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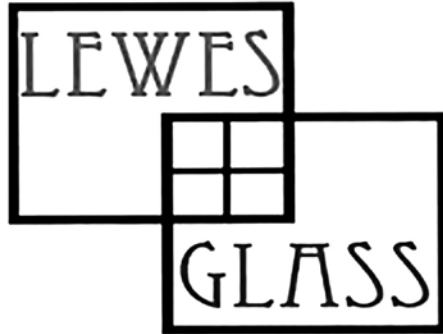
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# LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

In 1994, Elton John sang: "It's the circle of life..." Many years earlier, in 1789, Benjamin Franklin said: "Nothing is certain except death and taxes." We've learnt in the recent past that, while tax can sometimes be avoided (but not evaded), the certain truth is that death can not be avoided by any of us. The circle of life is one of birth and death.

The reason that I start my letter to you with what seems like a dark and dismal theme is to introduce a conversation that we must have. The New Churchyard of St. Mary's (new nearly 100 years ago) is getting fairly full. I estimate that we have about five years of burials left in the space we currently have. It is therefore sensible to ask where we will bury Ringmer residents when this space is full. If you have been in the churchyard, you will see that it is an important place for families and friends to remember their loved ones. Every time I go into the churchyard I, meet people tending graves or sitting quietly. I believe it is important that we have a place in the village to lay Ringmer people to rest, so that others are able to visit and to remember - and not have to travel to do so.

The church doesn't have the resources to buy any land for this purpose and the days are long gone (thankfully) when the church would simply commandeer the land from others. If anyone has any ideas for a suitable place in the village please do let us know. We know that the circle of life will turn for us too and we want to be sensible and pragmatic about the practical implications of this.

With every blessing, Revd. David

## NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

<b>SUNDAY 5 NOV (4<sup>th</sup> BEFORE ADVENT)</b>	<b>10am: 'First Sundays from 10'</b> <b>6.30pm: Celtic Eucharist (Chancel)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 12 NOV (REMEMBRANCE DAY)</b>	<b>10.50am: Act of Remembrance at War Memorial</b> <small>THU</small> <b>followed by service in St Mary's</b>
<b>SUNDAY 19 NOV (2<sup>nd</sup> BEFORE ADVENT)</b>	<b>10am: Eucharist</b> <b>6.30pm: Evensong (Chancel)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 26 NOV (CHRIST THE KING)</b>	<b>10am: Eucharist</b>

**There is also a Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel every Thursday at 9am**

# WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

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

## FIRST SUNDAYS FROM 10

Drop in and join in with music, activities, stories and craft in church on Sunday 5 November. This will be followed by refreshments. It's church but slightly different, with plenty of moving around and discovery for all ages. We'd love to see you, but don't worry if you can't get there for 10am – come when you can! And note that the service on 3 December will be our Christingle Service.

## CELTIC EUCHARIST

On Sunday 5 November at 6.30pm we have a Celtic Eucharist in the Chancel and would be pleased to see you there.

## HOLY COMMUNION

This will be said at all three of our Ringmer Care Homes during the month. Days and times are as follows: Parris Lawn on 7 November at 11am, Holm Lodge on 28 November at 11.30am and Lime Tree House on 30 November at 11am.

## ST MARY'S TODDLERS

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.



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# ST MARY'S | NOTICES

## FLOODLIGHTING – OCTOBER + NOVEMBER 2023

<b>10 October</b>	<b>Coral Harmer-Brown</b>	<b>“Forever in our hearts”</b>
<b>2 November</b>	<b>ALL SOULS</b>	
<b>10 November</b>	<b>Peter Ball</b>	<b>“Loving thoughts always”</b>
<b>18 November</b>	<b>Barbara Ruth Bailey</b>	<b>“In loving memory”</b>
<b>25 November</b>	<b>Robert Eade</b>	<b>“Ten years without you and missed every day”</b>

*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.*

## PRAYER TIME – Tuesday 14 November at 9am

You're welcome to join us at 9am on Tuesday 14 November at 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: Clarks Croft on 5 November, Lewes Road on 19 November and Crockendale Field and The Martlets on 26 November.

## STUDY GROUPS

Our next course of Study Groups starts on 9 November and will be via Zoom. The theme is 'Journeying with the Magi'. Details of how to join in are on the weekly newsheets that you can find at [ringmerchurch.org.uk](http://ringmerchurch.org.uk) or in church.

## LIGHTS OF LOVE 2023

The 2023 Lights of Love tree next to the church porch will be lit on Saturday 2 December at 4pm. The lighting will be followed by a short service when the names of those remembered will be read out. You will find a leaflet in this magazine. Leaflets are also available in the library, the church and some shops. Please return envelopes to 7 Penn Crescent, Ringmer by 22 November.

## FROM THE REGISTERS – OCTOBER 2023

<b>HOLY BAPTISM</b>	<b>22 OCT</b>	<b>AMELIA ROLLINGS</b>
<b>SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>18 OCT</b>	<b>SHEILA MANN</b>
<b>INTERMENT</b>	<b>7 OCT</b>	<b>MICHAEL THOMPSON</b>



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – CAROLS & COFFEE

A date for your festive diary: come to enjoy an evening of carol singing and refreshments in the Village Hall on Thursday 21 December from 7.30pm.

If you are part of a singing/music group and you would like to take part, please get in touch with Marisa on 01273 812790. Admission £1 with a retiring collection for Cancer Research UK. All ages are welcome.



### RINGMER YOUTH SINGS! – NEW SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

The very first gathering of young people (from eight to 16) who all enjoy singing will be on Saturday 18 November from 2pm to 4pm in St Mary's. The songs will be old favourites as well as new, Christmas songs as well as songs from shows.

We hope these young people will come and share their ideas to shape future plans. There will be time to chat with drinks and cake to keep us all going too! This group is not directly linked with St Mary's choir, but is organised by musicians from the church. There is no expectation that the singers can read music or play an instrument. Please note, a parental permission form from [ringmerchurch.org.uk](http://ringmerchurch.org.uk) is needed – you can also find these in the church entrance and at the Primary School and Kings Academy Ringmer. Please return to the church front desk (open 9am to 4pm) before the 18 November. Contact Rosemary Colebourn on 07552487694 for more information.

### RINGMER CHURCH ECO GROUP ECO TIP – KNOW YOUR PLASTICS

If you took part in the big plastic count last year, how many items of plastic did your household count? According to Which in November 2022, the average UK household disposed of 66 pieces of plastic each week.

Much of this is recycled but there is a difference in the recycling value of different types of plastic. Clear plastic milk bottles, made from high density polyethylene (HDPE), are very recyclable and can be turned back into milk bottles. PET soft drinks and water bottles are also easily recycled and manufacturers are required to use a proportion in new bottles.

However, PP Food containers, such as yoghurt pots and food trays can't be reused in food manufacturing but can be used in other gardening or household plastics. Low density polyethylene (LDPE) is usually less recycled. However, LDC state on their website that they will collect carrier bags and sacks (not black) and plastic covering (for example, from batteries and toys). Major supermarkets in Lewes also collect soft plastics - just ask at the till for the collection point.

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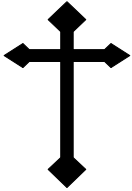
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A warm welcome and a joyful time of fellowship awaits all who join us at our services to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear what God is saying to us. We hold our Sunday Morning services in the Village Hall at 10.30am. We also stream these services 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](http://www.ringmerbaptist.uk)

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

## NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

### RINGMER FOOD BANK

Operated by Ringmer Baptist Church, the Food Bank is open from 11am to 12pm 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 (details of both as above).

### FAITH EXPLORED - Every Friday at 10am – 11am in the library

All welcome to learn more about the Christian faith over a coffee. For details please call Neil Thornicroft

### NOVEMBER EVENING SERVICES

Praise and prayer in addition to continuing our DVD teaching series by Andrew Ollerton on the Book of Romans.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHESS** The next Fellowship Lunch is on 5 November at 12.30pm followed at 2pm by Neil and Joy Thornicroft giving a presentation on their experience visiting Brighter Futures' Orphanage and Children Centres in India.

## WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

### CLOSURE OF RINGMER FLOWER CLUB

Sally Pearce is Chair of Ringmer Flower Club. She says: "It is with great sadness that I have to report that Ringmer Flower Club will close at its AGM on 8 November 2023. Since its inauguration in 1977, it has provided a pleasurable opportunity for like-minded people to come together to engage in the art of flower arranging and has staged numerous flower festivals around the local areas. Unfortunately, there are now insufficient volunteers to form a committee, without which the club cannot function. I'd like to thank all members who have willingly offered their services over the years to keep the club going this long."

### RINGMER BARN DANCING SOCIETY

Ringmer Barn Dancing Society's next dance date is Wednesday 15 November in the Village Hall. The dancing starts at 8pm until 10pm and it's £5 entrance (cash only please). Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring your own liquid refreshment. No partner needed, we're a friendly bunch.

### CHAILEY & NEWICK PAINTING GROUP ART EXHIBITION

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 November, 10am – 5pm in Chailey Village Hall

There will be an exciting display of new paintings by the members of this lovely, friendly art club to share with visitors over the exhibition weekend and we very much look forward to welcoming you all to Chailey village hall.

As usual there will be plenty more to enjoy – members demonstrating their craft, a variety of artists' greeting cards, an 'every ticket wins an original painting' tombola raising funds for St Peter & St James Hospice and, of course, tea, coffee and our fabulous home-made cakes. (Cash would very much be appreciated for the refreshments and tombola - it will save our Treasurer a lot of headaches!)

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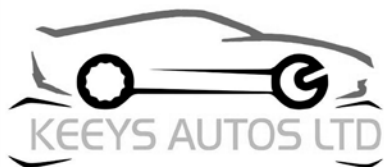
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### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE UPDATE

Our speaker at the meeting on 3 October was Andy Thomas, who gave an excellent talk on Lewes and bonfire night. He highlighted the amount of preparation involved, the considerable sums raised for charity and the controversy that surrounds aspects of the event. His talk finished with some excellent slides of the parades and displays.

The WI Christmas Fair will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 2 December. Please join us for refreshments, tombola, raffle, cake and craft stall. On Thursday 14 December we'll have our Christmas lunch at the Anchor. Before all of that though, our next meeting is on Tuesday 7 November. This will be a short AGM followed by a talk by Beth Power, a textile artist and expert who will discuss the history of Stitchescaping as well as her inspirations and techniques.

### RINGMER HISTORY GROUP NEXT MEETING

The History Group does not have a November meeting, but our Christmas meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Friday 8 December in Ringmer Village Hall. We shall be presenting three short talks by Linda Grange, Hilary Smith and John Kay, all on the theme 'The Darker Side of Ringmer'. In the interval we will serve mulled wine and mince pies, and the evening will be financed by the usual giant raffle

### RINGMER HORTICULTURAL & HOME PRODUCE CLUB

The AGM is on Friday 10 November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, followed by a guest speaker at 8pm. Entry is £7 to include one year membership and refreshments. The guest speaker is Geoff Stonebanks of multiple award-winning 'Driftwood by Sea' garden in Seaford. Since 2009, he has raised £170,748 for various charities by inviting people to visit and enjoy the garden.

### LAUGHTON GREENWOOD IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Laughton Greenwood meets at 10am on the first Sunday of the month. The non profit organisation is looking for volunteers to help plant trees and contribute towards rewilding a wood in Laughton. See [laughtongreenwood.co.uk](http://laughtongreenwood.co.uk) for more details and contact Jan on 07464661949 if you'd like to volunteer.

### THE LEWES, GLYNDE & BEDDINGHAM BRASS BAND (LGB BRASS)

Based in Lewes, the LGB Brass takes part in the Ringmer Remembrance Parade and service at St Mary's. The band also runs a youth group for kids who want to play a brass instrument – called BrassSparks. Catch the band in concert at Lewes Town Hall on 5 December and accompanying *A Christmas Carol* on 10 December. For more info contact Jane Stewart on 07980 407831 or at [secretary@lgbrass.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lgbrass.co.uk).



## RINGMER LIBRARY + VILLAGE HALL NEWS

From November 2023 until March 2024 inclusive, the library's opening hours are Tuesday, Thursday AND FRIDAY 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10 to 12pm, with thanks to Lewes District Council for funding our expenses for the extra afternoon. The library offers a warm space every session - somewhere to grab a cup of tea and a comfy chair, chat, do the puzzle or read – and no money is needed! We generally run story-time sessions at 2pm on Thursdays, and at 10.30 on the first Saturday of the month.

The library offers a range of books and jigsaws to borrow, with new stock added each month. Books are also on sale starting at just £1 and Christmas cards depicting the Village Hall in the snow are now available too. These help the Village Hall funds.

### NOVEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 4 November - children's storytime at 10:30 am

Thursday 16 November - Hearing Aid Maintenance session from 3 to 4.30pm

Saturday 18 November – Coffee morning, bargain books and jigsaw sale in Ringmer Village Hall.

Looking ahead to December, local author Denise Barnes will be back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to give a talk at the Village Hall on her historical novels. She will also sign copies of her new book (out 23 Nov) called *Wartime Wishes at Bletchley Park*. Tickets available from the library now. It's free, but we always appreciate a donation.

This winter, we're planning some free cookery sessions in the Village Hall, run by volunteers – at the time of writing, there are just a couple of spaces left, so please let us know by email or at the library desk if you'd like to register.

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### RINGMER VILLAGE HALL BUDGET NEWS FOR 2024

After much deliberation the budget for 2024 has been set. We cannot escape the impact that the cost of electricity has had and this is set to continue, so it is with regret that the Trustees have increased the hourly rates for the halls.

As you can imagine, there is a rolling maintenance programme which ensures the facilities are kept in the condition which you have come to expect. This will continue and we will seek grant finding wherever appropriate as part of our continuous improvement. You can see the new rates at [ringmervillagehall.chessck.co.uk](http://ringmervillagehall.chessck.co.uk) or Google 'Ringmer Village Hall'. There are two vacancies for Village Hall Trustees – see page 23 for more information.

## 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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### Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

We are delighted that, following months of anxiety, the Gleeson/Glyndebourne appeals were dismissed by the Inspector on

17 October 2023.

On 16 October we viewed the final session of the Thakeham Appeal where the design fails in many areas and the access challenge has not been met. The Inspector complimented the way in which the Rule 6 Party (Ringmer Parish Council represented by Councillors John Kay and Linda Grange) conducted their case. The next appeal is the BokLok Estate on Tues 14 November. We don't yet know the venue and all previous representations are declared to be carried forward.

Neighbours in the areas where appeals have been upheld (Chamberlains Lane and Roundhouse Road) may consider setting up groups similar to the North Ringmer Residents Group and Caburn Fields to ensure developers and builders comply with conditions laid.

The presentation for the Neaves Lane solar farm (now named Old House Farm) took place over two days. If this is granted it may be some years before construction is started.

Lewes District Council will be discussing the draft Local Plan and their preferred options for sites at a Cabinet Meeting in Newhaven on 9 November, followed by a discussion at Full Council on 20 November. The proposals then go out for public consultation for ten weeks from the end of November through to February 2024.

The over-arching problem remains at national level. One of the few laughs during this whole doleful process was when John Kay referred to this as the "twisted" balance rather than the "tilted" balance.

We end by thanking all those who supported the efforts to defend our village - MP Maria Caulfield, District Councillor Emily O'Brien and County Councillor Johnny Denis and residents who submitted objections both in writing and in person. There is no doubt that the Inspector understood the strength of feeling in Ringmer.

Join us at [ringmergreenfields.org](http://ringmergreenfields.org) to find out more on all the above.

## RINGMER EVENTS + UPDATES

The poster features a dark background with a starry sky and a silhouette of Dick Whittington carrying a bundle on a pole. A dog is also visible. The title 'Dick Whittington' is written in a large, white, cursive font. A circular badge in the top right corner says 'BOOK NOW'. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of the London skyline including the Tower Bridge and Big Ben. A circular badge in the bottom left corner says 'Fun for all the family!'. The text 'TICKETS ON SALE NOW!' is prominently displayed in the center, with the website 'at Ticketsource.co.uk and Ringmer Pet Store' below it. At the very bottom, it says 'Written by David Pratt - Directed by Robert Morrison'.

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Dick Whittington is by David Pratt and is directed by Robert Morrison. Tickets are £9 per adult and £5 per child, available now from [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or at Ringmer Pet Store.

### UPDATE FROM RINGMER PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

The school has been focusing on reading recently, with a sponsored read over the summer break, the introduction of a reading raffle with prizes and new sessions in the library after school. These are for parents to listen to their children read for a while before going home. The school is looking for reading volunteers to listen to the children read on a regular basis. There are two open days on 15 November and 11 January 2024 for any prospective parents and children who haven't yet been. Please contact the school on 01273 812463 for more information.

### RINGMER CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS KEEP FIT CIRCUIT TRAINING

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## NEWS FROM RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL



### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12 NOVEMBER**

There will be a parade on 12 November. Lewes, Glynde & Beddingham Brass Band will lead, from the car park behind the shops at 10.45am, via Springett Avenue and Lewes Road to the War Memorial. The maroon will sound at 11am followed by a two minute silence, after which a bugler will play Reveille. The names of the

fallen will be read from the Memorial followed by prayers. The church service will follow from 11.15am to 12.15pm. The parade will reform and march back to the car park where it will play again and then disband.

### **SKATE PARK UPDATE**

The planning permission condition on landscaping is being worked on.

### **SWIMMING POOL UPDATE**

County Councillor Johnny Denis reported that while some detail is still being discussed, it's anticipated that the pool will reopen in Spring 2024.

### **VILLAGE AMENITIES**

Work has been completed on the new bus shelter at the West bound Village Green bus stop. We are discussing installation of real time bus timetables at some stops. The seat between Delves House and the shops has been installed. We are discussing the rejuvenation of the shopping precinct with the shop owners and the landlord and have set aside some funds.

### **IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN RINGMER**

We have accepted Wildflower Ringmer's proposals to increase the size of the existing wildflower beds in the Pump House and to cut a new bed next to the Memorial Bench on the Village Green. The new bed will be sown with a poppy rich seed mix. Work continues in The Almond Field with the planting of native wild flower species. Work on removing diseased ash trees will take place this month.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

We are pleased to report that the proposed development to build up to 200 houses on land adjacent to the Nursery & Primary School will not take place after the developer's appeal was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate.



## LOCAL COUNCILLOR NEWS & VIEWS



Emily O'Brien is a local Lewes District Council member & Prospective Parliamentary Candidate as well as the Green Party Food, Agriculture & Rural Welfare Spokesperson. She says: "Last month, the County Council finally considered the petition organised by local councillors and residents calling for action on HGVs using villages and country roads as short cuts by introducing a 'lorry route network' to encourage HGVs onto A roads and away from villages, narrow streets, and residential areas. We all support our local HGV drivers and welcome local deliveries, but too many HGVs are using areas like Ringmer and Glynde as a 'rat run'.

"We're pleased that the County Council have, to an extent, listened and at least agreed to look at a new freight strategy which just may look at restricting HGVs on certain roads. They said they would start work "early next year".

"It's also good news that LDC's decision on the Harrison's Lane Glyndebourne/Gleesons development was upheld by the inspector. I've been appointed LDC's water champion and attended a panel hearing with questions to Southern Water about the unacceptable amount of sewage discharge from Ringmer Water Treatment Works."

## COULD YOU BE A RINGMER VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEE?

Ringmer Village Hall has been managed by a team of trustees since 1891, and we need new blood! Our management committee comprises elected and co-opted members and representatives from various user groups. We meet seven times a year to agree a maintenance programme and to set budgets. No special skills are needed, although training is available. What's vital is an interest in keeping the Village Hall at the centre of the Ringmer community, where it plays an important part in the lives of so many local people.

We have two vacancies for new trustees. If you'd like to know more, please have an informal chat with any of the following members of the committee: Chairman Alan West, 01273 812585, Hall treasurer Martin Whitlock, Vice Chair Mark Croasdale or members Rev David Bouskill, Liz Owen, Marisa Hayes, Neil Thornicroft, Malcolm Hart, Teresa Sutton, Robert Morrison or the Parish Council rep John Whitlock.

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We have 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](http://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](http://linktohope.com). Let's make this year's contribution from Ringmer the biggest yet!

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**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

**Ringmer Footpath Clearance Group :** Marilyn Linehan on 01273 812345 or marilyn@linehan.com

**Ringmer u3a:** Retired/semi-retired people study a variety of subjects, not for qualifications, but for its own reward. Info from the Chair Sarah Boot-Martin 01273 473309.

**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

**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

**St John Ambulance-Ringmer Division:** Village Hall, Mondays. BADGERS age 5-10, meet 6.30 to 7.45pm. CADETS ages 10-16 meet 6.30-7.45pm and ADULTS meet 8-9.30pm; call Joan 01273 812187.

**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

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

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