

# LYMPNE NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023



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**IN THIS ISSUE**  
Volunteers celebrated, litter blight,  
Coronation Event, voting information  
and much more



## A BLIGHT ON OUR LANDSCAPE

Yet again the Parish Council were presented with evidence of disgusting filth and waste left along the A20 near to the junction of Otterpool Lane Lymgne. Volunteers from the Romney Marsh Litter pickers working with Lymgne resident and long time campaigner to make Lymgne Litter free, Derek Cowell collected many bags of waste including human faeces and in excess of 300 bottled of fluid some containing urine. The Parish Council are working behind the scenes to engage the District and County Council to take proper responsibility in reducing this blight on our countryside. Promises have been made to tackle this but unfortunately the wheels of the District Council are moving very slowly, prompting the Chair of the Council to write to the Chief Executive of the District Council for action and to Damian Collins MP. Identifying that this is not a Lymgne centred problem contact has been made with neighbouring Parishes. Positive responses of support and acknowledgement that the whole area is affected has been received. Lymgne is facing huge changes over the coming years with the threat of development from the Otterpool Garden Town. It begs the question as to how will litter be managed with thousands more people wandering about when we can not seem to manage the area while we are surround by fields!

The Council have tried tackling this problem many times previously and have made several attempts to engage FHDC over the years and especially the last 9 months but we cannot manage this alone any longer and need support from local businesses, our MP ( who has already offered his support)as well as the District and County Councils and a long term plan.

Please let the Council know your thoughts on litter, perhaps there is an area you feel is neglected, or you feel is a "hotspot" for litter. Please consider writing to your local District Councillor or our MP to highlight your concerns. The

Parish Council will continue to support village volunteers and get the message to those that can manage this problem to take the action we deserve.

## CELEBRATING OUR VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS



We are grateful to the many volunteers who are both seen and unseen who contribute to all aspects of our village life. Each month we will be focusing on an individual or group who make a difference to our community. This month we are celebrating Derek Cowell and the team that work with him to keep our village clean and litter free. The team work in all weathers and are faced with many challenges and we thank them wholeheartedly for their commitment.

If you would like to offer your time to the village please contact Parish Clerk who can signpost you to opportunities. - email [lympnepc@outlook.com](mailto:lympnepc@outlook.com) or ring 01303 883228

### Funeral Announcement:

Very sadly Julia Jago of Danehurst Cottage , Aldington Road died peacefully at home on the 23rd January. The funeral is to be held at Barham, Crematorium on 9th March at 12pm. There will be a reception afterwards at The Black Robin, Kingston.



## LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

IN THE HARRY MARGARY HALL  
Films will be shown every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of  
the month (not December).

**MAKE A DATE IN YOUR DIARY FOR  
THIS POPULAR VILLAGE EVENT.  
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7.15 for a 7.30 start

**FREE MEMBERSHIP**

Entrance fee of £5.00 includes refreshments and  
lucky draw ticket.

Showing on 28<sup>th</sup> March:

**ELVIS** starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks

Showing on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April:

**Fisherman's Friends: One and All**

We reserve the right to show a substitute film should  
the need arise or to refuse admission. Children under  
16 must be accompanied by an adult  
(ID will be requested).

## OTTERPOOL GARDEN TOWN FURTHER AMENDMENTS

The Local Planning Authority has received **further  
amendments** in relation to the Outline Planning  
Application for Otterpool Park. This also includes  
**further information** and **other information** in  
relation to the existing Environmental Statement.  
This was received on Tuesday 14th February  
2023

**Application No: Y19/0257/FH**

The amended proposal is an outline planning  
application, with all matters reserved, for a  
comprehensive residential-led mixed use  
development

Further details of the amendments and information  
provided can be found on the dedicated Otterpool  
Park webpage below:

[https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/otterpoolpark/  
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# LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL

To help villagers celebrate the coronation of King Charles III we are planning to open up the hall on the Saturday (6<sup>th</sup> May) to show the coronation on the big screen for residents. On the Sunday (7<sup>th</sup>) we're having a tea party with a circus workshop. On the Monday (8<sup>th</sup>) we are planning a community volunteer event.

We've also started planning for our Summer Fayre, which will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> July this year, where we'll have our usual variety of interesting stalls. Hopefully, in addition we will have a dog show, some live music and possibly the Vintage Fun Fair, but it's a little early to confirm all this. If you'd like to run a stall at the fayre, please email [events@lympnevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@lympnevillagehall.co.uk)

If you'd like to help out at these events or want to join the committee, please email the chair: [chair@lympnevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:chair@lympnevillagehall.co.uk)

## A NEW MUSIC GROUP/SCHOOL OF ROCK!

Weekly at Lympne Village Hall Sundays starting 19<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-9.30 pm.

Want to jam along/form a band/sing? Some basic ability to play is desirable, also your own guitar/keyboard/drums etc. but if you have none of these, don't give up on your dreams - come along! Initial sessions are free of charge. Experience playing with an "on stage" rock band set, sing alone or as a backing group, try out our drum kit, guitars etc., or bring your own preferred instrument. Make new friends, or just enjoy making music: rock/country/blues etc.

At our first session, a local professional session drummer will be joining us to chat about his career also a local professional guitarist/song writer will be available to support our evening together. Come along and meet some real rock stars! More to come...!

If interested in coming along, please text/phone/email Phil on 07512 312516 or at [phildcarter@googlemail.com](mailto:phildcarter@googlemail.com)

## 1st Lympne Guides Auction of Promises

Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at Lympne Village Hall. Opens at 7p.m. bidding starts at 7.30 p.m. We are raising funds to assist one of our Rangers who has been selected by Girl Guiding London and South East Region to join a European tour this summer. Promises offered for auction so far, range from a walk in a private bluebell wood, a metal detecting session to cream teas and garden plants. We will be providing refreshments and you are welcome to bring your own drink. We will have a raffle and some games, so come along for a fun and profitable evening. If anyone would like to assist by offering a promise do contact Rosemary Stutchbury on 07854863560 or [rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk)

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## LYMPNE AIRFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

The March 7<sup>th</sup> presentation will be presented by Adam Fraser and Catherine Tappenden from the company Arcadis, through their *Local Sparks* outreach programme consulting on archaeology and heritage. Their subject is the 1919 record breaking flight to Cairo of Harry Yates in 1919, featuring espionage, daring and flying skill. The preview video I have seen is very intriguing. We are in for a very interesting evening!

**Plea for Help:** Does anyone know about two crash incidents in Lympne during the war? A B17G Fortress crash landed near the County Members in 1944 with one fatality, and a Spitfire in Berwick Lane in 1945 in which the pilot was killed by fire. We are investigating both, but there still several questions to answer including dates.

This month we look at the first visits of Jet Aircraft to Lympne Airfield.

### The Jet Age Comes to Lympne

The jet age came to Lympne Airfield with a bang on the night of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1944 when a V1 flying bomb exploded on an RAF Regiment Nissen hut taking two RAF personnel lives and causing much collateral damage in the village. The Small Arms Ammunition shed had its roof blown off from the blast, which is still evident today as the concrete structure survives on the eastern perimeter of the airfield site. Two further RAF Regiment personnel died from their injuries the next day.

The V1 was powered by a pulse jet engine of course. The V1 assault started one week after D-Day on the night of 13<sup>th</sup> June. Lympne was right in the centre of the corridor where the flying bombs were targeted. The lookout post built onto Lympne Castle would have been a great vantage point and must have been very busy. Lympne Airfield was one of the forefront locations for fighter defence against the V1, but not for the Gloster Meteor jet. These were based at Manston with 616 Squadron. The V1 and Gloster Meteor was the first and only jet on jet confrontation of WW2.

It wasn't until after the war that the RAF's new generation of jet fighters came to Lympne at air racing events. In 1946 Geoffrey De Havilland flew a De Havilland Vampire in that year's event. In 1947 and 1948 the legendary John 'Cats Eyes' Cunningham, chief test pilot for De Havilland, flew two Vampires registered VZ332 & VV217 respectively at the events. A *Pathe* film can be found on *You Tube* of Cunningham in a Vampire at Lympne in 1948. Interestingly the 1948 programme also shows a Gloster Meteor on the programme, but it is not thought to have put in an appearance. The same programme illustrates a Supermarine Attacker which went into service with the Fleet Air Arm in 1950. If this actually took part as the programme implies, it would clearly have been a prototype, but there is no evidence it attended.

In the late 1940's Wing Commander Hugh Kennard unofficially flew a Gloster Meteor F3 into the airfield. It raised a few eyebrows at the time as such aircraft only operated on concrete runways. Kennard was in the RAF Auxiliary Air Force at the time, CO of 500 Squadron at West Malling. One witness was Tony Shorter who as a boy was at the shop next to the *County Members* pub at the time. He heard the sound of a jet aircraft and ran to the airfield entrance opposite the pub so see the Meteor taxiing up to this area. It turned around and took off again in a north westerly direction. 'It nearly blew me across the road at the time', said Tony. Kennard had been a successful wartime pilot and the CO of RAF Hawkinge. He would go on to be closely associated with Lympne, founding and operating his airline *Air Kruse*, and aerial photographic company *Sky Fotos* from there. He was also joint director of *Silver City Airways*.

There were no more jets known to have landed at Lympne for the rest of its aviation history. *Skyways Coach Air* operated turbo prop Hawker Siddeley HS 748 airliners for over ten years, otherwise Lympne based aircraft were powered exclusively by piston engines.

For information about the Lympne Airfield History Society, contact:  
John Simpson on 07508 708725 or email:  
[johnsimpson43@btinternet.com](mailto:johnsimpson43@btinternet.com)

## STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE (SHAL)

The title of our February talk 'The Archaeology of Death and Burial' proved to be a fascinating presentation by archaeologist, Andy Linklater, on how the treatment of the dead and burial practices evolved over thousands of years, starting with 'Swanscombe Man', identified as a woman, and probably killed by roaming cave bears. About 4000 BC flint arrowheads accompanied the burials. The major change occurred about 2000BC with influence from the Continent. Construction of burial mounds in honour of important people stood out in the landscape, and a number can still be seen, whilst grave goods such as Beaker pottery and metal objects were more common. By 1000 BC reverence for the dead was widespread with an increase in cemeteries and people buried in a prone position as now. The Romans changed the practices - people were buried in wooden, and in lead coffins for high-ranking people, and twice more cremations occurred than burials with accompanied Samian ware pots and offerings to a Roman god. The Anglo-Saxons followed the pre-Roman practices with high quality grave goods such as brooches, and often weaponry. The following Christian period of religion and reverence resulted in burial practice in designated areas with no grave goods after the 12<sup>th</sup> century, but an increase in child burials. Andy's highly informative talk provided an enjoyable evening.

The March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting sees Richard Taylor, our professional archaeologist, presenting the comprehensive findings of last August's excavation including the results from the post-excavation analyses of coins and other artefacts. An evening not to be missed!

# ST STEPHENS CHURCH

## SERVICES AND EVENTS IN MARCH

5th	Parish Communion	11.00 am
12th	Family Service lead by Sunday Club	11.00 am
19th	Morning Worship	11.00 am
26th	Parish Communion	11.00 am

## SUNDAY CLUB

Meets at

The Lads' Club, Rectory Lane, Saltwood, CT21 4QA, 10-11am during term time.

We have a wonderful time with all sorts of art & crafts and cooking, games and lots of drama. Fun groups for children aged 3-10 years.

The **Monday Club** for young people aged 11 - 16 years is also held from

5.30 - 7.00 pm at its usual venue.

New faces to both groups are always very welcome.

For more information ring: Christine Clover on 0300 0301662, text: 07379 877846 or email:

christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk.



## LYMPNE & SALTWOOD TODDLERS

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Thursday mornings in the Harry Margary Hall, Aldington Road, Lympe CT21 4LE

## KENT GARDENER

As I write it is cold and damp, a long way from the warmer sunny weather we are wishing for. Gardens don't seem to mind, plants grow on, but flowers don't fade so quickly, a bonus. Before the taller plants put on a spurt replace their supports or stakes so that they are not felled by March winds. While doing this check for weeds and pests before they can take hold. If you grow lilies or any of that family check for little red beetles which will be emerging as soon as the weather warms up and remove. Disturb the soil round the base of the shoots as this is where they hibernate and lay eggs. If your roses are prone to rust or blackspot spray the young leaves, stems, supports and soil around the plant as it is more effective before the fungus takes hold. Do this when there are few insects around and not in sunshine. The quickest way to make the garden look tidy is to trim the lawn edges to define the line and snip back encroaching vegetation. In the vegetable plot dig out perennial weeds and spread a layer of compost. Most hardy vegetable crops can be sown outside once the soil has started to warm up towards the end of the month. Seeds can be sown indoors for an earlier crop but must be hardened off properly before planting out. Do not be tempted to start tender crops like runner beans or courgettes, it is too early. Sprout or chit potatoes on a warm windowsill before planting out at the end of the month. Happy Gardening.

**Lympe Fellowship-** February's meeting was a highly interesting talk by our own members, Pam and Fiona (also members of SHAL) on the findings of the Community Archaeological Dig last August. Three main trenches were opened on areas identified during magnetometry surveys as worth investigating. One revealed a cremation burial with three pots (one containing cremated bones and the others would have held food and drink for the departed) plus the outline of a pair of hobnail boots - the hobnails having survived in-situ. These were all recorded and left in place. Another revealed a post hole, floor or heating tiles, fragments of lead, glass, pottery, brick, mortar, tiny pieces of charcoal and a small wall, indicating the possibility of an industrial unit; the third, a large amount of pottery fragments, flue tile, bones, coins etc. As expected, this all points to a Roman settlement - further investigations will continue. Everyone is invited to attend the SHAL meeting on Tuesday 21 March (see separate entry), to find out more from our leading Archaeologist, Richard Taylor.

Lympe Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, with a programme of interesting and informative talks and activities. For further information about our group, please contact Jill Page on 01303 263756.

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH



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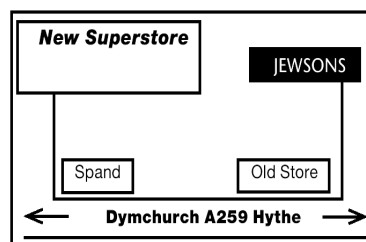
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With the prospect of a new council in May this Year the Parish Council are starting to look at plans for the next 4 years in our village. Some things are out of our control, but you have the chance to influence what happens within the Parish. However we need to know what you would like to see being improved, be that local facilities, road improvements, services and wellbeing. If you have any ideas please contact the Parish Council on [lympnepc@outlook.com](mailto:lympnepc@outlook.com) or phone 01303 883228

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