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LYMPNE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



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IN THIS MONTHS ISSUE BUS SERVICE RETURNS, CAROLS AT THE CASTLE, CHURCH NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND MUCH MORE



Lympne Nativity Procession
Charity Event for all the Family
Sunday Afternoon 17th December 2023

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Tickets: On sale at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre (3rd December), Lymgne Church & on [Eventbrite](#): look for Lymgne Nativity

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ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE WELCOMES YOU TO CAROLS AT THE CASTLE WITH THE SALVATION ARMY BAND THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2023 BAR AND RESTAURANT OPEN FROM 5.00PM CAROLS COMMENCE 7.30 PM FREE ENTRY BUT DONATIONS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED TO THE WORK OF THE SALVATION ARMY AND ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SOME CASH! A ONE-WAY SYSTEM WILL BE IN OPERATION THROUGH THE STREET AND CASTLE CLOSE Our very grateful thanks to Lymgne Castle for, once again, hosting this event



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AT CHRISTMAS

SANTA'S GROTTO AT THE CASTLE! – Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th December 2023 – 12– 4pm
Medieval Bar open 12-6pm– Tickets are £5 for Santa's Grotto and these need to be booked via Eventbrite.

CAROLS AT THE CASTLE! – Thursday 21st December 2023 – Arrival for 7pm with carols commencing at 7.30pm.

For further details please visit our What's On page at www.LympneCastle.com

HOLIDAY EXTRAS CHRISTMAS CHOIR HITTING THE STREETS FOR CHARITY



Get ready for a treat as the Holiday Extras Christmas Choir brings some festive cheer to Lympne on the 18th of December. Our choir, armed with a host of Christmas favourites, will serenade you at your doorstep, spreading holiday and community spirit. Join us as we collect donations for The Evie Dove Foundation - your contribution will help support their vital work in enhancing children's health services, providing pastoral care during difficult times and elevating the standard of care for the UK's youngest patients. So save the date for a front-row seat to this heartwarming event right on your doorstep.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023

10.30AM - 12.30PM

Join us for mulled wine, coffee/tea,
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Christmas at the Village Hall

Wishing all our volunteers, hirers and users a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We hope you'll spend some time over the festive period at the village hall as we have our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 3rd December from 1pm. We have loads of interesting stalls for you in both halls.

For the Nativity on the 17th the village hall is where the procession starts and we'll have some refreshments for you.

Finally, tickets are on sale for our New Year's Eve family Disco. This is already proving to be very popular and is likely to sell out, so if you are thinking of coming, be sure to book your tickets early.

In November we held a successful AGM, with all the major roles filled. However, there is always room for enthusiastic volunteers so if you would like to join us and help out please get in touch with the Chair:

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KENT GARDENER

December already! I am sure the year gets shorter as I get older. However, that is no excuse for not wrapping up well and getting into the garden when time and weather permit. It can be relaxing to take break from Christmas chores and activities for even a few minutes. There will always something to do, secure supports and climbers, prune back, by half, overgrown stems of roses to prevent root rock in the wind. Overgrown deciduous shrubs can be pruned by thinning out removing a few branches at ground level. It is a good time to trim apples and pears taking out dead or deceased branches. Check potted plants in the greenhouse or sheltered positions as they can dry out easily even if it has been raining. Christmas trees without roots need to be treated like cut flowers and given plenty of water, likewise rooted ones, they easily dry out in a warm room and both sorts should be kept away from a heat source to minimise needle drop. As we ease back on gardening it is a good time to clean and repair tools in preparation for next season. Clean off dirt and apply a thin coat of oil to all moving parts and rub oil onto the blades of secateurs to prevent rust. Hoes and spades make the job easier if the edge is kept sharp and oiled. Brush grass from the mower and check the oil, filters and blades and replace if necessary or send for servicing. So now back indoors for your favourite hot drink and dream of next spring. Happy Christmas.



VILLAGERS CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF THE NUMBER 10 SERVICE

Monday morning (13th November) villagers from Lympne, along with representatives from the district and parish councils, braved atrocious weather conditions to catch the first No.10 bus to Lympne since the service was axed in September. Back in Lympne at 9.50am they were met by dozens more villagers, and over 60 people celebrated the reinstatement of the bus service with tea and cakes at the County Members . People swapped stories of how difficult it had been for some residents who were marooned in the village when the bus service stopped, and everyone was reminded to use the bus regularly or risk losing it again. The celebration was not complete, however, as we learnt that earlier buses still do not go through Lympne making it difficult for workers outside the village to reach places of employment in Lympne, and for local children getting to secondary schools in Hythe and Folkestone. The campaign continues.

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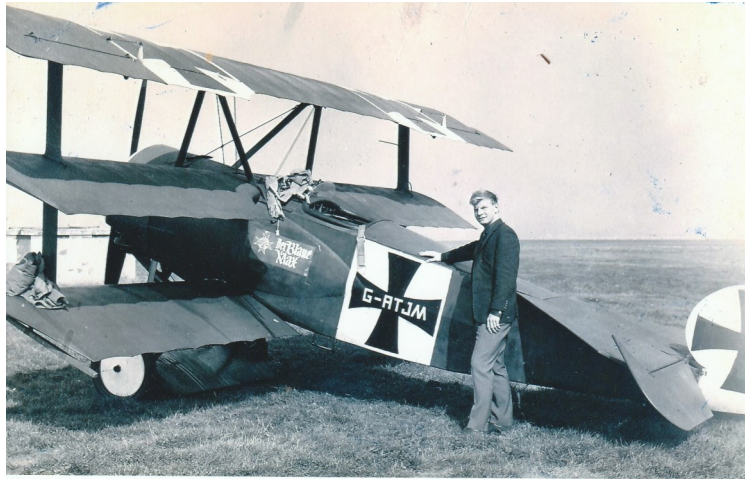
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LYMPNE AIRFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

Our November presentation saw an attendance of over forty people enjoy a fascinating talk by Ed Adams from Tenterden entitled Ashford at War, who demonstrated why Ashford was the most bombed town in Kent in WW2. Our January 2nd meeting is presented by David Goldsmith who will talk about Pre War and Post War Air Racing at Lympe with the emphasis on post war racing. Our meeting start time is 7.30pm. Admission £3.



This month we look at the visit of a film star German aircraft at Lympe in 1966.

Lympe and the Blue Max By John Simpson

The date is 1966, and a replica of The Red Baron's Fokker DR1 Triplane is seen standing on Lympe Airfield. The smiling young man is Lympe resident Phil Neumann, who at the time worked for the aerial photography company *Skyfotos* on the airfield. He was rarely away from his desk in those days, so this was a treat as he accompanied the *Skyfotos* official photographer to look over the aircraft.

The aeroplane was built by *Blitz Flugzeugbau*, construction number CN 002 in West Germany in 1965 for the feature film *The Blue Max*. One of five built and powered by a Siemens SH14A - 165 radial engine, it bears the British registration G-ATJM, but it would go on to become F-AZPQ on the French register. It was owned by warbird operator Robs Lamplough at North Weald during the 1990's. Several other aircraft were provided for the film by using British Tiger Moths and French Stampe to stand in for First World War aircraft. *The Blue Max* itself was a top German decoration for pilots shooting down twenty enemy aircraft.

Directed by John Guillermin, the film was released in 1966 and starred George Peppard, James Mason, Ursula Andress, Karl Michael Vogler, Jeremy Kemp and Anton Diffring. It was based on the novel by Jack D, Hunter and adapted by Ben Barsman and Basilio Franchina. It was a box office success in the USA and UK, where it was one of the most popular for 1967. The Republic of Ireland provided the location for filming.

Thanks to Phil Neumann for the photograph and bringing this visit to my attention.

For information about the Lympe Airfield History Society, contact:
John Simpson on 07508 708725 or email:
johnsimpson43@btinternet.com

FROM STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE

Our November speaker was local historian, Vince Williams, in a wide-ranging and fascinating talk on the Lost Churches and Chapels of Folkestone. What is startling is the number of places of worship - nearly 40 existing during the 19th and early 20th centuries which either closed down or merged with another chapel or place of worship. Moreover the congregations were large, some with 400/500 worshippers. Two Church of England churches closed, and the range of chapels included Wesleyan, Methodists, Seamen's Missions, Congregationalists, church of the Holy Cross, Baptists, 7th Day Adventists, Gospel Tabernacle, Church of Christ Scientist and of Spiritualists, Church Army, Plymouth Brethren, Quakers, Victorian Gospel Hall, and Salvation Army - just under 20 different types of religions which were followed at a time when Folkestone was a popular holiday resort with the arrival of the railway. The most significant place of worship and landmark was Christ Church in Sandgate Road which had had extensions over years to allow a normal congregation size 500/600 people. Unfortunately the church was hit by a large bomb in 1942 killing only 2 or 3 people. A compulsory purchase for preservation of the tower in the 1950s ensured that Christ Church's tower remains as a Folkestone iconic symbol.

Earlier in November many members who had participated in the August excavation enjoyed a one day presentation by a leading specialist in Roman pottery, Edward Biddulph of Oxford Archaeology. His talk covered a wide range of styles, materials, origins of manufacture and functions of pottery. He examined the various items of pottery unearthed in the excavation and highlighted significant pieces for further examination.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM

**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
SERVICES AND EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

- 3rd Parish Communion for Advent 11.00 am
- 8th Lypne School Yr R & Yr 1 Christingle 1.30 pm
- 10th Family Carol Service for Advent 11.00 am
- 16th Christmas Coffee Morning 10.30 am
- 17th Morning Worship for Advent 11.00 am
- Lypne Nativity Procession 1.00 pm
- 21st Carols at the Castle 7.00 for 7.30 pm
- Bar and Restaurant open from 5.00pm
- 24th Benefice Communion at Lypne for Advent 11.00 am
- Midnight Mass 11.30 pm
- 31st Benefice Communion at Lypne 11.00 am

A big Thank You to all who supported our **November Coffee Morning** on a rather wet and misty morning. We raised £105.50 of which £35 will go to A21 (Fighting Human Trafficking).

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. New faces are always very welcome.

For more information ring: Christine Clover on 0300 0301662, text: 07379 877846 or email: christineclover@lypneandsaltwoodchurches.uk.

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@lypneandsaltwoodchurches.uk.



Come and join us at Lypne & Saltwood Toddlers 10 - 11:30am Thursday mornings in the Harry Margary Hall, Aldington Road, Lypne CT21 4LE



Recently in our churches we have been studying the Bible books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. The Thessalonians were a Christian community in Thessalonica only a short time after Jesus' death and resurrection. These books are actually letters from St Paul to the community praising them for their lifestyle. The community was a shining example of how to live under God's rule. They got on well and conducted themselves in a sacrificial way, caring for each other, those around them, and by being honest in all that they did. Their witness was such that they drew attention not only from the towns and cities around them, but beyond their borders in other countries. If they could get it right back then, why can't we today? At the very end of the second letter Paul's final greeting is:

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all."

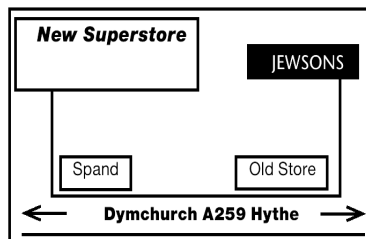
As we move ever closer to Christmas, we reflect through the season of Advent on the meaning and purpose of the festive feast. We are celebrating through our traditions God's gift of Jesus to the world. He did so to teach us how to live in peace and harmony. The Thessalonians got it right. Yet, today as we reflect on the atrocities around the world, we ask why we have got it so wrong when Jesus showed us how? Let's not be downhearted for as we carry heavy hearts for those who are suffering, we can still see so much goodness in our world, and our communities. If we take the trouble to look back across history, we see the good that those who learnt Jesus' ways brought to the world. Our role today, all of us that care, is to keep everyone reminded, regardless of faith or none, that Jesus' ways make life better for all. We always ask on every occasion when we worship, that Jesus will give us his peace. Peace in our world, our society, our communities, and in our hearts. May you bring peace to those around you as you remember 'why' this Christmas time. Have a wonderful Christmas and, "May the Lord give you, his peace." Rev Barry

**LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP WISHES YOU ALL
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Our November meeting saw us all happily engaged in making a Christmas Angel from an old paperback book. Taking off the covers but keeping the spine intact, a lot of helpful chat and laughter ensued as we turned and folded the pages, pulling our almost finished angel round into a circle to create the dress. The finished angels were very impressive. Our next meeting is our bring and share Christmas party, with mulled wine and Secret Santa. Lypne Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2nd 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 07846 819693



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VILLAGE DIRECTORY COMING SOON

Who do you turn to when you need help?
Who is out there to assist you?

The Parish Council is working on a project to produce a Directory of useful services from local police and community safety numbers to specific health services and District Council services. The directory which we hope to complete by the February issue of this newsletter will be a handy reference to get the help you need with situations that arise within your lives. It will be continually updated having received feedback, but we need your help- What contact details or services would you like to see in a directory- Let us know by emailing the Parish Clerk on clerk@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Flu and Covid-19 spread
more easily in winter
and can cause
you serious illness.

GET WINTER STRONG

Come forward for your flu and
Covid-19 vaccinations when invited.

Vaccination is the best way to protect
yourself, those around you and the NHS.