3pm	LVA Summer Party	JF	
21 June - 4 July		Lyminge Festival	See P2		16-Jul	7pm	Cantores Lyminge Prom	LVH	
21 June - 4 July		The Great Lyminge Art Exhibition	See P7		17-Jul	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559
25-Jun	7.30pm	Medieval Banquet	LVH		18-Jul	10am	Elham Walkers	Barham	862933
26-Jun	12noon	Lyminge Primary School Fayre	TF		19-Jul	7.30pm	Film Night - 'Military Wives'	EVH	07939076617
26-Jun	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559	25-Jul	7.30pm	Outdoor Theatre - 'Little Lilv Harlev	TF	862743
26/27 June		Garden Safari	See P20		31-Jul	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559
26/27 June		Beer Festival	CH		07-Aug	2.30pm	Rhodes Minnis Summer Show	RMVH	862616
27-Jun	10am	Elham Walkers	ES	862933	10-Aug	10am	Elham Walkers	Elham Sq	862933
01-Jul	7pm	Canterbury Brass Band Concert	LPC		14-Aug	9am	New Saturday Market	SPCC	07977899559
02-Jul	7pm	Quiz	LVH	See P21	15-Aug	10am	Elham Walkers	LL	862933
03-Jul		Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group			03-Sep		Music on a Friday BBQ		
03-Jul		Quilters Exhibition			04-Sep	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	2pm	Pickleball	EVH	863819	Fri	8am	Chiropody (appointment only)	JC	269602
Tues	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842	Fri	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602
Wed	9.30am	Dementia & Me Unit	JC	269602	Fri	10am	Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	9.30am	Age UK Info & Advice – drop in	JC	269602	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364	Fri	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610

## Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1st Mon	2pm	RBL, Elham Valley	St Mary's	862508	1st Thurs	6pm	Refill Station	LVH	
3rd Mon	7.30pm	Etchinghill Film Night	EVH	07544670363	3rd Wed	10am	Family History	LL	03000413131
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL	07715221705	4th Wed	2.30pm	RM Circle	RVH	862913
1st Tues	2pm	Lyminge Reading Group	LL	03000413131	Last Wed	7.30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694
1st Tues <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 <sup>2</sup> Except Jan and Feb <sup>3</sup> Except Jan, Feb, and trip in Aug <sup>4</sup> Except Aug and Dec <sup>5</sup> Not held in August

**C&H:** Coach & Horses; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ELVH:** Elham Village Hall; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES:** Elham Square; **EVL:** Elham Valley Line Trust; **JC:** Jubilee Centre; **JF:** Jubilee Field; **KH:** Korf House; **LB:** Laing Bennett; **LBC:** Bowls Club; **LL:** Library; **LMC:** Lyminge Methodist Church; **LPC:** Lyminge Parish Church; **LPS:** Lyminge Primary School; **LVH:** Lyminge Village Hall; **LW:** Lord Whisky; **NP:** Nailbourne Court; **PC:** Postling Church; **PH:** Lord Whisky, Park House; **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 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

Sunday 6 June 11.00am WOW Service  
 Sunday 13 June 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 Sunday 20 June 11.00am Holy Communion (CW1)  
 Saturday 26 June 4.00pm Bishop of Dover Visit -  
 Dedication of art works.

Every Wednesday 8.00am Morning Prayer by Zoom.  
 These are the only services in June.

*To contact the churches, please phone:*  
 Reverend Jane Weeks  
 01303 840219 or email [revweeks@hotmail.com](mailto:revweeks@hotmail.com)  
[www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk](http://www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk) or  
[www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com)

## Postling Church Services

6th June	9.30am	Holy Communion
13th June	9.30am	Morning Service
20th June	9.30am	Morning Service
27th June	9.30am	Morning Service

**ALL SERVICES ARE VIA ZOOM.** LogIn details available at  
[www.elhamvalleygroupofchurches.co.uk](http://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.

6th June - Mr Roy Hollands  
 13th June - Mr Hugh Burnham (incl. Holy Communion)  
 20th June - Mr Tim James  
 27th June - Local arrangement

Weekly On-line facilities will continue for those unable to attend in person.

## Rhodes Minnis Chapel

The next service at the Rhodes Minnis Methodist Chapel is on 13th June at 9.30am which will be conducted by **Rev. Kevin Taylor**.

To abide by the Government guidelines, face masks must be worn and we have social distancing in place. We warmly invite any visitors but sadly, we cannot offer refreshments after the service.

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 June, but as can be seen elsewhere in the newsletter there will be a lot going on at the Parish Church during the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival.

Enjoy the experience!

## Lyminge Newsletter

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**THE TAYNE FIELD - AND NOW  
JUBILEE FIELD - PARK PROJECT**

**EXCITING NEWS: WE ARE OVER HALFWAY THERE!!**

We are thrilled to announce that Lyminge Parish Council is to donate a substantial sum to our park project, and we will now be redeveloping the parks at both Tayne Field and Jubilee Field.

That means we're now more than halfway to target. But we need you to help us get over the line.

**We need to raise £5,000 as a community which, together with bids lodged for grant funding, will help us get to target so we can start work!**

Please show your support and donate via:

**[gofundme.com/lymingeparks](https://gofundme.com/lymingeparks)**

For more detail on the project, you can also visit [lymingepark.com](https://lymingepark.com), or contact the team on [lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com](mailto:lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com).

Thank you so much, LYA



**SUMMER PARTY**



**Friday 16 July  
3-6pm • Jubilee Field**

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, stalls and refreshments on Jubilee Field.

Let's celebrate the start of the summer holidays, and hopefully raise those final pennies and get the ball rolling on the park projects.

**Lyminge Primary School**



**SUMMER FAYRE**

**Saturday 26th June 2021  
12-3pm Tayne Field**

**FREE ENTRY!!**

**FUN FOR ALL!!**

**ALL WELCOME!!!!**

**Inflatables, Stalls, Live Band, Raffle, BBQ & much more...**

**Come and enjoy the fun!!**

**SAY IT WITH  
BALLOONS**

A celebration is not a celebration without balloons. Order a single happy birthday balloon or a 3-5 balloon bouquet to lighten someone's day or brighten the celebration.

No order too small. Collection or home delivery Local Lyminge-based balloon decorator service.

**07958 737 977**

# Medieval Banquet

## Lyminge Village Hall

**Friday 25th June 7pm for a 7.30pm start.**

As a part of the Lyminge Festival, we are running a **Medieval Banquet** in Lyminge Village Hall.

Come along and have some fun!! Dress up (optional) and enjoy our **professionally catered Banquet** to include honey roasted ham, whole roast chickens, cheeses, salads, strawberries, trifle, vegetarian options and other typical fare in the hall, decorated to give a hint of a medieval feasting hall.

Be entertained by Sandwich based **Rough Musicke**, a medieval band of musicians playing reproduction period instruments. They will also be demonstrating dances from the time and it is hoped that some of you will be encouraged to take part.

The bar is being run by the Coach & Horses and you will have the opportunity to sample the **Queen Ethelburga's Ale** which has been brewed especially for the festival by local brewery Canterbrew.

A raffle will also be run.

Numbers are limited, allowing more space for dining and dancing.

**Ticket Price £20 per person with the last date to book 11th June**

For tickets and information please contact either:

**Dave Hunt-Cooke telephone: 01303 862928** or

**Peter Barnes telephone: 01303 863737** or [pb@pbarnes20.plus.com](mailto:pb@pbarnes20.plus.com)



This bottle conditioned real ale is unfiltered and unpasturised and contains natural yeast sediment. For a clear beer allow to settle before pouring and pour carefully, leaving the sediment in the bottle. Alternatively, for a fruitier, cloudier beer, tip straight into the glass. **Best served at around 12C.**



This beer contains pale, crystal and dark malted Maris Otter barley, East Kent Goldings Hops, yeast and water.

Canterbrew Ltd., Canterbury,  
Kent, CT4 7HF. 01227 732541  
[www.thecanterburyales.co.uk](http://www.thecanterburyales.co.uk)

**Brewed for Lyminge  
Anglo-Saxon Festival  
by Canterbrew**

Ethelburga was a Christian princess of Kent who married the pagan King of Northumbria in 624 AD. Tradition says she later founded in Lyminge the first Christian community in southern England.

Historically, churches used to raise funds through brewing, so please raise a glass to Queen Ethelburga!

**3.8%  
ALC VOL  
500ML**

This exclusive beer (label above) has been specially brewed for the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival and will be available from The Coach and Horses (from 18 June), and at The Medieval Banquet (25 June) and the Cantores Lyminge Prom (16 July).

*Summer*

at last seems to be arriving, the Covid restrictions are slowly being eased and our spirits are rising!!


**NOW**

is the time to let your imagination run free and create an

**ARTWORK** like no other ready for

## **THE GREAT LYMINGE ART EXHIBITION**

To register, all you have to do is send your name and address to  
The Old Mill, Canterbury Road, Lyminge or  
[adrian.willcox@virgin.net](mailto:adrian.willcox@virgin.net)

We can then include your location on the EXHIBITION MAP that will be given away free ! Visitors can then see where your artwork is displayed. Please note that individual addresses will NOT be given on the map, just a  to mark the location.

You will have a notice to display at your property so that visitors can see you are part of this event. You will also receive a specially produced badge and certificate to keep as a souvenir !

No judging - it is all just for fun, and many artworks will have the opportunity to appear in future editions of The Lyminge Newsletter !!

*Let's have art all over the villages !!*

**Lyminge**  
*Anglo-Saxon*  
**Festival**



*Be part of it!*



## **Lyminge Litter Pick**

A giant litter pick throughout the village

**Saturday 19 June 2021**



**10am Lyminge Village Hall** with gloves and anything else you feel would help.  
Please identify the key areas that would benefit from our late Spring Clean!!

# LYMINGE *anglo-saxon* 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. They 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, a food display and a 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.*

## Visit to Lyminge by The Bishop of Dover

On 26 June at 2.30pm, the **Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover**, will be attending the Lyminge Primary School fayre and visiting the school.

Then at 4.30pm, **Bishop Rose** will be at the Parish Church for the dedication of the new artworks commissioned as part of the *Pathways to the Past* project.



## The Lyminge Walk 24th June

*The walk has been arranged in conjunction with the White Cliffs Ramblers group. Booking is essential in order to comply with current Ramblers' covid-safe requirements (see below)*



Meet Lyminge Station Road (free) Car Park - by the Library TR164410 CT18 8HH. Please bring packed food and a drink.

A circular route of about 13.5km via Great Shuttlesfield, Paddlesworth, Arpinge and then via the North Downs Way to Tolsford Hill summit and returning to Lyminge passing Staple Farm. Then to the East of Postling Wood. This is a hilly route as it includes about 300m of ascent and descent, but is rewarded by great views from the NDW and Tolsford Hill.

Walk grade Mod 4

Booking essential. Please book by TEXT or Email to the Walk Leader: Andrew 07754797848 or [andrewswarbrick13@googlemail.com](mailto:andrewswarbrick13@googlemail.com)

# Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival

# A QUIZ - Through the Ages

**Friday 2 July ~ 7pm**

**Lyminge Village Hall**

**Max. of 8 per team - Registration fee only £3pp**

*Bring your own food and drinks*

*Book early as numbers are strictly limited*

**Book your table with Nancy Benham on**

**[nancybenham@aol.com](mailto:nancybenham@aol.com)**

**Seating and tables will be set out in accordance with the relevant government and local guidelines**

## Coach & Horses



*We've been very busy during lockdown and we're very nearly there with new lighting and seating areas, freshly painted throughout, along with new extensive menus. There are just a few pictures left to be put up. So now we're able to look forward to welcoming you all back to the Coach & Horses.*

### Diary of Events:

**Father's Day 20th June** - Sunday Roasts - please book early

**Beer Festival 26-27th June** - a wide variety of beers including the *queen ethelburga's ale*, brewed for the **Lyminge Festival**

**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, hopefully on 21st June. **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'



Musical Director  
Adrian Bawtree

## CANTORES LYMINGE PROM

2021



Friday 16 July  
at 7pm  
Lyminge Village Hall



Lyminge Prom  
now in its 10th year !!

CANTORES  
PROUDLY PRESENTS  
LYMINGE PROM 2021  
IN ANGLO-SAXON KENT

Programme includes  
all the usual Prom favourites  
and features Purcell's King Arthur, arranged by  
Musical Director, Adrian Bawtree.

### Cash Bar

Including sale of specially brewed

**QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S ALE**

Queen Ethelburga's Ale, is specially crafted for the Lyminge Festival

### Raffle

Tickets £10 - available on the door or email Nancy to book your tickets - [nancybenham@aol.com](mailto:nancybenham@aol.com)

Accompanied by  
Adrianus String Quartet  
Jane Browne - Violin  
Adrian Smith - Violin  
Georgie Davis - Viola  
Dan Burrows - Cello



# Pathways to the Past

## Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga

By the time you read this, one of the key aims of the project to create disabled access to our ancient Parish Church will have been fully implemented, with a remodelled level threshold to the north door to complement the new path laid in 2020.

We are now entering the last full month of the project. Lots of our plans will be reaching completion in the coming weeks. Watch out for:

- New information panels being installed around the village explaining the archaeology discovered over the last decade and more
- A new archaeological display in the Parish Church
- A new interactive programme allowing you to explore 3D digital reconstructions of the church site over 1,400 years, accessed through a touchscreen in the Parish Church
- New information displays in the Station Road car park, created in partnership with Lyminge Historical Society and Lyminge Parish Council
- New specially commissioned artworks installed in and around the Parish Church
- Queen Ethelburga's Ale, specially commissioned by the project for the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival, on sale from the Coach and Horses.

We are delighted to be partnering with the Lyminge Association to put on the Lyminge Anglo-Saxon Festival 2021. After months of lock-down, here is an opportunity for our community to get out there and have a good time. Enjoy the programme of festivities (see elsewhere in this Newsletter), and perhaps raise a glass of festival ale to Queen Ethelburga!

If you would like to help us with a donation, please scan the QR code to reach our giving page at PayPal. If you are a taxpayer, you can add 25% to your donation through Gift Aid.

If you have any questions about the project, you can email us at [geopaethas@gmail.com](mailto:geopaethas@gmail.com).



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



**DIARIES** - One of the unexpected pleasures of keeping a daily journal is to look back and see how the style and contents change over the years; not so much in the details, that may simply reflect passing fluctuations in busyness, but in the larger picture that represents the ebb and flow of one's enthusiasms and preoccupations. My diary started as a record of events surrounding our newly-created garden pond, together with wider wildlife observations. Thus the first entry, on Saturday 21st May 1983, devoted a page to details of the completion of the pond, followed by: "The cob was killed whilst sleeping on the slipway just above the bridge, by a fox, in broad daylight. The pen has now abandoned the nest and is moping on the millpond." Throughout the nineties, the diary recorded an increasing emphasis on the minutiae of family life as children left home and we became more involved in caring for aged parents. I fretted over the humdrum nature of some of the entries, until I discovered *The Diary of a Country Parson* by the Rev James Woodforde. Begun in 1759

as an expense account ('For some soap pd 0.0.1'), it expanded over the next 44 years into several million words depicting his life in minute detail. The Diary is almost impossible to quote from, as its charm lies in the relentless build-up of narrative in Woodforde's uniquely homely voice. As Virginia Woolf wrote, "His diary is the only mystery about him." It is generally agreed that diaries are written for posterity, and Pliny the Elder advised "Not a day without a line." So what might future readers make of my line for Sunday 13th February 1994? It reads "Took newspapers and cans to tip. V. cold today."

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## District Councillors' Update - June 2021

**Waste Collection** – All the crews are doing rounds that are brand new to them, so there is a high probability that some of the particular nuances of any given location (e.g. the bins are tucked behind the tree halfway up the drive and not readily visible, etc) are not known / overlooked by the person visiting the place for the first time. This familiarity is increased by repeatedly completing the rounds, and this will obviously increase over time. We also know that recycling tonnages from households are currently high (especially with cardboard packaging), and this has put additional pressure on the recycling collection crews' ability to complete the scheduled work. However, taking both of these issues into account, should any collections be known to have not been completed on the scheduled day they are prioritised for completion the next morning. Please let me know if this does not happen.



**Vaccination update** – vaccine is currently being given to people who are aged 38 or over – you need to book at <https://www.nhs.uk/.../book-coronavirus-vaccination> – you should book your second appointment at the same time as booking the first. Vulnerable persons and other cohorts continue to be called by the NHS for their vaccination.

**Specialist day care for those living with dementia** – UK Hythe & Lyminge unit in Lyminge has been designed with dementia in mind. A day at the centre will include a variety of activities, specific to the needs of those living with dementia, providing a supportive environment which focuses on enabling people to make the most of each day. Open 5 days a week, Monday to Friday. The flexible service offers full or half day sessions, please contact 01303 269602 or email [sm@ageukhl.org.uk](mailto:sm@ageukhl.org.uk) for further information. A two course freshly prepared lunch will be provided with tea or coffee throughout the day. The charity shop is now open Mon-Fri 9-3 pm and Sat mornings.

**National Leisure Recovery Fund** – Following a successful bid by the District Council, the Marsh Academy Sports Centre in New Romney and Three Hills Sports Park in Folkestone were awarded financial support totalling £90,000.

**Beach Huts** – The regeneration project has seen 35 of the original structures retained and refurbished – together with the installation of 80 new wooden ones, in both large and smaller sizes. All previous tenants were given the opportunity to have a beach hut in the same location as the one previously leased to them. The remaining huts were then allocated – in date order – to those on the waiting list. As previously reported, the colourful Beach Huts will form part of the Folkestone Triennial.

**Council Meetings** – All Official Council Meetings will now take place in the Council Chamber. Councillors are asked to wear face masks and to take a lateral flow test before meetings. Only six members of the public will be allowed in the public gallery so members of the public are urged to continue to watch meetings on-line.

**Scrap Metal Waste Carriers** – Anyone removing waste, including scrap metal, tyres and building materials from properties across the District must ensure they are licensed to do so. Forty-five drivers of waste carriers were stopped at road checks in Folkestone last month in a joint operation with the Police.

**PCC Election** – Matthew Scott was re-elected as the Police & Crime Commissioner as follows

Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of votes cast
COLLEY Graham David	Liberal Democrats	4795
OYEWUSI Lola	Labour and Co-operative Party	6559
SCOTT Matthew Richard	The Conservative Party Candidate	15795

Turnout: 32%

**Meetings** – I was pleased to join Lyminge Parish Council remote Meeting and hope to physically attend the next meeting.

KCC Elham Valley Election – Please note the KCC election for the Elham Valley Division, which was cancelled due to the death of a candidate, will now take place on 17 June 2021.

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




**Saturday 5th June, William Shakespeare's "ROMEO & JULIET" @ 7pm**  
**OPEN AIR THEATRE** Presented by 'Three Inch Fools' Expect fast-paced drama, plenty of musical instruments and many a quick costume change in this romantic epic!  
 ★★★★★ "The ultimate British theatrical experience" - Hastings Independent Press  
 ★★★★★ "One of the best Shakespeare plays I'll ever watch" - The Bristol Post  
**Gardens open 5.30pm. Bring friends and picnics**  
**Tickets: £16 adult / £10 under-18 / Free under-10 / £45 family (2+2)**  
[www.charlton-park.org](http://www.charlton-park.org) 01227 831355 [info@charlton-park.org](mailto:info@charlton-park.org) CT4 5JA

## Cleaner Required

**The Surgery - Church Road**  
 6 Hours per week  
 Please contact  
 Tara Woolgar for an informal chat  
**01303 862109**  
 or [tarawoolgar@nhs.net](mailto:tarawoolgar@nhs.net)

## Etchinghill Update - June 2021

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

### **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 7.30pm on Monday 19th July. Doors open at 7pm so please arrive by no later than 7.15pm 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.** As we live in a period of constant change, 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!

**OPEN HOUSE REOPENING!** Rodney Watts – rodandjanewatts@gmail.com

We are very hopeful that, as of 21st June, the Covid road map remains on target so we are able to meet together indoors without too much social distancing and wearing of masks. This is still dependent on the Trustees of the Village Hall and the Government, giving us the final go ahead of course. We look forward to seeing you **MONDAY 21ST JUNE at 10am!**

### **THE ARK BAKERY AND PROJECT**

In Etchinghill, Hester runs The Ark Bakery and Project. There they use baking as a vehicle for enabling young people, many of them with additional needs, to gain work skills. The bakers learn how to bake bread and cakes to sell at farm shows, local shops, farm shops and a delivery round, developing work skills and financial management along the way. This opportunity is open to all age groups, and "bakers" are funded for 3-5 hours a day through the organisation "Shared Lives" that supervise both Hester and the bakers. In a post-Covid world there'll also be an opportunity to attend bread making workshops at the Ark Bakery. Past bakers have gone on to move up the ranks, gain employment and on to university.

**Look out for future events:** a Cancer Research coffee afternoon to be held during the summer. The Ark is also looking into the possibility of local community and wildlife grazing projects in and around the village. To find out more about any of The Ark's wonderful work, please call 07858 795758.

### **Kent Police Rural Matters Spring 2021 Magazine**

An interesting read about rural matters, protocols and how to report rural crimes in Kent.

**Etchinghill News Coordinator, Jacqui – 07543 966830 or jacqui.blandford@gmail.com**



### **Fifth Trust Update**

[www.fifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.fifthtrust.co.uk)

The Vineyard cafe is now open inside, observing current safety restrictions. To book a table inside, or on our beautiful terrace overlooking the vineyard, please call 01227 831266 during opening hours (9am-4pm Mon to Sat).

The Garden Centre is open the same times, also Sunday 10am to 4pm. We have lots of bedding plants and beautifully planted hanging baskets for sale at very reasonable prices. Our Captain Tom challenge raised nearly £1,000; thanks to all who supported it.

## **RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL**

**IS NOW  
OPEN  
FOR HIRE...**

**To book  
Contact Dorothy/Mick Athrow  
01303862616  
mick@athow.co.uk**

# MUSIC ON A FRIDAY

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...returns on **9th July**, with an eclectic range of music for all to enjoy. Held as usual in the **Parish Church**, starting at **7pm**. Any government restrictions will apply.



...and the

welcome return of  
**MEMORY LANE** on  
**3rd September** for our **BBQ**.

All evenings are **FREE**, so we hope to see you again very soon

## Rhodes Minnis Circle

We hope you are enjoying the spring sunshine (and rain!) The trees are looking fresh and lovely now.

We are hoping to meet-up soon and will let members know as soon as we have made arrangements.

Keep well.

Marion 862913



**HOPEFULLY**

**we will re-open our doors to all our friends at**

**10am on 26th June.**

**Please check our website and Facebook for any alterations to this date. We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.**

## Letters To The Editor.....

My husband Ron died in April 2018 and we had been married for nearly 61 years. Prior to his death, Ron had become very thin. He used to dog walk over the field opposite our house in Brady Road.

In 1956 I bought Ron a very distinct gold signet ring for his birthday. Ron was in the Middle East doing his national service and we were engaged to be married the following year. I gave Ron the ring when he flew home on leave and he wore it from then on. Sadly, Ron lost the ring not many months before he died and we speculated it must have slipped from his finger when dog walking in the field.

Ron searched for the ring for weeks. Even after his death I often spent time looking for the ring hoping I would find it but to no avail. I put the word out to friends and even checked the police lost property; it became quite a mission for me to find it.

More recently I had concluded that I may never find it and then, out of the blue, I received a phone call from Tristan, the father of Joe, a 15 year old who had been metal detecting in the field. Clever Joe had found a ring and although the engraving on the front had worn off on the inside the inscription '**Love Marilyn 20.03.56**' was clearly visible. Tristan and Joe then took the trouble to track me down and through word of mouth and public records, found me and were able to return the ring.

It is amazing to have Ron's ring back again through the kindness of Tristan and Joe.

I have lived in lovely Lyminge for well over 20 years but am soon moving to Hythe as the house is too big for me now. Another month and I would be gone which makes this story even more incredible. A fitting end perhaps to my years here and a reminder of the kindness of local people, especially Tristan and Joe to whom I give a huge heartfelt thank you. I am looking forward to a new beginning but will miss Lyminge for sure.



**Marilyn Norton**

## From Jane Pace of Lyminge Library Fame.....

Hello to all my lovely borrowers of all ages.

Lyminge library will open again in the summer. However, I have decided after forty years at Folkestone libraries, including fifteen very happy years at Lyminge, that it is time for someone else with new and fresh ideas to run my lovely little library.

I have enjoyed all the baby rhyme times, talk times, poetry groups, reading groups, family history, craft groups, plus many of the various events we have had at the library over the years. They wouldn't have been half as successful without all my borrowers, volunteers and outside groups.

I have been working over the last few months at Maidstone Prison library, which is very different and interesting. I have been offered a permanent position and after a lot of thought have decided to take up this challenge.

I am also now a granny to little Edward.

I wish everyone of all ages happy reading. A big thank you to each and every one of you for making my time at Lyminge library so happy.

**Lots of love Jane xx**

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**On behalf of the community, The Lyminge Association would like to thank Jane for the unstinting support she has given us, and wish her well in her new venture.**

## DEMENTIA and ME Unit, Lyminge

We are pleased to confirm that our **Dementia and Me** unit in Lyminge has re-opened, Monday through till Friday, 9.30am-3.30pm.

**The Charity Shop** reopens Monday 17th May, Mon-Fri 10am-2pm.

**The Café** in Lyminge also reopens Monday 17th May 10am-2pm: open to the public but as the Unit will be bespoke for those living with Dementia, the aim is for the Café to become a safe and relaxing place for those living with Dementia, to get something to eat or drink without feeling under pressure from other visitors.

Age UK Hythe and Lyminge has been extremely fortunate to be awarded funding to support the development of Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST) groups. The groups will run for 12 weeks, and will work alongside Dementia support services. (Dates and times still to be confirmed).

## Information and Advice Service, Lyminge

Age UK Hythe and Lyminge are pleased to announce our Information and Advice Service, at Lyminge, starting 19th May 2021.

Wednesdays, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Initially, appointments are not necessary; clients will be seen in order of arrival.

**Jubilee Centre, Everist Court, 63 Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HQ**

Our Information and Advice Team will be able to offer advice and support on various issues, e.g:

- Benefits
- Home Care
- Blue Badges
- Equipment to assist around the home

Please do come along and chat. We will be very pleased to see you and offer you help!

## Pilates Class

Etchinghill Village Hall

**New!!  
Starting  
10th  
June**



**60 minute Class**

**3:30pm Thursdays**

Suitable for mixed abilities

For more information and bookings,  
please contact: Luciana Clarke

07944028445

[lucianaclarke.pilates@gmail.com](mailto:lucianaclarke.pilates@gmail.com)



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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](mailto: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**

**26th June, 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**



### Our New Summer Walks Programme

- **Sunday 27th June**, meet 10am, Elham Square, CT4 6TJ. *Scenic views of both sides of the valley, allow 3 hours*
- **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](http://elhamvalleywalkers.co.uk) and send us a message.

For more details contact Chris Jelly, [chris@cjelly.plus.com](mailto:chris@cjelly.plus.com) or 01303 862933



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](mailto:family.parris13@btinternet.com) [www.hytheaqua.org.uk](http://www.hytheaqua.org.uk)

## Live Out Nanny/Child Care Required

Based in Canterbury

Long term position

Full Time/Flexible Hours Monday - Thursday

Driving Licence Essential

Subject to DBS check

Please contact Tara 07960548977

## CURTAINS UP!

*Etchinghill Residents' Association is delighted to announce the resumption of Film Nights!*

**Monday 19th July 7.30pm – Doors Open 7pm**

at Etchinghill Village Hall

## 'Military Wives'

Starring Kristen Scott Thomas & Sharon Horgan

**Entry Fee £5pp** (correct money please, payable at the door)

Glass of wine, tea or coffee included. New members welcome

Film nights will be held subject to government and village hall regulations & requirements. Screenings may be cancelled during the current pandemic

Visit [www.etchinghill.info](http://www.etchinghill.info) or call 07939 076617 for information





# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## June 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](http://www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk) and Facebook page. We invite you to read the minutes online or on the noticeboards which may provide the information you are seeking regarding a particular item, but correspondence is always welcome from parishioners and can be sent to the Clerk at the addresses given on the next page.*

**MEETINGS** - It is no longer legal to hold council meetings remotely and therefore Face to Face meetings recommenced from 10th May. Meeting dates during May and June are disrupted due to the covid compliance complications imposed on venues and until we can revert to our usual timetable, meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at Etchinghill Village Hall, but this may change, if restrictions change. Members of the public are always welcome to attend council meetings and we will always adhere to the current Covid guidelines relating to indoor meetings.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** -

A new date has been set for Wednesday 21st July (subject to covid restrictions) at 7.30pm at Lyminge Village Hall, all electors are welcome to attend.

### **ADDITIONAL COUNCILLOR** -

A vacancy has arisen and we ask interested applicants to express their interest to the clerk by the deadline of 30th June. This vacancy has arisen due to Chris Barnett having moved out of the area. Once again our thanks to Chris for all her past hard work on behalf of the parish.

**NEW NOTICE BOARDS** - As part of our plans to refresh a number of areas around the village, work to install new notice boards in Station Road Car Park, Lyminge, plus the re-location of some boards at Tayne Field and Jubilee Field should take place this month.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT** - The council are pleased to have agreed substantial financial support for the new Tayne playpark project being run by Lyminge Youth Action and we wish to thank them for all their dedication and hard work towards this project over the past couple of years. We look forward to assisting them in seeing this project through to completion.



In addition, council have agreed to commit funds to a refurbishment of the Jubilee toddler play area which we hope to action this year, as all of the soft-wood equipment is nearing the end of its life.

**ST. EADBURG'S WELL** - As mentioned in previous additions of this Newsletter the Well House is in need of substantial repair. Council have agreed on a contractor to undertake the work and pre-planning advice is being discussed with FHDC. It is hoped the work will be completed by this autumn.

**LITTER BINS** - The council are aware of the problems with frequently overflowing litter bins in high footfall areas. FHDC's contractor is implementing a new collection system, so there will be teething issues whilst this change over takes place. We have been putting pressure on FHDC to resolve the issues as quickly as possible. Please continue to report any overflowing bins direct to FHDC via their website or report it via FixMyStreet.

**DOG THEFTS** - We have been made aware that attempts at dog thefts are happening in the area. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police by calling 101.



**BIODIVERSITY POND** - Work to the pond, as mentioned last month, is now due to commence on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**GENERAL MAINTENANCE** - There are a number of minor maintenance items that have unfortunately been delayed but we are now hopeful these will be attended to by the end of June, including:



- Finishing painting the Station Road phone box in readiness for use as an additional book library
- Re-installation of the metal bench on the empty plinth in Tayne field
- Rust treating and re-painting the 3 metal benches in Tayne field
- Installation of the new litter bin at Etchinghill Village Hall
- Installation of the new litter bin at Rhodes Minnis
- Re-fixing the netting on the tennis court

#### **JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

Finance and Administration – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm – Etchinghill Village Hall  
Full Council – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 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**

Correspondence Address: Lyminge Parish Council, PO Box 1159, Canterbury, Kent CT1 9PR  
Telephone: 07715 221 705 Email: [lymingepc@btinternet.com](mailto:lymingepc@btinternet.com)  
[www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk)  
[www.facebook.com Lyminge Parish Council](https://www.facebook.com/LymingeParishCouncil)



## Thoughtful Food....

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

**Contact:** [thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com](mailto:thoughtfulfoodgroup@gmail.com) or on Facebook and Instagram @thoughtfulfoodgroup

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th June** at 7.45pm at the Coach and Horses.

### Pick up a Plant event

We had another very successful Pick up a Plant event on Saturday 15th May, with all surplus plants rehomed! This event helps newer gardeners to get started, or for more experienced gardeners to branch out or avoid wasting surplus plants. There was a great community atmosphere, despite the rain, and we enjoyed chatting to you all about your gardens. Thank you to everyone who donated and rehomed plants.

Look out for our Surplus Saturday event, towards the end of the summer, where we can share our surplus produce with others.

### Lyminge Primary School Garden Project- Equipment Needed!

A group of local parents and carers have come together to support Lyminge Primary School to develop their garden, both for growing vegetables and fruit, and to develop spaces for wildlife. They are short on equipment to support the project, so if anyone has spare gardening tools or a wheelbarrow they could donate, please get in touch with Kay Hull on 07815 892552, or email us at Thoughtful Food.

### What to do now...June

June is a truly lovely month and all too short!

Sow undercover: beetroot, swede, lettuce, leaf beet, chard, kale, purple sprouting broccoli, cauliflower for both autumn & spring, calabrese for autumn harvests.

After solstice (21st June) sow endive, chicory, kohlrabi and Florence fennel.

Sow outside: same as undercover, also carrots, and cucumber early in June. For more information look at Sarah Raven's Website ([www.sarahraven.com/articles/june-in-the-garden.htm](http://www.sarahraven.com/articles/june-in-the-garden.htm)). She has very useful information for all parts of the garden.

### Let's focus on TOMATOES!

Tomatoes are delicious, popular and so versatile, but easy to get wrong, so here are some Top Tips for successful tomatoes this year.

There are two types – cordon and bush varieties. Some do better in a greenhouse, and most are fine outside in the garden. Try planting them in amongst your flowers, perhaps, to bring interest to the border.

Bush varieties are such as Tumbling Tom – used in baskets and pots. They produce one flush of fruit and don't need any attention – maybe except feeding occasionally.

Cordon / standard types need staking and training, either up a string by just twisting the growing plant around the string or tied gently to a cane. If in the greenhouse – secure the string / cane to the top of the greenhouse. If outside make sure the cane is pushed in firmly to prevent the plant rocking about.

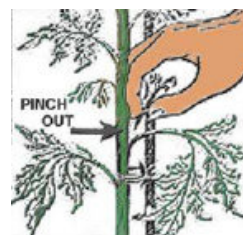
The main thing I get asked about tomato care is how to care for the cordon plant as it grows, to prevent it becoming out of control with green growth and how to make the plant concentrate on forming good fruit on one main stem?

1. Remove all suckers and their leaves below the first flower cluster. Do this no matter what kind of tomato plant you have.
2. Pinch out extra growth on the LEAF joins, as shown on the picture. DO NOT PINCH OUT FLOWERING TRUSSES – those will bear the tomatoes.
3. Remove yellow leaves. Yellow leaves use up more sugar than they produce.
4. Top the plant. To get the best out of the last growth of the season, it is necessary to "top" the plant. Take out the top growing point once the plant has produced 5 fruit trusses or reached the top of the greenhouse!

Once the first flower truss has changed to fruit – tiny tomatoes – you need to start feeding the plant once a week with comfrey feed, liquid seaweed or equivalent.

For more Top Tips on Tomatoes, check out this video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SIM8HbZRn4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SIM8HbZRn4)

### Happy Growing!



# Photo Record of Our Wild Acre

Have you left an area of your land to go a bit wild to support biodiversity? If so, we would love to see photos of how these are progressing; please send photos and a few words as to what you have enjoyed seeing to [lymingclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:lymingclimateaction@gmail.com) and we will share our favourite in the next newsletter. It's not too late to leave a small area of your garden uncut through the growing season (end of August) this will provide a fantastic refuge for wildlife. Ground dwelling insects will thrive. Amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds will prosper from this available larder, and we will be surrounded by nature in our own back gardens.


## Biodiversity Pond and a New Scrape

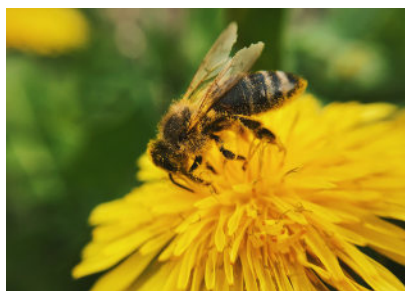


As discussed in last month's newsletter, we have completed the planning stage for the Biodiversity Pond and New Scrape. Depending on the weather conditions the earth works and habitat creation will commence towards the end of June.



## Things you can do in June

1. Leave a shallow tray of water amongst the flowers for bees and other insects. Long dry spring and summer months dehydrate and kill thirsty pollinators. Bees can drink up to their own body weight each day and some nursing bees need water to make a jelly to feed their larva. Leave pebbles standing proud in the water for the bees to land on and avoid drowning.
  2. Create an area of soft mud. Consider an upturned dustbin lid or tray. With April 'achieving' one of the driest months on record recently, swallows and house martins are struggling to find and make mud pellets for building and fixing existing nests. Blackbirds and thrushes also use mud in their nest constructions. Providing this valuable resource could support numbers of these birds returning to our gardens & fields.
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- A photograph showing a shallow, dark-colored tray filled with water, placed on a bed of dry leaves and mulch. Several smooth, light-colored pebbles are arranged in a circle in the center of the tray, protruding above the water level to provide a landing for bees. The surrounding area is filled with green plants and flowers, suggesting a garden setting.



3. Give pollinators a helping hand and create an uncut border or sunny patch in your garden. Try to connect unmown areas to allow movement of ground dwelling pollinators including numerous bugs and beetles.

# Barn Owls

Barn owls are busy transporting feasts back to their lodgings. The picture along side features a proud parent holding an unsuspecting field vole. The provision of long tussocky grass and undisturbed margins is critical for the successful breeding of small mammals.

Barn owls will feed each chick up to 7 small mammals a night. We hope that our continued management of the bumpy field will see an increase in numbers of these incredible birds, which have been seen ghosting across the church yard in previous years.





## PLANS ARE AFOOT!

We are looking at ways of safely starting to meet up again. Perhaps a small

group visit to a local garden or tea in one of our own gardens.

Details to follow by email / look out for posters around the village.

New members very welcome – if you would like to join the Society or would like more information please contact Anne on 07703 149008 or email us at:  
[lymingegardeners@gmail.com](mailto:lymingegardeners@gmail.com)



## Lyminge Friends - June 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.



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## Lyminge Historical Society



Many of us have had, or are about to have, our second Covid vaccination. With lockdown easing the light is at the end of the tunnel.

Our monthly meetings will hopefully re-commence in September when Covid protocols will still have to be observed for everyone's safety. The Committee is working on how we can best achieve that.

Watch the Notice Boards and the Lyminge Newsletter for further updates. Continue to stay safe and well.

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Following a very dry April, May has been much kinder with the amount of rainfall we have received, all we need now is a bit more warmth. Hopefully June will bring that for our sun loving plants.

We could still do with a few more participants for the Garden Safari on Saturday 26th June and Sunday 27th June. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested or if you have any questions regarding the safari.

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## 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).

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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.

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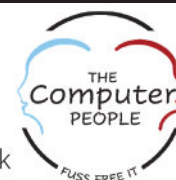
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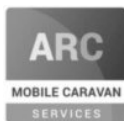
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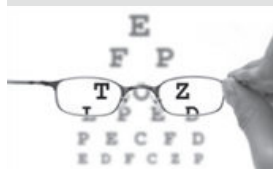
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## Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

It is 18 April 2021, the day of the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral. I am in London on a Covid permitted stay and in the early evening I take a walk along the South Bank of the Thames. It is the end of the school Easter holidays and also the first Saturday after lockdown restrictions were lifted, enabling pubs and restaurants to open for outside drinking and eating, but I am not prepared for the crowds all around: walking, sitting, eating and drinking. It feels like a Bank Holiday weekend.

Union flags are still flying at half mast on several buildings across the river, these will be restored to full mast once the day is over. The tide on the great River Thames is in flood so the flotsam and jetsam in the form of planks of wood and rubbish, is making its way upstream at a steady speed to the west towards Windsor, where the Duke has been so recently laid to rest. The sun too is in the west and its bright light is making moving sparkles on the water as it dodges about in constant agitation. But the crowds become too close so I decide to return tomorrow morning.

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At 9 o'clock the following day, whilst still clear, fresh and bright I return to the same spot on the Embankment as last night, and I see a different scene. All is quiet: the rubbish has been cleared away and there are a few walkers, cyclists and joggers. The river is now flowing in the opposite direction, out to sea as the tide recedes with probably the same flotsam and jetsam now making its way eastwards instead of westwards, playing an endless game of push and pull. This seems to be a different London, one I have never seen before and it is at its most beautiful.

The seed balls from last year's plane trees are large and pendulous, looking like dull Christmas baubles whereas the new ones are either red or green, small and delicate in appearance. Grand lamp posts line the walkway, known as Dolphin Lamp Standards, with their dolphin or sturgeon sculptures wrapped around the pillar, above which is a fluted column, culminating in a globe shade atop of which sits a golden crown. These were designed by George John Vulliamy and modelled by Charles



Henry Driver, who was the architect of the Victoria Embankment wall and river stairs. They were based on statues of dolphins or fish with intertwined tails at the Fontana del Nettuno in the Piazza del Popolo in Rome. The Jubilee Walkway forms part of the South Bank and there are silver coloured ground markers all along this route, which was created in 1977 to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Looking across the river and to the east, the buildings are all angular, St Paul's being a notable exception with its pleasing dome, lit up in the morning sunshine. Once tall Restoration church spires are now dwarfed by the creations of modern architects. Lofty cranes litter the scene, as more building work takes place. High up, two vapour trails cross the sky - until Covid the sky would have been full of them. No aircraft noise either whereas before Covid, planes were continually lining up in an endless circuit as they approached Heathrow Airport - as one left to land, another joined.

Miniscule waves, not more than an inch or two high, manage to break on the now exposed river shore. These are enlarged when a boat passes, only to diminish once it has passed. I peer down at the shingle and sand and wish that I could go and mudlark, in the hope of finding some archaeological treasure which the Thames might have yielded up after centuries of keeping it hidden and safe.

I sit on a bench in the warm sunshine with a cup of hot chocolate, bought at a shining caravan, whose owner is friendly and chatty. It is approaching 10 o'clock and I hear three different church clocks chime the hour in turn, including the sonorous tone of St Paul's, deeper and more senior sounding than the other two. To my right is a mosaic sign indicating that this is Gabriel's Wharf. Unfortunately I cannot find any historical explanation for the name. I catch snatches of conversation from the occasional passers-by; pigeons strut about in the sunshine, going through an elaborate courtship ritual; thin wispy white clouds up high, like smudged paint; Canada geese honk as they peck about on the foreshore nearby then two of them take off and fly to a floating pier in the middle of the river while nearby a cherry blossom tree is in full bloom, its flowers pendulous and white against the pure blue of the sky.

This morning is definitely the lull after last night's storm of people and I savour the sights, sounds and tranquillity that surround me.



# 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 to [pb@pbarnes20.plus.com](mailto:pb@pbarnes20.plus.com)



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*"Haven't I done well!!"* Recently hatched ducklings. Photo courtesy of Nicola Wilkinson.



## Wayside Watch

If you have any photos of favourite wild flowers, or any interesting wildlife, please send them to [adrian.willcox@virgin.net](mailto:adrian.willcox@virgin.net) together with a few words about them. Mystery ones also very welcome !!



Many verges will have the **Cuckoo Flower** [*Cardamine pratensis*] in bloom, sometimes called Milkmaids or Lady's Smock. Its name comes from the fact that it appears at around the same time as the Cuckoo starts to be heard. The seed heads are long thin pods that burst later in the year to disperse the tiny seeds.

**Grounsel** [*Senecio vulgaris*] is also appearing now, with its very bunched yellow flowers. Later in the year these produce windblown white fluffly seed heads which is the reason for its botanical name which comes from the Latin for 'old man'.



## Mystery Flower I



How about these two pictures?

This one is taken from an unusual angle!

This very small yellow flower was spotted last summer in the big field below Tolsford Hill on a ramble on one of those days when we were allowed out!

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Last month's Mystery was identified by Ray Hendrick, Maureen Cox, Chris & Sarah Glass, Fran Davis and Les Hemmings as being of the Strawberry family. Most likely a Barren Strawberry [*Potentilla sterilis*] rather than the Wild Strawberry [*Fragaria vesca*] which has the end point of the leaf longer than the rest, but is not easy to see in the photo.

