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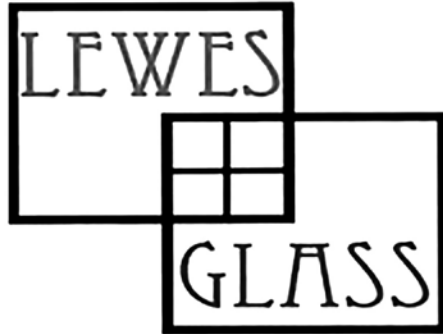
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

I have yet to find a job description for Churchwarden but the role is certainly a very varied and interesting one! Writing this piece, with a very short deadline, wasn't on my 'to do list' but it does give me the chance to fill you in on a couple of challenges that being Churchwarden currently presents.

'Jumping through hoops' is what we seem to be doing while obtaining the final plans and quotes to install heating in the Church. Hopefully, now that the church has a fully functioning and certified electrical system, the Diocese will grant permission for the heated seat cushions to be fitted to the pews and for new electric heaters in the choir vestry and Church Room.

'It never rains but it pours' is the saying that comes to mind following the theft of lead from the Church Room roof. Unfortunately, the lead was not treated with Smart Water and therefore the cost of the repair is not covered by our insurance and we will have to dip into our reserves to cover the cost of the repair. Our architect is busy looking at possible alternatives to lead to make it less attractive to thieves. Hopefully an acceptable solution will be found quickly.

While on holiday in the South of France I saw enormous churches facing major building repairs and restoration, which made me feel that at St Mary's we are very lucky that our 'problems' are relatively small. We have a dedicated team that keep our church open and welcoming, do pop in and enjoy the peace and beauty of our village church. In the meantime, let us hope that we have a long, hot, dry September and October!

**Anne Franklin
Churchwarden**

SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 13):	10am: 'First Sundays from 10' 6.30pm: Celtic Eucharist (Chancel)
SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 14)	10am: Eucharist
SUNDAY 17 SEPT (PATRONAL FESTIVAL) ^{THR}	10am: Eucharist 6.30pm: Evensong (Chancel)
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER (TRINITY 16)	10am: Eucharist

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

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

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



FIRST SUNDAYS FROM 10

ST MARY'S CHURCH RINGMER

The 1st Sunday of every month from 10am

Come along from 10am to join in with fun-time in church with music, games, a story and craft.

Bring family & friends! Don't worry if you're going to be late – just come and join in!

This September we celebrate New Beginnings!

In October, it will be a Harvest Festival!

In November, stories Jesus told...



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Drop in from 10am!

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FIRST SUNDAYS FROM 10AM!

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FIRST SUNDAYS

FROM 10 - Drop in and join our activities in church on the First Sunday of each month: There will be music, activities, a story and craft 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 – just come when you can!

THURSDAY MORNING SAID EUCHARISTS

These are back from 7 September in the Lady Chapel. Do join us.

HOLY COMMUNION

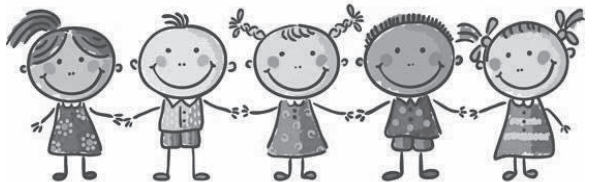
This will be said at all three of our Ringmer Care Homes during the month – Parris Lawn on 5

September at 11am, Holm Lodge on 26 September at 11.30am and Lime Tree House on 28 September at 11am.

ST MARY'S TODDLERS

Every Wednesday between 10.30 and 12noon in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. Everyone with pre-school children is welcome to come along. Teas and coffees are available. There

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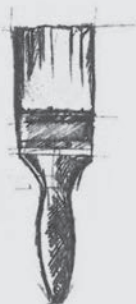
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ST MARY'S | NOTICES

PRAYER TIME – Tuesday 12 September at 9am

You're welcome to join us at 9am on Tuesday 12 September 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: 3 September Manor Close, 10 September Yeomans, 17 September The Maples and 24 September Tile Kiln.

FAMILY TEA PARTY – Sunday 17 September

Families are invited to join a Family Tea Party on Sunday 17 September between 4 and 5.30pm on the Vicarage lawn. Why not come and join in the fun and games? We'd love to see you.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY COURSE – Monday 25 September

Walking through grief can take a long time and no two people have the same loss or the same journey. We offer an informal seven-week course called *The Bereavement Journey* on Monday evenings at Church End Trinity Southover from 7-9pm. The course provides support and community for anyone who would like to share their particular journey. Trinity Church are running the course in partnership with St. Mary's and is open to anyone with faith or no particular faith, recently bereaved or for some months or years.

It's £25 for the whole course to cover the cost of brochures/ booklets and light refreshments. Transport can be provided from Ringmer if required. If you would like to join the group or know someone who might be interested, please contact Jeanette Clifton(Trinity) on 07852221449 or Kenneth Barber(St.Mary's) on 07748613783 or 01273 918926.

Please contact Southover Counselling or go to the website to sign up for the course or ring the above numbers for further information.

FROM THE REGISTERS – AUGUST 2023

FUNERAL	2 AUGUST 10 AUGUST	MICHAEL BAKEWELL PATRICIA PRAGNELL
SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING	8 AUGUST	JAN WOOLLONS
INTERMENT	3 AUGUST	NICOLA CARROLL

ST MARY'S ART GROUPS

The two Art Groups meet weekly in the Church Room. During the Patronal Festival on 16 and 17 September, there will be an Art Exhibition and sale of paintings and cards.

This year the Tuesday Group celebrate their 20th anniversary and will be selling a 2024 calendar to mark the occasion – no it will not be a 'calendar Girls' version, each member (holding one of their paintings) will be fully clothed! Any profit we make from the sale of calendars, paintings and cards (at least 10%) will, as usual be donated to the Church.

To date, the Art Groups have donated nearly £17,000 to Church Funds. We shall be delighted to see you at the Exhibition. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available.

ECO CHURCH TIP – SUSTAINABLE FASHION

Of the 150 billion garments produced a year, 87% end up in a landfill or an incinerator smouldering or polluting the air. Just 1% of all discarded clothing is actually recycled. Today we buy 60% more items of clothing on average than we did 15 years ago, but we keep them only half as long. The result? The clothing industry is responsible for 4% of greenhouse gas emissions...



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- Buy 100% recycled fabrics – 100% recycled polyester, viscose (rayon), etc.
- Buy second hand clothing.
- Swap clothes with a clothes swap group or start a swap yourself.
- Repair your clothes yourself. The longer clothes are kept, the lower their emissions footprint.

Also.....READ the invitation to take part in the Eco Extravaganza Clothes Swap on page 22



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRANCH CLOSURE

Following a meeting in May 2023, the decision was taken to close the Ringmer Branch due to the fact that there were insufficient members willing to act as officers. The Branch Standard will be laid up in St Mary's and the date will be published as soon as the arrangements have been completed. A new Poppy Appeal Organiser has been appointed and the Appeal will continue, as before,

under the auspices of Lewes Branch.

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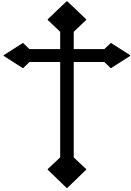
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Treasurer: Ken Starnes (as above).

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 September 2023, please refer to our website.

NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER EVENING SERVICES

We'll be recommencing Evening Services from 10 September.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHESS The next Fellowship Lunch is on 8 October following the Harvest Service

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER | FLOWER CLUB & GAMES



RINGMER FLOWER CLUB

You are invited to a talk at Ringmer Village Hall:

Wednesday

6th September 2023

at 2:00 pm

'From Apples to Cider in Framfield'

by Phil Day

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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.

On Wednesday 6 September, everyone is welcome to our meeting, which promises something different – see poster for full details.

FINAL BOARD GAME MEETING...

Bren Bonner says: "Due to the lack of support our last meeting will take place in the Symons Hall at Ringmer Village Hall at 2pm on Wednesday 19 September 2023.

"We have met every second Wednesday of each month for an entire year and never had more than seven people participate. Not one month have we had enough players to cover the hire charge of the hall. It's only thanks to two of the regular players that have 'dug deep' that has helped me pay the costs of the hall. This is the last chance to participate and prevent the group from closing – can you come and participate to prevent the group from closing?"

The Board Game Club is a great opportunity to meet new friends, play all kinds of different games and have a good time. It's just £2 a session – to keep this club going pop along at 2pm on 19 September to the Symons Hall. ..



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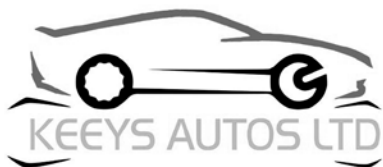
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Mothers' UNION

To commemorate our founder, Mary Sumner, 17 members met on a lovely sunny afternoon on 19 August for a cream

tea in the garden of one of our members. As well as plenty of scones, jam, cream and tea there was lots of chat and laughter. everyone thoroughly enjoyed our time together.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12 September at 7.30pm in the Church Room with speaker Claire Bell from the charity Open Door. You are very welcome to come and join us and hear about this little-known charity in Lewes. We start our meeting with a short service followed by the inevitable notices and then after our speaker we share coffee and chat.

On 30 September we have our annual **Coffee Morning** in the Church Room from 10-12om here will be a produce stall (including cakes), a bring & buy, a raffle and, of course, coffee. We hope you will come and support us and help to raise funds for projects being run by MU at home and overseas.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE UPDATE

Ringmer WI August meeting is always an outing and this year we chose Michelham Priory. We were met at the gatehouse by our guide David who suggested that the best way to understand the building was to tour the outside, looking at the various uses of the Priory in the past, and the many adaptations that had taken place over the years.



We learned about the foundations of former buildings, how the moat became overgrown and the plans to return it to its former glory. When we went inside the building having walked the exterior it was far easier to understand. We saw wonderful rooms, heard funny tales of past events, and saw a secret passage built as a children's playground.

Then it was a very heartfelt thank you to David who had made the tour come alive and off to the café for lunch (they do a mean toastie!) We then had free time to explore the gardens, the barn and outbuildings, the botanical painting exhibits, and the book shop or just to sit and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. A lovely day out and we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful place on our doorstep.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 September at 7.30pm in the Alan West Room at the Village Hall. Please note the change of venue. Ian Kirby will tell us about the background and history of Chailey Heritage Foundation and the amazing things that happen there.

We are able to offer lifts to people who are unable to get there under their own steam. Please contact Ross Meers on 07723.423245 or Judith Cox on 07971 659557.

RINGMER LIBRARY NEWS



Lead volunteer Liz Owen (second from right in pic) was pleased to receive a Mid- Sussex Rotary service award in recognition of steering the library through the first five years of community operation. She says: "Even though we fought hard to remain a County library, we can now be more responsive, bring in new services and change our stock."

The Summer Reading Challenge, ends on 9 September. A few have already collected their medals.

From November, the library will once again be open on Friday afternoons too and we will restart Energy Advice sessions – the first is Saturday 16 September at 10 am.

We're now signed up to the Green Libraries Manifesto, run the Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals. We believe that libraries are a very sustainable way to read and are mindful of green issues. All home deliveries are on foot and we drive just once a month to collect stock. We even reuse our plastic book covers! Apart from lending jigsaws and books, we have magazines that are free to take and we are the only local collection point for free compost bags from Lewes District Council. Our unwanted books are collected by WOB, a carbon neutral company that rehomed almost 16 million books in 2022. Check out our book sale trolley for bargains – prices start from a £1 and all funds raised benefit the library.

Regular Happenings:

- First Sat of the month at 10.30am and every Thursday at 2pm: Storytime for kids.
- Third Thursday from 3-4:30pm – hearing aid maintenance service.

The library is free to join and use, and we don't need any ID. For September and October, the library's opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday 2 to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10 to 12pm.

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

SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

ESCC and LDC are working together to get the right property agreements in place to allow Wave Leisure to operate a renewed pool as soon as possible.

VILLAGE AMENITIES

New social seating is now in place on the Village Green between the shopping precinct and Delves House. Work should now have been completed on the new bus shelter to be installed at the West bound Village Green bus stop.

IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN RINGMER

Residents may have noticed a change in the footpath running along the side of the New Cemetery. This is part of the work required to provide access for residents to The Almond Field. Gates will be fitted when the legalities of the transfer of ownership are completed. The Parish Council, with the approval of Bill Almond's family, has applied to the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) to identify the field as a 'Call for Nature' site. This will enable the field to be developed to increase wildlife habitats thus increasing the plant and animal species diversity. A path to allow residents and school groups to walk through the field will be cut. At the request of the family and to preserve wildlife habitats, dogs will not be permitted on the site.

PARKING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Reminder: parking is not permitted anywhere on the green except off North Road for the cricket club.

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

We have 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. Please contact the Clerk for more information.



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UPDATE FROM RINGMER VILLAGE HALL – THE HUB

Ringmer Hub (Societies Fair) is on Saturday 7 October from 10am until 1pm at the Village Hall. It's a great event, and particularly good if you've just moved to Ringmer or want to get involved with something new.

Refreshments will be on sale, and all funds raised will go to the Village Hall. You can come and find out what goes on and meet the people behind many local societies and clubs. It's always a lively community event – we have more than 20 groups already booked, and we hope you will be able to join us on the day.

We have space to squeeze in one or two more tables, so if your organisation would like to take part, please contact Liz Owen on 07989 676814 for further details.

MORE RINGMER EVENTS | CLUBS | GROUPS

WOMEN WHO WALK GROUP

Our informal walk and talk group meets again on Thursday 28 September, departing St Mary's Church for about an hour at 7pm (note earlier time). Our route generally takes in footpaths and lanes, depending on the weather and we go at a fair pace. Do come along and join in or get in touch with Marisa Hayes for more information on 07796 145464.

RINGMER YOUTH CAFÉ

Ringmer Youth Café opens again on Friday 8 September from 6.30-8.30pm in the Alan West Room of Ringmer Village Hall. Open to all in Yr 8 and above, this club provides a safe space to hangout with friends with games, pool and table tennis plus a Wii. If the weather is kind this month, we'll arrange a sunset walk together. Admission is £2 which includes a drink and snacks and we have a popular tuck shop. Bring cash. Membership forms are available from RingmerYP@outlook.com

We cannot operate without our volunteers, so if you can spare a couple of hours once a month, please get in touch. No experience necessary, just a willingness to support young people in Ringmer and to have a DBS check.

RINGMER HORTICULTURAL CLUB

The Ringmer Horticultural Summer Show was held on Saturday 8 July. Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Show whether as an entrant or a supporter. The plant stall was a great hit as were all the cakes on offer with the refreshments. The auction of produce was great fun as ever!

We look forward to welcoming you to the AGM on Friday 10 November with guest speaker Geoff Stonebanks from 'Driftwood' garden in Seaford as featured in Gardener's World, from 8pm in the Village Hall. The new schedules for the Spring and Summer shows 2024 will be available then.

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RINGMER ECO EXTRAVANGANZA – Saturday 28 October in Ringmer Village Hall

How can we each make a difference and reduce our carbon footprint? By now many will be aware of this village wide event, organised by St Mary's Eco Team. The extravaganza aims to draw many village groups and individuals from our community together to share environmental issues and solutions with us all. The event takes place on Saturday 28 October between 10am and 3.30pm in the Village Hall.

Throughout the day, there will be tables and stands with information, bright ideas, surveys, Fairtrade teas and coffees and activities for children and adults. So show that you are concerned about the climate crisis by joining in. Do come and see how you can contribute to reducing our combined carbon footprint. We'd love to encourage people to talk about any specific areas of concern. There will be three talks in the afternoon:

- Greenpeace will talk about the global picture.
- Agrimatters will talk about agricultural issues.
- Sussex Wildlife will talk about local issues.

Why not contribute to the event yourself if you have a special interest or knowledge in this area? Or, why not follow on from reading the Eco Tip on page 7 and provide a quality, clean item of clothing or accessory for the clothes swap on the day? Kings Academy Ringmer students will also provide a teenage clothes swap area! You will be advised next month where to bring them in advance.

Everyone will also receive a flyer in October to remind you of the event. To find out more, contact the St Mary's Eco Team via rosemarycolebourn@btinternet.com

RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

Our next Friday evening talk will be at 7.30 pm on Friday 22 September, when John Shill will speak on 'Sussex Gunners: a Nomadic War', an account of the Sussex Yeomanry's contribution to World War II. In response to demand, we shall be repeating our popular one-day Ringmer History course on Saturday 21 October. This is designed to give those new to Ringmer or new to local history an overview of Ringmer's development from the 5th Century Saxon invasion to the present day. The course will start at 10 am and run until 4 pm, with a break for lunch. We already have about 20 people booked in, but a few more places are available. The cost of the course is £10 (£6 for History Group members). To book email John Kay at johnkay56@gmail.com

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. You can reach her at emily.obrien@lewes.greenparty.org.uk on Twitter @EmilyLincOBrien or Facebook/GreenEmilyOBrien.

She says: "Our full council meeting in July passed motions regarding Southeast Water and also on enhancing air quality, both unanimous. More recently I addressed the appeal hearing in Falmer for the Ashill Regen development asking that the Inspector outlining my objection to this proposal. I've also been liaising closely with the Cabinet

Member for Planning who has confirmed that the Thakeham appeal will be robustly defended. I am a member of the local plan steering group (where cross party councillors input into process) and continue to remind officers of the need to progress the next Local plan, which remains challenging when on top of all the other obstacles, the promised guidance is once again delayed.

"In my cabinet role we have had issues with our contractors not fulfilling their mowing duties in the District's parks and I'd like to apologise for anyone who has experienced this. The contractors are now on a stringent performance management plan and are almost back on track. I've also had a lot of complaints about verges and overgrown cycle and footways, which I've passed to the County Council. I've also asked for a review of how we manage the District-run cemeteries to make sure we are getting the right balance between managing for nature (e.g. Lewes cemetery is designated as a local wildlife site) and ensuring that these very special places are respected and that people are able to pay respects to their loved ones.

"A reminder, as I am not sure this message is getting across, that if anyone is unable to access their loved one's plot they should contact the council and a mowed access path will be provided and maintained. You are also welcome to contact me personally to request this. I've also asked the review to look at signage and whether it is clear that this is an offer we make and also whether it's clear that there is active management for wildlife in the wild areas.

I visited the Wood Store, a local timber re-use project (on Ringmer side of A26 just up from ESSO garage - the Avery's nursery site) - do check them out if you are after some good value timber, all saved from landfill or incineration! They also welcome local volunteers and can help people learn skills - so important for the green jobs of the future! They need local trustees and a more permanent site as the current one at Averys is obviously up for re-development. Do contact the group if you know of any suitable low cost commercial or farm buildings."

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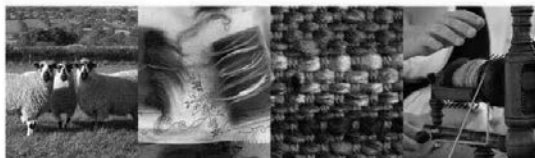
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Barn Dancing Society: 3rd Wednesday of month at 8 pm in Village Hall. Contact Julia Morris on 01273 813595 or Maureen on 07946 735674.

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

Cheyney Croquet Club: Sue Tompsett 01273813810

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

Dramatic Society: Mark Croasdale, 01273 812795, mark.croasdale@live.com

East Sussex Community Choir: 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.

Flower Club: Village Hall at 2 pm, 1st Wednesday in month, email the Treasurer at patkrowley@gmail.com

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

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Lewes Daytime Music: House of Friendship, School Hill: Choirs Mon 2-3pm and Wed 1-2pm. Ukulele beg. Wed 10.30am. Intermediate: 11am Debra Skeen 01273 476469.

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

Library: Village Hall, 07934 046392 or ringmervillagelibrary@gmail.com

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

Parish Council: Call 01273 813242/ 07565 704342 or email clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk. Website: ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk

Pilates: Village Hall Thursday evening and Friday morning. Contact Louise McAllen, 07841 397550 or louisemcallenfitness@gmail.com

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

Ringmer AFC: RingmerAFC@outlook.com.

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Ringmer History Study Group: John Kay, 01273 813388.

Ringmer Horticultural & Home Produce Club: rhclub1970@gmail.com

Ringmer Primary & Nursery School: Please contact the school office on 01273 812463 or via email at office@ringmerprimary.school

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

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

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

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

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