

Lympne Youth Club: Thank You And We're Not Done Yet

Following our appeal in the last newsletter, we're delighted to share some good news: several people from the village have come forward offering to volunteer for Lympne Youth Club. Thank you, to everyone who got in touch, and to everyone who shared the appeal. It made a real difference.

A date for reopening is still to be confirmed. We'd rather take a little time to get things properly organised than reopen the club only to risk it closing again shortly after, so please bear with us while we plan the next steps.

We're now looking for one person to come forward as Volunteer and Youth Club Coordinator, taking the lead in organising the volunteer team and the running of the club. If you'd like to know more about what this would involve, please get in touch.

We'd also still welcome more volunteers. Whether you can offer an hour a week or an evening a month, every bit of help makes the club more sustainable in the long run. If you can help, in any capacity, please contact Claire Yates at cllr.claire.yates@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Clocks Going Back: A Timely Reminder to Check Your Home Security

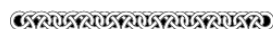
As the clocks go back this October and evenings draw in, Kent Police and the Home Office both warn that opportunist burglars find it easier to spot unoccupied homes once darkness falls before residents return from work.

Kent Police recommends thinking WIDE(N): Windows, Interior, Doors, Exterior and Neighbours. A timer switch on lights or a radio, and low-wattage lighting on dark entrances, can make a home look occupied. Doors and windows should stay locked at all times, UPVC doors double-locked, and keys kept out of sight. Sheds and garages are common targets too, so deserve the same care. Nationally, the Home Office continues to back the Secured by Design initiative, promoting quality locks, sensor lighting and video doorbells as cost-effective deterrents. Please look out for neighbours' homes and report anything suspicious to Kent Police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

Upcoming events in

October

at Lympne Castle



Wednesday 7th October - Open Mic Night 19:30-22:00

Lympne Castle is turning up the volume for a fun-filled Open Mic Night in the Castle's Great Hall. If you'd like to sing or play your own instrument with the band, we'd love to hear from you — and yes, all abilities are welcome. Free Entry.



Thursday 15th October - Castle Book Club - 6:30pm-9:00pm

Bring your latest read, grab a drink and find yourself a cosy spot in front of the roaring fires. Free entry. Socialising optional.



Friday 16th October - Live Music at The Castle 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Get ready for a brilliant evening of live music with Ellie Louise in the Great Hall at Lympne Castle! Expect great tunes, a buzzing atmosphere, and all the charm of the castle for a fun night out with friends and family. Free Entry.



Wednesday 28th October - Immersive Sound Bath 18:30-19:30

Join us for this session where André from Sound Emergence leads us into a deeply relaxing and meditative sound journey with singing bowls, gongs and other instruments.



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 details or to book, please contact us on 01303 533533
or email enquiries@lympnecastle.com

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Thank you so much all the volunteers for the Wellbeing Project. The feedback we get is always so positive, particularly around volunteer driving, where one hour once a week literally enables people to feel less isolated, more in control of their lives and lifts their spirits. If you want to become a volunteer drive, email or call us.

We'd like to thank the Village Hall Committee for arranging the re-painting of the car park, incorporating a new one-way system with a drop off point, making it much easier for people attending activities at the halls.

We held a successful session on the subject of Digital Security and how to avoid scams some months ago. Following on from that, James (our Digital Champion) was able to help residents with scam avoidance. We're thinking of running something similar in the near future, and although we assume you'd like to see it cover similar topics. Do let us know if there are other areas you'd like to see covered, e.g. getting value for money when updating equipment. Let us know by emailing or calling us.

Don't forget if you need help with IT you will find James first Wednesday of the month in the old hall 3pm to 5pm.

The "Lympne Shed" is open (even though the shed isn't built yet)! Take your repairs to the Committee Room (rear of old hall) on Thursday mornings from 10am to midday. Don't forget to communicate with Mark and Robert, with ideas around what you'd like to see the "Lympne Shed" volunteers do. Some older members of the community will be popping in to discuss what they'd like to see happen. Another couple have mentioned a "quid pro quo" arrangement, in that, if some volunteers help them bag up some rubble, they'll do some volunteer driving. What do you think of this idea?

How many people in Lympne order their shopping online, either for one-off goods, or for the weekly food shop? Would you be prepared to help someone learn how to shop online, or help someone with their order on a regular basis? Please email or call if you want to help with this.

Would you like us to arrange for the fire brigade to inspect your property and check your fire alarms? They visited me and replaced 3 fire alarms, all free of charge.

If you have any thoughts, ideas or questions regarding wellbeing, do get in touch.

The email address is lympnewellbeingpartnership@gmail.com, and the number to call is 07376 397201



Help Us Look After Our Footpaths

I am quite a keen walker around Lympne along the escarpment, through the fields, out towards the marshes and lately I've noticed more marker posts missing, stiles in poor repair, and stretches that have become hard to get through. If you walk these paths often, you've probably seen the same.

The Parish Council is launching an effort to track and report footpath defects and we need your help.

Whose job is it?

Public rights of way are the responsibility of Kent County Council (KCC), who must maintain the path surface, keep it free from obstruction, and provide waymarking. Landowners are responsible for stiles, gates and bridges, and for keeping crops and vegetation clear. KCC covers a huge network with limited resources, so problems often go unreported for a long time we want to help change that.

How you can help

If you spot a problem, email footpaths@lympneparishcouncil.gov.uk with:

- Location - a grid reference, what3words address, or a clear description
- Type of fault - e.g. impassable/blocked path, overgrown vegetation, missing waymarker/signage, broken stile/gate/fence, damaged bridge, flooding
- A photo if possible

We'll map every report on our website so you can see what's outstanding, and follow up with KCC on progress. Our footpaths are one of the best things about living here - let's look after them together.

Thank you- The Parish Clerk.



SERVICES AT ST STEPHENS CHURCH LYMPNE OCTOBER 2026

4 th Holy Communion	11am
11 th All Age Family Service	11am
18 th Holy Communion	11am
25 th Holy Communion	11am

LYMPNE FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting in September we enjoyed a highly interesting and informative about the work of the **Rainbow Centre** to help those suffering genuine hardship. They provide food services, homeless support, family contact and money advice to individuals and families across the Folkestone and Hythe district and treat all those they seek to help with sympathy, compassion, kindness and fairness. One of the ways they help is to run food banks where people who have been given tickets to shop, are either given or purchase for a small amount of money, food and other necessary items within an agreed amount. They also help with clothing, showers, and advice to help them move on from their current situation. St Stephen's Church supports this organisation by donating food items to their local food bank



MOST NEEDED



Rainbow Centre

- Coffee
- White cooking sauce
- Tinned veggie meals
- Long life juice
- Sugar
- Washing capsules
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Mens deodorant

Please ensure all food is NOT OUT OF DATE and UNOPENED as we are not allowed to distribute out of date food, and it costs us money to dispose of. Thank you!

Please scan QR code for more & follow Shepway Foodbank



Charity No: 1096570 Food Services No: 07913 573403

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.

A BIG THANK YOU

Just to say a big thank you to the luncheon club committee and several volunteers who provided us with a very nice cream tea with home made scones, cakes and interesting sandwiches with a smile. Many of us would not have been able to attend if it wasn't for the volunteer drivers who escorted us on that day and to our monthly luncheon club on the second Friday of the month, besides the weekly hub held on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested in either of these events phone Margaret on 01303 269557 or Anne on 07595350276 From Vera Hicks

LYMPNE VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

IN THE HARRY MARGARY HALL

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

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Showing on 27TH OCTOBER

IT'S COMPLICATED

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Then on 24th November: **MOULIN ROUGE**, starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor – a colourful, exotic, musical love story – exuberant entertainment!



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).

LYMPNE AIRFIELD HISTORY SOCIETY

On November 3rd we welcome Rachel Cornish, well known in the village as one of our church wardens, who will be looking at the natural world and its comparisons in flight with man made aircraft. Entitled Wings of Nature, Wings of Flight, we look forward to her presentation.

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



This time we look at a survey flight flown from Lympe in 1934
The Survey Flight and the Comet Racers

By John Simpson

In October 1934 the famous MacRobertson England – Australia air race took place featuring three revolutionary De Havilland 88 Comet Racers. The winning aircraft was Grosvenor House flown by Charles Scott and Tom Campbell Black. Another named Black Magic flown by Jim Mollison and Amy Johnson didn't complete the full course, dropping out at Allahabad with engine trouble. The lesser known not named third Comet flown by Owen Cathcart Jones and Ken Waller was well connected with Lympe Airfield.

On 22nd March 1934, Ken Waller, a Cinque Ports Flying Club assistant instructor and Bernard Rubin an Australian racing driver and pilot took off from Lympe in a De Havilland Leopard Moth to

make a survey flight to Darwin for the later race to come. They took two days short of the planned six weeks to successfully reach Australia. Bernard Rubin (6/12/1896 – 27/6/1936) had won the Le Mans 24 hour race in 1928, and was one of the famous Bentley Boys before becoming a pilot. Tutored by Ken Waller, he learnt to fly in 1933. Lambeth born Waller (7/4/08) had learnt to fly at Lympe in 1930 after riding by one day on his motorcycle, and seeing a sign saying 'Learn to Fly'. He kept doing odd jobs in the area and at the airfield to facilitate gaining his 'A' licence. He would go on to be the Chief Instructor in time, and won the Folkestone Aero Trophy at Lympe in 1933.

The return flight from Darwin was made in record time, beating the solo record of Jim Mollison (8 days, 22 hours, 25 minutes). This was partly because Waller was overdue back at Lympe. The route included such places as Kupang in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) Batavia (now Jakarta), Aleppo in Syria and Le Bourget (Paris) before getting lost in a fog bound English Channel. Upon reaching England, Rubin recognised a friend's house at Pevensy, so decided to land at Eastbourne. The record time was 8 days, 19 hours and 55 minutes to cover the 24,000 miles. Forty minutes later they landed at Lympe at 6.50pm before a large crowd.

Rubin intended to fly in the Mildenhall – Melbourne MacRobertson race that October, but had to pull out through ill health. Owen Cathcart Jones was his replacement who would go on to join Ken Waller in the Comet G-ACSR which came fourth. After the race was completed, Jones and Waller flew film of the race back to England in their Comet landing at Lympe on 2nd November 1934.

Ken Waller went on to be test pilot at the Miles Aircraft company of Woodley near Reading succeeding Tommy Rose. Bernard Rubin died in England of a pulmonary tuberculosis in 1936 and his body was taken back to Australia for burial. Ken Waller died fifty years later in 1986.

Today Ken Ferns is building a replica of G-ACSR which will prominently display the original registration, but in smaller letters on the tail. Its true identity G-RCSR will also be worn to satisfy CAA officialdom. Grosvenor House is today airworthy at the Shuttleworth Collection in Bedfordshire and Black Magic is being restored at Burnaston Airport in Derby. As a footnote, interestingly H. L. Brook also set out on a survey flight from Lympe in March 1934, having stayed at the County Members pub the night before. In his case he only made it as far as France, being forced down near Mont Lozere in the Cevennes National Park range near Gard. He survived the event. (See Tales of Lympe Airfield Vol. 1.)

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

LYMPNE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

We meet every Monday and Thursday from 7.00 to 9.30pm from October until April.

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The first Two sessions are FREE.

No need to buy bowls as the club has a few sets which can be used until you have decided whether you are going to enjoy the game.

All you need is a pair of carpet slippers or SMOOTH SOLED SHOES. There are in-house competitions, as well as rollups and we also participate in the Shepway League with some success.

Come along you will be made most welcome.

For further details please text: 07743371188 or email : r.geddes@talk21.com

STUDYING HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN LYPNE (SHAL)

Our dig in August on the Beacon Field site continued from last year and revealed further walls and levelled platforms. More coins and pottery but no real significant finds, so we are still not sure exactly what the Romans were doing on this cliff top. Lots of theories but no real evidence. The archaeologist in charge Keith Parfitt is keen to explore further next year.

We were privileged to welcome him to our September 15th meeting to talk to us about the East Cliff ongoing dig in Folkestone.

Unlike our site this has been known and excavated since 1919 when a local man discovered remains on the cliff, and the archaeologist Samuel Winbolt set up a dig to explore the site. A large 3rd /4th century Roman villa was revealed with two bath houses, a dining room with a view over the Channel and a mosaic floor. This had been built on the remains of an earlier 1st and 2nd century villa. Right through until the 2nd World War this was kept open to the public (ever wondered why there is public toilet isolated up on the East Cliff ?) The shore fortifications during the war meant the closure of the area and in 1957 the by now overgrown remains were filled in with fly ash.

As part of the Folkestone unearthed project in 2010 the site was reopened, and Keith was involved with the new project. It was found that there were in fact three separate buildings and one at least was in danger of disappearing because of cliff erosion. Since then, there has been a steady exploration both of the villa and the court yard. This reveals that this site was originally an iron age trading post dating back at least to 100 BC. The dig continues and will add more to our knowledge of ancient Folkestone.

Our next meeting on Tuesday October 20th in the Harry Margary Hall at 7.30 p.m. will be a talk by Sam Moorehead on Roman coins.

LYMPNE LUNCH CLUB

Autumn's coming, difficulty in getting about, over 60?

Why not join our friendly group

We have lunch, activities and a chat in the Harry Margary Hall on the second Friday of each month at 12.30pm.

The two course meal and tea or coffee is £8.50.

It is essential that the meal is booked in advance at least two days before the lunch takes place.

For a membership form, more information or to book a meal phone **Margaret: 01303 26955 7.**

email: lympnelunchclub@gmail.com.

Transport can be arranged within the village if necessary.

KENT GARDENER- Now that rains have returned and gardens are looking less like deserts it is time to start preparing for the months to come. Installing a water butt or two or using 'grey' water (used to wash vegetables or hands), will help to save water in the future. With soil now so dry it may take a couple of months for rain to penetrate deeply so when planting bulbs or transplanting shrubs or perennials fill the new hole with water twice and allow to drain before planting. When weeding around plants or taking up summer bedding don't mulch until the soil is moist as it will prevent rain penetrating the ground. During hot dry periods plants can become almost dormant, some can revive with the moisture. It is too late to feed now but deadheading ornamentals, eg dahlias, or harvesting vegetables will keep them going until it gets cold. Once the greenhouse crops are finished clean inside and out and secure anything loose or broken. Check tall plants and climbers and tie in any branches or stems before strong winds and heavy rain can damage new growth. Ponds need attention now. Net the surface to stop falling leaves entering the water, remove faded growth, overgrown marginals and blanket weed. Leave these by the pond for 24 hours to let water creatures crawl back home. Create a hotel for minibeasts by stacking small logs, twigs, broken pots, pinecones with leaves and plenty of spaces to encourage 'guests'. Clean out or install nestboxes now as small birds use them as winter shelter and can start looking for nesting sites as early as January. 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 Lymgne Parish Councillors

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Lymgne Parish Councillors were out and about in the village in August reviewing Parish

assets and amenities. This highlighted a few areas of neglect and in particular the play park in Manor Farm Close which needs refurbishment. They are pressing the District Council to take action to bring it up to a safe standard so local families can use it. The walkabout day will be repeated at intervals in the future. If you identify any areas in the village requiring attention, please contact the Clerk.

BIN COLLECTION DATES

OCTOBER 2026

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

Tuesday 13th and 27th

Non-Recyclables (Green Lid) and Food Waste will be collected on:

Tuesday 6th and 20th

Garden Waste Collections 13th and 27th

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

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