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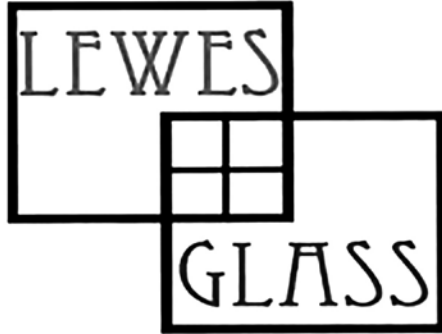
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear All,

This time last week I was sitting in a small café in Corinth, Greece, looking out over deep blue water and sipping an iced coffee.

Today in my study I'm warming my hands on a mug of tea and looking out over an overcast day. But I know that, with each passing day, Spring is closer and the warmth I felt last week will be here with us. As we go through the year I am in constant danger of looking forward to the next thing. Right now I'm looking forward to Spring – to the bloom of flowers and the buds

of blossom on the trees. While the blossom still lies on the trees I'll be waiting for Summer, for the heat and warmth of the long days. Then it won't be long before I'm thinking of getting the fire ready for the Autumn evenings - hot chocolate and thick jumpers while watching the flames dance in the fireplace. Then it will be Christmas soon and before I know it I'll be waiting for the February half term and our annual week in Greece. Wow, a whole year passed and my tea is still hot! I am learning, ever so slowly, to appreciate today. To spend just a minute looking out of my study window and appreciating the day that I'm living right now. To wait for tomorrow and to live in today. There is that old saying that goes something like: "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not yet, today is a gift – that's why it's called the present". At the heart of this is the wisdom that I'm trying to learn. To live in today, in the moment. To be present today with the specialness of today. And for those of us who are Christians to acknowledge that God's hand is behind it all and that He gives us each new day as a gift that we shouldn't squander by constantly looking for that which is yet to be. So if you see me sitting on a bench around the village it will be because I've stopped for a short time just to admire the beauty around us before I continue. Maybe you will join me on the bench for a minute or two?

With every blessing, Revd. David

CHURCH SERVICES

THURSDAY 2 MARCH

10am: Said Eucharist (Lent)

THURSDAY 9 MARCH

10am: Said Eucharist (Lent)

THURSDAY 16 MARCH

10am: Said Eucharist (Lent)

THURSDAY 23 MARCH

10am: Said Eucharist (Lent)

THURSDAY 30 MARCH

10am: Said Eucharist (Lent)

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

10am: All Age Service/ 6.30pm: Eucharist

SUNDAY 12 MARCH

10am: Eucharist

SUNDAY 19 MARCH

10am: Eucharist for Mothering Sunday/
6.30pm: Evensong

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

10am: Eucharist

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

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



LENT AT ST MARY'S

Tuesdays at 5pm - *Stations of the Cross* in St Mary's, a short meditative service from Common Worship following the way Jesus took to the Cross.

Thursdays at 10am – Said Eucharist for Lent in St Mary's

Thursdays at 3.45pm for 4pm – “Who then is this?” St Mary's Lent Course in the Church Room.

Lent lunches are from 12.15pm to 1.45pm at the Church Room (3 March), Old Cottage, Lewes Road (11 March), Southlands, Gote Lane (17 March), Broylegate Farmhouse, Lewes Road (24 March) and Church Room (31 March). More information from churchwarden@ringmerchurch.org.uk or 01273 813189.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Service is on **Friday 3 March at 2.30pm**, followed by tea and cake. Called “I Have Heard About Your Faith”, the service is by a Christian women in Taiwan. The theme is ‘encouragement’, something they need so much right now – as do we in these uncertain times. Lifts can be arranged so contact your Church committee member or Gill Salisbury on 07782950847. You are very welcome.

ALL-AGE SERVICE AND MOTHERING SUNDAY

On **Sunday 5 March**, our All Age Service will be at 10am as usual, so we hope to see you there. And it's **Mothering Sunday on 19 March** when our 10am service will be a Eucharist with the giving of posies.

PRAYER TIME

Do come along at **9am on Tuesday 14 March** 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.

HOLY COMMUNION AT RINGMER CARE HOMES

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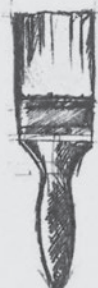
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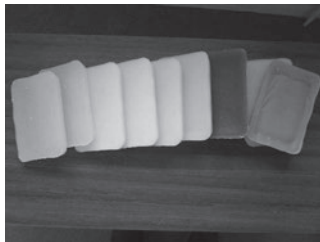
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ST MARY'S | NOTICES

HEATING IN CHURCH

Please be aware that we still have no heating in church, so do come prepared with warm coats, blankets etc. Just to let you know that we are looking into this problem!

RECYCLED WAX AVAILABLE



Anne Stamper says: "I recycle the wax from the stubs of the candles burned in church. Please contact me if you can use this wax either to make candles or wax skateboards (!) or anything else you might use it for, to arrange to collect it."

If you have a good use for recycled wax (see left) contact Anne at 01273 812316 or email annestamper@btinternet.com

RINGMER WI

The speaker at the February meeting was Colin Bostock-Smith, a retired comedy writer who spent 35 years working in the world of TV, stage and radio. He has written sketches for numerous stars, including Bob Monkhouse, David Jason, Rowan Atkinson, Anne Robinson, the Two Ronnies, Griff Rhys Jones, Mel Gibson and Pamela Stevenson. He was one of the main contributors to *Not the Nine O'Clock News* and spent the latter 10 years of his career in a writing partnership with Clive James - quite a pedigree! His talk was enjoyed by 25 members and visitors.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7 March at 7.30 in the Village Hall, when Peter and Carol Goodman will give a talk entitled 'From Sheep to Knitting Wool'. Members will be able to try their hand at spinning. Other monthly activities include coffee mornings and 'knit and natter' at the Forge café and occasional outings. The WI Spring Fair is on 22 April in the Village Hall and the group will be providing refreshments for the Coronation. Visitors are welcome to attend two meetings a year, after which we hope you will decide to join. Why not give it a try?

FLOODLIGHTING – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

19 FEBRUARY	Wendy Barber	"TREASURED BIRTHDAY MEMORIES"
5 MARCH	Arthur Squires	"HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMORIES"

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

MOTHER'S UNION

Mothers' UNION Shirley Squires says: "At our meeting in February we had a very interesting talk from one of the Chaplains at Lewes Prison. She gave us a good insight into the varied work they do.

"Our next meeting is on 14 March at 7.30pm in the Church Room. As this is during Lent, we are delighted that Revd David will be coming to give us a talk suitable for Lent. As usual we start with a short service and finish with coffee and biscuits. You are most welcome to join us."

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

ST MARY'S TODDLERS

The group continues every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. Everyone with pre-school children of all ages is welcome.

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.



ST MARY'S ECO CHURCH FACTS & TIPS



This month: The benefits of kelp to the environment.

Did you know that seaweed plays a crucial role in the ocean's ability to absorb green house gases? A type of seaweed known as kelp is being developed for its nutritional value and its ability to absorb and lock away huge quantities of carbon dioxide. Seaweed absorbs CO2 more effectively than trees. It also improves water quality by extracting harmful nutrients such as nitrogen from the sea.

Kelp is good for you too. It contains ten times more calcium than milk and more vitamin C than orange juice! It is good for your hair and for bones, muscle function and lower cholesterol. You can eat it raw or cook with it. Or if you don't fancy that, it can be taken in supplement form, available from health food stores.

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RINGMER BAPTIST CHURCH



A warm welcome awaits all who join us to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear what God is saying. Sunday services are at 10.30am and 6pm at the Village Hall and on Zoom. Our Thursday Home Group meets in the library at 7.30pm. Wednesday Prayer Meeting is at 10.30am. Full details at ringmerbaptist.uk

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. Available to individuals and families referred to us by local welfare organisations and churches for emergency aid. There is also a delivery service. Contact Gill Salisbury on 01273-812145 for more details.

Every Friday at 10am to 11am, we host a **Spiritual Drop-in** session for anyone to come and explore the Christian faith over a coffee.

The next **Fellowship Lunch** is on 5 March when we will talk about our church twinning with the Masweni Church in Eswatini (Lunch at 12.45pm / Talk at 2.15pm).

Easter services will include Good Friday with Communion on 7 April at 10.30am, an early morning service on 9 April at 7.30am at the Mill Post followed by breakfast and on Easter Day at 10.30am at the Village Hall. Full details in the next issue.

MARCH 2023 SERVICES

5 March AM: Gill Salisbury Matt. Ch20 v1-16 **PM:** Mission & Praise Update: Twinning with Msaweni Church Plant

12 March AM: Roger Case Matt. Ch20v17-28 **PM:** Oliver Stopp: Unique Encounter 8: The Ethiopian Eunuch

19 March AM: Gill Salisbury Matt. Ch20 v29-34 **PM:** Neil Thornicroft: Unique Encounter 9: The Burning Bush

26 March AM: Neil Thornicroft Ch21 v1-11 **PM:** Malcolm Hart Unique Encounter 10: The Wrestling Match

"Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'"

(Matthew - Chapter 21 verses: 25 – 28 / New International Version)

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

RINGMER HISTORY GROUP



John Kay says: "Our meeting this month will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 17 March in Ringmer Village Hall and will feature four short talks by members. I will describe the evolution of Ringmer Old Churchyard and, inspired by Geoff Bridger, try to estimate just how many people have been buried there over the centuries.

"Hilary Smith will tell the story of her great-grandparents Edward and Mary Ann Evenden. They were born in Mayfield but lived in

Ringmer for more than 40 years, celebrating their Diamond Wedding here in 1908.

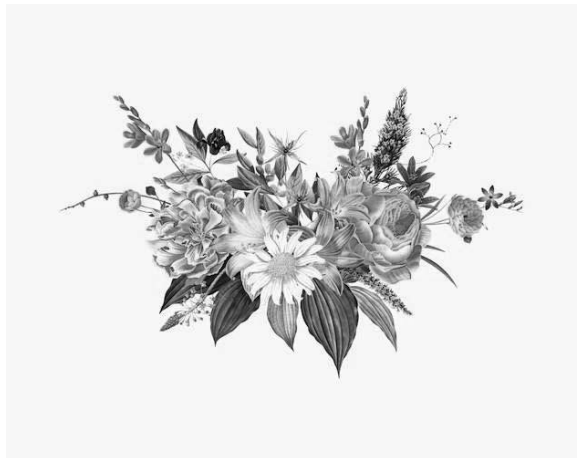
"Anna Kay will tell us about domestic life in late Victorian and Edwardian Ringmer, based on oral histories collected from older villagers in the 1980s. Finally, Mike Howell will tell us about the 1951 crash of the experimental Hawker P1081 jet fighter near Swingate that resulted in the death of the test pilot, war hero Squadron Leader Trevor Sidney 'Wimpy' Wade (pictured front and centre above in 1941).

"Our one-day Ringmer History course in February attracted more people than we could accommodate in a single session, so will be repeated in the autumn, probably on a Saturday in late September or early October."

RINGMER FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting is titled 'Calendar Moments' and will be demonstrated by Barbara Caldecourt. The meeting will be on Wednesday 5 April at 2pm in the Village Hall.

Entry for visitors is £8, which includes refreshments. You can also buy a raffle ticket with the chance to win one of the arrangements. Do come and join in and meet new friends.





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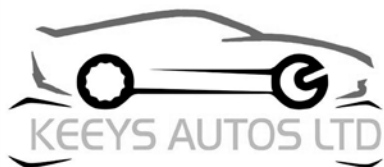
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WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

Run by David Sale, the quiz will be in the Village Hall on 22 April. As there is obviously a restriction on numbers for the hall, it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Teams of four people at £4 per head with a donation of a raffle prize per team please. To register please include your team name and contact details with full payment of £16 (cash or cheque made payable to the Hospice) and pop in letterbox of 51 Danforth Way Caburn Fields by 9 April. Any queries, contact David at 59sale.david@gmail.com or on 01273 459148.



RINGMER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

The Spring Show this year is on Saturday 1 April at 2pm in Ringmer Village Hall. Debra Skeen says: "Come along, support the Club and show what you can do! Bring the family, see what everyone else has entered, enter the raffle and enjoy a drink and/or some delicious cake. Stay on for the entertaining auction at the end and grab yourself a bargain."

To enter, head to ringmerhorticulturalclub.co.uk where you'll find information on the categories and the entry form. Whether you're a serious gardener or dabble in herb growing, a killer baker or an occasional cookie cooker, a flower arranger extraordinaire or handy with your crafting there is a class for you to show off your stuff! Debra adds: "We want to encourage everyone to enter so there are no entry fees for the under 16 classes."

BORED AT HOME? JOIN THE RINGMER BOARD GAMES CLUB!

The fledging Board Games Club organised by Bren Bonner needs you! Bren says: "We had a new member in February and we're planning sessions in March and April, but we really need a few more members to keep going regularly."

The Board Games Club is a fun, informal afternoon session at in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. The next sessions are Wednesday 8 March and 12 April from 2pm to 4pm. Bren adds: "Ideally, we need ten regular members and we're very nearly there! With a full quota, we can continue to play our favourites and learn new games along the way. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available and it's just a £2 sub to join the fun."

Bren is also keen to rehome any unwanted board games that people would like to donate. Contact Bren on 01273 813303 to have a chat – it's a great chance to meet new people and have some relaxed fun so do try it out!

RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY



Throughout March, the library is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturdays from 10am to 12pm.

The extra opening hours for Warm Spaces (Friday afternoons) come an end at the end of March.

Joining the library is fast, free and simple – just pop in!

Liz Owen says: "Thanks to everyone who came to Molly Green's talk about Bletchley Park and joined us for a nostalgic tea afterwards. A good time was had by all, and we raised £254 towards library funds.

"We've been hosting fortnightly sessions with Ovesco, so that people can ask questions about their energy bills, their insulation or anything else around the subject. The advisers are very friendly and give sound and practical advice. The next session is on Saturday 1 March between 10am and 12pm, followed by Tuesday 7 March and 21 March between 2pm and 4pm. There is also another digital drop in session on 22 March from 10am to 12pm. Everyone is welcome and all the sessions are free, just drop in.

A free weekly story-time for pre-schoolers continues every Thursday at 2pm and on the first Saturday of every month. The next is on 4 March at 10.30am.

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



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RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council and Planning Meetings will now be held bi-monthly on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Other meetings are yet to be decided so please do check the noticeboard outside the Village Hall, our website or Facebook for up-to-date information:

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Parish meetings are held in our Parish Rooms at Ringmer Parish Council, Old School Close, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5RA.

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KING'S CORONATION | SAT 6 MAY 2023



Planning continues for the village celebration of the coronation. While the details are still being worked the outline of the day is taking shape. The coronation will be screened in the Village Hall for those residents wishing to attend. Afternoon activities on the Village Green will take place between 2pm and 6pm and the celebrations will conclude with a Barn Dance in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Many village groups are involved in planning already, but if any other groups or any individual resident would like to take part, please contact us. Find contact details at ringmerparishcouncil.org.uk

MAY 2023 ELECTIONS | THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023

Would you like to be actively involved with the decision making about some of the issues that affect our village? Have you the time, commitment, energy and interest in helping the Parish Council improve the village for everyone? All 13 seats on Ringmer Parish Council are up for election on Thursday 4th May and, if you want to be on the ballot, now is the time to start the process for putting yourself forward.

RINGMER AGAINST GREENFIELD EXPLOITATION



Ringmer Against
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RANGERS FARM, CHAMBERLAINES LANE, FORMAL APPEAL

The Planning Inspector dismissed the appeal, hopefully setting a precedent for future appeals. The Inspector gave significant weight to the proposal's adverse impact on the surrounding countryside and the narrowing of the green gap between Ringmer and Broyleside particularly as Croudace has been approved. Thanks to all who attended and submitted objections.

GLYNDEBOURNE/GLEESONS (200 homes off Harrisons Lane)

Both appeals (for 200 houses and the revised 75 houses) are live on the [Planning Inspectorate](#) website (Ref. APP/P1425/W/23/3314192). If approved, either development would change the rural nature of Potato Lane forever, bring unacceptable urbanisation to this part of our village and have a severe negative impact on the setting of the South Downs National Park. In addition, as the proposed access is next to the school on Harrisons Lane (existing bungalow to be demolished) there are road safety concerns for children entering and leaving the Primary School. Despite these strong arguments, we would be foolish to take refusals for granted. Gleesons will have a strong team to make their case. It is important that we submit our objections before the deadline of 23 March to help the Planning Inspector understand why this proposal is so wrong for our village. Visit our website [Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation](#) for more information on all planning applications and appeals.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

UPDATE FROM CLLRS EMILY O'BRIEN AND JOHNNY DENIS



RINGMER NEWS & UPDATES

Emily says: "On the endless saga of Ringmer and planning, I was absolutely delighted that the Appeal Inspector upheld the LDC decision to refuse the Bedford Park development – a chink of good news! I am keeping my fingers crossed for the Averys development where I attended and spoke as a Ward Councillor.

"We continue to be really busy around planning more widely. I'm coordinating a response to the current government consultation on behalf of the local green party and also developing a template response to be shared with Green Councillors round the UK.

"Aside from planning, I attended the Lewes District Cost of Living summit, and have given evidence to an all party parliamentary group. The Council support available locally is listed at under 'Cost of Living Crisis' at lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk. As part of my district wide visits to Warm Spaces and Food Banks, I had a wonderful visit at Ringmer Library to see how theirs is progressing – it really is a warm welcome for everyone and I'd encourage residents to pop by for a cup of tea. See page 15 for their opening hours.

"I've also paid a visit to the Community Land Trust housing being built at Neaves Lane. It's great to see such good progress on this and the Mill Road house under construction for a family with specialised needs. Along with Johnny, I continue to support Mill Road residents who remain concerned about flooding that they believe is from the Caburn Field development. ESCC has agreed to an independent investigation into these issues."

Johnny Denis adds; "We are delighted that funds were set aside by Lewes District Council at its annual budget setting meeting for bringing Ringmer Swimming Pool back into use as part of the Council's wider investment in leisure facilities across the District.

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KING'S ACADEMY RINGMER

In February, the school welcomed author Georgia Byng to talk about her 5* novel *Albi the Glowing Cow Boy* among other things. The students had a fantastic time gaining insight

into the mind of a published author and started various discussions that may well potentially kickstart some budding author's careers! Thanks go to Ms Colbourne for arranging this visit by Georgia and for giving KAR pupils this opportunity.

LAUGHTON VILLAGE CHOIR CONCERT | 1 APRIL 2023

Laughton Village Choir includes a number of Ringmer-based singers and you can catch them all performing Handel in concert at St Mary's, Barcombe on Saturday 1 April from 6pm.

Tickets cost £15 from lvchoir.org.uk or on the door – children go free. The choir will

be singing Handel: Three Coronation Anthems including Zadok the Priest and The Clockhouse Singers will perform Easter music, including three movements from the Bach Mass in B Minor.



Along with the Clockhouse Singers and the Laughton Village Choir, Nancy Cooley will be on keyboard, Neil Brough on trumpet and the soloists are Simon Madge and Judy Mackerras. The director is Linda Glenn. For more information head to lvchoir.org.uk

WILDFLOWER RINGMER



Anne Duke writes:

You may have seen in the news that King Charles hosted a palace event in February backing action on biodiversity. Biodiversity – the variety of living things – is declining faster than at any time in human history. Biodiversity is in crisis across the globe and, according to experts, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted nations in the world. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by this and powerless. But there are things that we can do on a small scale to help.

Brighton and Hove City Council have recently published their Wilder Verges Project Report. Under this project, 23 verges were left uncut during the 2022 growing season from March to September to provide food and shelter for wildlife. When survey data from August 2021 was compared with corresponding data for August 2022 it's easy to see the positive difference not cutting has made:

- Nearly half (48%) of the sites saw an increase in number of pollinator or wildflower species present
- Ten out of 23 sites (43%) saw the amount of pollinator species increase
- Around 70% of the verges (16 out of 23) recorded a pollinator or wildflower species not seen at all in 2021.

We are adopting a similar approach in the wildflower areas on the Village Green banks and at Sadlers Way Green. Cuts will be restricted to either side of the growing season. This change in management allows more and different wildflower species to flourish.

Road verges within the village can have a surprising number of wildflower species too. Violets, daisies and dandelions are all good food sources for pollinators. These verges have two official cuts a year only but are often kept close-mown by residents. We would like to encourage residents to mow less frequently to give wildflowers a chance to flower and set seed.

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