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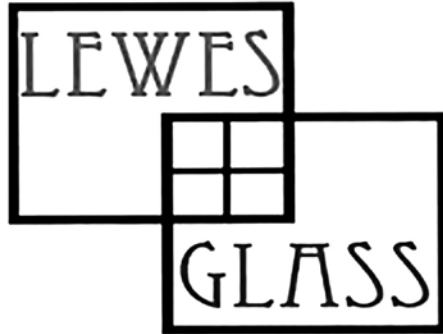
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Sad news!

You may be aware that sometime in the week before the church garden party we had some 'nighttime visitors' who stole a significant amount of lead from the flat roof of the Church Room. We have told the police and church authorities and now have the task of working with our insurers to replace the stolen lead (hopefully with something less stealable) and repair the damage inside the Church Room. We are immensely thankful to those that

offered help and enabled the roof to be made somewhat watertight while we wait for it to be fully repaired.

Please do be aware that thieves operate in our area and let's keep a watchful eye out to help our neighbours and friends.

This news was very much in contrast to the excellent atmosphere and enjoyment of our Garden Party – held inside church, not because of rain, but because of the wild winds that were blowing that day. We had a full church and I thank all those that came along to share in the atmosphere and helped to make the day a memorable event.

We will be holding our 10am family service on 6 August on the Vicarage Lawn as we celebrate our annual Teddy Bear Service followed by a 'bring your own' picnic. We *will* have wonderful weather on this date and I look forward to seeing many teddy bears sharing many picnics. Do bring picnics, chairs or blankets and, of course, your teddy bears!

With every blessing, Revd. David

AUGUST CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST (THE TRANSFIGURATION):		10am: Teddy Bear Service and picnic on the Vicarage Lawn 6.30pm: Eucharist (Chapel)
SUNDAY 13 AUGUST (TRINITY 10)	THR	10am: Eucharist
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST (TRINITY 11)		10am: Eucharist 6.30pm: Evensong (Chancel)
SUNDAY 27 AUGUST (TRINITY 12)		10am: Eucharist

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

For all church services for August, see p2 or ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information



TEDDY BEAR SERVICE – Sunday 6 August at 10am

Join us at our All Age Teddy Bear Service, followed by a bring your own picnic on the Vicarage Lawn. We look forward to seeing all your teddies (and you, of course!) Let's hope the weather is kind!

ST MARY'S GARDEN PARTY

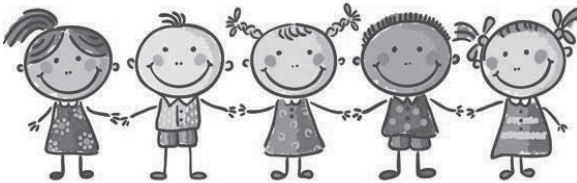
Thank you very much indeed to all who came along and supported this event, even though we had to be indoors because of the strong winds. It was great to welcome so many of you to such an enjoyable afternoon.

THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARISTS

These are on pause during August and will resume on Thursday 7 September at 10am in the Lady Chapel.

OPERA GALA EVENING – Saturday 5 August at 7.30pm

An unforgettable evening with performers from Glyndebourne Opera, English National Opera and the Royal Opera House. Four professional singers and their accompanist will perform a variety of popular operatic repertoire at St Mary's. Tickets are £15 and can be reserved by calling Charlotte Wicks on 07966 621229 or emailing intergenopera@gmail.com with payment on the night. Proceeds are in aid of Dementia UK and Intergenerational Opera.



ST MARY'S TODDLERS OPEN ALL SUMMER

Open every Wednesday from 1030-12pm, there will be the usual toys for toddlers plus colouring and games for older children. Admission is free. Tea,

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ST MARY'S | NOTICES

PRAYER TIME – Tuesday 8 August at 9am

Do come along at 9am on Tuesday 8 August to the Lady Chapel where prayers will be said for the world's needs and for our village and church. This is an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud.

At our 10am Sunday services each week we pray for the people living in a specific area of Ringmer. This month they are: 6 August - Rushey Close and Mill Path, 13 August – Ballard Drive, 20 August – Turnpike Close and Foxglove Close and 27 August – Broyle Paddock.

HOLY COMMUNION AT RINGMER CARE HOMES

Holy Communion will be said at all three of our Ringmer Care Homes as follows: Parris Lawn on 1 August, Holm Lodge on 29 August and Lime Tree House on 31 August.



RINGMER ECO EXTRAVAGANZA - Sat 28 October

This whole village event will take place in the Village Hall from 10am to 3.30pm. Over the next couple of months, you'll see posters and flyers packed with ideas on how you can support this event, which is for families and all ages.

The event aims to share information, provide advice and seek your help in a whole variety of ways to meet the climate challenge.

For example a quality clothes exchange is planned. If you have any good quality clothes and accessories for teenagers and adults that you no longer want, do consider donating them as part of a focus on sustainable fashion. Details to follow.

FROM THE REGISTERS – JULY 2023

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23 JULY

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ST MARY'S + VILLAGE | NOTICES

RINGMER WI UPDATE

Our speaker on 4 July was Kevin Marwick, owner of Uckfield Picture House who told the group all about the history of the building.



The half-timbered Tudor style building was built in 1912 and in 1916 was used as a garrison theatre for local troops. In August 1920 the lease was sold to the cinema in Foresters Hall and the Picture House started showing films to the public for the first time. It has operated continuously since, only closing for re-development and during the Covid pandemic. Always privately owned, the cinema came under the ownership of Kevin's father in late 1963. The first film shown under his management was *Forty Pounds of Trouble* starring Tony Curtis.

In 1977 the auditorium was split in half, with a new projection box and indoor toilets installed. In February 2000, a third screen was added by demolishing the stage end and extending the building. Subsequent renovations have improved seating in all three theatres and the foyer has been redeveloped. In 2018, it was voted Picture House of the Year. Kevin continues to seize opportunities, such as opening the Picture House Restaurant and, most recently, purchasing the country's oldest working cinema - The Electric Cinema in Birmingham.

On 1 August, we'll be visiting Michelham Priory with a guided tour of the house. The next meeting in the Village Hall will be on Tuesday 5 September in the Alan West Room. Our speaker will be Joy Dyson, who will give a background to the history of the Chailey Heritage Foundation. She'll tell us about the amazing things that happen there to support and help children and young people with complex neurological disabilities and health needs to reach their full potential.

ECO CHURCH TIP - REBUGGING THE PLANET



Global studies suggest that 49% of insect species are in decline. How can we help to counter this catastrophic decline in our insects? A book by Vicki Hurd called *Rebugging the Planet* makes some suggestions and here are just a few.

We can revise our attitudes and talk to our children in positive terms about insects: wasps pollinate plants, flies clear waste, slugs make soil, spiders spin fantastic webs and ants have amazing social skills.

We might help to organise a bug treasure hunt in the garden or wild patch of land and design a fun set of activities such as making drawings or observing insect behaviour like columns of ants or pollen searching bees. Or maybe with friends we could create a bee friendly, bug friendly area of the garden or help to build a bug hotel. There's an example behind the church in St. Mary's churchyard.

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Treasurer: Ken Starnes (as above).

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 to us. We hold our Sunday Morning services in the Village Hall at 10.30am. We also stream these services via Zoom. If you would like to join any of our services by Zoom please contact Malcolm Hart for the code and password details. Evening Services are also in the Village Hall at 6pm.

Our Thursday Home Group meets in the Library resource at 7.30pm and our Tuesday Prayer Meeting is at 10.30am, also in the Library resource. Communion is usually every second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening. For further details please go to www.ringmerbaptist.uk

For pastoral or other needs please contact Neil Thornicroft and for details of our Programme and Speakers for August 2023, please refer to our website.

NOTICES FOR AUGUST 2023

RINGMER FOOD BANK

Operated by Ringmer Baptist Church, the Food Bank is open from 11am to 12 noon every Monday (other than Bank Holidays) based in the Ringmer Library. This service is available to individuals and families referred to us by local welfare organisations and churches for emergency aid.

Donations of food and finance are welcomed and gratefully received. All food parcels will need to be collected. Further details are available from Neil Thornicroft or Malcolm Hart.

FRIDAY SPIRITUAL DROP IN - Every Friday at 10am – 11am

We are currently running the *Christianity Explored* series. All welcome to come and discover the Christian faith over a coffee. For details please call Neil Thornicroft

AUGUST EVENING SERVICES

There will be no Evening Services during August due to our Summer break.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

The next Fellowship Lunch is on 3 September – Zoom Meeting with our Eswatini twinned Church

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

RINGMER FLOWER CLUB

Flower club gatherings are held on the first Wednesday every month with demonstrations at 2pm in the Village Hall. All visitors are welcome and the entrance fee is £8, which includes refreshments. Our August meeting is for members only. On Wednesday 6 September, everyone is welcome to our meeting, which promises something different from Framfield-based company Big Nose & Beardy Cider explaining their business.



RINGMER EVERGREEN CLUB

The Ringmer Evergreen Club are proud to celebrate their Diamond Jubilee this year. The minutes of our Inaugural Meeting on 7 November 1963 tell us our club for the 'not so young' was conceived by the Ringmer WI on a coach outing. We are indebted to their foresight and the enthusiasm of our

founders under the chairmanship of Mrs F. Harbottle. At 60, we are still going strong with thanks in large measure to the good will of the community. Thirty Evergreeners have just returned from a splendid cream tea at the East Sussex National (see above) This put a cherry on the top of the first six months of this significant and enjoyable year.

In 2021, we were generously bequeathed two Kurling sets by the Ringmer Disability Social Club and are pleased to host two sessions in the Village Hall on 3 and 17 August from 2pm and 4pm. Everyone is invited to pay £2 and try this highly accessible sport. Please call Gill or Graham Stapley on 01273 812976 for details.



HAVE YOU FOUND THE MISSING PIECE OF THE JIGSAW PUZZLE?

A jigsaw bought at St Mary's Summer Fair on Saturday 15 June was subsequently found to have a piece missing. It's a long shot, but if anyone happens upon a solo puzzle piece, please email pcsecretary@ringmerchurch.org.uk

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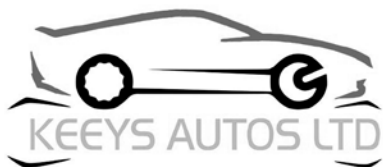
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Mothers' UNION

On 11 July we had our annual outing. We had planned to spend a few hours at Stanmer Park but when we arrived they had changed the parking system and it meant downloading the App, creating an account... After about 15 minutes of trying, we gave up and drove to The Anchor, Barcombe Mills - easy to park there!

We enjoyed a coffee in the garden in the sunshine, had a lovely walk along the river bank, sat on the grass for our picnic and then headed back to the pub for an ice cream before going home. Seven of us - plus a dog! - went and we all thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

This month it's Mary Sumner Day (the founder of the Mother's Union) on 9 August and members will meet for a cream tea in one of our gardens – let's hope the sun will shine!

RINGMER VILLAGE TRAIL 2023

The team involved in the Ringmer Garden Trail are thrilled to have raised £2,002.16 for the St. Peter and St James Hospice. Plant sales and refreshments contributed enormously to this amount.

The ten brave gardeners who opened for the Hospice all enjoyed the two open afternoons and the lovely people who turned out in the heat had the opportunity to visit gardens ranging from small to over an acre. The gardening styles varied considerably with some impeccably manicured and others adopting a more laid-back approach welcoming wild flowers. All had one thing in common - enthusiasm and a warm welcome for visitors.

If anyone would be interested to open their garden for future Hospice fund raising efforts, please feel free to contact Wendy Agate to be put on a list on 01444 470713 or at wagate@stpjhospice.org

RINGMER u3a OPEN DAY

Wednesday 16 August
2023 from 2.30pm to
4.30pm at Ringmer
Village Hall (Jack Hart
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Come along and see what Ringmer u3a has to offer - we have numerous groups for the retired or semi-retired. Visit our website at u3asites.org.uk/ringmer. Existing members can also renew their membership.

RINGMER LIBRARY NEWS



On 8 July we started the annual Summer Reading Challenge, aimed at children below 11, and we were pleased to sign up 12 kids on that very first morning.

Children need to read six library books over the holidays. It's an effective way to

maintain their reading progress through the long summer holidays.

This year The Reading Agency has linked up with the Youth Sport Trust to present the programme, which is called Ready, Set, Read. Children can pick up rewards for each book they finish and there's a medal at the end – it's always fun!

Our next monthly hearing aid maintenance service is on Thursday 17 August between 3 and 4.30 pm, where hearing aids, batteries and tubing can be checked and changed. The service is for patients of Brighton and Haywards Heath audiology departments, as well as Eastbourne.

We continue to run children's Storytime sessions on Thursdays at 2pm, and on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am.

The library is free to join and to use and no ID is necessary. As well as books and jigsaws, we have free magazines and compost bags from Lewes District Council. We also have a book sale trolley – ideal to buy a few books to tuck into a suitcase if you have a holiday booked, or they make great small gifts. At prices starting from a £1, they're cheaper than a birthday card and all funds raised benefit the library.

We're open every Tuesday and Thursday 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10am to 12pm. Our catalogue is online and fully searchable at <https://ringmer.librarika.com/search/catalogs> You don't need a log in, just browse and use the contact details below to order specific books.

CONTACT: Call 07934 046392, email ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com, follow on Twitter @SaveRingmerLibr or on Facebook/RingmerVillageLibrary.

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council meetings are held monthly usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. These meetings incorporate planning.

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NEWS FROM RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

PICNIC ON THE GREEN – Monday 28 August

Make a note in your diary of this date - Monday 28 August between 12.30pm and 5pm - and join the Picnic on The Green celebrations. A Fun Run will start the event (fancy dress is invited), followed by performances from two bands, stalls and food available to purchase. In the afternoon, there will be a 'fun dog show'. Contact clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information about the day.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

We were pleased that the planning application for the skate park in Fingerpost Field was approved by Lewes District Council at their June planning meeting. However, there are certain conditions that have to be met before construction can proceed. The Parish Council have accepted a quote for the necessary Archaeological Survey.

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

The latest information is that Wave Leisure are currently working on a specification of works that will feed into the lease between ESCC and LDS. LDC has held discussions with Kings Academy to understand their requirements and constraints and ESCC will update the commercial agreement. It is hoped that the project to re-open the pool will move forward fairly quickly to a lease.

PLAY AREAS

We've allocated funds to provide new play equipment and seating at Fingerpost Field. The PC has discussed improvements at Broyle Close, where some repair work has recently been completed, with LDC. A meeting with children from both Ringmer schools was held on 17 July to find out what they think should be purchased. A quote has been accepted to provide new social seating on the Village Green between the shopping precinct and Delves House. The target date for delivery and installation is Monday 14 August.

IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN RINGMER

We've completed the survey of plant biodiversity at the Almond Field. An action plan to start developing the area was unanimously approved by the Council. Thanks to the support from the South Downs National Park Authority. Residents will be able to access the field in the future, but at the request of the family and to preserve wildlife habitats, dogs will not be permitted on the site.

PARKING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

We wish to remind residents and villages clubs and groups that parking is **not permitted** anywhere on the green except off North Road for the cricket club.

IMPORTANT PLANNING UPDATES FROM RAGE



Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

Join our campaign and encourage others too! Visit ringmergreenfields.org for more information and to join.

Appeal APP/P1425/W/23/3318089 by Ashill Regen for Land between the Broyle and Round House Road, Ringmer, East Sussex (application LW/22/0255)

The hearing date is/was at 10am on 1 August 2023 at the University of Sussex Falmer. It's always great to have people attend on the first day of the hearing. Our concerns include its prior allocation (and planning permission) as an employment site plus 16 affordable rental homes in the Neighbourhood Plan being contravened.

Furthermore, the design is poor with a three-metre acoustic fence against the Caburn Enterprise Park that fails to adequately protect upstairs affordable flats, a lack of private space for the large detached houses planned along the western boundary, multiple identical pattern-book units in rows, only four tiny roadside play areas for small children. The whole layout plan is cramped because the development density is too high.

The outcome of the two Gleasons Appeals off Harrisons Lane/Potato Lane is not expected to be published for some weeks. We'll keep you informed when the result of the appeal is published. Join RAGE via our website (above) to be kept in the loop.

We're also waiting to hear about details for the next appeal for the Thakeham full application on Bishops Lane and will provide an update when we know.

UPDATE FROM RINGMER VILLAGE HALL

Ringmer Village Hall would like to thank Ringmer WI for their tapestry in the Alan West Room, which is much admired. The new automatic door system is working well, and we ask group leaders to give members the entry codes rather than prop the door open. The codes are time limited, so it isn't a security risk.

We hope soon to have a canopy over the front door to protect the opening system. If any user groups would like to make suggestions for further improvements, please let us know and they can be considered in our budget for next year.

Just a reminder that we are running the Ringmer Hub (Clubs and Societies Fair) event on 7 October. We could still squeeze in a few more tables - the more the merrier so if you'd like to get involved please email to Liz Owen on 01273 814220 or at the_owens@hotmail.com

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WILDFLOWER RINGMER UPDATE

This summer has been the most successful one so far for our wildflower areas. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and energy to support this project.

We need to give the plants time now to finish flowering and set and disperse their seeds. The areas will look a bit brown and straggly but it is important to give them this time before cutting, which will be in late August / September before being raked up and removed. By doing this, we reduce the nutrients going back into the soil. This is part of our strategy for reducing grass growth which otherwise makes it difficult for wildflower species to survive and thrive. We will also scarify the ground to increase the chance of seeds contacting bare soil so they can germinate next year. The cuttings are used by a local market gardener to make compost so it is a win-win situation!

We are the lucky recipients of over 80 large native cowslip plants, which have been donated for planting in the wildflower areas. Due to the dry conditions we are delaying planting until September so that we can keep them watered.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the following:

- Raking up grass cuttings for collection.
- Planting cowslips.
- Cutting back and extending the wildflower borders in the Well-House.

Interested in helping? You would be very welcome. Please email ringmerwildflowers@gmail.com or find us on [Facebook.com/wildflowerringmer](https://www.facebook.com/wildflowerringmer)



RINGMER FOOTPATH CLEARANCE GROUP

The volunteers in the Ringmer Footpath Clearance Group have recently been working on Path 7, Upper Wellingham to Barcombe Lane. Unofficially we call this 'the Blackberry Path'. You may be interested to know that one of our group won the Meredith Rose Bowl at the July Village Show and a contributory factor was blackberry jam made with blackberries from this path. We were rather taken aback when we went down to Wellingham Lane to scope out Path 7 to find that it was very overgrown and would need more than one morning to clear. You will see from the photos the lush growth that we found on arrival and

the difference that we made with a few hours work. In other news, we would like to thank one of our group who has recently hung up his shears after 20 years of footpath clearance. Brian originally started with the South Downs Committee then when that morphed into Ringmer Volunteers he continued the good work, we are grateful for his devotion to duty and good humour.

LOCAL COUNCILLOR NEWS & VIEWS

Emily O'Brien is LDC Councillor & Prospective Parliamentary Candidate as well as the Green Party Food, Agriculture & Rural Welfare Spokesperson. You can reach her at emily.obrien@lewes.greenparty.org.uk on Twitter @EmilyLincOBrien or Facebook/GreenEmilyOBrien. She says: "I attended the opening of the new A27 cycle and walking route to Polegate, which has been extremely well designed by National Highways and has been widely welcomed. Let's hope the County Council look to this example in their future planning on cycle provision.

"Our petition on HGV traffic, which specifically requested that the county council introduce a lorry route network, has been scheduled to appear at a lead member meeting in September. It's encouraging that ESCC apparently is hearing the pressure on this and is considering a road freight strategy as part of the next local transport plan, currently in development.

"I spoke at the Gleasons/Glyndebourne appeal and stressed that, as a ward councillor, I consider the traffic implications as unacceptable. I also referenced the motion that was unanimously passed at LDC stressing that the 'duty to connect' is failing in our planning system, our deep concern about sewage discharge increasing at Ringmer water treatment works and the links with new development.

"I had a wonderful tour of the wildflower planting areas with Wildflower Ringmer, and took two new councillors along so they could learn from Ringmer's experience for their areas.

"Finally, I attended the Local Government Association's annual conference and was disappointed when Michael Gove, when asked to provide clarity on timescale for the new NPPF- so vital for enabling area to progress their local plans - replied that it would be published alongside the Levelling Up Bill, when that is given royal assent. However, this is a completely unknown quantity and there are concerns that it might not even get there is in this Parliament."

Johnny Denis is LDC Councillor representing Ouse Valley and Ringmer for the Green Party and is a cabinet member for arts, culture, tourism & leisure. You can reach him at johnny.denis@lewes.gov.uk He says: "At the most recent full council at East Sussex, the administration voted against a motion to follow national guidance on setting speeds. The Government guidance says feelings of safety, residents views and wellbeing can all be taken into account. The Council considered its policy was fit for purpose but has agreed to consider adding speedsetting to its work programme at its next Scrutiny Meeting."

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Sue Clyde organises Ringmer's contribution to Link to Hope and, while we may just be starting the summer holidays, it's never too early to get collecting. Link to

Hope differs from other shoebox campaigns because they collect for everyone, from the youngest children to the elderly, so no-one is left out.

We have from now until 5 November 2023 to fill a shoebox, wrap it and get it to Sue, who transports completed boxes to the charity's headquarters. Check out the charity's website at linktohope.co.uk for full details of the kinds of items that you can include for each age group. There are also options on there to donate online or provide bulk items direct to the charity.

Sue says: "If people are unable to fill a box, then please do feel free to donate as many items as you can and I will make them up myself. Each box costs between £10 and £15 and I know this may be prohibitive for some, but every item is gratefully received."

To contact Sue Clyde, call 01273 812700 and don't forget to check the details of what to include in your shoebox at linktohope.com. Let's make this year's contribution from Ringmer the biggest yet!

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