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NEWSLETTER  
AUGUST 2025**



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IN THIS MONTHS ISSUE  
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES,  
NEW GARDENING GROUP  
AND MUCH MORE!



**Thrive Through  
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A 7 week programme to  
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menopause transition

3<sup>rd</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
6.30pm - 8pm  
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For further information contact  
Claire Grant 07766 833245  
clairegrant64@gmail.com

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3:30pm

LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL

£2 DONATION PER SESSION

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**GRIEF IS HEAVY**

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LYMPNE PARISH COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROJECT

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What's on in

**August**

at Lymgne Castle



**Castle Book Club**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Bring your latest read and sit and  
enjoy a drink in the Great Hall or  
watch the glorious sunset on our  
terrace.

Free entry- socialising optional!

**Slime making Workshop**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

11:00am - 12:00pm

**Get Ready for a Slime-tastic  
Adventure at Lymgne Castle!  
Kids will unleash their creativity  
as they craft and customize their  
very own unique slimes.  
Ages 5-11 £15 per child**

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> August  
Curry and Quiz Night**

**Enjoy a delicious curry in a  
grand historic setting while  
testing your knowledge in a  
thrilling quiz.**

**6:30pm & 15 pp**

**(inc. curry and quiz entry)**

**Please note change of day.**

**Strings Under the Sun**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

4:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of music,  
sunshine, and summer vibes at  
Strings Under The Sun.  
Bring a blanket, your favourite people, and let  
the music carry you into the evening.  
Premium Seating: £55 to include a glass of  
Pimms, mini grazing board and private table with  
waiter service.  
General Admission: £27 - bring your own  
blanket!



Please note that due to private events, the Castle  
will be closed to the public on the following dates:  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August



Please contact us to book on 01303 533533 or enquiries@lympnecastle.com



# LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL

## FILM CLUB

Fancy an evening out in good company to watch a film?

Chat over biscuits and a cuppa in the interval.

All for a fiver with a draw ticket thrown in.

At the HARRY MARGARY HALL 7.30PM on the 4th Tuesday of every month except December (too close to Christmas!).

All proceeds go to the Lympne Village Hall Fund.

*This community event has been running for a number of years, making a considerable amount for the LVH. However, since Covid, audience numbers have dwindled; it's an effort to come out in the evening, especially in chilly weather. BUT.... A warm welcome awaits you - we even provide cushions!! The films are chosen to provide an interesting variety, and the bigger screen, plus the company, make it much more special.*



WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO?



## Kindness in Action A Heartfelt Thank You

From Pauline and Timmy

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours and passer-bys who helped me look for my puppy Timmy when he went missing. I am pleased to say he was found and is now back in his home again.

Thank you so much  
Pauline and Timmy

### STANFORD WITH POSTLING AND LYMPNE WI A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

THE WI QUIZ IS ON SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER  
AT THE MAIN VILLAGE HALL  
TABLES OF 6 PLEASE AND IT IS £8 PER PERSON.  
A PLOUGHMANS IS INCLUDED.

To book a table ring IONA on 07774 096 208  
We are pleased to say Lympne has now been included in our WI name .  
Lympne WI sadly disbanded a few years ago but as we meet in Lympne and many members live in the village we felt it right that its name be included .  
So if you would like to become a member we would be pleased to welcome you.

## 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. ALL PROFITS GO TO THE VILLAGE HALL FUND.



7.15 for a 7.30 start



FREE MEMBERSHIP

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

Showing on 26<sup>th</sup> August:

### CHICAGO

*Come on, Lympne, we're gonna paint the town... and all that jazz! Time for a musical. Hunt out those fishnets and enjoy great songs and sparkling performances!*

Showing on 23<sup>RD</sup> September:

### THE KITE RUNNER

*A childhood friendship leads to great courage and devotion.*



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).

The County Members



## Join Us for Our Curry Buffet Night!



Indulge in a delicious evening of curry delights

Enjoy **£18.49** for an all-you-can-eat feast, starting Tuesday, 12th August, from 6pm onwards.

Reserve Your Table Today!

Call **01303-847432** to book your table and make sure you don't miss this flavorful celebration! Look out for our Facebook adverts for updates.

#### OPENING TIMES

MONDAY (BAR OPEN) 12pm-7pm (FOOD SERVED) 12-6pm  
TUESDAY (BAR OPEN) 12-9PM (FOOD SERVED) 12-8PM  
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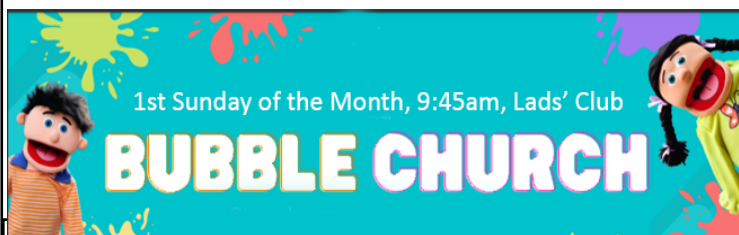
## St Stephen's Church

### Services in August

3rd August Parish Communion 11am  
 10th August Family Service 11am  
 17th August Parish Communion 11am  
 24th August Parish Communion 11am  
 31st August Check Website

**Sunday Club (ages 3-10)**  
 Meet 10-11am  
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 Contact Christine Clover:  
 Call 0300 030 1662 or text 07379  
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[christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk](mailto:christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk)



**LYMPNE &  
SALTWOOD  
TODDLERS**



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 Lympne & Saltwood  
 Toddlers  
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 Thursday mornings in the  
 Harry Margary Hall,

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE

### COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**



- Come and join us for coffee, cakes and savoury bakes. If the sun is shining, sit out and enjoy.
- Take a break while out for that walk (well-behaved dogs welcome)
- Catch up with old friends and new

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

## Come Grow With Us in Lympne

### Join Our New Community Garden Project

We're Wendy and Jessica—two local occupational therapists working to grow something special in Lympne. We've started a free, friendly community garden group at Home Farm Trust, Lympne Place.

**I Who can come?** Everyone is welcome – whether you're a keen gardener or just fancy a chat and a cuppa outdoors.

**I When?** Every Monday afternoon, 2–4pm

**I What to expect?** A relaxed, inclusive space where you can enjoy nature, learn new skills, meet neighbours and help shape a beautiful shared garden for the community.

Whether you want to dig in or drop by, we'd love to see you there.

For more information, come along or get in touch via The Sage Network.

**Let's grow something wonderful together!**

Wendy & Jessica, The Sage Network

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Our next presentation is on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>** and will be presented by **John Simpson** who will be selecting **Tales of Lympne Airfield** true stories from his final book in the trilogy he has written. He hopes to have copies available on the night.

**Our meetings start at 7.30pm at Lympne Church. Doors open 6.30pm. Admission £3. Refreshments available.**

*This month we look at the pre war national airline Imperial Airways use of Lympne Airfield as an emergency landing ground.*



## Imperial Airways Land at Lympne by John Simpson

In 2011 I was handed an interesting large sepia captioned print of an Imperial Airways HP42 named *Heracles* registered G-AAXC. The caption read that it had landed in fog at Lympne and had been damaged in the process. The date was November 1938. The story behind this emergency landing was intriguing, but very misleading.

It was not unusual for aeroplanes to land at Lympne in emergency situations throughout its life, in war and peace time. Foggy conditions were very often the reason for such landings. In reality Lympne was a designated emergency landing ground for *Imperial Airways* on their Croydon – Paris route. This was owing to geography and its customs facilities. Lympne was also used by *Imperial Airways* at this time to take on fuel for long trips abroad. In the 1930s *Imperial Airways* operated a fleet of eight Handley Page HP42 and HP45 biplane airliners from Croydon on routes to Europe and further afield. The difference between the two aeroplanes was a variant of the Jupiter engine.

The location of the sepia photograph turned out to be Hanworth in 1932. It was understood to have had an undercarriage problem caused by running over a drainage gully. The passengers were transported by road to London. To avoid bad publicity, press photographers who had descended on the scene were met by *Imperial Airways* signage being covered over on the aeroplane. So the story goes.

The photograph shows *Heracles* with work being carried out on its 490hp Jupiter engines. It was successfully repaired and returned to Croydon. This aircraft had been the first to fly one million miles in passenger service in July 1937. Its main routes were from Croydon to Paris, Cologne and Zurich carrying up to twenty four passengers in two cabins cruising at 100 mph with a maximum speed of 120 mph. At the time it was the largest airliner in the world.

Two months earlier another Imperial Airways HP42 had made an emergency landing at Lympne. On this occasion it was *Horatius* G-AAXD which collapsed on landing and had its undercarriage repaired at Lympne in a hangar before going back into service. It was short lived as one year later it crashed elsewhere and was written off.

The prototype HP42 first flew on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1930 and was designed by George Volkert and Harold Boulton. They were built at the Handley Page factory at Radlett in Hertfordshire. *Heracles* would go on to be impressed into the RAF on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1940, but was damaged beyond repair at Whitchurch Airport in Bristol shortly after on 19<sup>th</sup> March as it was blown into another of the same type.

Model makers *Airfix* chose *Heracles* as a 1/144 scale model kit in 1965, which was part of a series of more modern airliners of that era. The HP42 model is still being made today by *Airfix*. I remember making one myself in the early 1970's.

**DO YOU REMEMBER SILVER CITY AIRWAYS AT LYMPNE?**  
I AM COLLECTING ANECDOTAL STORIES AND MEMORIES, HOWEVER SHORT, OF SILVER CITY AT LYMPNE AIRFIELD 1948 – 54 FOR MY NEW BOOK. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU CAN HELP.

**FOR INFO -Contact: John Simpson on  
07508 708725 or email:  
johnsimpson43@btinternet.com**



**KENT GARDENER** August is an odd month in the gardening year. The summer isn't really over and autumn hasn't begun. Some of the plants have lost their early vigour and the garden can look a little jaded.

Smarten up the garden by dead-heading the flowers preventing seeds from forming and encouraging new buds. Take off damaged leaves and remove any annuals which are completely finished. In September stop the dead heading and leave seeds for the birds. When it is hot and dry grass stops growing and turns brown but don't worry, after a heavy rain it greens up and soon needs a cut. Sweep up any fallen leaves from the path and lawn and if necessary trim back any wandering plant and all looks neat again. Harvesting should be full swing by now and with beans and courgettes the more you pick the more will come. When the sun is strong hose down the greenhouse path after watering the plants to lower the temperature, even tomatoes wilt when it is over 40c. Place moveable pots into the shade and water well, especially if you are going on holiday and top up the pond if necessary. House plants also need constant watering and feeding to keep them at their best. Quick growing salad crops like lettuce and spinach can be sown in the ground or pots and will provide a cut and come again harvest for the autumn. Radish and spring onions are also grow quickly. August is the last month to prune plums, cherry and other stone fruits as they become susceptible to an airborne fungal disease in the damper winter months. Happy gardening.

**STUDYING HISTORY and ARCHAEOLOGY**

**in LYMPNE**—Our speaker in July was Andy Ward who described his talk as 'Life as a Curator'. He is well-known to us in supporting SHAL's archaeological excavations over the past 3years He was trained at the University of Kent and has been involved with Kent Archaeological Society for a few years. He referred to his work with KAS in the recent past, and explained its activities from the formation of the Society and its growth, referring to its partnership recently with Maidstone Museum. His' life as a Curator has covered looking after KAS' collections covering all historic periods including palaeolithic (primitive man) and the largest collections more recently from the Anglo- Saxon site in Lyminge which unearthed 1700 objects, and more recently from material donated to the 1960s, 70s and 80s. As Curator he has had the responsibility for the preservation of objects, tracing back to some early medieval collections, both national and international. In this role he has liaised with both specialists and generally with other archaeologists, for example with other collections such as Roman brooches, pottery and metalwork. His other recent role has been to promote and run KAS media channels related to archaeology. He recognised the need to research more of our gaps in research, for example with only one known iron blade. A new staff member has given talks on metal such as swords , shields and buckles and found an early medieval grave assemblage as well as brooches from the Franks. SHAL's excavations found Roman coins over the period 95 to 335 AD as well as the foot lamp last year as well and a very large number of finds for processing. These included 155 items of metalwork including special finds such as two Roman knives. There is no meeting in August and the next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in the Harry Margary Hall at which Andy Linklater will talk on the 'Saxons, the Kingdom of Kent'.

**Lympne Fellowship**—In July we enjoyed our own version of "Would I Lie To You?", organised by Jill who started us off with her own two lies and one truth. As the 'audience' asked a variety of questions, there were a lot of muttered thoughts and suggestions before we decided by a show of hands which scenario was the truth. A number of other members then took it in turns to put their own scenarios forward, resulting in a lot of laughter and murmurs of surprise at the 'Truths' that were admitted to. A fun way to spend an afternoon, with a True or False quiz to finish and time for refreshments and to catch up with old and new friends.

Our August meeting will be our picnic on the playing field, (or under the canopy / in the Harry Margary Hall as the weather demands).

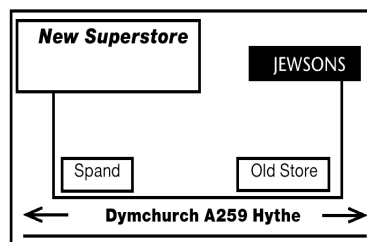
Lympne Fellowship normally meets at 1.15pm in the Harry Margary Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, . For further information about our group, please contact **Jill Page on 07846 819693.**



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#### Current Members

**Chair Mike Boor**  
**Vice Chair Anne Beales**  
**Claire Yates**  
**Michael Potter**  
**Judith East**  
**Michael McAuley**

Correspondence should be sent to the Parish Clerk

**Jeff Lawrence**  
**29 Honeywood Close Lymgne**  
**Tel: 01303 883 228**  
**e-mail: clerk@**  
**lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk**

## PLANNING MATTERS

Due to issues with space available planning applications are not published in the newsletter.

All planning matters are published with the agenda which can be found on the village notice boards or on line at

[www.lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk/meetings)

## LYMPNE LUNCH CLUB FOR OVER 60S

On lovely summer's day Villagers of all ages were invited to see and enjoy the large, colourful display of flowers and shrubs at one of the Committee's Garden. The arrangements and quality of plants and flowers were better than seen in many a professional garden. There was an opportunity to buy plants for your own garden too. We could not go without a try on the tombola, with many lovely prizes to win and the afternoon would not have been complete without the included cup of tea and a slice of homemade cake. Can I say well done to all the organisers, volunteers and cake makers involved for making the afternoon so enjoyable and a special thankyou to Rosemarie for allowing us to visit her beautiful garden. All profits go to the Lymgne over 60s Lunch Club which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. For more information call Margaret on 269557.

Thank you from Vera



## Autumn Meditation Course BOOKING NOW

8 sessions from Saturday 4 October 2025  
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**1.30pm—4.00pm**

**Location: Harry Margary Hall**  
**Lymgne Village**

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collected on: Tuesday 5th and  
19th

Non-Recyclables (Green Lid)  
and Food Waste will be  
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to make calls when phone signal  
is poor/unavailable?

**Enable Wi-Fi Calling In Settings:**

**On iPhone:**  
Settings > Phone > Wi-Fi Calling > Turn on "Wi-Fi Calling on  
This iPhone"

**On Android:**  
Varies from handset to handset. Go to Settings > Search >  
Type in "WiFi Call"...  
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