

RINGMER

CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

APRIL 2025

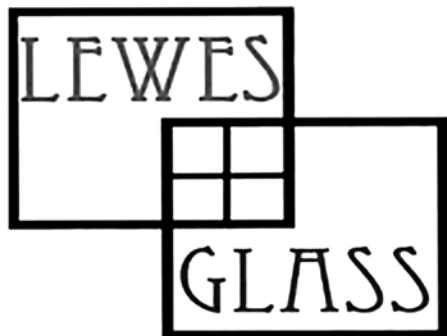
50p/£6



WHAT'S ON ~ CHURCH NEWS ~ FEATURES

Produced by St Mary's Church PCC

50p/£6 per annum



Local, friendly, family-run.

www.lewesglass.com

01273 475 123

lewesglass@gmail.com

Windows – doors – double
glazing – conservatories –
bespoke projects + more

FENSA

CHURCH CONTACTS

VICAR: Revd. David Bouskill, 01273 814746, vicar@ringmerchurch.org.uk

ASSISTANT CURATE: Revd. Patricia Brenton, 01273 097108

LICENSED LAY MINISTER: Ray Brenton, 07805586621

ADMIN: Shirley Squires, ad-sasquires@talktalk.net 01273 752167/07552492354

AUTHORISED LAY MINISTERS: Marisa Hayes (Children and Families) 07796145464 and Sue Howes (Pastoral) 01273 812394

CHURCHWARDENS: Anne Franklin churchwarden@ringmerchurch.org.uk or 01273 813189 and Andrew Edgar on 07846 781 752

FLOODLIGHTING: Shirley Squires 01273 752167

CARING/SHARING: David Lambird 01273 472324

ORGANIST: John Howes 01273 812394

CHOIR LEADER: Rosemary Colebourn 07552487694

TOWER CAPTAIN: Jonathan Franklin, 07817360727

TREASURER: Richard Vincent 01273 812791, treasurer@ringmerchurch.org.uk

MAGAZINE CONTENTS

COVER	Photography by Margaret Sweatman
P2	Letter from St Mary's Services
P3/6	What's On at St Mary's St Mary's Notices
P7	What's On in Ringmer
P10	Ringmer Baptist Church
P11	Ringmer WI Cheyney Croquet Club at Ringmer
P14	History Group Dramatic Society Festival
P17	Ringmer Village Library
P20	RAGE Ringmer Village Hall
P23	Ringmer Repair Café
P26	Ringmer Parish Council St Mary's Eco Tip
P27	Wildflower Ringmer Laughton Greenwood
P31	Ringmer Past Magazine contacts
P34/35	Contact numbers for local groups

Email ringmerparishmag@gmail.com with your news by midday on 20 April 2025 for the May 2025 issue.

LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

It's April, and Spring has arrived! Buds are showing, flowers are beginning to display and the days are getting longer. The same thing happened last year and the year before, but somehow we breathe a sigh of relief when Spring finally arrives – as though there was perhaps some doubt that the cold, dark days would end.

And it is always during the early days of Spring that we celebrate the great festival of Easter – for the church, the most important celebration of the year. At Easter we remember God's eternal love for us and his overarching power in the death and resurrection of Jesus and the new life that is offered us through these events. Easter demands that we face these truths and decide how we are going to live because of them. Of course, we have the freedom to ignore them and to let them pass us by but if we accept the truth of the story of Easter then, I believe, this leads us to act in ways that are more loving towards one another. It leads us to act with more forgiveness towards those who wrong us. It leads us to care for the world God has given us. None of these attributes are exclusive to those who call themselves Christian by any means but for the Christian there is the underlying knowledge of God's love within us demonstrated at Easter. It is a love that brings comfort and strength in the difficult times so that we can continue to work for God's will in this world – to bring light and reconciliation and hope and comfort and all the things we receive because of Easter itself.

With every blessing, Revd. David

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 6 APRIL

10am
6.30pm

SUNDAY 13 APRIL

10am

THURSDAY 17 APRIL

7.30pm

FRIDAY 18 APRIL

10am
12noon

SUNDAY 20 APRIL

5.30am
10am
6.30pm

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

10am

PASSION SUNDAY

FirstSunday@10 Service
Eucharist for Lent

PALM SUNDAY

Eucharist for Lent with reading of the Passion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, followed by Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY

Family Service
Three Hour Devotion

EASTER DAY

Easter Vigil, Service of Light, First Eucharist
Family Eucharist for Easter
Evening Prayer with hymns

EASTER 2

Eucharist with the Ministry of Prayer

There is also a Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel at 10am on Thursdays

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

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

LENT CONTINUES AT ST MARY'S

Simple Lent Lunches are in the Church Room between 12pm and 1.30pm on Fridays 4 and 11 April. Donations will go to our Disaster Fund, enabling us to rapidly respond to humanitarian crises across the world. Our Lent Course is on Thursdays 3 and 10 April at 4pm in the Church Room, with refreshments from 3.45pm. It is led by Revd David. Stations of the Cross is at 5pm on Wednesdays 2, 9 and 16 April - a traditional selection from the events of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. We follow these by moving round a series of pictures (stations) in church. At each station we stop for a short time for a liturgy or a brief reading followed by a meditation.

EASTER SERVICES

These start with Eucharist followed by a Vigil on Maundy Thursday. Then on Good Friday we have a Family Service at 10am and the Three Hour devotion starting at 12pm. On Holy Saturday the church and Church Room are both closed. We start Easter Day at 5.30am with our Easter Vigil, Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter. At 10am there is a Family Eucharist for Easter and at 6.30pm Evening Prayer with hymns. We look forward to welcoming you at some of these.

PRAYER VIGIL

At 9am on Tuesday 8 April in the Lady Chapel, prayers will be said for the many needs of the world, the country and our village and church. This is an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud. You are welcome to join us. At our 10am Sunday services we pray for people in a specific area of Ringmer. This month they are: 6 April – Greater Paddock, 13 April – St Anthony's, Old School Close and Kelsey Cottages, 20 April – Sadlers Way and 27 April – Middleham Close.

FIRSTSUNDAY@10

This month's service is at 10am on 6 April. Do come along and join in the singing and craft.

HOLY COMMUNION AT CARE HOMES

Holy Communion is said in Ringmer's care homes every month. This month, Parris Lawn is on 1 April, Lime Tree House on 24 April and Holm Lodge on 29 April.

MOTHERS' UNION

We were delighted to welcome our own Richard Vincent who gave us a very interesting talk about medicine from Hippocrates to modern day and how 'Whole-person medicine' is coming about. The speaker at our April meeting at 7.30pm in the Church Room will be Revd Peter Owen-Jones from Firlie and he will be giving us a talk suitable for Lent. You are very welcome to come along, we would love to see you.





Our Services Include

- Fault finding and repair
- Full and partial rewires
- Fusebox upgrades
- Household lighting
- Electrical Testing
- Sockets added or moved

Contact us now for a free estimate or free advice

"The service we received was nothing short of exceptional " Warren - Ringmer

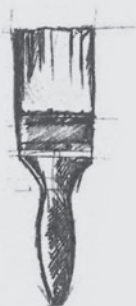
A Reputation You Can Count On

- Over 80% of our work is from word-of-mouth recommendations.
- A Ringmer based, community led, approved contractor.
- We believe in giving back - we run a highly successful apprenticeship scheme for local people and we sponsor local youth sport.

Email: info@synergielectrical.com

Tel: 01273 741717

Web: www.synergielectrical.com



Jason Eyre Decorating Painters & Decorators

07976 418299

jasoneyre2@gmail.com

07766 118289

www.jasoneyredecorating.com

RICHARD GREEN

INDEPENDENT, FAMILY OWNED AND RUN
FUNERAL SERVICE & MEMORIAL MASON

Funerals arranged to your specific requirements

Telephones answered personally 24 hours a day

Flexible pre-paid Funeral Plans also available.

125 High Street, Uckfield
TN22 1RN

01825 760601 (24hrs)

uckfield@rgreenfs.co.uk



170 High Street, Lewes
BN7 1YE

01273 488121 (24hrs)

lewes@rgreenfs.co.uk

Grace 
INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS

***In November 2023 we
relocated to a larger premises.***

You will find us at :-

The Weald, Broyle Place Farm, Ringmer, BN8 5SD

Day or Night 01273 813333

www.gracefuneraldirectors.co.uk



Ecclesiastical
PLANNING SERVICES

ST MARY'S | NOTICES

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

14 March **Andrew Constable** **"Special memories of you all the time"**

29 March **Vicki Ball** **"Loving thoughts always"**

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 or on 01273 752167/07552492354 or at 26 Danforth Way. A donation of £15 would be gratefully received.

ST MARY'S TODDLERS

The group meets on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall. All parents / carers with pre-school children are very welcome. Teas and coffees are available and donations are welcome.

CONCERT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Thursday 3 April in St Mary's at 7.30pm we have a concert by the choir and musicians from Luckley House School, Wokingham, which will include music by Mozart, Rutter, Goodall, Paul Simon. Entry is free with a collection for church funds.

SINGALONG IS BACK FOR SPRING

Join us if you love to sing in a group - any age welcome. There is no audition - we just sing a variety of songs for fun. The group meets in the Church Room every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm, except the first Wednesday of each month. For more information ring Jill on 07980 693667.

NEW CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAN

We will be having a thorough clear up in the New Churchyard in May. This will include removing items that have not been agreed with the Vicar or are not permitted under the Chichester Diocese Regulations by which we have to abide. These include mementoes, windmills, toys or little animals and artificial flowers. The full regulations can be found on the Chichester Diocesan website and are summarised on the churchyard gate. Please help us to follow these by removing any items not permitted by the beginning of May. Following our clear up, removed items will be kept in a box in the church until the end of June for collection. If you are unsure about what is allowed please do contact the Vicar. Thank you for helping us to keep the Churchyard a beautiful part of God's creation.

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

9th WEDNESDAY
April

12.30 - 4pm

Easter FAMILY FUN

GAMES - CRAFTS - MAKING - STORIES - FUN

*A fun-filled session of activities & crafts
brought to you by
St Mary's church and supported by Ringmer Parish Council*

1230-4pm Wednesday 9 April
Ringmer Village Hall

Children to be accompanied please
Admission is FREE, donations are welcome

Please book and advise any dietary requirements:
Contact Marisa on 07796 145464

SPRINGTIME FUN for ALL

EASTER FAMILY FUN AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Families of all ages are welcome at the Easter Family Fun session on Wednesday 9 April in Ringmer Village Hall. There's lunch at 12.30pm and a wide range of crafts, activities, games and talking about the Easter story until tea and cake at 3.30pm.

There's no admission charge although donations are welcome and children must be accompanied. We are grateful for the support of Ringmer Parish Council to run this event. Book your place with Marisa on 07796 145464 Text / Whats App.

Additionally, we'll be running a simple Toy Swap that afternoon. For a small donation, bring 2/3 toys and take away a couple. No need to book – just pop in between 1pm and 3pm.

LEWES FLOWER CLUB

The club meets in Cooksbridge Village Hall on Beechwood Lane, Cooksbridge at 12.30pm on the second Thursday of the month. However this month, on 10 April it's members only, who will bring a small dinner plate, plenty of small foliage, items relating to Easter for decorating and workboxes. Visitors can watch but not participate and perhaps think about joining for another time. Next month it's back to normal and remember - it's worth bringing a sandwich for lunch! Subscriptions are £40 per annum and £7 for visitors.



Lamb of God

Settings of the Agnus Dei from Byrd to Barber

Saturday 5 April 2025, 6pm

Holy Cross Church, Uckfield

Laughton Village Choir
Modulus Quartet
Georgia Mae Ellis mezzo
Noa Lachman soprano

Tickets £15
from musicboxwealden.co.uk
free to MBW members & under 18s



Locked Out? Faulty Locks? Call Altkey Locksmiths

- Lock Opening & Fitting
- Upvc Door & Window Repair
- Independent Locksmiths
- Free Surveys
- Fully Insured
- Domestic & Commercial
- 24Hr Emergency Repairs
- No Call-Out Charge

Modern Services, Traditional Values
01435 812730 / 07557 476699

Email: Steve@altkeylocksmiths.co.uk Website: www.altkeylocksmiths.co.uk



David Undrell **Kitchens, Fitted Furniture & Carpentry**



Kitchen Fitter & Supplier

Complete service from plumbing to plastering.
Trade deals from companies such as Howdens.
Excellent reputation. Free estimates & advice.

Also, all manner of carpentry including flooring, skirting, architraves,
doors, fitted bedroom furniture etc.

Tel: 01273 812036 Mobile: 07799 121242 davidundrell@yahoo.co.uk.
www.davidundrell.co.uk

JWR TYRES

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH
TYRES YOU CAN AFFORD



OAK TREES, THE BROYLE
RINGMER, E. SUSSEX BN8 6PH
HALLAND (01825) 840657



ELECTRICIAN & HANDYMAN

RINGMER + SURROUNDING AREA
07876 130716

greig.poulter@gmail.com



YOUR ADVERT HERE

Contact Paul

advertisingringmerparishmag@gmail.com



The **Friends of Lewes Victoria Hospital** is a volunteer-led charity dedicated to enhancing hospital facilities and services for the local community. Every contribution made goes directly to improving patient care and making working conditions better for staff. Thanks to your generosity we have achieved incredible milestones.

Please pledge today to help us continue to make a difference for Lewes Victoria Hospital.

To donate by Text

One-off Donation:

Text **FOLVHDONATE** followed by your donation amount to **70450**

A monthly donation:

Text **FOLVHGIVE** followed by your donation amount to **70085**

To donate by BACS transfer to Friends of Lewes Victoria Hospital

Account Number: **20603872**

Sort Code: **204976**

To leave a Legacy or donate In-Memory

Please email info@folvh.org to find out more.

Experienced Home-Visiting Chiropodist/Podiatrist

State-Registered

HCPC registered

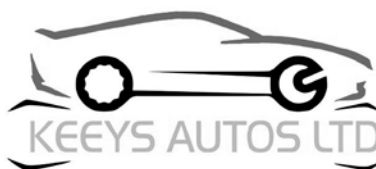
Fully Insured

25 years' experience (NHS and private care)



All foot problems treated

Contact Victoria on: 07930 276736



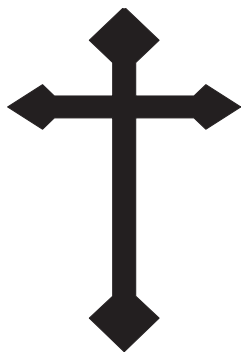
Over 25 years experience with
everything from Fiestas
to Ferraris! For a safe, reliable,
family friendly service
CALL OR EMAIL

01323 811070

- SERVICING & MOT • AIR CONDITIONING
- DIAGNOSTICS • ALL MAKES & MODELS
- TIMING BELTS • WELDING AND FABRICATION
- TYRES & 4 WHEEL LASER ALIGNMENT

reception@keeysaautos.co.uk
Unit 5 Lower Mays Farm, Selmeaton, BN26 6TU

RINGMER BAPTIST CHURCH



Elder: Neil Thornicroft 01825 750283 / 07780 605930 /
thornicrofts@btinternet.com

Deacon: Malcolm Hart 07494 656725 /
mchart.uk@gmail.co.uk

Deacon: Ken Starnes 01273 471409 / kstarnes@mistral.co.uk

Deacon: Annali-Joy Thornicroft 07412 027274 /
thornicrofts@btinternet.com

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. Sunday Morning services

are at 10.30am in the Village Hall (Jack Hart) and evening services in the Village Hall at 6pm. Thursday Home Group is at 7.30pm and Monday and Tuesday Prayer Meetings are at 10.15am, both in the Library. Communion is usually every second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening. For pastoral or other needs, contact Neil Thornicroft and head to ringmerbaptist.co.uk for our April Programme and Speakers.

Our Preaching Programme & Speakers for April 2025

Mornings: Scripture from the Book of Acts

Evenings: Lent series

Please refer to our website as above for further details.

NOTICES

OUTREACH PRAYER GROUP

Praying for Ringmer has always been important to us and we are making available a new opportunity to meet together every Monday to specifically pray for our Village. We would welcome praying for any prayer requests that villagers may have. Every request would be treated in confidence. There will be a box situated in Ringmer Library in which your requests can be left. You can also contact us through our website (as above)

COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Held on 13 April during the morning service and on 27 April during evening service.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

13 April – Formal Lunch followed by an update from the Leprosy Mission.

SERVICES AT EASTER

18 April – Good Friday morning reflection

20 April – Easter Sunday morning celebration.

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

RINGMER WI UPDATE

We were delighted to welcome back Neil Sadler to our meeting on 4 March. Neil gave an entertaining insight into his time as a police inspector at Gatwick Airport, which handles in the order of 47 million passengers a year. Neil relayed many stories of his experiences. We were advised never to try opening the doors mid-flight or attempting to delay take-off if running late by saying that there is a bomb in the hold. Both result in heavy fines and prison sentences. As if we would! Following the talk, we celebrated Joan Jones's 60 years of membership of the WI with a glass of sparkling wine. Joan has served in every possible office at National, County and local level - quite an achievement. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1 April at 7.30pm when Chris O'Donoghue will talk about Christopher Lloyd's beautiful garden at Great Dixter (greatdixter.co.uk).



CHEYNEY CROQUET CLUB AT RINGMER

The Croquet Season at the Cheyney Croquet Club in Ringmer usually starts at the beginning of April, weather permitting. We're a welcoming and friendly group and always happy to introduce beginners to the game, which is great for mixed teams as women and men meet as equals on the lawn. We play for fun, although there are some competitions for those who enjoy the challenge.



During the summer season (April to October) we mainly play Golf Croquet, but are hoping to playing more Association Golf this season. Our lawn does have a slight slope, the odd bump, and its own character, but that all adds to the fun. Equipment is provided but we ask players to please wear flat shoes. We meet socially throughout the year, including lunches to mark the start and beginning of the season and pub skittles in the winter. Open sessions are Saturday 10am to 12pm and Wednesday 2pm to 4pm. Members can book the lawns if they wish to play at other times, including summer evenings.

The cost is £80 per year, which is cheaper than surrounding clubs and members may play as often as they wish during the season. You will find the Club on the lawns of Cheyney Field behind the Goldsborough Hall (Ringmer Scout Club) with parking on site and a bus stop near by (no. 28 Lewes to Eastbourne). Please contact Membership Secretary Gail Bannister on 07780 630396 or 01273 814837 for more information. She will be happy to help.



- TREE SURGERY
- ARBORICULTURE
- CONSULTANCY

- Fully qualified and knowledgeable arborists
- £10m public liability insurance
- All waste recycled
- Free estimates and advice
- East Sussex County Council B.W.C approved trader

For further information please contact Sam Spiers
T: 01323 441038 M: 07812 910957
E: townandcountrytrees@hotmail.co.uk
W: townandcountrytreeservices.co.uk



LEWES &

RINGMER REMOVALS

Local Removals

House Clearance Services

- House, Loft, Garage, Shed, Outdoors. E A licensed

07906 058048

lewes.removals@gmail.com

Packaging supplies
Packing Services





07872 823731

MAKING YOUR NEXT FLORAL OCCASION
MEMORABLE

www.delphiflowers.co.uk

The Weald, Broyle Place Farm, Ringmer BN8 5SD

PRO CLEAN
SUSSEX
EXTERIOR CLEANING

- ✓ AFFORDABLE PRICING
- ✓ TRUSTED & LOCAL
- ✓ RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL
- ✓ SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE & EQUIPMENT

**DRIVEWAYS & PATIOS PRESSURE WASHED
ROOF CLEANING & MOSS REMOVAL
GUTTERS, SOFFITS & FASCIA CLEANING**

Contact James on **07852 324934** for a **free quote**



www.procleansussex.net | infoprocleansussex@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

The group's April meeting is at 7.30pm on Friday 25 April in Ringmer Village Hall, when John Kay will speak on the consequences of the Captain Swing Riot that took place in Ringmer in November 1830. These riots spread across South East England in the winter of 1830-1, when starving farm labourers, caught in a poverty trap, clashed with equally desperate farmers who could not make ends meet. The outcome was dramatic social change at both the local and the national levels. All are welcome and admission is free.

RINGMER DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Ringmer Dramatic Society is delighted to announce our autumn production, showcasing two compelling one-act plays. *Trifles*, written by Susan Glaspell and directed by Sarah Boot-Handford, presents a thought-provoking mystery. The second, *The Ghost of Sandy O'Grady*, by Richard Hills and directed by Nigel Baker, offers a captivating ghost story.

TRIFLES SYNOPSIS

Synopsis: Set in 1916 Nebraska, the play unfolds on a freezing morning when farmer John Wright is found strangled in his bed. His wife, Minnie, is the primary suspect, but will the County Attorney, the local Sheriff, and their neighbour uncover any convincing evidence? And what insights will their wives bring to the investigation?

THE GHOST OF SANDY O'GRADY SYNOPSIS

Set on Bodmin Moor in the 1950s, this ghost story reveals the aftermath of Sandy O'Grady's mysterious disappearance ten years prior. Toby, the current owner of the farmhouse, believes Sandy's ghost returns to haunt his cottage each year on the anniversary of his death. While Toby locks all windows and doors to maintain his routine every 19 January, the arrival of a stranded young couple disrupts his carefully controlled world.



SOUTH DOWNS
SUMMER MUSIC
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

SOUTH DOWNS SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Alfriston's 18th South Downs Summer Music Festival was launched recently with a superb recital of Beethoven's final complete work, *The String Quartet in F Major, Op 135*, for invited Festival supporters followed by a reception.

The Artistic Directors, Zahra Benyounes and Emily Holland, introduced this year's festival programme (15 to 20 July 2025) which promises to be exciting and varied. Look out for the flyers or see the website (southdownssummermusic.co.uk) for full details. This fixture in the region's cultural calendar attracts outstanding international artists to perform in St Andrew's Church and venues in the Cuckmere Valley.

If you would like to join the supporters of this cultural gem as a Friend, Patron or Benefactor all the information is on our website, and we'd love to hear from you!

Priority booking and seat selection for Friends will open online on 24 March. Patrons and Benefactors will be contacted personally. Tickets go on general sale via our website on 1 April. Come and enjoy a relaxed gin & tonic with your friends courtesy of Folkington's on Alfriston's Tye followed by a world class concert. Try partying with a pint to jazz in the Longman Brewery barn but don't delay – last year's event sold out quickly!



THE GARDEN GUY
RINGMER | LEWES

GARDENING SERVICES



Elevate your outdoor areas with our skilled team. Helping you tame your garden, tackle problems & maintain a space for you to enjoy

OUR SERVICES

- ✓ Mowing and Trimming
- ✓ Fertiliser Application and Weed Control
- ✓ Lawn Aeration and Over seeding
- ✓ Turf Laying
- ✓ Garden Maintenance
- ✓ Plant Buying
- ✓ Landscaping

CONTACT US



01273 102 092



www.gardenguy.co.uk

ALLIEDWASTE

We have a range of skips available to suit all your waste and recycling needs.

4yd, 6yd, 8yd, 10yd, 16yd skips



10yd skips

Local Skip Hire
• Small Domestic Jobs
• Large Domestic Jobs
• Builders Skips
• Bulky & Heavy Items
Uckfield Based

01825 724615 / 01323 893344



6yd and 8yd skips

**PROTECT
OUR**



PLACE

www.popsecurity.co.uk



**PROTECT
OUR PLACE**

INTRUDER ALARMS | ACCESS CONTROL | CCTV

 **01825 725452**

 info@popsecurity.co.uk

www.popsecurity.co.uk



CATS PROTECTION - LEWES, SEAFORD & DISTRICT BRANCH

CAT LOVERS - We welcome new Members to join our Group

If you would like to be a part of our local Branch and have a concern for the welfare of all our feline friends then please phone Sheila Tiller on 01273 814722 for more information



RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY



Our winter opening hours have now ended and we're open Tuesday and Thursday 2pm to 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10am to 12pm. If you haven't already joined, it's easy to do so and you don't need any ID. The library offers a place to sit and have a drink, chat, read or do the communal jigsaw puzzle – and it's all free. There's a wide range of books, jigsaws to borrow with new stock every week. We always have a book sale trolley too where you can pick up great books for a bargain. Drop in any time.

Last month, we were delighted to welcome best-selling author Elly Griffiths, who gave a brilliant talk to around 120 of us. The hall was packed and people came from far and wide – from across East Sussex, as well as Wiltshire, London and Kent! Elly and her friend Lesley Thomson visited again afterwards and brought us more of their books - we hope they will do an event together later in the year.

In April, we have loads going on. Story-times are every Thursday at 2pm and on Saturday 5 April, we have a fun story-time for children with some Makaton signing at 10.30am. This month's Sociable Saturday is on 12 April between 10am and 12pm. Our Sociable Saturdays are getting more and more popular – everyone is welcome to come along for a friendly chat over a coffee, to meet old friends and make new ones! On Thursday 17 April, it's the hearing aid maintenance session between 3pm and 4.30pm, brought to you by East Sussex Hearing.

KITCHEN COMPANY COOKERY COURSE



We're also organising our next Kitchen Company course – the idea is that a small group of people get some basic cookery skills in a warm and supportive atmosphere. Learn to cook simple meals, love your leftovers and eat healthily. There will be six Saturday morning sessions between July and October and it's

totally free. It's ideal for anyone struggling to make ends meet, young parents or anyone who suddenly has to cook for themselves. All ingredients are paid for and there is no charge for any part of the course. If you fancy it, register your interest at the library desk or contact us at the email below.

Don't forget to save the date for our next Book and Jigsaw Sale – it's on 24 May between 10am and 12pm and, as always, there will be coffee and cakes on offer too.

Search the catalogue online at ringmer.librarika.com/search/catalogs – you don't need to log in, just browse and let us know if you'd like to reserve any title.

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

Live Well, *Your* Way

Your home is where you feel the most comfortable and the happiest, it is the place you know the best.

If you want to stay living comfortably at home your local **Home Instead** can help make that possible.



For more information about care at home,
please call Alison on 01273 437040.

homeinstead.co.uk/lewes-district-uckfield



Plumbing, Heating & Gas Installations

SWAYNE LTD

- Ringmer Based Company.
- All Plumbing Work Undertaken - Large & Small.
- Boiler/Heating System - Repairs, Upgrades, Alterations & Installs.
- All Pipework Material Types - Repaired, Altered & Installed.
- New Bathrooms - Installed.
- Old Bathrooms - Repaired or Altered.
- Gas Servicing, Gas Safety Checks & Landlords Gas Safety Certificates.
- Small Building Works, Tiling, Plastering & Electrical Work Undertaken.
- £10M Insurance Cover, With over 30 Years Experience.
- Clean, Tidy & Punctual.
- Domestic & Commercial Gas Qualified.

Contact : Andy 07388045424 / swayneltd@hotmail.co.uk

City &
Guilds
Qualified





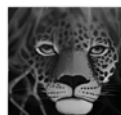
01273 813064

07970 702495

SHAMANIC HEALING WITH ENERGY
REGISTERED PRACTITIONER
20 YEARS EXPERIENCE



GRACE EDGAR OFFERS:
@IN PERSON & REMOTE ENERGY HEALING
SESSIONS
@SHAMANIC EVENTS & FIRE & RITES OF
PASSAGE CEREMONIES
@FOR FAMILY OR FRIENDS GROUPS



DOWSINGEASTSUSSEX@GMAIL.COM
078302 93524

SHAMANIC REGISTRATION:
WWW.DIRECTORY.THEFOURWINDS.COM

County Carpets

*Carpets-Vinyls-Rugs
Suppliers and Fitters*

Samples delivered to your door

Free Estimates

Carl-07961282934

Pete-07751889656

Countycarpets1@outlook.com

www.countycarpets.co.uk

RAGE | RINGMER VILLAGE HALL NEWS



Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

Many attended the Ringmer Local Plan consultation – for which thanks – and a great many of you had very serious

criticisms of the process. There was disbelief at the relative absence of information concerning Ringmer but, more importantly, serious discontent over the difficulty in responding online. A well-qualified person has submitted a formal letter of complaint to Cllr O'Connor (Cabinet Member for Planning and Infrastructure). The current phase of consultation is over but RAGE will do its best to keep you informed on the next stage – likely to be June onwards.

Catesby Estates/Howells Bank Farm – if you have not yet submitted an objection and still wish to do so, please refer to the newsletter distributed on 14 March for guidance. Use the link in the newsletter to go to the Council Planning portal and register your opposition using the guidelines suggested. You can do this to within a day or so before the application is heard – we'll let you know when that is. Many of you have objected, but many more responses are needed – please keep at it!

JOIN RAGE: Head to ringmergreenfields.org and make sure you have your own **DON'T URBANISE RINGMER** placard on display.

RINGMER VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Everyone at Ringmer Village Hall would like to wish you a Happy Easter. The hall continues to be at the heart of our community, with a group of committed trustees responsible for its smooth running. Martin Whitlock is a key member of our team – he has been a long standing trustee and our treasurer for the last ten years. He plans to retire from his role as treasurer at the end of the year, but will stay on as a trustee. We'd love to hear from you if you have the time and the aptitude to take over the treasurer's role. For an informal chat please contact either Martin at ringmervh@btinternet.com or our Chair Marisa Hayes at ringmervh.chair@gmail.com

We have an advance notice of a charity event for you – save the date for a plant sale and afternoon tea in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer. It's on Saturday 24 May from 3pm to 5pm in the Village Hall. Expect plants and gifts, plus delicious cakes and treats with all proceeds to the charity and raising awareness.

Our trustee Liz Owen is just starting on plans for our sixth Ringmer Hub Societies Fair on 27 September. Ringmer Hub gives people new to Ringmer the chance to find out what goes on in the village in a friendly atmosphere. Liz has been in touch with most groups who have previously taken a table – but would love to hear from you if your group or class would like to join in. Please email Liz on ringmervillagelibrary@mail.com for further details.

wasps **rats**
squirrels **mice**
pigeons **gulls**
fleas
 clothes/carpet moths

Woodworm Services Bird Proofing

- Over 20 years experience
- Fully insured
- Unmarked vehicles
- Domestic & commercial
- Property Care Association trained technician

go pest 01323 811011
 01273 476000
 info@gopest.co.uk 07852 427201



EXTERIOR CLEANING SERVICES

☎ 07872 170 586
 ✉ pete@pmfservices.co.uk
 🌐 www.pmfservices.co.uk



SURFACE CLEANING

Drives • Patios • Car Parks • Block Paving
 Tarmac • Concrete • Brick • Stone • Tennis Courts
 Swimming Pool Surrounds • Decking

SOLAR PANEL CLEANING

Domestic • Commercial & Agricultural
 Roof Top Solar Arrays • Ground Mounted Solar Arrays

**WHATEVER YOUR CLEANING REQUIREMENT
MAY BE, CONTACT US ON**

07872 170 586

**TO DISCUSS A SOLUTION AND ARRANGE
A FREE QUOTE!**

Rupert Thacker

A complete Furniture Restoration Service

Furniture repairs, polishing etc. including Antique
 , Reproduction and Contemporary furniture .
 Bespoke furniture.

The Old Barn Workshops, Flitteridge Farm,
 Fletching, nr Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 3TQ

Tel: 01825 713111

Mobile: 07950 035044

Email: sales@rupert-thacker.com

www.rupert-thacker.com

LEW HOWARD AND SON

66 Springett Avenue, Ringmer, E. Sussex
 Tel / Fax: 01273 812309

FAMILY BUTCHERS

ENGLISH & SCOTCH BEEF, FREE RANGE PORK,
 ENGLISH & NEW ZEALAND LAMB,
 FRESH CHICKENS

SPECIALITY SAUSAGES

OVER 40 VARIETIES

DOWNWOOD VETERINARY CENTRE

PAW BRANCH PRACTICE PAW
NOW OPEN IN RINGMER

★ **REGISTER NOW** ★

Via our website

- 🐾 MONTHLY PET HEALTHPLANS
- 🐾 FULL SURGICAL FACILITIES
- 🐾 SEPARATE CAT WAITING ROOM
- 🐾 FULL IN HOUSE LABORATORY
- 🐾 FRIENDLY, KNOWLEDGEABLE STAFF



Downwood Veterinary Centre has been in Horam for over 25
 years. We are an independent small animal practice

ASH HOUSE, THE BROYLE, RINGMER, BN8 5NN

01273 928710 / 01435 812152

WWW.DOWNWOODVETS.CO.UK

RINGMER@DOWNWOODVETS.CO.UK

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

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

Please do check our noticeboards outside the Village Hall or on the Village Green, Facebook or our website:

ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk

SPEED & SONS

Servicing East Sussex area, we are pleased to offer the following services.

Please contact us to discuss your needs;

PETER SPEED
Skilled Handyman

- Installation
- Tiling / Grouting
- Replacements
- Repairs
- Wall Mounting
- Decorating

MOBILE
+44 (0)77 6812 2737



GARAGE SERVICES

For all your motoring needs

NEW ONSITE MOT STATION

Bikes - Class 1&2 Cars - Class 4

Taxi/VCT Licence

Merlins, Uckfield Road, Clayhill, Ringmer,
East Sussex, BN8 5RU
(OPPOSITE CLAYHILL SERVICE STATION)

Tel: 01273 813464
www.chariotschauffeurs.com

VISION AERIALS & SATELLITES

- › Freeview digital aerial installations or repairs
- › Freesat installations or repairs
- › Sky Q Installations
- › SMATV (communal systems)
- › Television wall mounting
- › Wifi signal improvement/blackspots
- › Internet sockets
- › CCTV viewable on mobile devices
- › Audio systems
- › Door entry
- › New telephone points or move existing

Local business established 2008 with 17 years experience

sky

Freeview

Freesat

2 Callao Quay, Eastbourne BN23 5AA

01323 478297

07549 629079

email: visionaerials@hotmail.co.uk

RINGMER REPAIR CAFE

The first session is on Saturday 26 April from 10am to 12pm at the Parish Council Offices (Old School Close, Ringmer, BN8 5RA).

Sessions will then continue every month:

- Saturday 31 May
- Saturday 28 June
- Saturday 26 July
- Saturday 30 August

You are invited to bring one item (that you can carry) in need of repair for our volunteers to check/repair and/or provide advice. These objects can be:

- Electrical objects
- IT items
- Clothing (repairs only, not alterations) and fabric items
- Broken mechanical objects
- Wooden items
- Ceramics
- Gardening tools for sharpening.

The volunteers will do their best to make the items reusable, saving money, emissions and contributing to a circular economy. Please do not bring white goods, microwaves or items that are completely in pieces.

Donations will be much appreciated in cash or by card. There will be home made Fair Trade refreshments served while you wait. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Parking is available. Email ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com or go to ringmerrepaircafe.co.uk to message the team.

Barcombe Playgroup

Learning through play

- Provision for 2-5 year olds
- Modern facilities in a countryside setting
- Ofsted rated 'Good'
- Links to Barcombe Primary school
- All weather outdoor play area and forest school activities

Tel: 07845 937254

www.barcombeplaygroup.co.uk

Charity no.1027947
Ofsted no. EY422509



LOTTERY FUNDED



Friendly and reliable gardening work
One off jobs or regular maintenance

Grass Cutting • Hedge trimming
Pruning • Leaf blowing • Strimming
Small tree felling • Weeding



E: dan@danmuskgardencare.com

M: 07921 252 416



Ringmer

01273 814590

Ringmer Veterinary Clinic,

70 Springett Avenue,

is open for appointments Mon to Fri.

Lewes 01273 473232

Woodingdean 01273 302609



SOUTHOVER COUNSELLING

*Professional help either
online, telephone or face to face*

Counsellors can help with issues of
anxiety, stress, abuse, trauma and
relationships difficulties.

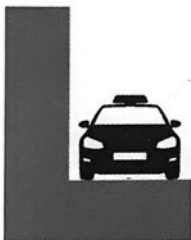
Ages from young people to older adults.
All counsellors are registered and highly
experienced.

**Church End, 1 Cockshut Road,
LEWES BN7 1JH**

mail@southovercounselling.org.uk

Tel: 07852 221449

www.southovercounselling.org.uk



Mark
Driving Instructor

ringmerdrivingschool@gmail.com
Teaching in Our Local Area

Ringmer Driving School

07712 716036

Driving to Success

I am currently a trainee driving instructor have completed 10 months of training to gain my trainee license to instruct pupils learning to drive.



07496 160491



INFO@CLEANCUTPLASTERING.CO.UK



WWW.CLEANCUTPLASTERING.CO.UK

**PLASTERING AND RENDERING
SERVICES IN EAST SUSSEX**

DRY LINING - PATCHING - PAINTING



Plumbing and Heating Services

- Boiler servicing and repairs
- Boiler replacement
- Bathroom installation
- General plumbing

Sam Sowter

07912 846303

highdownheating@gmail.com



PROPOSED UNITARY AUTHORITY

You may be aware of the proposal to combine East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove into a single Mayoral Combined County Authority. There will be a number of Unitary Authorities (yet to be confirmed) where existing County Councils and District Councils have been merged and will be responsible for providing services. Our Parish Council will remain as it is, but our responsibilities may change. We will endeavour to keep residents informed as we get more information.

LOST PONDS OF RINGMER

As the name of the village suggests (a ring of pools) there are many ponds within the parish boundary. Some of these are 'lost' and in a poor ecological condition. The aim of the project is to identify these ponds and work with landowners to improve them and therefore increase the biodiversity of the parish. We hope some residents may be interested in being involved in the project that will be led by Cllr Kay. If you want to be involved please contact clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk

HUMAN CIRCUS COMMUNITY EVENT

The Parish Council has been approached by an all 'Human Circus' group to hold an event on the Village Green in July 2026. Negotiations are ongoing.

PICNIC ON THE GREEN

The Parish Council will once again be hosting the annual Picnic on the Green on the August bank holiday – 25 August 2025. Preparations are underway and it is looking to be a bigger event than last year. If you have an hour on the day to help – please get in contact with us – many hands make light work!

BUS SHELTERS

As we go to press our local bus shelters are in the process of being renovated – with thanks to Tony Read.



EASTER ECO TIP

St Mary's Eco Team's eco tip this month involves chocolate Easter Eggs:

"We all love chocolate and look forward to the promise of Easter Eggs, with shops now full of chocolate eggs. But there are problems with the way cocoa is produced and traded. To shop sustainably it is worth consulting the chocolate scorecard (chocolatescorecard.com). Manufacturers and retailers are assessed on environmental and social factors, including deforestation and traceability of the cocoa product to country of origin. West African cocoa provides 70% of world supplies but in the last 60 years Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana have lost 80% - 94% of their forests, and a third was cleared for cocoa farms. Another issue is providing a living income for farmers and the reduction of child labour: 83% of companies state a living income is a human right but only 6 companies claim they are paying 100% of their farmers a living income. Elimination of child labour is in place but monitoring and verification needs to improve. The scorecard can be searched by manufacturer or retailer for an overall result or by into key indicators. Look for a green or amber rating or at least aim to avoid the brands with red ratings!"

WILDFLOWER RINGMER | LAUGHTON GREENWOOD



We had a brilliant day on 12 March, working alongside our local SDNP Ranger and his team of volunteers in the Almond Field. They gave us a real boost in making progress with some vital but time consuming tasks. Despite being grazed in December much of the field was covered in a dense thatch, which needed removing to give wildflowers the best chance. A small but energetic group had removed about a quarter – a bit like rolling a carpet back – so it was a relief to have help with this. The team put in 180 wildflower plants

on the day using mattocks to remove the existing vegetation in each planting area. We have planted each species in groups of 18 to make them more visible when flowering. A native species hedge has been planted along one side of the field to better enclose it and provide food and shelter for wildlife. Species include hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, field maple, dog rose, crab apple and plum cherry. Existing hedges have been thickened by inserting extra whips.

We learnt some new things on the day too. Not least how to use a mattock and how to plant a hedge! Less practical but very interesting we learnt about the relationship between green woodpeckers and fire ants. If you've walked around the field you've probably seen the dome shaped mounds which are fire ant nests. Green woodpeckers love ants and are known to eat about 2,000 a day! The woodpecker uses its long sharp bill to open up the ant's nest and uses its long sticky tongue to eat them as they spill out of the nest. Watch out for green woodpeckers when you visit the field.

Sadlers Way Green is looking very Spring-like with primroses, violets and cowslips blooming. If you are passionate about wildflowers and would like to join us in making our green spaces 'wilder' please do get in touch by emailing ringmerwildflowers@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED WITH LAUGHTON GREENWOOD

Laughton Greenwood (laughtongreenwood.co.uk) invite you to the following:

Monthly Volunteering Session – Sunday 6 April from 10am to 12pm

This month the focus is on tree care and looking after newly planted saplings. For more information contact info@laughtongreenwood.co.uk.

Wildflower Walk - Sunday 13th April from 11am to 12.30pm

Free, but limited places.

Join us in Laughton Greenwood for a Wildflower Walk led by Nick and Audrey Jarvis to discover and enjoy the spring flowers in the woodlands. As well as bluebells, an ancient woodland indicator, we will also be on the look out for Bugle, Greater Stitchwort, and Herb Robert among others. Free, but limited places.

Details and booking: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/laughton-greenwood/t-gakgameo>

Evening Bat Walk with Michael Blencowe Wednesday 16th April 7.15pm to 9.15pm

Following sell-out events in August and October of last year, Michael Blencowe is back at Laughton Greenwood leading one of his ever-popular bat walks. Booking is essential.

Details & booking: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/laughton-greenwood/t-norzond>



Kitchen
Bedroom
Bathroom
Furniture Dining*Living
Sofas
Rugs*Mirrors*Lamps
Teak and Outdoor Weave Garden Furniture
Garden Pots
Coffee Lounge serving home-made cakes

SHOWROOM

Clearwater House
Bell Farm Lane
UCKFIELD
TN22 1QJ
(01273) 813332
sg@sghomeinteriors.co.uk
www.sghomeinteriors.co.uk



+ Personal Storage & Business Storage
+ Long & Short Term Storage
+ Competitive Pricing

01825 700 486

storage@safepussecure.co.uk
www.safepussecure.co.uk

Located on the B2102 between Framfield
& Blackboys

Vicki Sampieri
Craniosacral Therapist
CSTA registered*

To help you:

- Combat stress, anxiety, PTSD
- Manage fatigue, low energy & long covid
- Improve quality of sleep
- Cope with chronic illness
- Optimise injury recovery

www.optimumhealththerapies.co.uk
07817440238



Bike Repair Box



o bikerepairbox.com o 07947 054005 o jacks@bikerepairbox.com

59 Harvard Road, Ringmer, East Sussex. BN8 5JF

Ride safe. Invest in qualified services
for you and your family.
Pickup and Drop off options.



- **Standard Service Just £55**
- Various other Service packages
- Repairs – From punctur **£60** full bike builds
- Wheels – True & Build
- Flat Pack Bike Purchase? Build & Fit Service
- Hydraulics & Suspension Options
- Safety Check & Fit – Kids



AROMATHERAPY
ASTROLOGY | WITCHCRAFT | HYPNOTHERAPY
| HEALING

Astrology Readings | Tarot & Oracle Guidance
Spiritual Circles: Deep Connection & Transformation
Hypnotherapy: Anxiety, Confidence, Weight Loss &
Past Life Healing

360 Healing: Mind, Body & Soul
The Oily Witch Academy: Learn Astrology, Witchcraft,
Body Healing & Aromatherapy

Workshops & Ceremonies: Learn, heal, and transform
with Celtic traditions and British magic

Recover Your Power Today

Visit www.oilywitch.co.uk to book your FREE 15 Minute
Consultation

Derek White

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
DECORATION

LOCAL TRADESMAN
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
ALL DECORATING
SERVICES UNDERTAKEN

CALL 07798 667691
FOR A FREE, NO
OBLIGATION ESTIMATE
white.derek@hotmail.co.uk

Redwing Roofing

Tel: 01892 610593

Professional roofing company jointly owned by Ringmer resident Daniel Burgan and business partner Jason McCarthy. Redwing Roofing have the integrity skills and knowledge to fulfil your roofing needs. We specialise in the refurbishment and strip and retile of domestic properties.

Our Services Include:

- Slating and Tiling
- Lead Work
- Built Up Felt Roofing
- Single Ply
- Green Roofs
- Soffits and Fascia



Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

Contact us now for **FREE** advice and a **No Obligation** quotation

Email: enquiries@redwingroofing.co.uk

Web: www.redwingroofing.co.uk

Redwing Roofing Ltd. 8 Sybron Way, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough, TN6 3DZ.



Angie Osborne
COUNSELLING

HEALTH SELF-CONFIDENCE
OVERWHELMED STRESS COPING
SUPPORT CAREER CONFIDENCE
ILLNESS SUPPORT STRESS
FEAR BEREAVEMENT COPING
UNHAPPY LOSS EMOTIONAL
CHALLENGES COUNSELLING SUPPORT UNHAPPY ABUSE
COUNSELLING
ANXIETY MAKE CHANGES

There are times in your life when you may encounter difficult challenges, feel overwhelmed and find yourself struggling. You don't need to face this alone.

Accessing one to one support and being able to talk freely, feeling heard and supported in a calm, confidential and non-judgemental environment is central to making changes.

- Facing the future
- Self-awareness
- Clarity
- Understanding
- No problem too big or too small

In addition to my Counselling Practice I have supported Macmillan Cancer Counselling Services, NHS, Eastbourne, Cruse Bereavement Services, East Sussex and a local Charity which supports families after the death of a child or young adult.

My practise is in a tranquil setting in the village of Ripe which has easy road access from A27, A22 and B2124 and free off street parking.



For additional information please visit my website or call me.

Angie Osborne MNCS Accred
t: 01323 811253 / m: 07740 424949
e: info@angieosbornecounselling.co.uk
w: angieosbornecounselling.co.uk

National Counselling & Psychotherapy Accredited Register



RINGMER PAST | MAGAZINE CONTACTS



Continuing the series of old photographs of Ringmer, courtesy of Ringmer History Group. This image shows Police Constable George Denman operating a road block on the B2192 after a prisoner escaped from Lewes Gaol. He was Ringmer's village policeman from 1939 to 1955, and lived in the village Police House. He had a reputation for materialising out of

nowhere, just when you least expected him.

HELP RINGMER PET STORE HELP ANIMALS OF WAR

Since 2022, Ringmer Pet Store has been working with k9 Rescue Ukraine to save, feed and rehome animals on the front lines of the war. Three years on, the need is as urgent as ever. Please, if you can, drop into the Pet Store: dog food (open kibble is fine, just needs to be in date), cat, small animal, horse etc food, warm dog coats, beds and blankets, horse rugs and accessories, vet medication, dog bowls, puppy pads, collars, leads and accessories. You can also donate money directly, either by dropping into the Pet Store or online at k9rescueukraine.com

Facebook: facebook.com/Rebecca.renmantoliver

GoFundMe: search k9rescueukraine on gofundme.com

Amazon wishlist: k9rescueukraine.com/amazon-wish-list

MAGAZINE CONTACT DETAILS

Contact editor Deb Lancaster at ringmerparishmag@gmail.com. Copy deadline is midday on the 20th of every month.

If you want to advertise with us or already have an advertisement in the magazine, contact ads manager Paul Dench advertisingringmerparishmag@gmail.com

If you'd like to subscribe to 12 issues of this magazine delivered right to your door every month for just £6, contact rosemarycolebourn@btinternet.com or call 07552487694

The distribution is managed by a team of volunteers. Please contact johnson.jonathon586@gmail.com if you can help with this in your part of the village.

ED BOARD: St Mary's PCC / HON. TREASURER: Sue Tibbenham, 01273 812494

Beasley Boilers

Stephen Beasley

Highly qualified engineer with over 30 years experience in the domestic gas industry.
Service, Repair, Install, Landlords Certificate, LPG.
All Gas Work Undertaken
Tel: 07862 691260
beasleyboilers@outlook.com

RINGMER GOOD NEIGHBOURS needs VOLUNTEERS



We provide lifts to appointments for villagers who find travel difficult, and also offer befriending.

You can opt to give as little or as much time as you can spare, opting in when convenient. Join our team of existing volunteers to help us with growing demand. Phone 07340 118758 for details of how we operate and how you might help.



NURSERY SCHOOL

A warm engaging environment where children grow

Provision for 2-5 year olds

Amazing outdoor space & woodland

Nurturing environment with strong links enabling a positive transition to primary school

Contact us on 01273 812463
office@ringmerprimary.school
www.ringmerprimary.school



Ofsted
raising standards
improving lives
Ofsted Registered



Mobility advice and solutions you can trust

The widest range of mobility products available in Sussex. Caring, personal service from real experts.

- Electric Scooters
- Adjustable Bedding
- Bathroom Solutions
- Lift Systems
- Powerchairs
- Manual Wheelchairs
- Riser / Recliner Chairs
- Walking Aids

CALL 01273 473838 TO ORDER
OUR NEW 156 PAGE CATALOGUE



The Old Dairy, Rise Farm
Cockshut Road, Lewes
East Sussex, BN7 3PR

Call us on: **01273 473838** Email: **info@orangebadge.co.uk** Visit our website at: **www.orangebadge.co.uk**

CATERING FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Parties, Finger buffets, Funerals

I will tailor the catering to your needs

Call Christine on 01273400352

Arbenz4000@hotmail.co.uk



Don't forget to follow
us on Facebook
and Instagram at
@groundedattheforge
to stay up to date.

GROUNDING AT The Forge

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS ARE BACK!



Open 7 Days
a week!

MAY

2nd **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - QUIZ**
Quiz, Live Music & Pizza by Siena Pizza Co.

16th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - MUSIC**
Live Music & Burgers by Leonati Catering

JUNE

6th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - QUIZ**
Quiz, Live Music & Pizza by Siena Pizza Co.

20th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - MUSIC**
Live Music & Moroccan Food by Kabak

JULY

11th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - QUIZ**
Quiz, Live Music & Pizza by Siena Pizza Co.

25th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - MUSIC**
Live Music & Tacos by Leonati Catering

AUGUST

8th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - QUIZ**
Quiz, Live Music & Pizza by Siena Pizza Co.

22nd **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - MUSIC**
Live Music & Nepalese Food by Momo

SEPTEMBER

5th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - QUIZ**
Quiz, Live Music & Pizza by Siena Pizza Co.

19th **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY - MUSIC**
Live Music & Moroccan Food by Kabak

For more information on our
future events, please pick up
a leaflet inside or drop us a message.

Gift Shop & Vouchers available.

Takeaway Menu &

Private Hire available.

Dog-Friendly seating.

QUIZ NIGHTS start at 7pm.

Teams of 4, booking required.

Entry fee of £5 will be
donated to Raystede.

Full bar open and prizes to be won!

LIVE MUSIC from 6pm.

Performances by Rebecca Askew,
Stella Homewood, Rhymes with Jazz
or Little Kingdom.

MAKE YOUR BOOKING NOW

at **groundedattheforge@gmail.com**

Come visit us at:

**Grounded at the Forge,
Lewes Road,
Ringmer,
BN8 5NB**

07999 301281

RINGMER COMMUNITY CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous, Ringmer: AA Helpline 0845 769 7555, meetings Church Room Tuesday at 12.30pm and Village Hall Friday at 12.15pm.

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: 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.

Lewes & District Art Club: 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: Choir Mon 2-3pm. Ukulele beg. Wed 10am. Inter: 11am Sing to Beat Parkinson's choir every Friday 11-12 at Cliffe Hall, Lewes Debra Skeen 01273 476469.

Lewes Social Group of East Sussex Vision Support meets monthly, every second Monday. Local contact Gill Salisbury, 07463 073385.

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

Memory Moments Café: (for people with dementia & their family/carers) - Scout Hut, Thursday 10am to 12pm. Call Kate for more information on 07708 014313.

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

RADAR Community Speed Watch Group Ray Eggleton 01273 812962.

1st Ringmer Guides: Please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or email 1stringmerguides@gmail.com

1st Ringmer Rainbows: Please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or email ringmerrainbows@gmail.com

3rd Ringmer Brownies: Please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or email 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.

Ringmer Baptist Church: Neil Thornicroft 01825 750283.

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

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 John Horton at john_horton0@talk21.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 Bethan Nancarrow and 07708 001925

Ringmer Table Tennis Club: Day and evening sessions in the Scout Hut. Contact 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, Info from the Chair Sarah Boot-Handford on 07962 109779.

Ringmer WI: Village Hall, 1st Tues in month, 7.30 pm. Call Judith Cox on 07971 659557 or email judithcox228@gmail.com

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 beaversinringmer@gmail.com

St Mary's Wednesday Art Group: 10-12pm Church Room. New members welcome contact Kath Evans on 01273 812617.

St John Ambulance - Ringmer Cadet Unit: Village Hall, CADETS 10-18 years meet 6pm - 8pm contact Daniel at Daniel.Willemts1@sja.org.uk

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 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



Plumbing & Heating service in Lewes

BOILER AND CENTRAL HEATING REPAIRS

Central heating leaks, boiler faults diagnosis,
boiler repair and boiler replacements at
competitive prices. Good after sales support.

FIXING LEAKS

Where ever that leak may be we will fix it.
Old taps and joints, over time will eventually
begin to leak. We are here to help.

EMERGENCY

Toilet blocked up? Water tank over flowing?
We are here to help. Give us a call anytime and
we will get round there and fix your problem.

Call 07540 223641

rik@rikileaks.co.uk www.rikileaks.co.uk



DART VALE BOARDING CATTERY LTD

Caring for Cats

Jim & Sheila Tiller and Linda Powles, Dart Vale
Laughton Road, Ringmer, BN8 5NH

01273 814722
07762 901289

www.dartvalecattery.co.uk
cats@dartvale.net



R I N G M E R

D E N T A L



Dr Ash Patel
BDS (London)

- General Family Dentistry
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Hygienist
- Tooth Whitening
- Adult Invisible Braces
- Dental Implants
- Emergency Appointments
- Payment Plans Available

NEW PATIENT DENTAL HEALTH CHECK

Includes:

Our unique 12-point Dental Assessment
Digital Scan and X-rays
Personalised Treatment Plan

£10 OFF your initial consultation
- ONLY £85 (Normally £95)

Please quote: 'RingmerNews'

Successfully selling properties in East Sussex & Kent
since 1989



'Here to guide you home'

*For honest, local and professional advice please pop into the office as we'd
love to meet you!*



The Green, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5QE
01273 812061

Stuart.Smith4@Countrywide.co.uk