

# LYMPNE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2024



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HOMES IN LYMPNE,  
NEWINGREEN  
COURT-AT-STREET  
AND  
WEST HYTHE ROAD

IN THIS MONTHS ISSUE  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,  
VILLAGE EVENTS  
AND MUCH MORE

## LYMPNE LUNCH CLUB: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community? Do you enjoy meeting new people and making a difference? The Lympe Lunch Club needs you!

Join our friendly team of volunteers who come together to provide a monthly sociable lunch meeting for our village guests. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others, share some laughter, and contribute to a positive community atmosphere.

### What We Need

We are looking for volunteers to help out for just 3 hours on a rota on the 2nd Friday of each month. Your time and effort will help ensure that our guests have a memorable and enjoyable lunch experience.

### Get Involved

Becoming a volunteer with the Lympe Lunch Club is easy. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Margaret at 01303 269557 or email us at

[lympnelunchclub@gmail.com](mailto:lympnelunchclub@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you to our team and making our village gatherings even more special!

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**



➤ *Come and join us for coffee, cakes and savoury bakes. If the sun is shining, sit out and enjoy. Well behaved dogs welcome*

➤ *Enjoy the songs from the musicals with Richard on the piano*

*Proceeds to maintenance of the church plus a donation to this month's nominated charity:*

**GUIDE DOGS, HYTHE & DISTRICT GROUP**

## VOLUNTEER GARDENERS NEEDED

We need a Team of Volunteers, can you spare your time to help get our gardens at Hft, Lympe Place back to their former glory? No set days/hrs – ideally during the week.

If interested please contact Emma Tucker on 07826 890945 or email [Emma.Tucker@hft.org.uk](mailto:Emma.Tucker@hft.org.uk)



## EVER WONDERED WHAT GOES ON AT LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL TRY SOMETHING NEW

All activities occur weekly unless stated. If you are interested in any of the activities please contact the hall direct at [chair@lympnevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:chair@lympnevillagehall.co.uk)

**Brownies and guides**

**East Kent Karate Club**

**Fun For All**

**Hythe Bridge Club**

**Lympe Youth Club**

**Lympe Fellowship Group (monthly)**

**Lympe Lunch Club (Monthly)**

**Lympe Short Mat Bowls  
(Twice weekly winter only)**

**Badgers Play Group (Daily)**

**Studying History and Archaeology in Lympe  
Pilates**

**Shepway Swing Band**

**Stanford with Postling WI (Monthly)**

**Table Tennis**

**Yoga Club**

**Film Club (Monthly)**

**P3 Dance Academy**

**Lympe and Saltwood Toddlers**



## KENT GARDENER

What a mixed a mixed bag of weather we have had so far this summer, let's hope that August is sunnier and warmer for the gardener's sake but it has been ideal for some plants. The roses, other shrubs and borders have put on a colourful show but less hardy flowers and vegetables have been slow or not appeared at all, probably caused by rain and wind preventing pollinating insects from flying at the crucial time and others rotting off with all the rain. Many of our perennials grew unusually tall and then collapsed in the wind so a lot of clearing up and standing up was needed. Keep the ramblers and climbers under control by tying in the new shoots and cutting back or out 2 or 3 of the older ones. Whippy wisteria growth should be cut back to 5 or 6 buds which should stimulate growth of flower buds. Shear back hardy geraniums and alchemilla mollis and their like to tidy up the beds and produce more fresh foliage. Cut back lavender flowers but not into old wood as it will not regrow. Remember that plums and cherry trees should not be pruned after the end of August as coral spot, a fungus, becomes more prevalent then and can kill a tree if it takes hold. Harvesting will be in full swing now and if there is room, sow a fast-growing crop like salad vegetables in the spaces made. Use spent material to make a compost heap. Don't forget the birds, bees and butterflies still need our help, give their food and water containers a clean and refill. Happy gardening.



## Slowing Down, Save Lives: A Plea to Lymپne Motorists

Motorists traveling through the village of Lymپne are being urged to slow down, particularly on Stone Street, Aldington Road, and Otterpool Lane. Recent data indicates that over 30% of vehicles exceed the 30mph speed limit on these roads, significantly increasing the risk of accidents involving pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers.

Speeding is not just a violation of traffic laws; it is a serious threat to community safety. Studies show that a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 30mph has a 50% chance of survival. However, if the vehicle is traveling at 40mph, the chance of survival drops dramatically to just 10%.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to join the Lymپne Community Speed Watch. By volunteering, individuals can help monitor speeds, raise awareness, and contribute to making the village safer for everyone.

Slowing down can save lives. Let's work together to protect our community.

## LYMPNE FILM CLUB

Please accept our apologies

The August Film Club has had to be cancelled please check the next newsletter for details of the club which will resume in September.

## Stop Feeding Seagulls:

### Protect Lymپne's Health and Safety

Residents and visitors of Lymپne are urged to refrain from feeding seagulls. Feeding these birds encourages aggressive behavior, leading to increased attacks on people, particularly children. Additionally, discarded food attracts rats, posing serious public health risks. Rats are known carriers of diseases such as leptospirosis and salmonella, which can spread rapidly in our community. To ensure the safety and cleanliness of our village, please dispose of food waste properly and resist the temptation to feed the wildlife. Let's work together to keep Lymپne

## Road Safety and Highways

### Improvements in Lymپne

The Parish Council is committed to enhancing road safety and improving highways and footpaths in Lymپne. Residents are encouraged to share their observations and suggestions for improvements. Whether it's identifying areas where road safety can be enhanced, highlighting specific highway issues, or noting footpaths in need of maintenance, community input is crucial for making informed decisions.

Ideas can be sent to the Parish Clerk at [\\*\\*clerk@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk\\*\\*](mailto:clerk@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk). With the information received, the Parish Council will collaborate with Kent County Council and the District Council to implement necessary changes. This collective effort aims to ensure that the Parish remains safe and accessible for everyone.

## VILLAGE HALL CARPARK ABANDONED VEHICLES

Residents may have noticed that recently two vehicles have been abandoned in the hall carpark. Action is being taken to remove them. The Parish Council have now issued an order that vehicles will not be permitted to park over night in the carpark and that any vehicles left for an unreasonable time will be removed using legal powers.



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**LYMPNE  
TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

Lympne has a long standing table tennis club which meets every Wednesday afternoon between 2.30 and 4.30pm. We are a mature group who play competitive games, but do not participate in leagues. It is a friendly and social group. New members are welcome along to see if our club suits your needs. Serious play; friendly outcomes. Come along and see at Lympne village hall. Or further information is available from Paul on 07840 759549.



**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
QUIZZ NIGHT**

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**STAY SAFE FROM SCAMS:** Scammers are becoming more cunning in the UK, using online tricks to steal your money and personal information. Here's a quick guide to the most common scams and how to protect yourself. **Common Scams in the UK**

**Phishing:** Fake emails or texts pretending to be from banks or companies ask you to click links or provide details. These aim to steal your personal information.  
**Fake Online Shops:** These websites offer items at prices that are too good to be true. Often, the products don't exist.

**Tech Support Scams:** You might get a call or popup saying your computer has a virus. The scammer offers to "fix" it, but they're really after your data.

**Investment Scams:** Beware of "guaranteed" returns on investments, especially in areas like cryptocurrency. They often lead to loss of money.

**Romance Scams:** Scammers create fake profiles on dating sites, build a relationship, and then ask for money under various pretexts.

**Protect Yourself**

**Verify Messages:** Check the source before clicking links or giving out details. Contact the company directly if unsure.

**Secure Your Accounts:** Use strong, unique passwords and enable two-factor authentication where possible.

**Guard Your Info:** Be careful about sharing personal information, especially on calls or online.

**Watch Your Finances:** Regularly check your bank statements for strange transactions.

**Stay Informed:** Follow updates from trusted sources like Action Fraud and cybersecurity experts.

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*Lympne and other Kent Airfields*. On September 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Stastny presents of **Developments in Unmanned Aviation**. Our meetings start time is 7.30pm at Lympne Church. Admission £3 on the door.

This month we look at the very popular subject of pre war air racing at Lympne.

## **Air Racing at Lympne – Pre War** **By John Simpson**

Air racing was initiated at Lympne in 1923 when Lord Edward Grosvenor introduced his challenge cup competition. It was open to British pilots flying British aeroplanes and aimed at the private pilot. In 1932 the *Folkestone Aero Trophy* was introduced and the *Wakefield Cup* from 1933. The early 1920's saw the Lympne Trials take centre stage, but with there being no competition in 1925, the Royal Aero Club hosted a race from August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> as an alternative before the Trials returned in 1926.

The *Grosvenor Challenge Cup* did not allow foreign aircraft and tuned up ex RAF types. This proved popular with British competitors. It followed a triangular twelve and a half mile course from Lympne – Postling – South Hill near Brabourne and back to Lympne until 1932. The sixteen and a half mile course from Lympne via Capel-le-Ferne airship hangar, Folkestone Harbour light, Hythe gasometer and back to Lympne would be the standard route for years to come and used again in post war racing. It was the standard course for all three competitions from 1932. The races were run in heats culminating in the final. The *Folkestone Aero Trophy* and *Wakefield Cup* were open to foreign entries and pilots. The famous 'round Britain *King's Cup Air Race* also included Lympne as a new checkpoint in 1929, adding to Lympne pedigree as an international civil aviation location.



The inaugural *Grosvenor Challenge Cup* was won by F/Lt. Longton in a Sopwith Gnu G-EAGP at an average speed of 87.6mph on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1923. There would be nine more such races until 1935 at which point the GCC would not be competed for until after the war in 1949. The *Folkestone Aero Trophy* was first competed for on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1932 when A. J. Styran won in a Comper Swift G-ABWH at an average speed of 141mph. Seven more annual competitions ran until August 1939, until resuming in 1946 after the war. The

*Wakefield Cup* was first competed for in 1933 and was won by Sqn. Leader H. M. Probyn in the prototype Miles M2 Hawk G-ACHJ at an average speed of 115.5 mph.

These rallies were huge events attracting thousands of onlookers and many visiting aircraft. Organised by the *Cinque Ports Flying Club*, the 1937 International Air Rally was one such example which saw the *Wakefield Cup* contested over the weekend of August 28 – 29<sup>th</sup>. Starting on the Saturday, the sixteen starters were divided into two heats of eight flying three laps of the course. The first was won by Geoffrey De Havilland in the De Havilland Technical School TK2 G-ADNO. The first five then qualified for the final. A Messerschmitt Bf108 was fourth which attained the highest speed of 174mph. The second heat followed some exhibition flying by an Autogiro and RAF Bristol Bulldog fighters and other attractions. This heat was won by Herr Clausen in Klemm Kl.35 D-EHNE. After a splendid barbecue hosted by Bill and Ann Davis of the CPFC at their nearby Berwick House home on the Saturday evening, the final followed on Sunday. Alex Henshaw was one of the competitors flying his famous Percival Mew Gull, but although he achieved the fastest time of 208mph, the race overall winner was Herr Clausen in the Klemm. Second place went to Bandeniek from Latvia in the VEF 1-12 and third, A.J.S. Morris in a Hawk Speed Six. Henshaw was fourth.

Over forty British registered aircraft had taken part and many others from all over Europe. Arguably this was the pinnacle of air rallies witnessed at Lympne. This was the final *Wakefield Cup* to take place at Lympne and whilst the *Folkestone Aero Trophy* continued until 1939, the heyday of the air racing calendar at Lympne was coming to a close before the Second World War.



# St Stephen's Church

## Services in August

4th Parish Communion	11am
11th Family Service	11am
18th Parish Communion	11am
25th Parish Communion	11am



1st Sunday of the Month, 9:45am, Lads' Club

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



## New Goal Posts for Lympne Village Hall Recreation Ground: A Boost for Local Football

Exciting developments are underway for the Lympne Village Hall recreation ground, with the upcoming installation of new goalposts. This initiative, supported by Kent County

Councillor Jenni Hawkins and spearheaded by local football coach Ben Jacklin, comes at a pivotal moment for the community, particularly Lympne Primary School. This year, the school has proudly reintroduced its football programme, forming both boys' and girls' teams after several years without a team. The teams have already shown great promise, competing successfully in the Herald Cup. However, the school's current playing field is not large enough to host matches, highlighting the need for a more suitable home pitch.

To address this, the school and community are looking to collaborate with the Lympne Parish Council to set up a 9-a-side football pitch at the recreation ground. The plan includes purchasing goals, which can be used by the school and the wider community.

The school has committed to purchasing equipment such as a line marking machine, paint, corner poles, flags, and a spectator safety barrier, ensuring the pitch is well-maintained and safe for use.

Having a proper home pitch will not only benefit the school teams but also offer new opportunities for the community. Councillor Hawkins' backing, along with Coach Jacklin's dedication, highlights a strong community spirit and a commitment to improving local amenities. As the project moves forward, the new goalposts will be installed, and the new pitch will soon be ready for use.

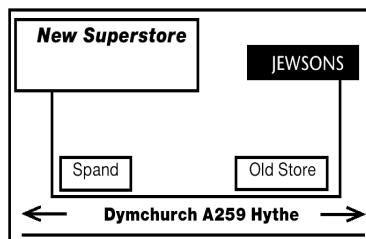
**LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP** We were delighted to welcome Sandra Howard to our meeting who gave an absorbing talk about her development into writing novels. She told us how much she enjoys writing fiction and was even given hints and encouragement by Iris Murdoch. Sandra tackles her research in great detail and allows her plot to be guided through the characters she creates. Her latest book, **Love at War**, was inspired by a series of letters written in the early 1940s, which got her started. The story deals with two people who find themselves having to travel to a number of war-torn places, often faced with dangerous conditions and the restrictions of war-time. Sandra was able to draw upon her own travel experiences, including time spent in colonial and post-independence Africa. Following her talk she happily answered a wide variety of questions. Lympne 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 07846 819693**



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**STUDYING  
HISTORY AND  
ARCHAEOLOGY IN  
LYMPNE**

We know very little about children and families in Medieval England. This was the subject of Imogen Corrigan who presents a wide range of historical talks. On this occasion she

presented her talk through a number of medieval images. Our overall impression is one of large families and high mortality rates amongst young children. A painting in Gloucester Cathedral of Thomas and Christian Machen displayed their family of 13 sons and 5 daughters. Overall the women's role was to breed children with the aim of producing a male heir. Consequently they often had families of 12. It followed that mortality rates were high, notably below the children's age of 10. For example in Yoxford, Suffolk in 1485 out of 1000 deaths 425 children did not reach their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Some beliefs were that the only reason that you were on the planet was to go to heaven and, in conceiving, God will send you a child. Some families had a birth trail during pregnancy with one birth after another and in cases of a difficult birth the Church recommended a caesarean birth, but unfortunately this usually resulted in the death of the mother. It was a hard life for children, but despite many living in poverty, they were cherished and spoilt but worked hard alongside their parents and guardians as depicted in Canterbury Cathedral of a mother working in blue and her children working alongside her. They loved toys and games, outside and inside, including word games. In the late medieval period upper class children were expected to be trained and educated as ladies and gentlemen rather than just following and working with their parents, with a school for boys and governesses for girls. What a difference now in the lives of our young children!

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their breathing as a way of supporting their health and wellbeing,  
keeping their minds fit and regulating their nervous systems.

I invite you to join me on my next

Mindfulness Meditation Course

Commencing Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Ending Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

10.00am – 12.30pm for 8 Sessions

Location: The Committee Room, Lympne Village Hall

Alternatively, on a WEEKDAY EVENING

Commencing Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Ending Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

For more information and to book a place

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### REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

#### August 2024

Recycling (Purple Lid/Black  
Box) and Food Waste will be  
collected on: Tuesday 6th and  
20th

Non-Recyclables (Green Lid)  
and Food Waste will be  
collected on: Tuesday  
13th and 27th.

Garden Waste Collections 14th  
and 28th.

*Please do not put the lid on the  
Black Box—use the food waste  
container or a heavy object.*