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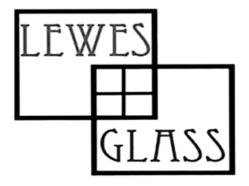
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear All,

As I was reminded at the pub quiz last year, the 15 July is also Saint Swithin's Day. There is an old proverb that states: "St Swithin's Day if thou dost rain For forty days it will remain. St Swithin's Day if thou be fair For forty days 'twill rain nae mare."

While there is some scientific reasoning behind the steadiness of the weather from the middle of July until the end of August, we also live in Britain, where the weather is notoriously changeable.

Despite all of this, we've chosen 15 July as the date for St Mary's Church Garden Party Summer Fair. From 2pm on the Vicarage lawn, there will be stalls, activities, games, tea and cake, raffles and other such merriment. There will also be an art exhibition in the Church and the Church Room. I'm convinced that the weather will be beautiful on this day (and for the next 40 days...) so please do come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere, the conversations with friends, the wonderful local artworks and the opportunity to bag a bargain or win a prize.

After just over a year in the stunning village of Ringmer I'm beginning to get to know just a few of you all and it would be a pleasure for me to meet new people on this day and for you to experience the welcome and friendship of all who regularly attend our Parish Church.

With every blessing, Revd. David

JULY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 2 JULY (TRINITY 4)

10am: All Age Service

THURSDAY 20 JULY

10am: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

6.30pm: Celtic Eucharist in the Chancel SUNDAY 23 JULY (TRINITY 7)

THURSDAY 6 JULY

10am: Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

10am: Eucharist
THURSDAY 27 JULY

SUNDAY 9 JULY (TRINITY 5)

10am: Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

10am Eucharist

SUNDAY 30 JULY (TRINITY 8)

THURSDAY 13 JULY

10am: Eucharist

10am: Eucharist (Lady Chapel)

6.30pm: Meditative Service

SUNDAY 16 JULY (TRINITY 6)

10.30am: Joint Service with Baptists on The Green

6.30pm: Evensong

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

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



Refreshments Books/Puzzles Produce/Plants Bring and Buy Hamper Raffle Bottle Tombola Toys / Games

ST MARY'S ANNUAL SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

You're all invited to our annual summer Garden Party on Saturday 15 July from 2pm to 4pm on the Vicarage lawn. There will be refreshments, games, a hamper-raffle, a bottle tombola, as well as the usual range of stalls - books and jigsaw puzzles, produce and plants, toys, white elephant, bathroom. At the same time, there will be an art exhibition in the Church Room that you're welcome to browse.

STUDY GROUP

A new series started on 22 June and continues during July with two sessions each Thursday at 4pm and 7.30pm in the Church Room. Both sessions are the same each week so you

can come to either, whichever is most convenient. We shall be looking at The Life and Ministry of St Paul. Do come and join in as we visit some highlights from the Book of Acts alongside what St Paul himself reveals in his letters.

PRAYER TIME

At 9am on Tuesday 11 July May in 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: Our outlying farms and settlements on 2 July, Christie Avenue and Mildmay Close on 9 July, Delves Close on 16 July, Delves Way on 23 July and Shepherds Close and Ashtonville Close on 30 July.





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ST MARY'S TODDLERS

The group continues on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12pm in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. Everyone with preschool children of all ages is welcome. We'll be continuina throughout the summer holidays too, so just come along - we'd love to see you.



Teas and coffees are available. There is no charge but donations for coffee are welcome. There's also a WhatsApp group. Contact Marisa Hayes for more details on 07796 145464.

Mothers William Shirley Squires says: "At our June meeting we had the most interesting talk about 'Peace in

Russia' during the time of Gorbachev and Yeltsin. Patricia is a Quaker and taught Russian for 25 years. After many years she was able to establish a school exchange with the Soviet Union and was later invited to go and set up a Friends House in Moscow. There were already a few Quakers in the city, but she was able to build on this small group and to network with Russian organisations, working on human rights and health issues and to help mothers whose children had cystic fibrosis and needed medication, which she managed to get hold of.

"She also inspired women to stand up for what they believed in and stood side by side at demonstrations with 'Women in Black Against War' as Quakers do not believe in using weapons. She also managed to set up the first of many Hospices. She was a most inspiring speaker. We are not having a meeting in July but some of us are going to Stanmer Park to have a look round the gardens there."

For more on the Mothers Union, head to mothersunion.org

FROM THE REGISTERS - JUNE 2023

WEDDING 3 JUNE WILLIAM AND LYDIA GREAVES

FUNERALS 22 JUNE EDDIE MOUNFIELD

INTERMENTS 24 JUNE ROGER TURNER

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RINGMER WI UPDATE

The speaker at our meeting on 6 June was Neil Sadler, who gave an interesting and amusing talk entitled 'California Dreaming'. Unfortunately, Neil's dream did not turn out



as anticipated, as all the National Parks were closed due to the Federal Government failing to agree a fiscal budget (as almost happened again this year). So planned visits to Yosemite, Bryce, Zyon and the Grand Canon were all scuppered. Fortunately, Neil had pre-booked a flight over Grand Canyon, so he was able to see this amazing sight from the air, which was more than could be said for others who had not pre-planned! A few days sightseeing in San Francisco included a walk across the Gold Gate Bridge. Other highlights of the trip included a meeting with 15 Hell's Angels from Sweden, who had flown their Harley Davidson motor bikes from Sweden and were riding the full length of Route 66 (2400 miles!). In Flagstaff, he had an encounter with the 40-foot-high 'Muffler Man' and he enjoyed a poster appealing for Pony Express riders.

Upcoming events include coffee at the Forge (10.30am on Monday 19June), knit and natter, also at the Forge, on Wednesday 28 June at 2.30pm and a visit to Michelham Priory on 1 August. The wall hanging made to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee is now hanging in the Alan West room of the Village Hall. Do pop in and have a look. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 July at 7.30pm, when Kevin Marwick will talk about the history of Uckfield Picture House. New members and visitors welcome. Anyone needing a lift to the village hall, please contact Ross Meers on 07723.423245 or Judith Cox on 07971.659557.

GALA OPERA EVENING AT ST MARY'S - 5 AUGUST 7.30pm

On 5 August, St Mary's will host a fundraising concert of operatic by professional opera singers and accompanist. It's in aid of Dementia UK and The Intergenerational Opera project, which provides six week workshops linking Primary schools and residents at local care homes. You're sure to be amazed by the singing and music. Expect solos, duets and ensembles. Refreshments will be available. We packed the church the last time they came - lets do that again. Tickets are £15. Reservations advised from Charlotte Wicks on 07966 621229 or at intergenopera@gmail.com. Also available on the door for cash or by cheque.

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Contact Neil Thornicroft on 01825 750283 for Zoom log in details to stream Sunday Services and for any pastoral needs. Communion is usually every second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening.

We operate **Ringmer Food Bank** from 11am to 12pm every Monday (not Bank Holidays) at Ringmer Library. For referrals by local welfare organisations and churches for emergency aid. Donations welcome. The delivery service has been discontinued so food needs to be collected. Contact Neil (above) or Malcolm Hart on 07494 656725 for more information. Every Friday at 10am, we host a **Spiritual Drop-in session** for anyone to come and explore the Christian faith over a coffee.

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ST MARY'S ECO TIP FOR JULY

A novel way to stop using trees to make toilet paper from Rosemary Colebourn: "Have you ever thought how many trees are cut down each year just to make loo paper? More than one million trees are destroyed every day just to make regular toilet paper. Going by the somewhat indelicate name of Who Gives a Crap, however, is a

company that makes toilet paper. Their paper is made from 100% recycled paper and out of bamboo, which saves the equivalent of 1.2 million trees. They also make Forest Friendly tissues and paper towels that can be delivered direct to your door. Best of all they give 50% of their profits to non profit making organisations working to provide clean water and lavatories in the third world. Check their website uk.whogivesacrap.org Cheaper eco loo paper is also available at supermarkets, but it may not be so luxurious nor the brands so responsive to the climate crisis!"

BIG THANKS FROM CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Christian Aid collection in Ringmer. A total of £896.68 was collected, banked and is hopefully already being used by Christian Aid to support those in need.

Grateful thanks also to Lew & Darren Howard (Butchers), Liz Owen at the library and to all of the magazine distributors for enabling the envelopes to be sent out and returned.

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CULVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT OPEN DAY – 15 JULY

While there are no Ringmer History Group meetings or events this month, it's still possible to get your local history fix. The Culver Project at Bridge Farm, Barcombe, is holding an Open Day on Saturday 15 July to explain the outcome of the past year's archaeological excavations at

the Roman settlement site being explored there (picture from the project's Facebook page). For full details head to culverproject.co.uk and to see photos go to their Instagram at Instagram.com/culverproject.co.uk

ST MARY'S ECO CHURCHYARD



Mary's Eco Churchyard is part of the Open Gardens Trail this summer. Rosemary Colebourn says: "It was very good to be part of the Ringmer Open Gardens Trail this year, with many visitors exploring a trail explaining our eco related developments. The churchyards are open to explore at any time... just watch out for low-level grave stones. The new cycle stands in the church car park are being well used! (see above)".



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CLASSICAL CONCERT AT ST MARY'S, BARCOMBE – 8 JULY

At 6pm on Saturday 8 July, St Mary's Church, Barcombe will be hosting a classical concert by The Clockhouse

Singers and Laughton Village Choir. The programme will include Chacony by Purcell (above), Soave sia il vento from Cosi fan Tutti by Mozart and Magnificat by JS Bach.

Will Hancox will be playing keyboard, Linda Glenn is the conductor and performers include Natalie Clifton-Griffith and Olivia Hemmings (soprano), Alice Simmons (mezzo soprano), Sam Barton (tenor), Thomas Isherwood (baritone) and the Modulus Quartet. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

RINGMER FLOWER CLUB

Ann Holt says: "Ringmer Flower Club gatherings are held on the first Wednesday in the month at 2pm in the Village Hall. All visitors are welcome - the entrance fee is £8 which includes refreshments. Come and enjoy watching the demonstrators do wonders with flowers.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5 July at 2pm with Maggie Hayes demonstrating 'Say it with flowers'. Come and meet friends, buy a raffle ticket you may win an arrangement.

ST MARY'S CONCERT THANKS

Debra Skeen would like to thank everyone who came to the Music for a Summer Evening at St Mary's on Saturday 3 June for their support. She says: "We had a great turnout ensuring generous proceeds towards Church funds and everyone seemed to enjoy the music and refreshments. I'd especially like to sing the praises of Rosemary Colebourn who stepped in as accompanist at the last minute due to Peter becoming ill a few days beforehand. Also thanks to Robin's Nest for sponsoring the event with the donation of Cava!"

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RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY NEWS



Last month, Ringmer Library celebrated its fifth birthday as a community run library. Liz Owen (pictured left) says: "We ran a couple of celebratory sessions with coffee and cake, everybody enjoyed themselves and we signed up our 1000th member on our birthday. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us to put on this lovely community event and to everyone who came to support it."

The library continues to run children's story time sessions on Thursdays at 2pm and on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am. And on Saturday 8 July at 10 am, the annual Summer Reading Challenge launches. This challenge is for kids below 11 and challenges them to read six library books over the summer. The theme is 'Ready, Set, Read' and The Reading Agency has partnered with the Youth Sport Trust to present the

programme. The next monthly hearing aid maintenance service is on Thursday 20 July between 3 and 4.30 pm, where hearing aids, batteries and tubing can be checked and changed. Don't forget, the library is open Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturdays from 10am to 12pm.

Call 07934 046392, email <u>ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com</u>, follow on Twitter @SaveRingmerLibr or on Facebook/RingmerVillageLibrary.

RINGMER VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Over the last few weeks, we've completed works to improve our accessibility and security. We've replaced both sets of the main doors with replacements that have power opening - much easier for wheelchair users and people with mobility issues, and anyone pushing buggies or carrying things! We were pleased to receive funding from the Garfield Weston Foundation and Ringmer Parish Council, which we combined with some money from a legacy to complete the work.

We've been collecting names of people interested in Kurling. Graham and Gill Stapley have arranged two taster sessions in August and we hope to see the formation of a Kurling Club. If you'd like to come along on 3 or 17 August between 2 and 4pm, you'd be very welcome. Entry is £2 and refreshments will be provided.

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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CURRENT STATUS OF RINGMER SKATE PARK

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 to meet before construction can proceed. The Council hopes to deal with these asap but can't yet give a start date. The Council is under the time constraints imposed by the need to wait for LDC approval for the conditions, and have requested an updated quote from the supplier. Funding is already in place.

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

LDC have agreed a Capital Funding Plan and ESCC have been asked to identify a Revenue Funding Plan to allow the pool to operate until it becomes financially self-sustaining financially.

PLAY AREAS

Funds have been allocated for new play equipment and seating at Fingerpost Field. The Council are in discussion with LDC about improvements at Broyle Close. New social seating will be installed on the Village Green between the shopping precinct and Delves House.

THE ALMOND FIELD

The family of Bill Almond have gifted land – now called 'The Almond Field' behind Field House in Vicarage Way and next to the new cemetery to The Parish Council.

IMPROVING RINGMER'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Recently biodiversity experts from the South Downs National Park Authority visited Ringmer to look at The Almond Field, the Village Green and Fingerpost Field. They offered suggestions to improve the natural environment. Encouraged by work done by existing volunteer groups such as Wildflower Ringmer, they suggested that The Almond Field would be ideal for a re-wilding project. This suggestion was also in line with ideas of the family who donated the land. RPC voted unanimously to accept the suggestion and agreed to complete exploratory work. Residents are encouraged to engage with small scale projects of their own.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Council currently has four vacancies for any residents who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Younger residents of the village are particularly underrepresented on the council and would be welcome.

Please contact the Clerk for more information at clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk

IMPORTANT PLANNING UPDATES FROM RAGE



Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

GLYNDEBOURNE/GLEESONS (200 / 75 homes off Harrisons Lane)

The Public Inquiry for these two linked appeals for the same site is ongoing. We're awaiting the outcome. Thanks to all who attended -more than 100 on the first morning! The Inspector was left in no doubt as to local concerns and objections. These were very clearly explained by the many residents who attended on day three and the 18 who



took the opportunity to speak on day three. The Inspector made a point on two occasions to say how much he appreciated the concise and informative input. Ringmer Parish Council participated as a Rule 6 party represented by Cllr John Kay, assisted by Cllr Linda Grange and by Anna Crompton, Head of the Primary School, as a witness for education. The Inspector's decision whether to dismiss or allow the appeal will depend on how he weighs the positives (housing supply) against the negatives (impact on landscape and setting of the SDNP, highways, education, sewerage and other infrastructure issues).

THAKEHAM HOMES, Bishops Lane Application LW/21/0694

This application for 68 homes was unanimously refused by Lewes District Planning Committee last August. Thakeham have lodged an appeal, which will now be dealt with as a full Inquiry rather than the one-day hearing initially planned. We do not yet have a date or location for this but will keep you informed.

ASHILL REGEN, LOWER LODGE FARM betw the Broyle and Round Hse Rd LW/22/0255 The Inquiry dates for this appeal are 1 to 4 August 2023. We will keep you informed as further details become available.

It is clear that we have some very big challenges ahead of us. Always remember that appeals can be dismissed – as was the case with Rangers Farm – and that together we have a powerful voice. If you haven't already, please join our campaign and encourage others to join too! Visit our website <u>Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation</u> for more information and click on the green **Join Us** button.

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WILDFLOWER RINGMER



We've had success with both our native perennial wildflowers and the cornfield annuals sown in the Wellhouse. If you're wondering what the difference is... cornfield annuals are native wildflowers that complete their lifecycle in one year so need to self-seed or be reseeded every year.

Historically, they were plentiful in arable fields. When the fields were ploughed in Autumn or Spring, this triggered seed germination. Nowadays, with modern farming methods, they are confined to field margins. Look out for these cornfield annuals in the front trough (pictured left) and three new beds within the Well-House: blue

cornflowers, white chamomile daisies, golden corn marigolds, lilac corncockle and red field poppies. Not only are they a colourful display, they're a great food source for pollinators, but have very limited long-term value due to the need to be reseeded each year.

This is why we have focused on introducing native perennial wildflower species along the Village Green banks and in other areas we manage. Once established, they will reappear year after year and will provide a reliable food source for bees and other insects. Look out for tall white ox-eye daisies, pink ragged robin, clumps of yellow flowered birds-foot trefoil, and orange/red flowered fox and cubs.



You will also see clusters of tall evening primrose plants. These are biennial (two year life cycle) rather than perennial. Our plants are in their second year so flowering with glorious yellow flowers which open in the evening. This species is

normally very good at self seeding so we are hopeful of continuing displays.

A small team of volunteers have maintained a regular watering regime for the plants planted in May and the seedlings in the Well-House, which has enabled them to survive the exceptionally hot dry weather. If you'd like to help, drop us an email at ringmerwildflowers@gmail.com and we will be in touch.



COMMUNITY NEWS + UPDATES

RINGMER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW



The Summer Show is on Saturday 8 July at 2pm in Ringmer Village Hall. Bring the family, see what everyone else has entered, have a flutter on the tombola and enjoy refreshments in the café area.

Whether you're a serious gardener or have a few pot plants, a killer baker or an

occasional cookie cooker, a professional snapper or an expert with your smart phone, there's a class for you, including the always popular homemade 'something alcoholic' as well as the non-alcoholic classes.

We want to encourage everyone to pitch in, (no entry fees for the under 16 classes. To enter, head to ringmerhorticulturalclub.co.uk

LEWES DISTRICT ART CLUB EXHIBITION

The Lewes District Art Club meets on Tuesday afternoons in Ringmer Village Hall between October and May. The club is holding its summer exhibition at The House of Friendship in Lewes on 15, 16 and 22 July. Open between 10.30am and 4.30pm on each day, the exhibition will showcase paintings and other works by club members, as well as information about the club itself and how to join.



WHAT'S ON AT GROUNDED AT THE FORGE

13 JULY: Paint Club (Van Gogh Sunflowers) 7-9pm + Book Club 6.30-8pm.

20 JULY: Flower arranging workshop 7-9pm

22 JULY: Forge Summer Party! 6-8pm – Bar, live music, buffet – come along!

To book: paintclub.co.uk/book, for the book club just pop along and flower arranging email

<u>kelly@delphiflowers.co.uk</u>. No need to book for the party – just bring yourself.

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<u>Barn Dancing Society:</u> 3rd Wednesday of month at 8 pm in Village Hall. Contact Julia Morris on 01273 813595 or Maureen on 07946 735674.

Bowls Club: Rinks: Cheyney Green. Sec: Martin Sargent 01273 472605.

Cheyney Croquet Club: Sue Tompsett 01273813810

Cricket Club: Village Green. Secretary: D Bush on 01273 812522.

<u>Dramatic Society:</u> Angela Howard, 01273 813097, <u>abhringmer@btinternet.com</u> <u>East Sussex Community Choir</u>: Monday 7.30 to 9pm term time only at Lewes Town Hall. Mary Burke 01273 475885 or email burke.mf@gmail.com

Evergreen Club: 55+ social club, meets most Thursdays at the Village Hall at 2 pm. For details ring Gill or Graham Stapley 01273 812976.

<u>Flower Club:</u> Village Hall at 2 pm, 1st Wednesday in month, email the Treasurer at patrowley@gmail.com

<u>Lewes & District Art Club:</u> Tuesdays 2-4pm in Village Hall. Mavis Stanley 01273814359 or Angela Howard 01273 813097

Lewes & District Probus: Geoff Fitch on 07484721582, geoffrey@gmx.com.

Lewes Daytime Music: House of Friendship, School Hill: Choirs Mon 2-3pm and Wed 1-2pm. Ukulele beg, Wed 10.30am. Debra Skeen 01273 476469

<u>Lewes Social Group of East Sussex Vision Support</u> meets monthly, every second Monday. Local contact Gill Salisbury 01273 812145.

<u>Library:</u> Village Hall, 07934 046392 or ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com

<u>Memory Moments Café:</u> (for people with dementia & their family/carers) - Scout Hut, Thursday 9.30 – 12.30. 01273 494300 or info@knowdementia.co.uk

<u>Mothers' Union:</u> Christine Smith, 01273 814993, christineesmith@me.com or Shirley Squires 01273 752167.

RADAR Community Speed Watch Group Ray Eggleton 01273 812962.

1st Ringmer Guides: Scout Hut, Wed 7pm fifthlewesbrownies@hotmail.com

1st Ringmer Rainbow Guides: Scout Hut, Wed 5pm. Jennie Barnes 01825 769938, fifthlewesbrownies@hotmail.com.

<u>3rd Ringmer Brownies:</u> Village Hall, Tues 5 pm Teresa Sutton 01273 814992, RingmerBrownies@outlook.com

Parish Council: Call 01273 813242/ 07565 704342 or email

<u>clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>. Website: ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk <u>Pilates:</u> Village Hall Thursday evening and Friday morning. Contact Louise McAllen. 07841 397550 or louisemcallenfitness@amail.com

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

Ringmer AFC: Ringmer AFC@outlook.com.

Ringmer Baptist Church: Neil Thornicroft 01825 750283.

<u>Ringmer Good Neighbour Scheme:</u> 07340 118758 between 10 and 11 am or 3 and 4 pm or email <u>ringmergoodneighbours@gmail.com</u>

<u>Ringmer History Study Group:</u> John Kay, 01273 813388.

<u>Ringmer Horticultural & Home Produce Club:</u> jon.race@btinternet.com

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

<u>Ringmer Stoolball Club</u> - Played on the Village Green from May until September. Juniors on Wednesday & Seniors on Thursday evenings. Contact Stephanie Lambert 01273 812295.

<u>Ringmer Table Tennis Club:</u> 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.

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<u>Ringmer Footpath Clearance Group</u>: Marilyn Linehan on 01273 812345 or marilyn@linehan.com

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Royal British Legion - Ringmer Branch: Acting Chairman Mr Lionel Dorian. Enquiries to Secretary Mrs Julie Middleton on 01273 813047.

Scout Group - 1st 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 beaversringmer@gmail.com

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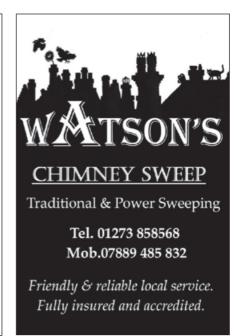
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