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At Lymgne Village Hall  
Christmas Fair

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
1 PM - 4PM

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To include a small gift from Santa and  
festive activities



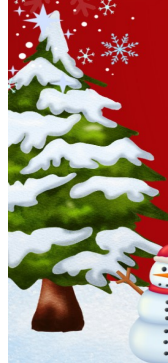
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VISIT SANTA : PRE-BOOK USING THE QR CODE

**LYMPNE YOUTH CLUB GOING STRONG**  
Lymgne Youth Club continues to go from strength to strength, with over 30 young people attending each week for a variety of fun indoor activities. Although the darker evenings have paused outdoor sessions, the enthusiasm certainly hasn't dimmed!



KCC CLLR PETER OSBORNE  
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The Parish Council and youth club leaders are delighted to share that the club has received a **£400 grant from Kent County Councillor Peter Osborne's Community Fund** to upgrade its gaming equipment—making sessions even more engaging for local youngsters.

The club's success has created a need for **extra volunteers**, particularly to **set up and tidy away** after sessions. If you can

spare a little time, please contact **Cllr. Claire Yates** at [cldr.claire.yates@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.claire.yates@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Your help can make a real difference to keeping this fantastic community project running smoothly!

Events during the

## Festive Season

at Lymgne Castle



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Murder Mystery - Red Carpet Revenge £65 per head  
Includes 3 course meal and entertainment



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Craft Fair - 12pm-4pm



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Santa's Grotto

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Sequins and Sparkles - Festive Music Bingo  
Get your glam on! £5 per head for 4 games

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Casino Party Night - £75 per head  
Includes Arrival drink, 2 course meal, casino entertainment and disco

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Carols at the Castle open from 4pm



Festive Lunches - £42 per head

Includes 3 course festive meal & welcome drink

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December  
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# LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

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

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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 25<sup>th</sup> November

Minis, mayhem and the craziest of car chases – it has to be...

**THE ITALIAN JOB**

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THERE IS NO FILM CLUB IN DECEMBER BUT DO JOIN US ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING



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THE LYMPNE PLAYING FIELD AND  
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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11th November, 8pm, in the main hall

This is your chance to meet the committee, hear about what we've been up to in the last year and what we've got planned for the coming year, examine our financial accounts and raise any questions, or maybe even get involved yourself.

Our secretary stood down last year, so I would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone who would be interested in volunteering for this important role. If you want to know more,

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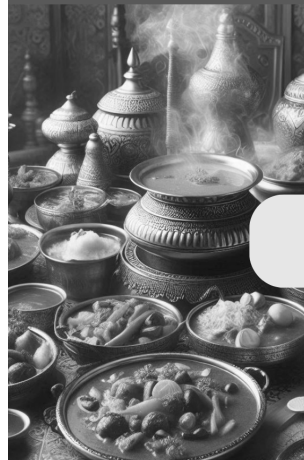
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SATURDAY (BAR OPEN) 12-10pm (FOOD SERVED) 12-9pm  
SUNDAY (BAR OPEN) 12-8pm (FOOD SERVED) 12-7pm



# St Stephen's Church

## Services in November

Sunday 2nd Nov 11am Holy Communion  
 Sunday 9th Nov **10:50am** Family Service  
**Starts next to War Memorial**  
 Sunday 16th Nov 11am Morning Worship  
 Sunday 26th Nov 11am Holy Communion  
 Sunday 26th Nov **4pm Christingle service.**  
 On 26th Nov at 10am, a Benefice service at Saltwood

**Sunday Club** (ages 3-10)  
 Meet 10-11am Lads' club Saltwood  
 Contact Christine Clover:  
 Call 0300 030 1662 or text 07379 877846  
[christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk](mailto:christineclover@lympneandsaltwoodchurches.uk)

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

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

### Looking ahead to Christmas:

There will be a few changes this year to the Christmas services at Lympne church.

On Christmas Eve, instead of a midnight service there will be a family friendly crib service at 3pm in the afternoon.

We will also be holding a **Blue Christmas** Service on Christmas Eve evening, for those who find Christmas a painful time. This gentle service offers space for reflection, prayer and quiet hope.

The family nativity service with carols will be on Sunday December 14th at 11am and the traditional carols at the castle will be at 6pm on Sunday 21st December. More details next month. Start the season with a 4pm Christingle service on 26th November.



2025



The Lympne & Saltwood Benefice

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November

10:50am **Act of Remembrance**  
 by the War memorial  
 11:00am **Family Service in church**

St Stephen's Church  
 Castle Close, Lympne

Together we honour all who served and sacrificed for our nation.



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## CHRISTMAS Creative Art Day

### 15th November

Join us for a funday for Adults & Teens making Christmas Crafts including Christmas Wreaths, Tree decorations, Knitted decorations, Cards & much more  
 Craft Stall, Extras to buy (e.g. Bottle lights)

£12 including a Cream Tea  
 Bring your own lunch

St Stephens Church Lympne  
 10.30am - 4pm  
 15 Nov

**Lloyd** who will be talking about **Buzz Bombs & Bicycles** as he rides through northern France examining V1 launch sites from 1944. Please note the wrong date for this meeting was published in the last newsletter. **Our meetings start at 7.30pm at Lympne Church. Doors open 6.30pm. Admission £3. Refreshments available.**



*This month, we look at a First World War serving NCO who spent time at Lympne Airfield from 1917 to 1919.*

## **The WW1 Airframe Rigger Who Played Football at Lympne** By John Simpson

The father of Jim Evans from Ormskirk, Lancashire left several fascinating photograph albums from his military career. Jim has cherished these ever since. They are believed to contain photographs at Lympne Airfield in WW1, but lacking captions, it is difficult to confirm this in many cases. Prior to coming to Lympne, Flight Sergeant Gabriel Evans as he became, had been based at Marden south of Maidstone. His records show he was enlisted on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1915.

He was born in Liverpool in 1886 and was an airframe rigger at Lympne between August 1917 and the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1919. As his role was concerned with the airframes of aircraft, he no doubt would have been one of those assembling aircraft to be taken over to the Western Front amongst other duties. Away from his professional capacity, he fondly remembered winning a runners up medal whilst playing football for the *No. 8 Acceptance Park* team during the 1918/19 season at Lympne. Another highlight was being taken for a flight by one of the pilots and being flown through a loop at the same time. Interestingly Gabriel started his time at Lympne as a Sergeant in the RFC, and left as an RAF Flight Sergeant, witnessing the formation of the RAF on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1918.

The photographs show Gabriel standing next to a De Havilland DH4, typical of those types prepared and sent over to the Western Front. We also see the Lympne *No. 8 Aircraft Acceptance Park* football team and his runners up medal.

He left Lympne upon his transfer to the *Equipment & Personnel Department* known as EPD at Chingford in 1919 for a matter of days, before moving to *No.10 Aircraft Acceptance Park* at Brooklands where he stayed for a six months then moving to RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire. Spells at Spitalgate near Grantham and Duxford in Cambridgeshire followed. He returned to his native West Derby region of Liverpool where he became a heating engineer in civilian life. Sport continued to be his forte as a bachelor playing football in the winter and baseball in the summer. He represented England playing baseball at international level winning two caps in 1920 and 1924 against Wales on both occasions. He married later in life, hence Jim being alive and well today. Gabriel died in 1970 at aged 84.

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

**Lympne Fellowship** Last month we enjoyed a lively and enthusiastic session of book recommendations and discussion of our reading habits and preferences. Some recommendations included:

- Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett - a huge and absorbing tale of the building of a cathedral
- At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon - a comfort-blanket read with characters you get to know and love
- The Surgeon of Crowthorne by Simon Winchester - a non-fiction book about the origins of the dictionary
- Salt on your Tongue by Charlotte Runcie - tales of women and the sea
- The Instrumentalist by Harriet Constable - a fictional historical delight

That's just a handful. Also popular were works by Anne Youngson, Neil Oliver, Anton Du Beke and Susan Sallis, along with crime novels by Rob Rinder, Richard Coles, Ann Cleves and Richard Osman.

Our next meeting, on **Thursday 11th November**, will be our Christmas Craft session led by Rosemarie Hoad.

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.

## **ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYPMPNE** **COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**



➤ *Come and join us for coffee, cakes and savoury bakes.*

➤ *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:*

*Guide Dogs  
Folkstone & Hythe District*

## STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE – (SHAL) ‘The Story So Far a talk by Guy Topham

Guy Topham gave an excellent presentation about SHAL over the years with Peter Murphy providing a seamless display of photos and a video to accompany Guy's talk. Guy reminded us that Lympne is steeped in history and archaeology to explore. Here are some highlights:

**2014-2016 - Stutfall Fort** - The archaeologist Malcolm Davies acknowledged with thanks SHAL's and Kent Archaeological Society's (KAS's) assistance in carrying out resistivity and magnetometry surveys and other field work. Stutfall Fort covered around 9 acres and was built with blocks from earlier buildings, including an altar stone and due to its existence Malcolm hoped to find a temple, however nothing significant was found. The fort, often known today as Stutfall Castle, was built c. 275 AD and was one of the Saxon shore forts. Malcolm Davies' report on his excavations of Stutfall Fort can be obtained from the KAS's website.

Two significant characters sometimes associated with Romans in Lympne are Carausius and Alectus.

**2017 - Shepway Cross** was cleaned and restored by SHAL. Erected at the top of Lympne Hill in 1923 on the site of the ancient Court of Shepway (or Shipway) it was unveiled by the Archbishop of Canterbury. A video of the ceremony is obtainable from British Pathé News.

**2018** - Magnetometry and resistivity done on fields near Shepway Cross were overseen by the archaeologist Richard Taylor and these showed interesting areas for investigation.

**2022** - Informed by results of the 2018 research, 3 trenches were dug and the excavations overseen by Richard. To everyone's delight a Roman roadside settlement was found.

Trench 1 revealed a wall, 2 floor tiles, a post hole, Roman pottery sherds and coins. Lead and slag was found too indicating the possible presence of a small industrial unit. Trench 2 contained part of a 3 vessel cremation burial including a Samian ware dish c.AD145-185, also hobnails from a pair of Roman boots or shoes. Trench 3 produced around 60 coins mainly from the early 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, box flue tile fragments and animal bones. A Stone Age axe head was found too during a field walk near Oathill cottages indicating how long humans may have inhabited this area, possibly due to the nearby supply of water from springs along the escarpment.

**2023/2024** Excavations on the edge of the escarpment revealed the lower part of a dressed stone wall, 1.9 metres wide. Due to its size and position overlooking Romney Marsh and the Channel it is likely to be part of a defensive structure. An interior wall was found, and further investigations will take place. Previous research done by Janet Powell (on St Stephen's, Lympne burial records) revealed a document dated c.1760 showing that labourers quarrying on the escarpment found what looked like a defensive structure, but no one investigated until SHAL's dig. The excavations produced building materials, pottery, glass, bones, metal and coins. Analysis of these and around 600 coins, discovered by our 3 detectorists, is in progress.

**Treasure!** Our most exciting find - a 1<sup>st</sup> century AD Roman foot lamp - was found by Neil Green. It is the only one of its kind from excavations done in the UK. After analysis by the British Museum and signing off by a Coroner, the foot lamp was officially declared treasure! We hope it will be displayed in the British Museum. A professional report is in progress. **Thanks** to the Owens and the Hurleys for allowing digs on their land. **The Future** includes more investigations of the defensive structure, searching for a road from Stutfall to Canterbury, and more research on how Carausius and Alectus are associated with Lympne.

**Next meeting – 7.30 pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025** at the Harry Margary Hall, Lympne - "Talk on the Royal Military Canal by Michael Steed." If you would like to become a member of SHAL please email Rosemary Stutchbury at [rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk](mailto:rosemary@stutchbury.myzen.co.uk).



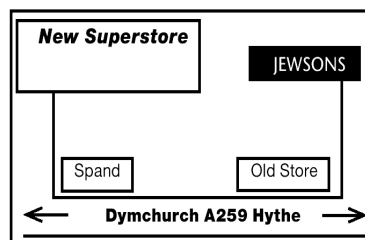
**KENT GARDENER** November is not notable for activity in the garden except for bonfire night beloved by many children. In past times bonfires were often lit in back gardens, but not so much now. If one is to be lit anytime this month do look out for hedgehogs or other creatures hiding under the wood pile. Tidying up fallen leaves or spent foliage takes up time, but rake leaves off the lawn and overwintering plants to prevent yellowing or rotting (good exercise or run the lawn mower over the grass). Leaves on the soil can be left as insects shelters and worms will take them into the soil and improve it. Birds like to peck through leaf litter to find their snacks. Although our winters seem to be milder, we still experience frosts, sometimes severe, so it is worth protecting more tender plants with mulch or moving pots into sheltered positions, but don't forget to water them carefully during dry spells. If they are protected in the lee of a wall or fence it will keep off most of the rain. Really tender plants should be taken under cover. Harvest root crops or mulch them well as they can spoil in wet or frosty weather. Make sure any brassicas are protected from the attention of pigeons. Net ponds to catch falling leaves. Many house plants prefer a more humid atmosphere after the rooms are heated again. Move them away from a source of heat and stand them on a saucer of damp pebbles. Succulents are an exception and like to be kept on the dry side and watered sparingly. Happy gardening.

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## WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP NEWS

### VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Some residents need to attend doctors or dentist appointments during the day and require a lift.

As part of the Parish Council's Wellbeing Project, we have the Wednesday group, 'The Hub' (read more in this green sheet) from 3.15 to 5pm with people requiring a lift there and back.

We have people who really want to attend other activities at the village hall but can't get there without a lift.

If you volunteer, the parish council will pay for a quick police check, as you're going into people's houses. We can help you to fill out the forms and follow the QR code so do please call so that we can arrange this for

you. Cllr Anne Beales 07595350276.

We are having a session on the 2nd Wednesday in November (12th) where James can help with form filling. It could be as little as only half an hour of your time (15mins to a group or an appointment and 15 mins back) and it could make so much difference to



someone's day who can't get out and about. Without a lift they could become isolated.

Once we have a few volunteers drivers many other initiatives, such as the occasional day out to a garden center, or Christmas shopping, will be possible. Please

think about it. Thank you use this code to register-  
**THE HUB**

'The Hub' is the new name for all that's happening at the village hall on Wednesdays 3.15 to 5 pm

If you want to come the activities include:

Tea coffee and biscuits, Crafting, Sewing, Table tennis.

Also, once a month our **Digital Champion** (James) will be there to offer advice / demonstrate how to get the best from your phones and devices, show you how to book appointments and use E consult etc.

### TRADES AND HANDY WORKERS

We need help from trades people and handy people... obviously some already advertise in our green sheet. The people who attend the Hub sometimes need the smallest of jobs doing. Change a bulb or plug, tighten a door handle, replace a tap washer .. some people find using a ladder or a screw driver or bringing in logs too hard. . Can you register with Chair of Wellbeing Partnership using

Cllr.Anne.Beales@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk

obviously people are happy to pay but don't know who to ask for help, often at very short notice.

### LYMPNEPARISH COUNCIL

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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

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25th

Non-Recyclables (Green Lid)  
and Food Waste will be  
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18th

Garden Waste Collections 11th and  
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*Please do not put the lid on the  
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