



The **LYMPNE WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP** ('LWP') held its Inaugural meeting as a Parish Council sub-committee on 24th March.

THANK YOU. We now have 6 volunteer drivers in our database who have completed or are completing police checks. This 'service' is so valued because it literally improves the well-being of people who get lifts immediately. We can take on more drivers if you have an hour or so to spare in the week (sometimes at weekends). Do call Anne, number at the bottom.

We (LWP) are now looking for **MINIBUS DRIVERS**. Please see guidance via the link, as your licence may already state you are! We need 3-4 qualified drivers to become KCC approved via an assessment and medical. We can then hire the community minibus for group trips out in Lymgne. Link: www.kent.gov.uk. When the picture of a field comes up, go into the search bar and type 'mini'. Do call Anne, number at the bottom.

Would you like to join Hub activities? We are starting a podcast so people can hear our opinions! Our craft group continues at £5 PP (approx. fortnightly). Other activities will be 'games' that exercise both body and mind (gently). Don't sit at home alone on Wednesdays. Do call Anne, number at the bottom.

WE NEED YOU We don't have many newly retired people from 'the trades' or good at DIY, volunteers, and those with specialist skills, such as watch/clock makers, to set up a repair workshop. We need people to donate items, offer expertise, and tools. First, we need a **CO-ORDINATOR**. Could you take on this volunteer role to start this exciting initiative? We can then invite people to attend the workshop with items that need mending. Do call to discuss: Anne Beales chair of LWP 07595 350 276

LYMPNE YOUTH CLUB. Could You Spare a Few Hours for Lymgne's Young People?

Lymgne Youth Club is a thriving hub for the village's young people, currently welcoming 30 members through its doors each term. Held on Tuesday evenings at Lymgne Village Hall from 6:30pm to 7:45pm, the club offers a fantastic range of activities — basketball, netball, pool, table tennis, team games, crafts, and much more.

Thanks to a £400 Kent County Council Community Grant, the club has recently added new gaming equipment and a TV/monitor to its offering, making it more exciting than ever for its members. But to keep this vital community provision running smoothly, we need a little help from you.

We're looking for volunteers aged 18 and over to join us during the club's term-time operating period. This is not a weekly commitment — even coming along twice a month to help with setting up and clearing away after sessions makes a real difference.

No specialist skills are needed, just a willingness to be part of something that genuinely matters to Lymgne's young people. Whether you're retired, working, or simply looking to give something back to your community, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more, please contact Councillor Claire Yates by email at clr.claire.yates@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk or leave a message on the Parish Council phone on 01303 883 228.

What's on in

June

at Lymgne Castle



Thursday 4th June - Castle Book Club - 6:30pm-9:30pm

Bring your latest read, grab a drink and find yourself a cosy spot in front of one of our roaring open fires or watch the sunset on the terrace.

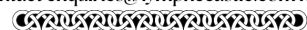
Free entry. Socialising optional.



Wednesday 10th June - Open Mic Night - 7:30pm-10:00pm

Whether you're a confident performer or simply fancy giving it a go, we'd love to hear you. Sing, bring your own instrument, or join in with the band for an evening of live music in one of the castle's most atmospheric spaces.

Free entry - Contact enquiries@lympnecastle.com for more details



Thursday 11th June - Music Bingo - Games start at 6:30pm

Get your dabbers out and join us for the most fun on a Friday night!

£5 for 4 games, supporting Lymgne Village Primary School
Games start at 6:30pm



Thursday 18th June - Immersive Sound Bath - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join us for a deeply relaxing and meditative sound journey with singing bowls, gongs and other instruments.

Use this opportunity to pause, breathe, and reconnect with yourself. £20pp



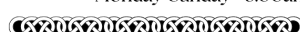
Opening Hours

The Good Knight and Castle

Monday - Sunday - 12:00pm - 10:30pm (last food orders 9:00pm)

The Naughty Dog

Monday - Sunday - 8:00am - 6:00pm (last food orders 5:00pm)



For more information or to book, please contact us on

01303 535533 or email enquiries@lympnecastle.com

LYMPNE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

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**SATURDAY
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We're running an afternoon Boot Fair on Saturday 6th June, starting at 1pm. Pitches priced at a very reasonable £8, payable on the day, no need to pre-book. Find new homes for all the unwanted presents you got at Christmas! Or come along and pick up a bargain.

On Sunday 26th July we are running our annual Summer Fair. There will be interesting stalls, food and drink, entertainment for children and adults, plus the Dog Show. We still have room for a few more stalls, please do get in touch with events@lympnevillagehall.co.uk to book.

Lastly, and I can't believe this has to be said, but please note that dogs are not allowed in our brand new children's play area. We will be putting up signage to remind dog owners of this in the near future.

Phil Scrivener- Chair Lympne Village Hall



DIGITAL CHAMPION SUPPORT
1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Harry Margary Hall

For help with a wide range of online services, parking apps, NHS appointments or just to ask questions. No appointment necessary, first come first served.

LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

IN THE HARRY MARGARY HALL

Films will be shown every 4th 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: 23rd June

PHILOMENA

Based on a true story, this is a moving account in which Judi Dench plays a determined woman searching for the son she gave up for adoption.

Showing on 28th July: **DOWNTON ABBEY- THE GRAND FINALE** - The sumptuous conclusion to hugely popular series.



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).

A SMALL BUT IMPORTANT REQUEST
PLEASE KEEP DOGS OUT OF THE PLAY AREA



We're delighted that so many children are already enjoying our wonderful new play area! We do have one small but important request - please keep dogs out of the fenced enclosure.

Even the friendliest dog can accidentally knock a small child, and hygiene is a real concern in a space where little ones play.

It's also worth knowing that the Folkestone & Hythe District Council PSPO covers enclosed play areas, so please do help us keep this lovely space safe and fun for all children in our community.

LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP

Our meeting in May saw us, once again, raising our voices as Chris Kimmance of Ashford Sings led us towards becoming a choir with backing harmony! He then recorded our final attempt which doesn't sound too bad. Everyone took part and enjoyed the experience. Our thanks to Chris for his light-hearted, friendly, approach, not to mention his patience!

Lympne 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.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH, LYMPNE 'MID-SUMMER' COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 13th June 2026

10.30am - 12.30pm

- Join us for coffee, cake & savoury bakes
- Explore the churchyard and enjoy the fabulous view
(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:

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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT**



St Stephen's Church Services in June

Sunday June 7th	11am Holy Communion
Sunday June 14th	11am Family Service
Sunday June 21st	11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Praise with the Band.
Sunday June 28th	11am Holy Communion

Other Events in the Church - all are welcome

Next evening of **Hymn Singing for All** is in Lympne Church on Friday 19th June at 7pm. This is just what it says - an hour singing a variety of hymns and songs, and all are welcome.

Evening Praise: Led by a band and featuring a range of songs, particularly those suited to band-led worship. Sunday 21st June at 6pm.

Creative Craft Day on Saturday 27th June from 10:30am-4pm. Contact Yvonne on 07779 543195 to book a place or find out more.

CREATIVE CRAFT DAY
Nature-Themed Art Workshop
For Adults & Teens

St Stephen's Church, Lympne | Saturday 27th June | 10:30am - 4:00pm

Join us for a fun and relaxing day of creativity - perfect for all abilities!

Activities include:

- Printing
- Painting
- Decoupage (including shells)
- A variety of creative craft projects

Please bring:

- A packed lunch
- An apron

Cost: £15 (includes a delicious cream tea!)

To book or find out more:
Yvonne - 07779 543195

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

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

LYMPNE + SALTWOOD TODDLERS

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

19th-20th
September 2026

BIBLE READING MARATHON
St Stephen's Church, Lympne

Come be part of our village's first Bible Reading Marathon!

We hope many people from the village will help read out loud the Bible from Matthew to Revelation, non-stop, in Lympne Church.

This will take between 22-24 hours, and will start at 10am on Saturday 19th. Different groups will read through Saturday day, evening, night and into Sunday morning. We expect to finish mid-morning on Sunday.

See <https://tinyurl.com/lympne-brm> for more details and to sign up to take part.

Why are we doing this? In a world that never stops moving, we are creating a space to stop, read or listen to the Bible.

This is an event for everyone, whatever you believe

Lympne looking at his numerous connections with our Airfield. In September John Simpson will be looking at the local Home Guard and their connections with Lympne Airfield.

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

On the Churchill theme this month, we look at a flight made by the great man aided by a Squadron from Lympne in 1944, together with other adventures.



A Night Out in Antwerp & Operation Minoru by John Simpson

One of several Spitfire squadrons operating from Lympne in WW2 was 610, within which Pilot Officer Scaman, a Canadian was one of its pilots. Nick Oram's book Spitfire Pilots - Legends of the Air contains an interview with Ben Scaman in recent years who told of his time flying from Lympne.

On 25th October 1944 Ben with 610, together with 41 and 350 Squadrons escorted 600 Lancasters and Halifaxes on a raid to Essen. On the way back their CO decided to land at Antwerp on the pretext of being low on fuel. He considered his pilots needed a break and the Belgian Underground got word that they had landed. A truck then took the pilots to the Century Hotel as the locals wanted to show their appreciation, and not intending them to pay. The Germans were on the other side of the river and tried to shell the truck, just missing it. A few alcohol induced sore heads were sustained as they later went

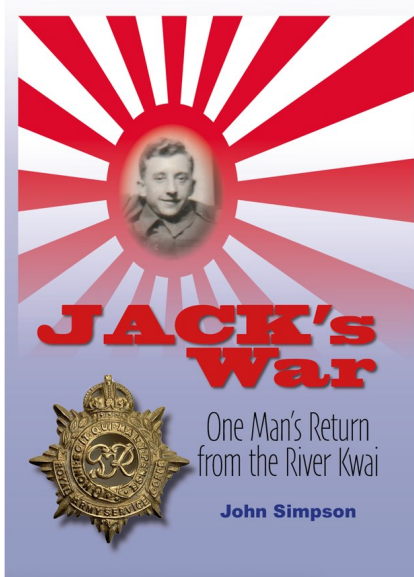
from bar to bar, before returning to Lympne in the morning. Ben wrote in his flying log, 'Landed at Antwerp – no money, so came back'.

Ben Scaman was closely involved in the defection flight of a Luftwaffe Junkers 88 flown into RAF Dyce, Aberdeen in 1943. The said aircraft now resides in the RAF Museum at Hendon to this day. He had his thumb on the machine gun button of his Spitfire as the aircraft carried through its defection flight to Dyce at the time.

On the 13th November 1944, Ben again flying in bad weather from Lympne in a Spitfire XIV with 610 and with eleven other aircraft, was tasked with a top secret mission, Operation Minoru to fly to Juvincourt Airfield, an Advanced Landing Ground 20 km north west of Reims in the champagne region of France. They were to have an overnight stay in Laon where they enjoyed the local wine.

The next morning, the reason for the top secret mission was put into action. Winston Churchill had been having a meeting with the Free French leader Charles de Gaulle and had also attended a service of remembrance in Paris. Ben and his squadron companions were to escort Churchill in an RAF Dakota back to Brize Norton* in Oxfordshire. Churchill would have seen the Spitfires around him zig zagging as they slowed down to stay with the Dakota, no doubt with cigar in hand!

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



JACK'S WAR

John Henry (Jack) Simpson was called up in late 1939 and found himself in the Royal Army Service Corps as a truck driver. After witnessing some of the Battle of Britain in Kent he was put on a convoy to the Middle East, only to be redirected to Singapore en route. After only a matter of weeks he was one of the many British POW's taken at the fall of Singapore in February 1942.

Suffering from beriberi, dysentery and delirious he was lucky to survive the Burma – Thailand Death Railway, coming very close to dying, before pulling through and volunteering to go on a draft to Japan at the recommendation of an Allied Doctor and knowing his mother would like to see him again.

So in September 1944 as part of a draft of Allied POWs on their way to Japan for use as forced labour, his ship was mistakenly torpedoed by the US Navy in the South China Sea. After 36 hours in the sea, at first left to die by the Japanese, he was finally rescued, one of those few who survived. After a desperate journey in an ex whaler in the hands of the Japanese, he finally made it to Moji in Japan for the next chapter in his incarceration.

Taken to Sakata in north east in Japan, he was there when the two atomic bombs were dropped some 400 miles away, witnessing the hysteria and shock of what had happened further south. Jack made it home to his home city of Nottingham in the middle of the night to be greeted by his mother with the words 'where have you been you naughty boy?' Against the odds he lived into the 21st century. His war continued for the rest of his life owing to his health suffering as a consequence. This modest man's story is worthy of retelling to a wider audience. In 1991 he sat down with his nephew on camera to tell his

story for posterity. Thirty five years later this has now been turned into a book by his nephew John, and deservedly so. John Simpson first started to write books at the time of the Covid lockdowns. *Jack's War* is his fifth book following a murder mystery novel and three volumes of the history of Lympne Airfield near Hythe in Kent, the former site of aviation in his home village today.

Available for £10 from trackpad website or
John will deliver locally

STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYMPNE (SHAL)

Talk and Presentation by Andy Linklater: 'Doggerland – Europe's Lost Prehistoric Kingdom'

At around 20,000 years ago, as the last Ice Age was waning, glaciers started to melt, exposing a vast land mass between Scandinavia, the Netherlands and Britain, which we now know as Doggerland, named after the Dogger Bank that may have earned its name from 17th century Dutch fishing boats called 'doggers'. Britain was connected to Europe for thousands of years, and over time tundra became open grassland, similar in parts to the steppes of Central Asia. As the climate became warmer, these grasslands developed into a more temperate landscape with pine and deciduous trees, rivers and marshes that could support both human and animal habitation.

Imagine this area inhabited by woolly mammoths, rhinos, wolves, elk, bison, deer and bears. Evidence shows that Mesolithic people lived there, likely having followed the animals they depended on for food. Among these wild animals, herds of horses roamed free, possibly Przewalski's horses as the environment would have suited them. They are one of the only surviving truly wild horse populations and have never been successfully domesticated and incidentally, a small herd is kept at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park today. Horse riders need to keep a safe seat in the saddle when passing by, because, if they see you, they are likely to gallop to the fence, kicking and baring their teeth to frighten you away.

Evidence of life in Doggerland is still being discovered. Fishing ships working in the North Sea, particularly around the Dogger Bank, frequently find mammoth teeth, animal bones, stone tools and worked pebbles in their nets. These date back tens of thousands of years, and although in the past there has been limited systematic recording of these finds, this is now improving.

Around 8,000 to 10,000 years ago, Doggerland still connected Britain to Europe, so the movement of people would have been on foot. It was a fertile habitat for hunter-gatherers, with major river systems flowing across the land. Mapping from sub-surface surveys shows that the Thames once flowed eastwards to join the Rhine as part of a broader and shifting river network often referred to as the 'Channel River', which crossed what is now the North Sea and English Channel.

Several events over millennia contributed to the creation of Britain as an island. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, glacial lakes formed behind a chalk ridge that connected what is now Dover and Calais. When this land was eventually breached, enormous waterfalls were created. These waterfalls contributed to further erosion of the chalk and the formation of what is now the English Channel. This was not a single event but part of repeated phases of flooding and erosion, later followed by rising sea levels as the Ice Age came to an end, resulting in the gradual flooding of low-lying Doggerland.

Then around 8,200 years ago, a massive underwater landslide off Norway - the Storegga Slide - occurred on the edge of the Norwegian Trench. This triggered a powerful tsunami across the North Sea, with major impacts around Britain, Norway, Denmark and surrounding low-lying coasts. There have been claims suggesting that sediments from this event reached as far as Argentina, but these are not supported by scientific evidence. By this time,

Doggerland had already been shrinking due to rising sea levels, and the Storegga event contributed significantly to the loss of the remaining land.

The combination of melting glaciers, rising sea levels over millennia, and resulting flooding finally submerged Doggerland, cutting Britain off from mainland Europe and leaving the island we know today. We should also remember that the sea continues to erode the chalk cliffs at Dover and along our coasts; our landscape is still being reshaped.

Today, Doggerland, once home to thousands of people and animals, lies beneath the North Sea and the Channel. But the Dogger Bank, a large, submerged sandbank, remains as a reminder of this long past landscape. I expect many of you will recognise the name from shipping forecasts, which now evokes what Andy Linklater describes as 'Europe's Lost Prehistoric Kingdom'.

Next meeting: There will be no meeting next month but there will be an article on Amphitheatres. If you would like to become a member of SHAL please email our Chair Rosemary Stutchbury at r.stutchbury1@gmail.com



Midsummer is one of the most colourful seasons in the garden and a time to enjoy the lushness of it all. This year strong winds and sunshine have dried out the soil making the planting of new subjects hard work despite all the rain we had in earlier months. Water the soil well in the planting holes and allow to drain before firming in the new subjects. Give plants regular high potassium feeds and dead head spent flowers to keep them in top condition. Save water by placing plant containers on saucers to catch the runoff and consider using kitchen water, used to wash vegetables or hands, on the garden but avoid softened water and harsh detergents. If evergreen hedges need trimming look carefully for nesting birds first and delay if any are found until they have fledged. Edging the lawn is a quick way to make the garden look neater, create a gully at the edge to stop grass from creeping into the bed as well. Once the first truss on a tomato plant has set it is time to start using tomato feed, look on the pack to see the recommended dosage. Despite very dry weather slugs and snails have enthusiastically taken over the garden again and lily beetle and vine weevil have joined the party. Look out for shredded leaves and try to find the culprits. They tend to be most active in the evenings. Vine weevils make notches on the edge of leaves, but it is the grubs which do the most damage nibbling the roots until the plant fails. Tie in tall specimens and climbers before support will be needed. Happy gardening.

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

Current Members

Chair Mike Boor

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Could You Be One Of Our Next Parish Councillors?

As your Parish Council enters the final year of its current term of office, with local parish council elections due to take place in 2027, now is the perfect time to start thinking about whether you could play a role in shaping the future of our community.

Being a Parish Councillor is one of the most rewarding forms of public service you can take on. It's your chance to have a real say in local issues that matter - from planning and green spaces to community events and local amenities. Councillors come from all walks of life; no special qualifications are needed, just a genuine interest in where you live and a willingness to get involved. If you're curious, why not come along to one of our Parish Council meetings to see what it's all about? Meetings are open to the public and dates are advertised on our website and local notice boards. You're also very welcome to have an informal chat with any of our current councillors, or contact the Parish Clerk directly to arrange an appointment and find out more.

Your community needs people like you. Could 2027 be your year?

REFUSE COLLECTION DATES

JUNE 2026

Recycling (Purple Lid/Black Box) and Food Waste will be collected on: Tuesday 9th and 23rd

Non-Recyclables (Green Lid) and Food Waste will be collected on: Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Garden Waste Collections 9th and 23rd

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The link to weekly newsletters is <https://www.lympne.kent.sch.uk/News/Newsletters-31082018152119/>

