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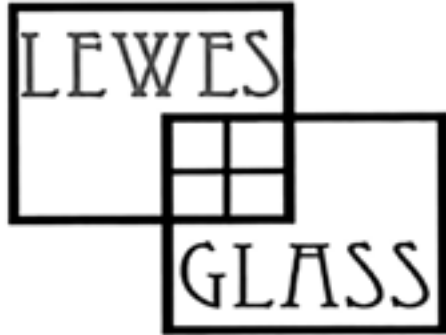
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# LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

Happy Spring to you all! At least, I hope that Spring has finally arrived. The Easter season starts on 31 March and will last for 40 days - the great Christian celebration of Life, Resurrection, Forgiveness and Reconciliation.

All around us in nature there is the reawakening that Spring brings, with flowers and trees budding and blooming again. The days are noticeably longer and (hopefully) the sun shines.

Alongside a call to celebrate the new birth of Spring around us at this time I wanted to offer everyone an opportunity to join in with this magazine. Do you have a few words to tell others about a historical event that happened in Ringmer? Did anything noteworthy happen in May one year that might be included next month? What secret path or woodland walk do you particularly enjoy? And what was on the corner of Lewes Road and Springett Avenue before the clock was erected in 2000? We are always looking for short articles to add to the magazine. Do join in and contribute if you can. We can't guarantee to print every offering but we would be pleased to receive anything you might offer, including photos for the front cover. Send any articles or images to [ringmerparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:ringmerparishmag@gmail.com)

And do take time to enjoy the beauty of the village and nature as April continues.

**With every blessing, Revd. David**

## APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

**SUNDAY 7 APRIL**

10am

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

FirstSunday@10 / 6.30pm Eucharist for Easter

**SUNDAY 14 APRIL**

10am

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Eucharist for Easter

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**SUNDAY 21 APRIL**

10am

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Eucharist for Easter / 6.30pm Eastertide Service of Readings and Singing

**SUNDAY 28 APRIL**

10am

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Eucharist with the Ministry of Healing

**There is also a Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel every Thursday at 10am.**



## WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

For all church services for April, see p2 or [ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information](http://ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information)



### **EASTERTIDE SERVICE OF READINGS AND SINGING FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION ON SUNDAY 21 APRIL AT 6.30pm**

This evening service will be similar to our Christmas carol services, with key Bible readings celebrating the Easter message as well as joyful hymns and anthems both familiar and new. All are welcome.

**FIRST SUNDAYS@10** Everyone is welcome to come and join us at this family service on Sunday 7 April where we sing familiar songs. In the evening we hold a Eucharist in the Chancel, to which you are also invited.

**PRAYER VIGIL** Please join us at 9am on Tuesday 9 April in the Lady Chapel where prayers will be said for the needs of the world, the country and our village and church. This is an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud.

**A NEW STUDY GROUP** will be held in the Church Room on Thursdays at 4pm (tea from 3.45pm) starting on 18 April for six weeks. The group will be New Testament based – please see the weekly newsheet for more information.

**AT OUR 10am SUNDAY SERVICES** each week we pray for the people living in a specific area of Ringmer. This month they are: Mill Road on 7 April, Mill Gardens and Mill Close on 14 April, Mill Mead on 21 April and Vicarage Way, Vicarage Close and Farriers Place on 28 April.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be said at our Ringmer Care Homes during the month – Parris Lawn on 2 April, Holm Lodge on 23 April and Lime Tree House on 25 April.

**ST MARY'S TODDLERS** continues on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. Parents / carers with pre-school children are welcome to come along. Teas and coffees are available. There is no charge but donations for coffee are welcome.

### **MOTHER'S UNION**

Shirley Squires says: "At our meeting in February, we had a very informative talk from Ian Jackson about the history of Glyndebourne and something about what his job entails. It was very interesting and we all learnt something.

"Then in March we were very grateful to Revd Hugh Moseley for a great Lent talk about patterns and he also told us about the building of the Church Room, which some of our members did not know much about.

"At our meeting on Tuesday 9 April, we will hear about the Hurst Hedgehog Haven with Ann Winney. This will be something totally different from our usual talks, so do come along, you will be very welcome."



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1 March	Phyllis Gutsell	“In loving memory”
1 March	Brenda Small	“In loving memory”
29 March	Vicky Ball	“Loving thoughts always”
29 April	Geoffrey Algar	“In loving memory”

*If you would like to remember a loved one by having the St Mary's church floodlit on a specific evening, please contact Shirley Squires at [sasxyz@talktalk.net](mailto:sasxyz@talktalk.net) or on 01273 752167/07552492354 or at 26 Danforth Way. A donation of £10 is requested.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Ian Smith writes: “I am confident that many Ringmer residents will have known David and Gwen Smith. Along with their two sons, they moved to Ringmer in 1966 and enjoyed many happy years in the village. David and Gwen immersed themselves in local community activities and were part of the Ringmer church congregation.

“Sadly, David's health began to fail and in 2010, they moved to a flat in the centre of Chichester. Leaving Ringmer was a really difficult decision but with David and Gwen settled in Chichester, the whole family were able to provide support. David died in 2013 and Gwen continued to live a busy life where she joined, volunteered and helped with a whole host of nearby activities and attended her local church at St Pancras, Chichester.

“Gwen developed Alzheimer's with dementia and left her flat in July 2020 to move to a nearby care home, where she was extremely happy. Following a short illness, Gwen sadly died on Friday 1 March 2024. Gwen lived a full and active life and her Faith was with her to the very end.”

## NEXT STEPS TOWARDS A REPAIR CAFÉ FOR RINGMER

Following the Eco Extravaganza in October last year, the St Mary's Eco team have been carefully reviewing feedback. A clear interest has been expressed in exploring how Ringmer might set up its own Repair Café, along the lines of the ones in Lewes and Chailey.

To start this whole village project, we are hosting an open meeting on Friday 19 April at 2.30pm in the Church Room at St Mary's. This is for everyone interested in contributing in any way, large or small, or to simply find out more.

Ideally we would like to have as many people as possible, so please spread the word. Call Rosemary Colebourn on 07552487694 if you would like further details.

## RINGMER VILLAGE UPDATES



### SPRINGTIME FUN FOR ALL IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Families of all ages are welcome to join us for an afternoon of Springtime fun and games on Wednesday 10 April from 12.30pm to 4pm in the Village Hall.

There will be games, crafts, stories and music for everyone to enjoy together. Make special Easter holiday memories with your family. Admission is free, thanks to support from Ringmer Parish Council.

Please register in advance and let us know of any dietary or support needs. Get in touch with Marisa, children and families coordinator at St Mary's church at [marisa@happymouflon.com](mailto:marisa@happymouflon.com)

### FANCY A GAME OF CROQUET?

Cheyney Croquet Club plays association and golf croquet on lawns at Cheyney Field, behind the Scout Hut in Ringmer. There is a bus stop nearby and parking is normally possible. If you'd like to join us, please contact Sue Tompsett on 07876292813 or at

[suetompsett@gmail.com](mailto:suetompsett@gmail.com). The Club is welcoming new members. You don't need previous experience or equipment as mallets are available to borrow and tuition can be arranged. Open Club Sessions are on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and you are very welcome to come to these before you decide whether to join. Lawns can be booked throughout the week. We hold a number of social events throughout the year.



### ST MARY'S ECO TIP FOR APRIL

Following on from the great garden birdwatch, early spring is the time to think about putting up a nest box. You can buy boxes online or from garden centres or you can make one yourself – check out the Sussex Wildlife website for instructions. Think about which birds come frequently to the feeders. Blue tits need a hole in the front of the box of 25mm, great tits 28mm, sparrows 38mm but robins and wrens like an open-fronted box. The box must face North or East, not directly into the sun. For tits it can be on a wall or tree trunk between 2 and 5 metres from the ground, well away from potential predators such as cats. Robins like the box to be well hidden in undergrowth or ivy. Old boxes should be thoroughly cleaned out each year. It's so exciting if the box attracts a family and if you are clever you can rig up a camera to watch the birds on screen.



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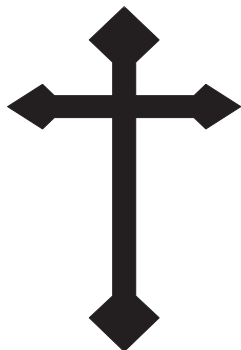
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A warm welcome and a joyful time of fellowship awaits all who join us at our services to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear what God is saying. Sunday Morning services are at 10.30am in the Village Hall and over Zoom. Please contact Malcolm Hart for the code and password details. Evening Services are at 6pm, also in the Village Hall. Thursday Home Group is at 7.30pm and Tuesday Prayer Meeting is at 10.15am,

both in the Library. Communion is usually every 2nd Sunday morning and 4th Sunday evening. For pastoral or other needs, contact Neil Thornicroft and head to [ringmerbaptist.co.uk](http://ringmerbaptist.co.uk) for our April Programme and Speakers.

## Pian-o-thon

Ringmer Village Hall - Saturday 13 April 2024  
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Support Daphne Starnes as she raises funds to support & equip a school in Eswatini, via Challenge Ministries Swaziland (charity no 1162211)

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To sponsor Daphne or for more information contact Daphne Starnes on 0777619842 or [daphne@challengeministries.org.uk](mailto:daphne@challengeministries.org.uk)  
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### FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Sunday 7 April at 12.45pm in the Village Hall followed by Neil Thornicroft with an update on our Eswatini twinned church at 2.15pm. There is no lunch in May.



## WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER



### RINGMER WI UPDATE

The next meeting is on Tuesday 2 April when speaker Bill McNaught will ask 'what is an eccentric' and ponder whether the English really are more eccentric than other nations. He will look at some of the odd historical customs that 'normal' people take part in around the country in a typical year. If you need a lift, please contact Ross on 07723 423245 or Judith on 07971 659557.

### RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

The speaker at our April meeting (7.30 pm on Friday 26 April in Ringmer Village Hall) will be John Bleach, whose topic will be 'Ringmer on the Map, from Saxton to the Ordnance Survey'. Surviving historic maps are a key source of information for local historians. The meeting will be preceded by a very short AGM. All are welcome.

### RINGMER BARN DANCING

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The group meets monthly, mostly on the third Wednesday of the month, 8-10pm in the Village Hall. For more information call Julia on 01273 813595 or Maureen 07946 735674.

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31/5 **TACO LOOK AT ME NOW** - Taco's VGO

### JUNE

7/6 **MOTHER BHUMI** - Bhaji's & Pakoras GFO VGO

14/6 **LEONATI** - Street Food (Pizza or Burgers)

21/6 **CAIRO VAN** - Egyptian Street Food VGO

28/6 **THE TWO FRIDA'S** - Mexican VGO

### JULY

5/7 **THE TWO FRIDA'S** - Mexican VGO

12/7 **MOTHER BHUMI** - Bhaji's & Pakoras GFO VGO

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If you want to get involved or just want some more information, email Mike at [ringmerdramatic@outlook.com](mailto:ringmerdramatic@outlook.com)

The script readthrough is on 3 April at 7pm in Ringmer Village Hall with auditions to follow on 10 and 12 April, both at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome.

## OVESCO ENERGY ECO HOME EXTRAVAGANZA

Ovesco is running an Eco Home Extravaganza at Lewes Town Hall on 18 May from 10am to 3pm (entrance on Fisher Street).

This free community event will have lots of information about making your home warmer and more sustainable, along with advice on saving money, grants and other tips and support. Speak directly with architects and installers of heat pumps and solar panels in a relaxed environment. Family friendly event, café and a range of other local sustainable businesses.

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## RINGMER LIBRARY



In March, we hosted a couple of visits from the reception class at Ringmer Primary and Nursery School.

Our Kitchen Company classes also came to an end, and they had been very well received. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to run these, and to everyone who attended.

We're delighted to say that a recent grant application to Ringmer Parish Council was agreed, enabling us to launch different projects – more news next month!

We also had a visit from Family Hub, East Sussex who have asked us to publicise their services to families – support around emotional wellbeing, special educational needs and disabilities, financial, housing or employment challenges, behaviour, helping new parents and running activities for all age groups. Phone 01323 464655 or email [familyhubs@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:familyhubs@eastsussex.gov.uk) for more information.

Our opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday 2pm to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10am to 12pm. Friday sessions have now ended, at least for the spring and summer. The library offers a warm space every session, it's somewhere to grab a cuppa and a comfy chair, chat, do the puzzle or read – and no money is needed!

We usually run story-time sessions at 2pm on Thursdays, and at 10.30am on the first Saturday of the month. There's no need to book, just bring your children at those times and join in the fun. In April, watch out for these special dates:

- Saturday 6 April March at 10.30 am - children's storytime
- Saturday 14 April - we are delighted to be running a book and jigsaw sale at the Baptist Church's Pian-o-thon between 10 and 3 in the Village Hall. We will contribute to the Eswatini appeal and also raise funds to support our library.
- Thursday 18 April 3pm-4:30pm - Hearing Aid Maintenance session.

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A big thank you to all who responded to LDC Draft Local Plan Consultation. If you've seen the thank you published by Lewes District Council to residents, be aware that it contains numbers that could be misunderstood - the '42,000 responses' refers to the number of answers and not the number of people who responded, so don't relax just yet!

After the big event of the Draft Local Plan consultation, everything will seem to go quiet for a time while the responses are analysed, but the sharks are still circling and Ringmer is the bait. RAGE will continue to keep you informed via newsletters and suggest points to support your position. If you have friends and neighbours not yet signed up to help our village, please do your best to get them to do so.

## UPDATE FROM LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

LDC Councillor Emily O'Brien says: "It's been a busy time at Lewes District Council. We held a successful meeting and 'thank you event' for the many different wildflower and 'friends of parks' groups across the district, which was well attended.

"We had a lively full council meeting, passing a balanced budget despite the difficult times. LDC is first council in the UK to pass a motion in support of 'Zane's law' for better regulation of disused landfill sites. Young Zane died ten years ago and campaigners blame his death on hydrogen cyanide poisoning leaking from a flooded former landfill.

"As ever, planning is a key area of concern for all of us, and I want to ensure there is the best possible engagement for the next crucial stage of the local plan. A draft plan will be sent out for consultation. More than 2,0000 responses were received to the recent consultation so a big thank you to everyone who responded.

"I've also been busy on the not unrelated issue of water quality and attended an LDC scrutiny panel. This was an opportunity to question the Environment Agency and Natural England. I've also been raising my concerns about likely further abstraction from the river Ouse when the second Arlington reservoir is built and am meeting Ofwat and Southeast Water about this issue."

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interested in becoming a trustee would be very welcome at our meeting.

Meanwhile the following events will be held in April at the Village Hall. Do join us.

#### **FRIDAY 5 APRIL – A FAMILY FILM EVENING, SHOWING *ELEMENTAL* AT 5PM**

Tickets will be available on the door at just £10 per family, and there'll be popcorn, sweets and drinks available. *Elemental* (from Disney and Pixar) is an all-new, original feature film set in Element City where fire, water, land and air residents all live together.

#### **SATURDAY 6 APRIL - DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

This defibrillator training session will be held from 3pm and 5pm, in conjunction with Dr Richard Vincent and a team from Henfield. While it's a drop-in session, it would be helpful if you could let us know in advance at the library so that there is enough equipment available. And – advance notice – on 18 May, he will be giving a talk on 'Matters of the Heart' offering helpful advice on heart health. You will also have the chance to see old medical equipment on display, including one of the first ECG machines.

#### **SATURDAY 20 APRIL – COMPETITIVE JIGSAW PUZZLING**

Doors open at 4.40pm for a 5pm start. In a first for Ringmer, we offer competitive jigsaw puzzling. Teams of four people will battle it out with three hours to complete a 500 piece jigsaw. Bring your own drinks and snacks but hot drinks are provided. Minimum donation £10 per team. Please book a place for your team by emailing [ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com) or by leaving a message at the library desk. Any individuals looking for a team to join should also please register at the library – the more the merrier!

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### **SWIMMING POOL**

Lewes District Council approved their budget in February and the revenue budget to support the running of the pool was confirmed.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Each month we receive a report from our PCSO. It is disturbing to read that incidents of illegal or unruly behaviour occur so frequently. If you are a victim of, or witness, such behaviour, or have information that may help apprehend the culprits, please telephone 101.

### **FINGERPOST FIELD PLAYPARK**

In addition to the construction of the new skate park, the Parish Council have accepted a quote to upgrade the playground area. It is hoped that both facilities will be available for the summer.

### **SUSSEX NATURE RECOVERY**

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are a statutory requirement from the Environment Act 2021. Their aim is to protect the important places for nature that are left, and identify the opportunities to restore or create it, where it can have the most benefit for wildlife and people. East Sussex have started mapping existing and potential protected areas. The Parish Council have completed the 'group' survey, which is open to any local organisations supporting wildlife. There is also a survey for individual residents to complete. With so much threatened development it will be important to protect and develop our wildlife areas. To find the survey type 'sussexnaturerecovery' into your search engine.

### **JUBILEE GARDENS**

We're hoping to work with Goldcliff Garden Centre to re-stock the two flower beds that have been rather neglected. If any resident would like to help with the planting and routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens, please contact the Clerk in the Parish Rooms on 01273 813242.



## WILDFLOWER RINGMER SPRING NEWS

The rainy weather has delayed our usual maintenance and planting work but it is underway now! The good news is that robust clumps of plants can be seen that have survived the winter and become really well established.

### VILLAGE GREEN BANKS

Work is underway to reduce the amount of grass to give the wildflower plants a better chance. In previous years, the grass was strimmed in February but it was just too wet this year to do that so you may spot volunteers pulling up grass while carefully avoiding the wildflowers. We are also planting more of the species that we know do well here: Devil's-bit-scabious, Field Scabious, Ragged robin, Ox-eye daisies and Evening Primrose.

### WELL-HOUSE

There are good signs of germination in the three enlarged beds, which are sown with colourful cornfield annuals such as poppies and cornflowers.

### NEW WAR MEMORIAL BED

We are not so confident of a good display here this year unfortunately. There has been some trampling on the soil that has damaged seedlings and also the area is very waterlogged. We have tried to salvage this by sowing fresh seed in late March. Fingers crossed it works.

### SADLERS WAY GREEN

Spring has sprung here with a lovely display of violets, primroses, cowslips and celandines. This area will face disruption soon from works by Southern Water relating to the new development off the Lewes Road. We are working with Ringmer Parish Council to minimise the damage to our areas.

Join our group by emailing [ringmerwildflowers@gmail.com](mailto:ringmerwildflowers@gmail.com)

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

An informal seven-week group setting called "*The Bereavement Journey*" starts on 8 April and will continue on Monday evenings at Church End Trinity Southover from 7pm to 9pm. The group provides support and community for anyone who would like to share their personal journey. St. Mary's Ringmer works in partnership with Trinity who run the Group, which is open to anyone with faith or no particular faith, recently bereaved or those who have been bereaved for months or years.

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You can take the LNRS survey online – head to [sussexnaturerecovery.org.uk](http://sussexnaturerecovery.org.uk) to find the questions – there are 20 in total. There are surveys for landowners, for Sussex residents and for any groups and organisations already involved with nature's recovery, such as Wildflower Ringmer.

Please do contribute to these surveys if you can and get involved with a local group to help save our precious wildlife and natural environment. Without us, it won't survive!

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**1<sup>st</sup> Ringmer Guides:** Scout Hut, Wed 7pm [fifthlewesbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:fifthlewesbrownies@hotmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Ringmer Rainbow Guides:** Scout Hut, Wed 5pm. Jennie Barnes 01825 769938, [fifthlewesbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:fifthlewesbrownies@hotmail.com).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ringmer Brownies:** Village Hall, Tues 5 pm Teresa Sutton 01273 814992, [RingmerBrownies@outlook.com](mailto:RingmerBrownies@outlook.com)

**Parish Council:** Call 01273 813242/ 07565 704342 or email [clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk). Website: [ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Pilates:** Village Hall Thursday evening and Friday morning. Contact Louise McAllen, 07841 397550 or [louisemcallenfitness@gmail.com](mailto:louisemcallenfitness@gmail.com)

**Exercise Classes:** Village Hall, Fri 9.30-10.30am. Wendy on 07980 307002.

**Ringmer AFC:** [RingmerAFC@outlook.com](mailto:RingmerAFC@outlook.com).



**Ringmer Baptist Church:** Neil Thornicroft 01825 750283.

**Ringmer Good Neighbour Scheme:** 07340 118758 between 10 and 11 am or 3 and 4 pm or email [ringmergoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:ringmergoodneighbours@gmail.com)

**Ringmer History Study Group:** John Kay, 01273 813388.

**Ringmer Horticultural & Home Produce Club:** [rhclub1970@gmail.com](mailto:rhclub1970@gmail.com)

**Ringmer Primary & Nursery School:** Please contact the school office on 01273 812463 or via email at [office@ringmerprimary.school](mailto:office@ringmerprimary.school)

**Ringmer Ramblers:** Fortnightly walks on Sunday at 10 am (about 5 miles) and more challenging monthly walks on Saturday mornings. Full programme available. Contact Jim Elsam 01273 812335, [jim@hteqa.com](mailto:jim@hteqa.com)

**Ringmer Rovers Junior Football Club:** Football training for players aged 4-16 at Kings Academy Ringmer. Contact the secretary Catherine Kelly on [secretary@ringmerrovers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ringmerrovers.org.uk) for more information.

**Ringmer Short Mat Bowls:** The Bowls Pavilion, Cheyney Green. Mon 2-4.30 pm, Tues 7-10.15pm, Wed 10 am-12.30 pm. Pat Escott 01273 813295.

**Ringmer Stoolball Club** - Played on the Village Green from May until September. Juniors on Wednesday & Seniors on Thursday evenings. Contact Bethan Nancarrow and 07708 001925

**Ringmer Table Tennis Club:** We welcome players at all levels for our daytime and evening sessions in the Scout Hut. Please contact our Membership Secretary Jo Miller on 01273 812840 for more details.

**Ringmer Tiddlers & Toddlers:** Village Hall, Mon and Thurs 9.30am-11.30am. Debbie Pellett on 07930 907116 or email [ringmertiddlers@gmail.com](mailto:ringmertiddlers@gmail.com)

**Ringmer Footpath Clearance Group :** Marilyn Linehan on 01273 812345 or [marilyn@linehan.com](mailto:marilyn@linehan.com)

**Ringmer u3a:** Retired/semi-retired people study a variety of subjects, Info from the Chair Sarah Boot-Handford on 07962 109779.

**Ringmer WI:** Village Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Tues in month, 7.30 pm. Call Judith Cox on 07971 659557 or email [judithcox228@gmail.com](mailto:judithcox228@gmail.com)

**Scout Group - 1<sup>st</sup> Ringmer:** Scout HQ, The Green. Group Scout Ldr & HQ Bookings: John Saunders 01273 812681. Scout Troop: Tuesday, 7 - 8.30 pm. Leader John Saunders Cub Pack: Thursday, 6 - 7.15 pm. Leader Jamie Faben 07960 272053 Beavers: Thursday 5 - 6 pm. Leader Claire Bouskill, contact [beaversinringmer@gmail.com](mailto:beaversinringmer@gmail.com)

**St John Ambulance - Ringmer Cadet Unit:** Village Hall, CADETS 10-18 years meet 6pm - 8pm contact Daniel at [Daniel.Willemts1@sja.org.uk](mailto:Daniel.Willemts1@sja.org.uk)

**St Pancras R.C. Church:** High Street, Lewes. Sunday:Mass at 9 am Latin Mass: 12.30pm. Parish Priest: Fr Jonathan Martin 01273 473309.

**Village Hall Bookings:** Administrator: Bren Bonner 01273 813303/ 07739 400408 or email bookings to [ringmervh.bren@gmail.com](mailto:ringmervh.bren@gmail.com)

**Yoga Class in the Village Hall:** Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm. Contact Sara McGowan on 07947 865876 or email: [saramcgowan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:saramcgowan@yahoo.co.uk)

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