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APRIL 2021**



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ROAD

IN THIS ISSUE
Litter issues and litter
prosecutions, church times,
help the village hall and
information as groups restart
after lockdown
And much more!

LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

BOOKING CLERK VACANCY

We are still in need of a Booking Clerk to help your Village Hall run smoothly as we begin to reopen. There is an excellent system already in place and we seek someone who could spare a couple of hours a week from home issuing invoices & booking forms and updating our records, hours to suit.

This generous volunteer would also join our friendly committee which meets just once a month.

The Committee urgently needs to fill this vacancy, without help the Village Halls, Playing Field and Play Area may not be able to properly re-open/remains open as we emerge from lockdown.

As ever, we are always keen to hear from anyone who is interested in joining the committee in any capacity. **Please don't leave the work of keeping these vital village facilities running to 'someone else' - we need your help NOW!**

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LITTER LOU'S LEAVE VILLAGE LOOKING LOUSY



Our keen and enthusiastic litter volunteers and Village Hall volunteers were again confronted by another pile of rubbish left at the playing fields. This location adds to the rising deluge found around our footpaths and open spaces. Lymgne is experiencing a rise in visitors using the footpaths which are advertised on popular walking sites and some residents are reporting problems linked to this. At the last council meeting Councillors agreed to write to the websites to encourage them to remove the advertised walks from their sites to assist with stopping the rise in this type of behaviour. A request for additional bins has been made which will hopefully encompass the option for recycling. Appropriate signage to encourage people to take this litter home will be installed. Hopefully it is not our villagers that are adding to the problem but we ask that if where ever possible you can encourage, by asking or setting an example, others to tidy before they leave an area.

IN OTHER NEWS- A recent report by our volunteers of a fly tip in Court-At-Street has resulted in a fine being issued of £300.00 to the offender. You can report fly tipping on line at the KCC website

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Lympne Fellowship

Over the last two months we have enjoyed two interesting Zoom events, the first being how to cook the perfect ribeye steak, ably demonstrated by Connor Gibson. Our thanks go to Sue Gibson for organising this and, of course, to her son Connor for making our mouths water and wish we were in the kitchen with him.

This was followed in March by Rev Barry Knott, our new Rector for the benefice of Lympne and Saltwood, who moved into the Rectory at Saltwood in June last year with his wife Sarah, daughter Katie and son Michael - he has yet to see most parishioners without masks! He gave us an insight into his childhood; working behind a bar in Lancashire; entertainments team at Butlins in Margate in 1983; chartered surveyors selling houses; bailiff; special constable; prison officer at Wormwood Scrubs; Kent Police Service for 32 years, retiring as an Inspector, and where he ran the Kent branch of the Police Christian Association for 15 years. Putting his dreams of retiring on a narrowboat on hold, Barry moved forward into the ministry of the church, setting up a very informal and popular café style church in Boughton Monchelsea where the main church stood outside the village. He brings fresh ideas and energy and looks forward to developing these when restrictions allow.

Lympne Fellowship normally meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month, with a programme of interesting and informative talks and activities.

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I am grateful to the member of the 'History and Archaeology Society (shal), who first discovered the etching printed in the March Newsletter together

with the article by Fiona Jarvest who gave me the link to the Victoria & Albert Museum Collection. As an artist who has some experience of etching, in addition to a personal interest in the particular place from which the artist took her view, I followed up this lead at the V&A, the British Museum, the book by Ian Mackenzie, 'British Prints' and Wikipedia. The artist who drew the wonderful aerial view was Constance Mary Pott who lived from 1862 to 1957 (the date of her death incorrectly entered as 1930 by the V&A and

BM) I was struck by the confidence and professionalism of the drawing. She studied under Sir Frank Short at the Royal College and later taught there. It has been stated that women had a harder time building a reputation in Art than their male counterparts making Constance a remarkable individual - climbing, as she did a tower to create this wonderful image. The V&A entry for the art work reads, "Etching by Constance Mary Pott entitled 'Portus Lemanis' ca. 1890-1910. Height 8.62 ins, width 11 ins. It adds that the print was given by the artist in 1909 and this suggests that Constance was particularly proud of this drawing! Amongst other prints by the artist listed in Findartinfo, are, 'workers on a loom (a great etching), A Kentish road, On the Medway, View from St James's to St Paul's and oude Munt toren. Wikipedia states that she neglected to keep a record of her artwork. She is analyzed in the book 'Etched in Memory. The Building and Survival of Artistic Reputation'. They have described her as "an important artist of the time". Personally, I am convinced that she drew our view directly on to the copper plate because it is so fresh and spontaneous. Readers may know that an etching plate is pre-prepared with acid resist coating which is scratched through to reveal the plate, submerged in acid which 'bites' in the drawing and put through the press, the drawing transfers to paper. Brian Oxley-Artist

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Brownies and Guides in Lympe We're Back !!

All being well Girl Guiding has agreed that Guides and Brownies meetings can be held outside from March 29th. As that is the beginning of the school holidays, we will only be restarting Guides at 6.30 p.m. and Brownies at 5 p.m. on Friday April 23rd at the Village Hall. We hope to see all our existing members and any other girls who might like to join us to play games and take part in outdoor activities. For any further information contact Vivian Curtin 07449798949 or Rosemary Stutchbury

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STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE (SHAL)

Our on-line meeting in March about **Rochester Castle and the Cathedral** by James Dickinson, left us with a strong desire to visit when we are able. The Castle and Cathedral stand on a strategic point, on what was once the ancient Roman city Durobrivae, near the point where the River Medway meets the Thames Estuary.

Following the Norman Conquest of 1066, an earthen mott (*mound*) was built with a wooden defensive stockade on top below which the bailey (*courtyard enclosed by a curtain wall*) was constructed where the soldiers would have slept and kept their arms and provisions. In May 1088 William Rufus, 2nd son of William the Conqueror, laid siege to the city and castle to cut off the city supply lines. Disease was rampant and terms were agreed. Bishop Gundulf was asked to build a new castle. The 4 storey high keep is a masterpiece of medieval architecture and the tallest such building to survive in Europe. In 1127 Henry I granted Rochester to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In 1215 King John laid siege to Rochester Castle for seven-weeks in a bid to retake it from the rebel barons, attacking the keep and breaching the southern curtain wall, causing the south-east tower to collapse.

In 1264 Simon de Montfort broke into the bailey and attacked the keep. This marked the end of the castle's heyday. During Edward III's reign sections of the curtain wall were repaired and two mural towers were added but during the 17th Century the interior of the keep was devastated by fire and has remained a ruin ever since.

Rochester Cathedral was founded in 604AD by Bishop Justus, dedicated to St Andrew the Apostle. Foundations of the apse, part of the original church, have been found and the crypt is also part of the original Norman building. The cathedral was re-built by Bishop Gundulf and consecrated in 1130. It remains the finest Norman façade in England and the great west door is finely decorated. John Fisher, appointed Bishop of Rochester 1504, and Nicholas Ridley, 1547, both met an untimely death for their Catholic beliefs and teachings under Henry VIII's Reformation. John Fisher was beheaded on 22 June 1535 and Nicholas Ridley burnt (slowly) at the stake in Oxford on 16 October 1555.

Our next Zoom meeting on Tuesday 20 April is our **AGM** followed by "Old English Sayings" by Pamela Clark and Fiona Jarvest at 7.30pm. Please contact Fiona Jarvest for further details on fionajarvest1@gmail.com or phone 07919 146158.

LYMPNE AIRFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

This month I present an account of an amusing incident that took place before the Second World War on a quiet Sunday morning at Lympe.

From Lympe to Hawkinge with No One on Board A Tale from the Cinque Ports Flying Club

By John Simpson

In 1937 it had become habit for the *Cinque Ports Flying Club* to make flights to Shoreham from Lympe on Sunday mornings. On one particular Sunday morning a B. A. (British Aircraft) Swallow aeroplane was in the temporary hands of a young and keen apprentice, as the pilot had gone to the club room to do something away from the aircraft. The apprentice thought it would be a good idea to have the engine running when the pilot returned. He checked that the fuel was turned on, switched on and went to swing the propeller. This failed after several attempts, but undaunted he thought he may have flooded the carburettor, so switched off in the cockpit and set the throttle wide open. Back to the propeller, he swung it anti clockwise to clear the engine. Satisfied, he switched on again, but forgot the throttle setting. Once again back at the propeller he swung it hard and the Cirrus engine roared into life. He jumped clear, but was not quick enough to get to the cockpit and was bowled over by a wingtip. The pilot later realized he had left the tail trim lever well back when he had landed. Now the Swallow was climbing slowly to 500 feet pilotless and with a westerly breeze drifted towards Folkestone. The apprentice was struggling to sound intelligent about what had happened as he tried to explain. The emergency services were called and club members took to their cars and with a Police Constable on his motorbike, followed it towards Folkestone.

About ten minutes after takeoff, over at Hawkinge, Squadron Leader Fleming, the CO of 25 Squadron was looking after his garden that quiet Sunday morning. He looked up on hearing a light aeroplane approaching to see the Swallow perform a pirouette, turn back on itself and then dive towards his house. It then flicked over at a strange angle and carried out a series of dives, each time veering off course and righting itself. Fleming was now very annoyed and noting the civil registration of the aeroplane, hurried to the telephone to call the CPFC at Lympe. He then proceeded to tell them one of their pilots was performing dangerous stunts above his house and the way things were going could kill someone and himself in the process. He confirmed it was a white Swallow and was told there was no one in it, but Fleming was not taking this in and continued to run down the antics of the 'pilot'. The actual pilot insisted there was no one in it and that they were trying to track it down, but still Fleming was not accepting this.

Suddenly there was the sound of breaking wood and noises of a heavy landing. He slammed the telephone down and rushed outside. It came to grief in a nearby field, but had someone been there to close the throttle it may have got away with a heavy three point landing. It had careered across the field and broken up, but the centre section with the two cockpits was intact. Had anyone been on board they would probably have got away with a bad fright, but quite safe.

Fleming went back to the telephone and told Lympe, 'It's crashed. The bloody fool has crashed - can't find the pilot anywhere!'

The chap from Lympe replied, 'I am the pilot!'

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- 4 April Easter Sunday - Parish Communion
- 11 April Hooba Family Service with Steve's Club
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- 18 April Morning Worship
- 25 April Parish Communion
- 2 May Parish Communion
- 9 May Hooba Family Service with Steve's Club



Hip, hip, hooray! Toddlers is back for the summer!

Toddlers will be starting again on **Thursday, 22nd April 2021**

Harry Margary Hall, Lympe
from 10 - 11:30am.

Please note the new day. Come along to enjoy a chat, a sing song and arts & crafts with Maureen and Christine.

Numbers are limited please book your place by emailing christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk

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What have we missed? The uncertain hope of an end to lockdown adds to our anxiety. We just want it all to be over and do the things we love to do with the people we love to do them with. Seeing family and friends, simply being outdoors more. Filling our diaries with events simply because we can once more. Engaging in our hobbies without limitations and impulsively doing,

stuff. I read an article recently that said, living in the past is depression, living in the future is anxiety, living for now is where the full appreciation of joy is to be found. The Bible makes this same point, too many times for me to list. One verse that stands out in our current predicament is,

"Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:34

At this time of year, you cannot fail to see the changes going on around us naturally regardless of what we are doing. New life springing up everywhere, it lifts the mood and heartens the soul.

In church we are busy making the most of Easter. Restricted though we are, Easter is so important, more so than Christmas, that we will not let it pass without celebration. Holy Week the week leading to Good Friday, is busy with lots of tradition and worship. I love it!

But how many of us have our mind in the future? Are we allowing our anxiety to cloud the here and now? It is difficult I know; I struggle too. What I would like you to try and do is take time out. Spend time outdoors, even if sitting in your own garden, in the park or going on a good long ramble. Take in the natural beauty of it all and ask yourself, 'is this really a coincidence as many would have us believe?'

I am currently working on plans to establish a Forest Church this summer. Beginning with once a month, we will gather and explore our natural environment. We will consider what makes it all happen. It will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to join in, young and old, it matters not. Above all it will be an opportunity to meet others and take a little time away from our anxieties and worries for we can come back to those later, (that's biblical too).

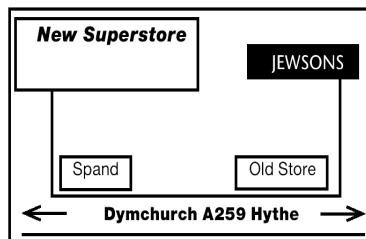
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MATTERS ARISING - NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

This month members of the Council were met by residents who were at their wits end with the rise in visitors to the Village using the route known as the Lypne Loop to go and view animals at the local zoo. It was reported that his was causing nuisance to animals kept in fields, a rise in rubbish, problems with parking and using certain areas as public toilets! Some of this appeared to stem from the lack of care taken by popular walking sites who advertise these routes. What is clear is that Lypne does not have the facilities to support large numbers of visitors. The Council decided they would write to the websites to request the removal of the walks from their sites to discourage new people from Attending look at public refuse disposal and contact KCC highways regarding the increased problems with parking. The recurring issue of litter was discussed including the rise in litter seen in Otterpool Lane. This was agreed to be a longer-term project but the Cabinet District Councillor responsible for refuse would be getting a call to arrange some initial, meetings. The Council are due to meet with Homes England at the end of April to discuss the plans for taking over the management of the Airfield, during this meeting members will speak to this organisation about the recent letters sent out residents whose home back onto the Airfield. These letters were questioning the use of access gates on the airfield. While this is a private matter between the residents and the landowners, the Parish Council are interested to hear from residents as to what action Homes England are proposing. Our next meeting is on the 4th May preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held online this year. Please check the notice board and website for details on how to join the meeting.

LYMPNE

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries regarding local issues, or any other matters you wish to raise, you can contact Lypne Parish Councillors

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