

# THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

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

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



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

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

With everything looking more positive by the day, planning of the Lyminge Festival has continued at a pace. The programme is designed to appeal to the whole community, and is mindful that there may be some restrictions put in place closer to the time. Full programme in the June edition of the newsletter.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

<b>Monday 21st June</b>	Meet Rob Macintosh to discuss his trilogy of novels set in Anglo-Saxon Kent (See P6)
<b>Tuesday 22nd June</b>	A fascinating and informative walk around the village with Mike Foxon and Andrew Colman
<b>Thursday 24th June</b>	A walk along the Royal Saxon Way with Andrew Swarbrick - 13km round trip. Places will need to be booked in advance
<b>Friday 25th June</b>	Medieval Banquet complete with appropriate music supplied by Rough Musicke! Tickets will need to be booked in advance
<b>Saturday 26th June</b>	Garden Safari ❖ Cream Teas ❖ Primary School Summer Fete ❖ Beer Festival Unveiling of art installation in Parish Church
<b>Sunday 27th June</b>	Garden Safari ❖ Cream Teas ❖ Beer Festival
<b>Wednesday 30th June</b>	'Kentish Minsters and Royal Saints' - a talk by Dr Richardson, Canterbury Archaeological Trust
<b>Thursday 1st July</b>	Canterbury Brass Band Concert
<b>Friday 2nd July</b>	Anglo Saxon/Lyminge Quiz Night
<b>Saturday 3rd July</b>	Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group ❖ Quilter's Exhibition ❖ Beer Festival
<b>Sunday 4th July</b>	Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group ❖ Quilter's Exhibition Walking Treasure Hunt around the village for all the family ❖ Beer Festival

**with THE GREAT LYMINGE ART EXHIBITION**  
**throughout the fortnight all around the area**

A special Queen Ethelburga's Ale will be available throughout the Festival from the Coach & Horses, both as draught and bottled. Cases of the bottled beer can be booked in advance. (See P7)

# Margaret Saunders' Meanderings

For various reasons I changed my pattern of walking for a while and after strolling through the churchyard on a particularly beautiful evening, I decided to re-visit this quiet space at different times of the day to greater appreciate what it has to offer.

That evening, when the sun had set and the sky was clear, with the first stars beginning to make a faint appearance, I could see the black silhouettes of bats, their characteristic flitting flight distinguishing them from late flying birds, and so easily missed, as their cries are inaudible to our ears, yet all important to them for their navigation and search for food. Flowers, so bright during daylight hours, now quietly pale and spectral in the diminishing light. There is a powerful stillness in the crepuscular (*resembling or relating to twilight*) light before night falls, with the occasional bird singing its last song of the day,

hoping to impress a potential mate who too might have stayed up late to hear and be wooed by it.



Another visit in the late afternoon of a bright and sunny day highlighted the many Spring flowers: primroses, both yellow and purple, an indicator of ancient woodland; winter aconites with their golden sheen, looking deceptively benign, but in fact somewhat poisonous; daffodils, of many varieties; violets gathered in coy clumps; muscari, with their blue grape-like blooms; dandelions (the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland report that there are about 250 species recorded in Britain and Ireland); Germander speedwell, easily missed but thought to be a good luck charm for travellers, the bright flowers intended to 'speed' you on your way and wood anemones, which is another flower of ancient woodlands. There is also emerging foliage

with the promise of more flowers, such as bluebells and cow parsley, whose personalities are stronger than those of the early Spring flowers.

My final visit, before putting pen to paper, was with a friend, and it was a fine bright sunny morning, with a chill wind. The clouds were 'picture book' clouds, the sort children draw, and they were layer upon layer, making for a busy and attractive sky. We took photos of the church using my friend's lens ball, a fascinating piece of photographic equipment. After admiring the wide variety of flowers, we sat on a bench overlooking the churchyard, drinking in its simple scene and listening to the varied birdsong, making the most of our permitted time together.

Springtime is surely the best of times to enjoy the botanical treasures that a country churchyard can hold and as I wander amongst the gravestones, pondering on past lives, many now forgotten, I imagine that the traditional inscription of RIP might be fulfilled in this most peaceful of places, with the chiming of the church clock marking the steady passage of time.





# 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-May	2pm	Meet the Author	See P7		27-Jun	10am	Elham Walkers	ES	862933
06-May		Police and Crime Commissioner Election	Polling Station		01-Jul	7pm	Canterbury Brass Band Concert	TF	
15-May	10am	Pick Up A Plant	See P8		02-Jul	7pm	Quiz	LVH	See P21
23-May	10am	Lyminge Bowls	LBC		03-Jul		Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group		
17-Jun		County Council Councillor Elections	Polling Station		03-Jul		Quilters Exhibition		
19-Jun	10am	Lyminge Litter Pick	WF		04-Jul		Øst Centingas Anglo-Saxon re-enactment group		
21-Jun	10am	Open House	EVH		04-Jul		Quilters Exhibition		
21 June - 4th July		Lyminge Festival	See P1		04-Jul		Walking Treasure Hunt		
21 June - 4 July		The Great Lyminge Art Exhibition	See P11		09-Jul	7pm	Music On A Friday	LPC	
25-Jun	7.30pm	Medieval Banquet	LVH		18-Jul	10am	Elham Walkers	Barham	862933
26/27 June		Garden Safari	See P8		15-Aug	10am	Elham Walkers	LL	862933
26-Jun	12noon	Lyminge Primary School Fair	TF		03-Sep		Music on a Friday BBQ		

## Weekly Events

Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel.No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel.No.
Mon	10am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed <sup>5</sup>	7pm	French Conversation	KH	862972
Mon	10am	Bridge Club	LBC	863177	Wed	7pm	Tayne Centre Circuits	TC	07925982995
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	LMC	07951572920	Wed	7pm	Cantores Dominicae Choir	LMC	07813071867
Mon	11am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Thurs	10am	RM Toddlers Group	RVH	863096
Mon	2.30pm	Knit and Natter	TC	863049	Thurs	10am	ArtGroup - Morning	TC	211364
Mon	6.30pm	Ballroom/Latin/Salsa Dancing	TC	07966751991	Thurs	10.15am	Baby Rhyme Time	LL	03000413131
Mon	6.30pm	Judo Club	LVH	862946	Thurs	2pm	Art Group - afternoon	TC	07870494644
Mon	7pm	Pilates	EVH	07951698008	Thurs	6.45pm	Short Mat Bowls	LVH	863842
Mon	7.30pm	Yoga	RMVH	07977503897	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	10am	Feel a Fairy Tale Sensory	EVH	07800737936
Wed	10.45am	Singing for Health	JC	862364	Fri	10.15am	Talk Time	LL	03000413131
Wed	11.45am	Pilates	TC	07825109670	Fri	7.30pm	Ballroom and Salsa Dancing	EVH	07967979610
Wed	2pm	Bingo	EVH	863819					

## Monthly Events

When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
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

2nd May	11.00am	WOW
9th May	8.00am	Holy Communion. BCP
16th May	11.00am	Holy Communion. CW1
30th May	8.00am	Holy Communion. BCP

### Paddlesworth

2nd May	6.00pm	Evensong. BCP
16th May	9.30am	Holy Communion. CW2

*To contact the churches, please phone:*  
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 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

2nd May	9.30am	Holy Communion
9th May	9.30am	Morning Service
16th May	9.30am	Morning Service
23rd May	9.30am	Morning Service
30th May		No service in Postling

**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 in May, under Government guidelines (masks, social distancing, etc.) at 11am, but we are unable to share fellowship or refreshments.

2nd May	-	Mr Roy Hollands
9th May	-	Mr Hugh Burnham
16th May	-	Rev. Kevin Taylor
23rd May	-	Mr Tim James
30th May	-	Mrs. Joy Brumwell

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

## Rhodes Minnis Chapel

We are hoping to resume our services in May, subject to Government guidelines. These will initially be ONCE A MONTH on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 9.30am.

9th May worship will be led by Rev. Alan Hewitt

We would like to welcome you back after such a long time but sadly, we will not be able to offer you refreshments after the service.

Please note: Face masks must be worn and social distancing will be in place. So that we can accommodate you, would you please let Daphne know on 01303 862865 if you would like to join us.

## Christians in Lyminge



There are no social events scheduled for May but with churches opening up for services we hope to have better news later in the year.

## Lyminge Newsletter

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## Etchinghill Update - May 2021



### Cleaner Required

The Surgery - Church Road

6 Hours per week

Please contact

Tara Woolgar for more information

**01303 862109**

or [tarawoolgar@nhs.net](mailto:tarawoolgar@nhs.net)

### A Note from John White, Chairman of Trustees.

Subject to any amendments from the Government, Etchinghill Village Hall will be open for bookings from the 21st June. The hall will be cleaned prior to opening, but as it has stood empty for most of the last year, it is probably one of the safest buildings in the area. Many of our regular users will be back, so keep your eye on our Noticeboard and the Lyminge Newsletter for updates.

The Hall has been fully maintained during the last year and health and safety checks have been carried out every week. We are ready to go and look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months.

### Open House re-opening from Rodney Watts - [rodandjanewatts@gmail.com](mailto:rodandjanewatts@gmail.com)

If things go as planned, and everyone keeps to the rules, with no further restrictions, we should be able to get together as a group at 10.00 am every Monday from 21st June. (Obviously this will be dependent on the rules and regulations set out by the Government and Trustees of the Village Hall at the time.) Regulars as well as newcomers will be welcome so why not bring a neighbour?

### Etchinghill News Coordinator, Jacqui – 07543 966830 or [jacqui.blandford@gmail.com](mailto:jacqui.blandford@gmail.com)

Did you know? In 1485 Teddars Leas was called Tedward Lees – Lee meaning shelter from the wind and Lea meaning an open area of grassy or arable land.

## Letters To The Editor.....

### *56 bits of dog poo in less than 500 metres. Is the path from Etchinghill towards Postling the pooiest footpath in the area?*

We walked from Postling to Lyminge the other day across the field, then dropping down past the orchards into Etchinghill and then across the golf course [to post a letter in Lyminge]. The path rises from the Sandling Road/Staple Lane junction just north of Postling to where it crosses the Elham Valley Way and then descends through orchards to Etchinghill. On the way down, just on the downhill stretch, there was so much dog poo that we decided to count the poo on the way back.

So, leaving Etchinghill on path HE56/6 you cross a little stream and the path then rises through the orchards until it crosses the Elham Valley Way. There are 56 lots of excrement in the section from the stream to the Elham Valley Way. Then two more bits of poo nicely sited in the middle of the fabulous path which drops down through the green field towards Postling. I've looked at the Kent Public Rights of Way site and the section with 56 bits of poo is less than 500 metres. It is not one culprit, unless that person has all sorts of dogs doing all sorts of poo of different colours and sizes.

We would actually be prepared to pick it all up but our lack of confidence in dog owners makes us sceptical that it would stay poo-less.

**Carol Turney, The Oast, Postling**

## It's an update full of thanks this month....

Firstly, thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Egg Window Trail. We loved spotting the displays around the village and hope you did too.

We also ran our Spring Photo Challenge over Easter and would like to say congratulations to the winners, Sophie (4), Noah (11) and Sam (13) for their fantastic entries which can be seen on Page 31 of this newsletter! And thank you to everyone who took part.

We'd also like to say a HUGE thank you to Ray Smith who, as well as throwing his full support behind our campaign at every step, has also kindly covered the costs for these newsletter updates for the past 3 years. Thank you so much Ray. And thank you also to the anonymous donor who kindly donated £25 to us in April. It's so lovely to have the support of the community behind us.

We're looking forward to more fundraising events in the near future and will share more details when we can.

As always, you can reach the team on [lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com](mailto:lymingeyouthaction@gmail.com) and find out more at [Lymingepark.com](http://Lymingepark.com).

All the best **LYA**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATING TO LOCAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR 6 MAY 2021

One of the candidates for the Elham Valley County Council division has died after nominations closed and before postal votes were sent out. The election for this one seat has therefore been cancelled in accordance with electoral law and will now take place within 35 working days of 06 May.

**IMPORTANT** The election for the Police & Crime Commissioner will still go ahead on 06 May.

**The new election for County Council is now been set for Thursday 17 June** and I have asked KCC's Democratic Services team to put in place a temporary contact email to pick up the normal queries and problems I would deal with as your local member as I will cease to be your County Councillor from 10 May and there will be no one in place until after the new election.

I will be happy to continue to help as much as I am able. Residents are welcome to contact me at [susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk) until 10 May and after that date you can contact [members.desk@kent.gov.uk](mailto:members.desk@kent.gov.uk) and, if you wish, copy me in on [susancarey@rdwd.co.uk](mailto:susancarey@rdwd.co.uk)

The candidate who died so suddenly was Christopher Deane and he was also standing for the town council vacancy in Hythe. This election too will be cancelled and the whole process will start again.

**Susan Carey**, Member, Elham Valley, Kent County Council

### *District Councillors' Update - May 2021*



#### **Message of condolence from the Chairman of Folkestone & Hythe District Council on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh**

Chairman of Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Cllr Ann Berry said, "On behalf of the councillors and staff of Folkestone & Hythe District Council I would like to express our great sadness on hearing of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. "Prince Philip influenced the lives of so many through his Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. We extend our deepest sympathies to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family at this time."

**Vaccination** - The vaccination programme continues to advance and over 87% of the top nine priority groups have been vaccinated with at least one dose. Our large vaccination centres will have limited appointments for first dose vaccinations this month: second doses will go ahead as planned. This is linked to national vaccine supply. It is a temporary position and appointments at all sites will increase again as soon as supply allows.

**Otterpool Park** - Please keep looking at the [www.otterpoolpark.org](http://www.otterpoolpark.org) website for up to date information. The recent Webinar on Phase One with presentations by the project team and its consultants can be viewed now on the Website. The consultation period for phase one has been extended until 7 May and there is still the opportunity to complete the survey on the website.

**Community Hubs** - The way the district's three community hubs quickly swung into action to support Folkestone & Hythe residents during the COVID-19 pandemic has gained national recognition. The District Council, set up the Folkestone, Romney Marsh and Hythe hubs with three local organisations within hours of the first national lockdown being announced, and we were presented with a certificate of excellence in the iESE Public Sector Transformation awards.

**Folkestone Town Centre** - Residents are being encouraged to get involved and have their say about the future of Folkestone town centre as part of Folkestone & Hythe District Council's Place Plan project. A virtual webinar - the first public Place Plan event - was held on 19 April. The event was run by urbanism consultants 'We Made That' who have been appointed by the council to run the project. The webinar was recorded and is available to view on the Place Plan section of the council website

**Rough Sleepers** - nine new privately rented accommodation units are about to open in central Folkestone. The privately rented accommodation in central Folkestone will have an on-site manager and also a support network to help the people living there to move to a more settled way of life. This is a project following collaboration between the District Council, Porchlight and the Rainbow Centre.

**Ship Street** - the District Council has bought the Ship Street site in Folkestone (former gas works site) and it will be developed for housing in a joint project with the Creative Quarter. The Council's housing stock is due to be carbon neutral by 2030.

**KCC and PCC elections 6 May** - Please note the KCC election for the Elham Valley Division has been cancelled due to the death of a candidate in accordance with electoral law. A new election will take place within 35 days of 6 May. **The PCC election will take place as planned on 6 May.**

**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

## A LYMINGE FESTIVAL 2021 EVENT



### MEET THE AUTHOR

*Rob Macintosh is a Canon at Canterbury Cathedral and the author of three novels that explore the mission of St Augustine in 597 which brought Christianity back to southern England after the fall of the Roman Empire. Amongst the characters in his stories is Queen Ethelburga who founded the first church in Lyminge.*

#### **Rob will introduce his novels by Zoom at 2pm on 5 May**

Please contact Deb Scoble at [revdebscoble@gmail.com](mailto:revdebscoble@gmail.com) for the Zoom log-in details. The novels will be available for download afterwards as e-books free of charge.

There will be a chance to meet Rob to discuss his novels face to face in Lyminge Parish Church during the Festival at 2pm on Monday 21 June.

## Pathways to the Past

### *Exploring the Legacy of Ethelburga*



Plans for the Anglo-Saxon themed Lyminge Festival 2021 continue to progress. We are keeping our fingers crossed that Covid restrictions will be lifted allowing the festival to proceed in the two weeks 21 June to 4 July. See below in this newsletter for details of how to pre-order **Queen Ethelburga's Ale**, specially brewed for the festival by local brewer Canterbury Ales.

Work continued during April to put the finishing touches to the churchyard. Curled finials have been created for the new handrail on the path up to the church by local blacksmith Maurice Gill, and these have now been installed. Maurice has also renewed and repaired the ironwork on the north door. Further work is now planned in the coming weeks to remodel the threshold for this door, creating a level entry that will give easier access for those with impaired mobility. This has always been one of the key objectives of the project, and was a principal reason for receiving a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in the first place.

Work is also progressing on the new archaeological display for the church that will house a selection of artefacts from the dig in 2019 and the screen through which you will be able to explore 3D digital models of the church through its 1,400 year history.

We are still looking for funding to help us complete this project. If you would like to donate, then please go to our PayPal giving page at: [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=MRXPPMCTDCYWC](https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=MRXPPMCTDCYWC), or scan the QR code above. You can make a gift by card or through PayPal, and if you are a taxpayer, you can add 25% to your donation through Gift Aid.

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



## A LYMINGE FESTIVAL 2021 EVENT



### FESTIVAL ALE

*We are partnering with local brewery Canterbury Ales to produce a special festival ale, to a recipe created for us by champion beermaker Richard Baldwin. Queen Ethelburga's Ale is a traditional bitter, brewed to 3.8% ABV using a blend of Pale, Crystal and Black Malts and East Kent Goldings Hops.*

**Queen Ethelburga's Ale** will be available on draught at the Coach and Horses, Lyminge during the festival fortnight. It will also be available in bottle.

#### **Place your order by 3 May to guarantee your own supply**

You can order at the special price of £33 for a case of 12x500ml bottles at [geopaethas@gmail.com](mailto:geopaethas@gmail.com). All beer will be sold through the Coach & Horses, and will need to be collected in person.



The Gardeners' Society,  
working with Thoughtful  
Food Group are holding

## Pick Up A Plant

...an opportunity to share your excess plants

**Saturday 15th May 2021**

**10am and 1pm**

**Stanbury Lodge, Church Road, Lyminge**

Please bring your excess plant  
donations to this address  
before 10am

Social distancing to be  
maintained at all times and  
please bring your own bag

All general enquiries to:  
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We look forward to welcoming you back to our Tea Rooms in Stelling Minnis and the Hythe Charity Shop  
There is a full waitress service with outdoor dining on the lawns at the Tea Rooms until we fully reopen on May 17th

Our first Boot Fair at Park House will be held on  
Saturday 29th May (restrictions permitting)  
Boots from 8am (cars £7.50 / vans £10)  
Entertainment from 11am with the East Kent Piping Society and The Bootworks Theatre with their street theatre performance 'Juke Boxes'  
Refreshments - Tombola  
Plenty of free parking - Admission by donation  
We still need able-bodied people to help at this and future boot fairs. Please ring us on 01303 862622

## Coach & Horses



The lifting of some of the lockdown restrictions has reflected in the true support of the local community. Having to sit outside in cooler temperatures than they might have wished, has been a great encouragement to us all and we are very grateful for this continuing support.

We look to welcoming everybody back inside on **17th May** (fingers crossed) when we will return to our normal menu including the lunchtime specials for the more senior members of the community.

**29th May** - Local band - 'Dissentangers' - playing at a fund raising event, starting at 2.30pm - all COVID rules and social distancing applies.

**Emily and Fred**

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



*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.

### 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.

\*Postage and packaging extra

## Garden Safari - Saturday 26th June & Sunday 27th June (note change of date)

Well, Spring has definitely sprung with glorious colour around our villages. We are so very lucky to live where we do, when you see what is occurring in other parts of the world.

As the virus appears to be on the decline we are fairly confident that Boris will allow us to enjoy our bi-annual festival. With that said we would really like a few more participants to open their gardens on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th June. If you are hesitant about opening your garden please give me a call to discuss your concerns.

In previous years we have enjoyed a wide variety of gardens from large sprawling landscaped areas to tiny back gardens and even a wonderful bonsai collection. If your garden is looking pretty good give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you.

Contact: Ray Smith 01303 863856 or [rsalver@gmail.com](mailto:rsalver@gmail.com)





# SPRINGRISE

## CANINE CARE SERVICES

### **\*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 Freshtrusion™ 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 \***

**Touchango K9 training toys** are locally, handmade - bright, funky and durable, designed to encourage interactive play between you and your dog. The toys are handmade using carefully selected durable products making beautiful, super tough toys for the strongest of tugging dogs.... and all the balls used are non-toxic and free from nasty chemicals. Some of the toys are made with sheepskin or rabbit fur which is responsibly sourced within the UK. All can be purchased from **Spring Rise Pet Store**.

**Spring Rise Enrichment Boxes** are designed to "enrich/enhance the quality of your dog's daily life by stimulating their mental and physical capabilities". **Spring Rise Enrichment boxes** include a variety of items that are specifically designed to stimulate the six categories of enrichment: sensory, feeding, environment, toys/puzzles, social and training. Therefore, the contents will include any of the following: a puzzle toy, likimat, interactive toy, information handouts for basic fun training, how to engage your dog with interactive walks and/or booklets for activities such as Freework or Tellington TTouch along with ideas for a sensory garden. Also included in the box will be some natural treats that will involve chewing, training treats and the box and packing can be used as a snuffle box!

**Contact: Spring Rise Pet Store**

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

**Mobile: 07582407637 : Telephone: 01303 863090 : Email: [susannahparkin@googlemail.com](mailto:susannahparkin@googlemail.com)**

[www.caninecare.thespringrise.co.uk](http://www.caninecare.thespringrise.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

## Obituaries

### John Long 1920 - 2021

John managed to celebrate his 101st birthday on the 21st March at the Saltwood Nursing home. Terry (his son) was called to his bedside at 2pm on 30th March. He read to him the **Normandy Veterans Exhortation** and at 2.30pm, when Terry reached the last words "**We will remember them**" he passed away.

We will sadly miss him but are so very fortunate to have had our father with us for such a large part of our lives.

Terry and Barbara thank all his friends in Lyminge and Hythe for all the kind thoughts and messages.



Courtesy of Vic Seymour

### Dick (Richard) Read 1926-2021

*Taken from the eulogy for Richard Read, of Rock Cottage, Etchinghill, by permission of his daughter, Julie.*

Dick was born in 1926 in Sutton, near Deal. His sister Pat remembers how he always looked after her. When he was

called up to go to India, she was very proud of him dressed in his uniform.



In the early 1950s, Dick moved to Etchinghill to build a commercial greenhouse for Etchinghill Nursery, where he met his future wife Marion. After they married in 1953, they both worked at the Nursery for the rest of their lives, supplying local outlets as well as selling from the shop. Dick planted and harvested the crops, while

Marion did the bookwork. Dick's main hobbies were shooting in the local shoots during the game season and later on fly fishing, accompanied many times by his good friend Mike Laughlin.

Dick was a family man who filled his life with hard work, dogs, fun and pleasure. He leaves his daughter Julie, his son John and his partner Sue, with granddaughters Maddie and Beth. Dick and Marion lived at No 1 Rock Cottage for the best part of seven decades. Marion passed away last August and Dick will be reunited with her under the oak tree at Rock Cottage.



## 'Trading Standards Checked'

This logo with a unique Trader ID applicable to the actual contractor, is replacing the one below.

KCC's aim is to keep Kent residents safe from rogue traders while supporting legitimate businesses within the county.



## Fifth Trust Update - [www.fifthtrust.co.uk](http://www.fifthtrust.co.uk)



With restrictions easing, we are delighted that students are now back on our two sites, and we have increased opening hours for the café and garden centre. The Vineyard Café is open (for outside table service and takeaway) from 9am-4pm Mon to Sat and the Vineyard Garden Centre for the same hours plus 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

Over the bank holiday weekend Apr 30 – May 3, students and supporters are taking part in the Captain Tom 100 Challenge, where participants undertake a challenge based on the number 100 – for example baking 100 cup-cakes. To take part or to sponsor, visit our website news section.




# THE GREAT LYMINGE ART EXHIBITION

to take place during the



which will run from **Monday 21st June to Sunday 4th July**

**NOW** is the time to register for this exciting event. 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 MAP that will be in the FESTIVAL PROGRAMME [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 !

**SO . . .**

why not get started on your entry ? [Why stop at one ?] - a painting, a sculpture, a vast installation made from recycled rubbish - any theme - or if you have already made something, please keep it for ready for this special Lyminge event. All 'artists' from the newsletter catchment area are invited to join in as well ! You could even produce an Anglo-Saxon (or any other) scarecrow as your piece of art, that would be great too.

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 Litter Pick

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



**Please put this date in your diary and it'll be confirmed in the June edition of the Newsletter. Now's the time to identify the key areas that would benefit from our Spring Clean!!**





A COMMEMORATION SERVICE WAS HELD IN THE PARISH CHURCH IN MEMORY AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

## The Lyminge Newsletter

can be viewed online (and in colour) at [www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/](http://www.lyminge.org.uk/newsletter/) and by clicking on the current issue. Back-issues can also be viewed via this route.

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

**MURPHY** - More recently we celebrated the 70th birthday of Murphy's Law, a new name for an old truth, usually stated as 'If anything can go wrong, it will.' There are many theories about its origin, but most experts agree with the Oxford English Dictionary that 'Murphy' was Captain Edward Murphy, an aerospace test engineer.

In 1949 Murphy worked for the US Air Force on experiments testing human tolerance to acceleration. In one crucial test, Murphy's assistant set 16 two-way sensors incorrectly, causing a zero reading and Murphy's immortal phrase "If there's more than one way to do a job, and one of those ways will result in disaster, then somebody will do it that way."

Murphy's Law became popular in the 1950s among technical and scientific workers, often with additions such as Finagle's Corollary, which adds that things always go wrong "...at the worst possible moment."

Biologists claim that "Under any given set of environmental conditions an experimental animal behaves as it damn well pleases" and audio technicians that "Connecting leads and plugs always develop a fault five minutes after the last useful shop has closed for the weekend." Military men and airline pilots often murmur, "The more advanced your equipment the further you will be from civilization when it fails."

The popular statement of this principle in Britain, especially amongst non-technical people, is of course Sod's Law, which states variously that it only rains at weekends or that the phone only rings when you're in the bath. I was surprised to discover that the Oxford English Dictionary has no reference to Sod's Law before 1970 as I was convinced that I and my parents and grandparents had been using the name all our lives. Perhaps in those days people were more accepting of misfortune and simply consoled themselves with "Accidents will happen".

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# The Church Road Surgery, Lyminge Patient Participation Group (PPG)



Since 2015, surgeries have been asked to arrange a patient participation group (PPG). This is a group of patients interested in health and healthcare issues, who want to be involved with, and support the running of their local GP Practice. It seeks to empower those that are served by the Practice. Importantly, this continues to be a two-way dialogue in which patients and the Practice work together.

Most PPGs include members of practice staff, and meet at regular intervals for a couple of hours around every three months to decide ways and means of making a positive contribution to the services and facilities offered by the practice to its patients.

**The Church Road Surgery** currently enjoys a high rating in the most recent local GP Patient Survey (NHS England, [www.gp-patient.co.uk](http://www.gp-patient.co.uk)) and wishes to continue to build on this success. This, in part, is through feedback from the PPG. Currently, there are a few vacancies for volunteers and we would like to hear from anybody who can spare no more than a couple of hours every 3 months.

More recently, these meetings have been moved to the Zoom platform. By using this platform it is hoped to attract a wide range of people from the community, realising that some younger members would find it easier to weave a meeting into their day than having to attend a meeting at the surgery. From time-to-time, face-to-face meetings may also be called where appropriate.

If you are interested in having a positive impact in the community and encourage a spirit of self-help and support amongst patients to improve their health and social care, **then please provide your name, contact details - email address or phone number, to either Tara, the practice manager ([tarawoolgar@nhs.net](mailto:tarawoolgar@nhs.net), 862109 or Peter, member of the PPG group ([pb@pbarnes20.plus.com](mailto:pb@pbarnes20.plus.com), 863737)** and we will contact you and look forward to welcoming you into the group.

This is an opportunity to help shape our healthcare for the future, especially as we enter into a new Primary Care Network (PCN) with the potential development of new services.



**Thoroughly Wood**, a bespoke kitchen company, has had a chequered history in Lyminge, starting off in North Lyminge Lane in 1992. Following a second devastating fire in 2010, it re-emerged at Little Woodland Farm on Woodland Road. More recently, the astute passers-by will have seen that it has changed hands and is now occupied by **Fuse Rail**.

**Fuse Rail** ([www.fuserail.com](http://www.fuserail.com)) is a specialist electrical company that services the electrification and plant requirements within the rail industry. Established in 2014, it plans to use its new premise for office and storage of small specialist rail components, with most of their vehicle movements being by cars and vans.

Once ensconced in their refurbished premises (end of April) Fuse Rail is looking to have a positive impact within our community. It aims to be a good and proactive member, looking for innovative ways in which it can create social value as part of its environmental and sustainability commitment. It will be seeking opportunities to strengthen the local economy and encouraging greater roles within the voluntary sector.

The company wishes to support local school involvement, create local jobs and training, encourage staff volunteering and the use of local companies to support the business. In the near future it will be employing electricians and apprentice electricians, specialist roles for rail planners (for which training will be given), specialist labourers and cleaning staff.

It will seek to directly support the local community by providing work experience, support volunteering and help with fund raising, which is all good news for the local economy.

So, if anyone wishes to contact them with regard to any business or community issues, then they look forward to hearing from you by contacting **Anthony Saunders M. 07983 986 855 T. 01233 877 780** or for job enquiries: **[HR@fuserail.com](mailto:HR@fuserail.com)**

## Wanting To Rent

Retired lady and a keen gardener wishes to rent a small cottage or flat with outside space and garden close to a bus route in the Lyminge area.

Please contact Felicity Knight 07379160587 if you are able to help.

## Rhodes Minnis Circle

What a lovely time of year it is with the spring flowers blooming in our gardens, birds busy nesting and the lambs in the fields.

The outlook looks brighter too with restrictions easing. We hope you are all keeping safe and well.

**For further details please contact Marion on 862913**



## 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.ev@gmail.com or  
07746790618**



## Lyminge Friends - April 2021

**No meetings or visits planned until August at the earliest, due to Covid19. We will advise when the situation changes.**

Hopefully, you are enjoying a little more freedom now that you have had all your jabs. Until we meet again, keep well and stay safe.

**Meetings are 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Rigden Room of the Tayne Centre.** Entry for 2021 is £3.00 which includes light refreshments. We are a friendly social group and welcome new members so just drop into one of our meetings, or, if you'd like to talk to one of us first, please call 863500.



## Dementia Support

For each stage of your journey

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- Dementia Cafés
- Secure Daybreak
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- Free Information and Advice



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## Welcome back to Lyminge Bowls 2021

**Coaching will be available for new bowlers and will  
start on Sunday 23rd May**

**10 am to 12 noon.**

Please wear flat soled shoes and all other equipment will be provided. This is open to all ages (under 16 to be accompanied by an adult). Anybody convalescing from an injury or operation, or has asthma or COPD can borrow our purpose-built wheelchair for use on the greens.

If you require any further information please call

**01303 272521**

or email: [talktomaggiemay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:talktomaggiemay@yahoo.co.uk)







# LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

## May 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.*

### **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2021/22**

The Parish Precept is the part of your annual Council Tax that is allocated to the Parish Council. In the current financial year, the Precept amounts to just under £68,000. Compared with the previous financial year, the Precept has increased by an amount equivalent to 24p per week for a Band D household. This will generate an additional £13,000 for the council to spend on projects around the parish. In these difficult times, no one treats an increase in household costs lightly, and we think it is important for everyone to understand how the council spends this money.

### **Recurring annual costs**

You can divide council expenditure into two broad pots. There is the recurring cost of running the parish, fulfilling our statutory obligations, and maintaining council assets like Tayne Field, Court Lodge Green ("the Bumpy Field") and Jubilee Field. In the current financial year, these recurring costs amount to some £33,000. As we do every year, we also plan to offer up to £9,000 in grants to support local clubs and community groups that face one-off costs that they will otherwise have difficulty meeting. Recurring costs account for just under two thirds of the Precept.

### **One-off projects**

Using the remaining one third of the Precept, plus reserves built up in previous years, the council plans to undertake one-off projects. Sometimes we need to spend on repairs or replacement of existing

assets, and currently we are facing a number of large costs after many years when not much was spent. We had to replace the bridge in Tayne Field in 2020, and we are currently budgeting for the significant costs of repairing the running track in Jubilee Field, the Well House in Well Field (which is a statutory obligation as it is a listed building) and the play equipment in both Jubilee Field and Tayne Field. We are working in partnership with Lyminge Youth Action to extend the play equipment on Tayne Field. We hope that it will be possible to secure grants to help with this, and LYA themselves have been fund-raising to help. But much of the cost, in the end will be borne by the Parish Council and we have already committed funds to allow the project to proceed this year.

We know that the environment is important to many people and as a responsible council, we want to do what we can to help. That is why we have committed £10,000 in our current budget to improve the area at the bottom of the Bumpy Field, to enhance the flood defences and so that we will have a pond supporting biodiversity in addition to the existing pond that serves to manage water run-off from the road. We are also intending to commit £5,000 annually for small-scale environmental projects, that cumulatively will do much to improve our surroundings and help the planet. We have already implemented new management schemes for the Bumpy Field, Tayne Field and Well Field that will encourage wild flowers and a greater range of wildlife. We have planted new trees along the edge of Tayne Field, and

are preparing plans for a new Forest Garden on the edge of Jubilee Field. So far we have planted over 6,000 new trees around the parish.

We know that traffic management is a huge concern for almost everyone in the parish, either as drivers or as pedestrians or in both these capacities. We are fortunate that we have no hazards that are so acute they have caused injury or death. But this also means that KCC will not prioritise work in Lyminge because there are plenty of sites that need to be addressed elsewhere in the county where deaths have occurred. Nevertheless, we all know that there are traffic problems within the parish that need to be addressed. If we want to do anything about them, that will mean the Parish Council will have to find the money to make improvements. In the current year, we have committed funds to begin the process of identifying what can be done. Nothing will be cheap, so we will have to evaluate the options based upon the benefits that will be delivered.

We hope this will give a better understanding of how your money is spent by the Parish Council. We are committed to making the parish a better place to live, and that means we must find the resources to make this happen. We are convinced that the Parish Precept still represents exceptional value for money and that everyone will see benefits from our plans in the years ahead. If you have any concerns or queries about the Precept or the Council Budget, please contact the Parish Clerk at [lymingepc@btinternet.com](mailto:lymingepc@btinternet.com)  
*Rob Baldwin, Chair of Finance and Administration Committee*

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Council are committed to holding an Annual Parish Meeting of all electors this year, as we were not able to last year. However, as the Government did not include Parish Councils in their extension of the Coronavirus Act last month, we are currently unable to hold this meeting either virtually or physically! Please continue to bear with us whilst we await further legislative guidance. As soon as we have an update we will be in touch with all the local groups who contribute and will publicise the event to residents with as much notice as possible.

## **NEW COUNCILLOR - SIMON HAYWARD JOINS COUNCIL**

We are pleased to welcome Simon Hayward, a Lyminge resident, who was co-opted to join the council at our last meeting.

## **ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL LITTER BIN**

The council have agreed a small contribution towards this new bin which is being funded primarily by KCC. It will be installed and maintained by LPC.

## **BIRD BOXES AND WILDFLOWER SEED**

Council have agreed to fund some owl and bat boxes to encourage biodiversity throughout the parish. We have also purchased wild flower seed for use on Court Lodge Green. For more details of the support the council are providing for Lyminge Climate Action please see the item from Cllr. Owen Standen further on in this newsletter.

### **MAY COUNCIL MEETING DATES: VENUES TBC WHILST WE AWAIT GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON HOLDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

Finance and Administration - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm – venue TBC

Full Council – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – venue TBC

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. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact the clerk for further details.

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

Correspondence Address: Lyminge Parish Council, PO Box 1159, Canterbury, Kent CT1 9PR

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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

We are meeting on the first Tuesday evening of the month via Zoom- please email if you would like to attend.

### Pick up a Plant is back!

- Saturday 15th May
- 10:00 – 13:00
- Outside Stanbury Lodge, Church Road

Following on from the success of last year's event, we will again be offering our excess plants to others. If you have extra seedlings, please donate before 10am on the day. If you've missed the boat with starting seeds this year, pop down and pick something up to grow on. We are looking forward to seeing you! Please bring your own bag and adhere to social distancing requirements.



### Community Allotment Updates

We are up and running for the new growing season at the community allotment plot at the Methodist Church. The elephant garlic kindly donated in the autumn has done brilliantly over the winter, and we now have potatoes and onions in for this year, with lots more to come. If you would like to help tend the community allotment, or join our watering rota for the summer months, please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you.

If you have any spare water butts to donate for use at the allotment site, please let us know. Thank you.

### Gardening Workshop Series

We held our final workshop in this series, Potting and Planting, on Sunday 18th April on Zoom. We are so grateful to Anne Gould from Lyminge Gardeners' Society for giving us so much of her time and expertise to support another group of 'newbies' to successfully grow some of their own food. We hope to be able to share some photos of the new gardens in production later in the year.



### What to do now...May

Sowings in May define your summer and autumn harvests, even winter ones. For example the first half of May is good for undercover sowings of summer beans, autumn cabbage and brussels sprouts. Basil and beans need steady warmth to grow. Even in mid May best results are from germinating seeds under cover to avoid damage from slugs, cold nights, cold winds and yes even frost! In 2020 here in Lyminge I think our last frost was around May 14th!

Spring is the season for aphids, hatching out from winter hibernation. May is awkward because aphid numbers have to increase before predators can get going themselves. Watering is the best way to reduce aphid damage, because aphids like dry conditions and plants stressed by lack of moisture. Water leaves where aphids are clustering and roots so that the plant strength increases.

Pot on your tomatoes if not already done. Don't put small seedlings into too big a pot – they prefer their roots confined. So first pricking out goes into 7cm /3in pots.

Cut back overgrown sage, chives, marjoram, fennel. Also pot on or plant out your companion plants (sweet-peas, sunflowers, nasturtiums, marigolds and calendula etc..) ready to pop in among your veggies!

Sow undercover - Courgette, French and climbing beans (runners), leaf beet, beetroot, chard, lettuce, winter brassicas, salad onion. Plus leeks and winter squash by early May. Swede at end May

Sow outside - same as undercover, also main crop potatoes in early May, carrots, parsnips but keep seedbed moist until germinated. After mid month even late May, outside sow cucumber, courgette, squash inc. pumpkin, sweetcorn. Herbs, such as basil, sown undercover in April will need pricking out and potting on.

Acknowledgments and Recommendations. Charles Dowding's Vegetable Diary and Calendar. (Available from [www.charlesdowding.co.uk](http://www.charlesdowding.co.uk))



# Our Wild Acre

Thank you to all of those that have already contacted us regarding Our Wild Acre, your support is very much appreciated. I know there are still many people thinking about what bit of land they are going to leave uncut as a little refuge for wildlife. Please be reassured that however small (or big) your plot is, you will be making a difference and along with your neighbours we will make something really positive.

To register, please use this link [forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VToXhUA](https://forms.gle/VrVXKMDQM6VToXhUA) . This is also available through the Lyminge Climate Action Facebook page or by emailing [lymingeclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:lymingeclimateaction@gmail.com) or telephone 863426

## Biodiversity Pond and a New Scrape



The LCA have been working on this with the Lyminge Parish Council for some time and we now have all our ducks in a row to move forward. We will create a 12 metre biodiversity pond as shown in the first image below. In doing so we create a larger storage area to help deal with heavy rain events and create some important habitat at the same time.

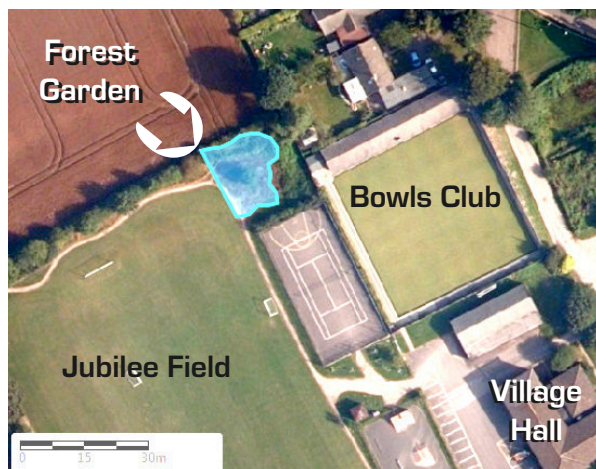
We have discussed the plan with highway engineers and have taken on-board their advice. There will be some considerable earthworks going on and this can always look a bit unsightly for a bit but in the long run it will be a fantastic asset for the parish residents and its

wildlife.

We are also going to take advantage of the natural features of Well Field and do a small amount of enhancement to create a seasonal scrape. The scrape will provide a small area of bare ground, which will be designed to hold water during the wetter times of the year, creating a habitat for amphibians, insects and birds.



## Forest Garden in Lyminge

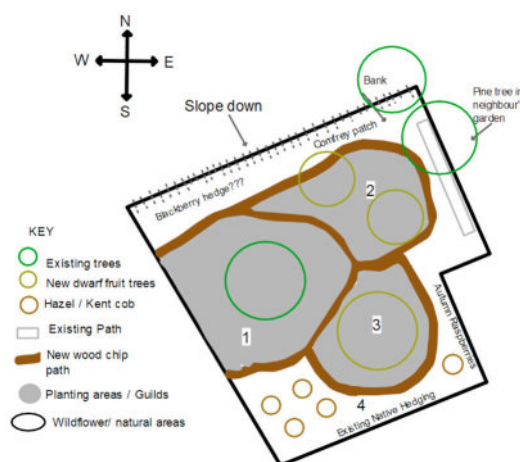


With the on-going success of the community allotment, the Thoughtful Food Group (part of the LCA) are working in conjunction with Lyminge Gardeners' Society on the next project. This is a very exciting opportunity to set up a Community Forest Garden in Lyminge which will benefit everybody. With the support of the Parish Council who own the land, the garden will be set up in the corner of Jubilee Field behind the tennis court.

A Forest Garden is a planted area that is purposely designed to imitate the functioning of a woodland ecosystem, with a large variety of

different plants that will complement each other, and, most importantly, provide a yield in terms of food that can be foraged by the community. This would typically include some fruit trees, smaller fruit bushes or shrubs, as well as herbs and flowers at the lower levels that can be eaten or provide other benefits such as attracting pollinators.

The principles of forest gardening can be replicated in even the smallest of gardens or community spaces, including public parks, school grounds and even mini-forest gardens planted in containers! To support with the design we are commissioning, with the financial support of The Lyminge Association, a member of the National Forest Gardening Scheme who designed the beautiful and successful community Forest Garden in Margate.



## Habitat Creation

A review of the current wildlife that we are lucky to find in the Lyminge Parish has been undertaken. We have identified a selection of habitat boxes that will make a positive contribution to this local biodiversity. When you are out walking, keep an eye out for Barn Owl homes, Swallow and Martin domes, a Tree Creeper nest, Robin and Wren bungalow's, Sparrow terraces and a large Tawny Owl mansion. We will also have a handful of Bat caves going up, and we plan to do bat walks later in the year for local families when we are able.



*squiggle*

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Death isn't something  
most of us want to talk  
about or think about. And  
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But what we DO want is  
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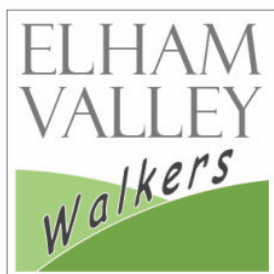
It will be something to give us a good laugh and raise our spirits – and we all need that!

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 we must do it."

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](http://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](mailto:therudes1948@gmail.com).





**Elham Valley Walkers** are a group of volunteers sharing an enthusiasm for the great outdoors as well as a strong commitment to our local community in Kent. Our activities include arranging regular local walks, creating leaflets and walk information and organising the annual Elham Valley Walking Festival. All of these efforts are self-financing. We strive to promote our area as an attractive destination for walkers.

We are pleased to announce the re-start of our regular monthly walks.

- **Sunday 27th June:** Meet 10am\*, Elham Square. Scenic views of both sides of the valley, allow 3 hours. Unsuitable for large dogs due to stiles.
- **Sunday 18th July:** Meet 10am\*, Barham Village Hall. Details in next issue.
- **Sunday 15th August:** Meet 10am\*, Lyminge Library Main Road Car Park. Details in next issue

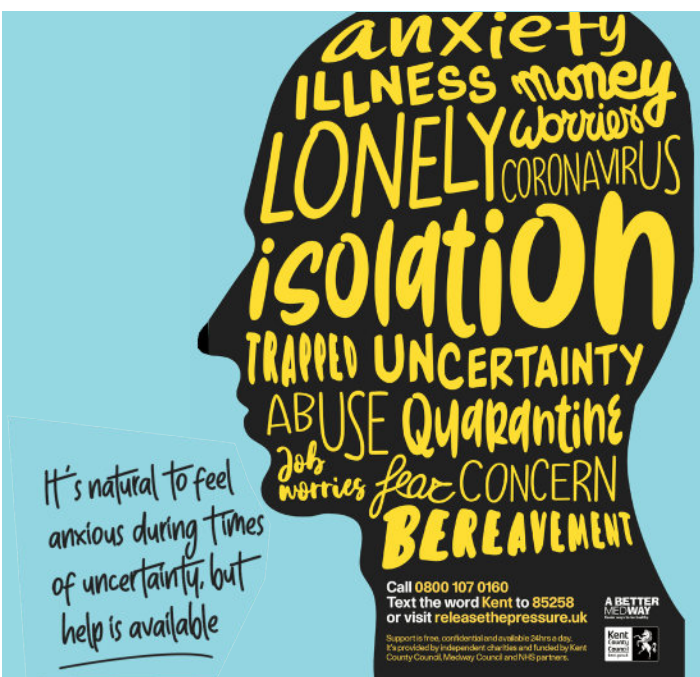
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- **Tuesday 10th August:** Start 10am Elham Square. Details in next issue

\*Note the new time of 10am. All walks are dog friendly unless otherwise stated. Please wear shoes/boots suitable for the prevailing ground conditions. We look forward to seeing new faces and to welcoming back familiar ones!

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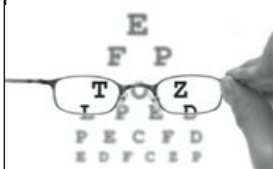
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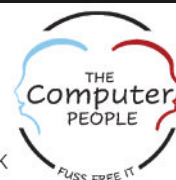


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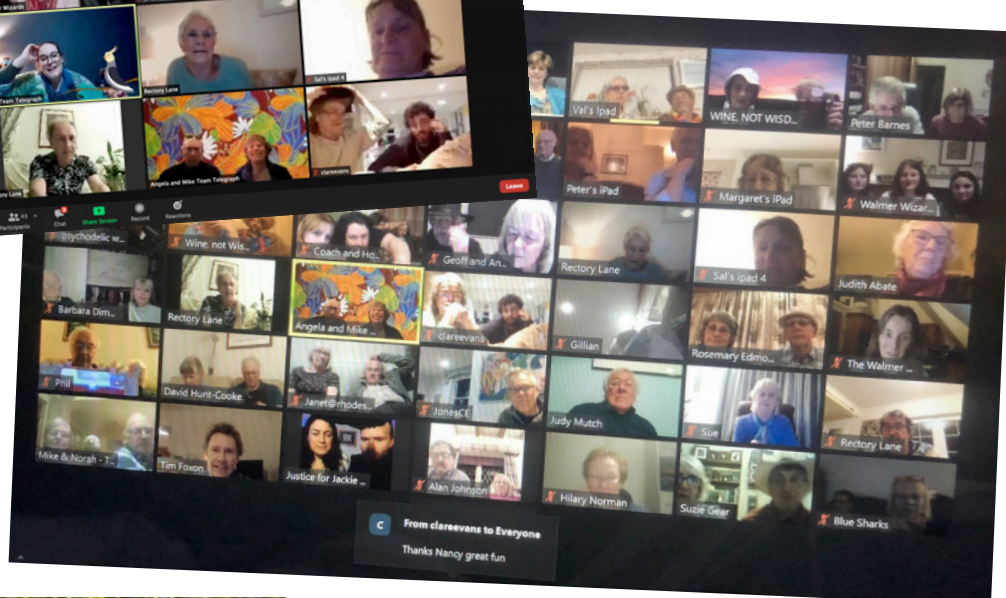


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**Some of the 93 people who took part in the themed and very enjoyable Village Virtual Quiz, so well organised on Zoom by Nancy Benham**



**'Reflection' by Noah**

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## A Taste of Spring....

Hasn't Lucombe Lancaster done well!! A 5 year old pedigree beef shorthorn, gave birth to a bull calf on 6th April. Her 16 year old owner, Tilly Wade, is over the moon (no pun intended) and looks forward to nurturing it through to prize maturity.



## The Final Touches....

The new curled finials on the handrail on the path to the parish church.

# 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 !!



⤿ This photograph was sent in by Margaret Saunders and is of **Jelly Ear Fungus** or **Wood Ear Fungus**. [Auricularia auricula-judae]. So named as its appearance is like a human ear! It is usually found drooping from dead and dying branches of mainly elder but sometimes on other types of hardwood, particularly beech, sycamore and ash. It likes damp, shady conditions.

One of the Jelly Ear's other common names is **Judas's Ear**. This name alludes to the fact that the 'ears' appear mostly on elder – the tree species that Judas is said to have hanged himself on after betraying Jesus. The legend is that the 'ears' which emerge from elder wood represent his tormented soul.



Is there anybody in the area who knows about Fig trees and which ones are edible, etc.?

# Mystery Flower I



What has happened to our local naturalists? Not one person has identified the tiny red spiky flower from last month!!

It is the female flower of the Hazel Tree. At the left hand side of the photo was the clue of the familiar yellow male catkin. Those who suffer from hay fever will be aware of the pollen in the spring air, some of which will be coming from these catkins and finding its wind-blown way to the tiny red stigmas shown. Later in the year, these will develop into hazel nuts that are so liked by squirrels.



⤿ How about these tiny flowers, only about 10mm across? Any answers to: [adrian.willcox@virgin.net](mailto:adrian.willcox@virgin.net)