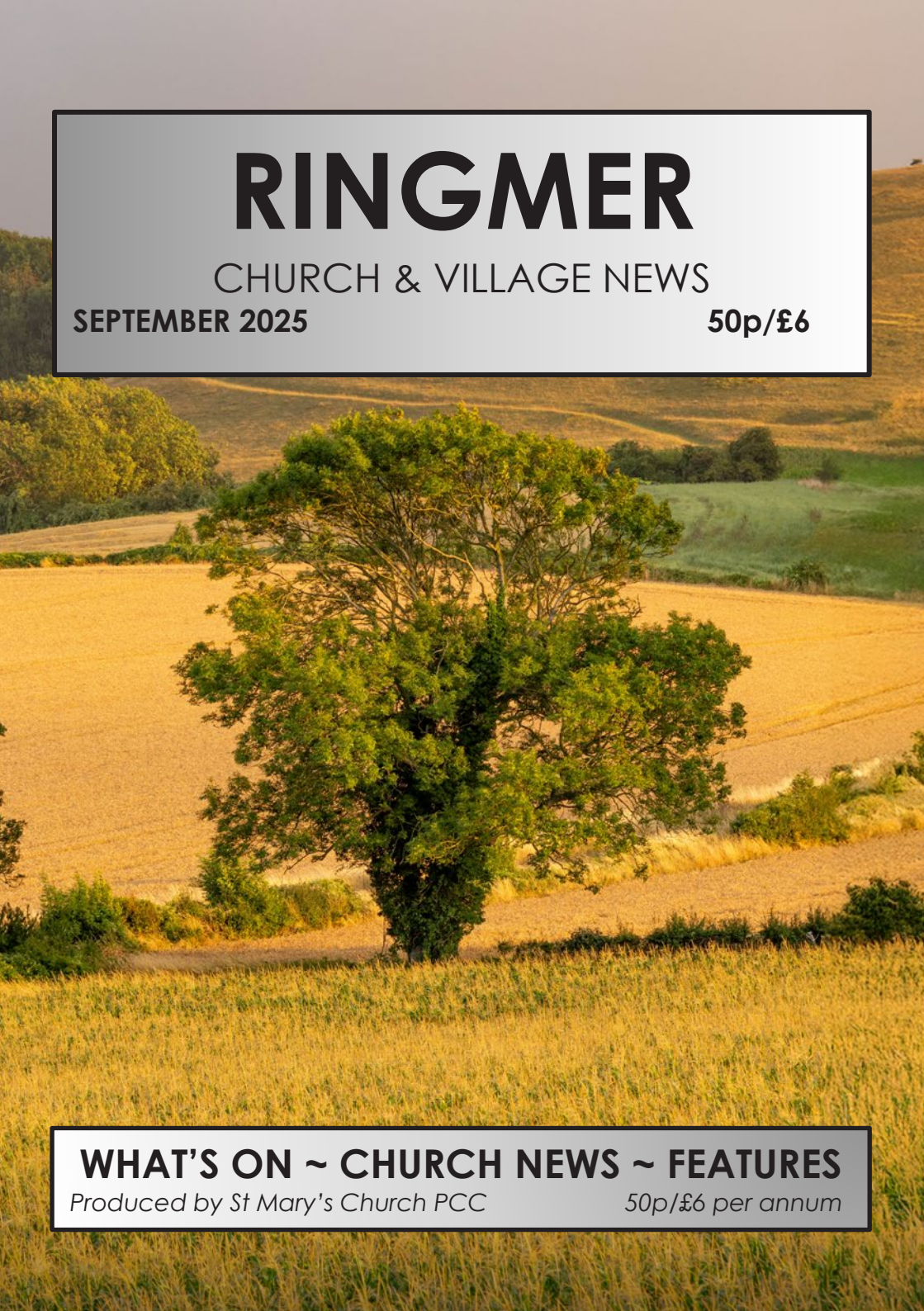




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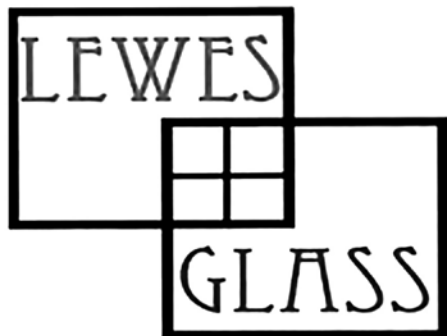
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LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

As I was wandering the internet I came across the following story which says what I wanted to talk about this month: "A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

"At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard. He whispered gently to the boy: 'Don't quit. Keep playing'. Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music."

I'm sorry to say that, after research, I found the above to be folklore but the truth within the story still holds up I believe.

We often think that our contribution is too small, too insignificant in the scale of the world we live in. We feel like the small boy picking out an meaningless tune on a Steinway grand piano – but if our small part was not there, not part of the whole piece then the whole would not be complete. So I encourage you to do the small thing: Don't quit. Keep playing.

With every blessing, Revd. David

SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7 SEPT

10am

6.30pm

SUNDAY 14 SEPT

10am

SUNDAY 21 SEPT

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6.30pm

SUNDAY 28 SEPT

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WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S

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

FIRSTSUNDAY@10

This month's service on Sunday 7 September when the theme will be 'Creation'. The songs and craft will all reflect this. Do come along and enjoy this time together.

PRAYER VIGIL

On Tuesday 9 September, prayers will be said for the many needs of the world, the country and our village and church in the Lady Chapel at 9am. This is an informal time and prayers can be silent or said aloud. We would love you to join us. At our 10am Sunday services each week we pray for the people in our parish: Broyle Lane and Yew Tree Close on 7 September, Broyleside and Elphick Road on 14 September, our outlying farms and settlements on 21 September and Delves House on 28 September.

HOLY COMMUNION AT CARE HOMES

Holy Communion is said in Ringmer's care homes every month. This month, Parris Lawn is on 2 September, Lime Tree House on 25 September and Holm Lodge on 30 September.



SPECIAL CREATIONTIDE CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER AT 6.30pm

This year, Creationtide is being marked by the Church Eco Team with a lay-led evensong (BCP) focussed on a celebration of Creation, but with a focus on our responsibility to respond to the climate crisis. The hymns, readings, prayers and the reflection, with choir involvement, will all have this

theme. We hope all who care about our planet will join with us in this service.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

An informal exploration of *Questions of Faith* will run over six Thursdays from 11 September. Refreshments will be served in the Church Room at 3.30pm before our discussions from 3.45pm to 5pm. Anyone is very welcome to join in for any or all of the programme.

ST MARY'S TODDLERS

The church toddler group continues in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers with pre-school children for a morning of play, finishing with singing a couple of songs. Sometimes there will be a story as well. Teas and coffees are always available.



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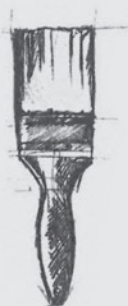
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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

We hope you have the date of Saturday 18 October in your diaries for our next event 'Jazz at 6' in church. This will be an evening of live music which promises to be really enjoyable.

GLYNDEBOURNE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

A collection of 20 beautifully illustrated and fascinating full season Glyndebourne programmes dated from 1960 to 2016 have been donated to raise money for St Mary's. There are two copies available for three of the years.

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WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

RINGMER BARN DANCING

We shall be dancing again this month on Wednesday 17 September from 8-10pm. Don't forget to bring the liquid refreshment of your choice, comfy shoes and a sense of humour. No experience or partner needed. We are a very friendly bunch. Only £5, cash only please. Children under 16 are free so children and grandchildren are welcome especially as it is holiday time. For more information phone Maureen on 07946 735674 or Julia on 01273 813595.



RINGMER WI NEWS

Twenty-six members joined our outing to Firle Place on 5 August. The sun was shining and the day started well with coffee and flapjacks in the café. We were split into two groups for the tour of the house, both groups having excellent and knowledgeable guides. The house, which still incorporates part of the original Tudor structure was initially built in the early 16th century but has been extensively re-

modelled. It has been owned by the Gage family for over 500 years. The visit was followed by a very pleasant lunch at Steamworks in Glynde. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Robin Keyte will be talking about the Amsterdam Disaster, the awful story of the Dutch East India ship, from its construction to its wrecking on the Sussex coast at Bulverhythe, where it can still be seen today. Visitors are welcome to join us for two meetings a year, after which we hope you will join!

LEWES FLOWER CLUB

The next meeting is on Thursday 11 September at Beechwood Community Hall, Cooksbridge (BN7 3QG) when guest speaker Jacqueline Aviolet will give a talk on herbs. The cost is £7 for visitors, including a cup of tea and biscuits. There will also be a general raffle. Please note that this is a talk and not a demonstration.

Thank you to those who came along to our Coffee Morning on 9 August. We made £250, most of which will go to support MU projects at home and abroad. We then had a lovely cream tea, thanks to Sue Knight, on the following Tuesday to celebrate our founder – Mary Sumner. At our next meeting on Tuesday 9 September at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Sue Clyde and Margaret Sweatman will tell us all about their visit to India late last year. We'd love you to come along and hear all about their interesting trip.

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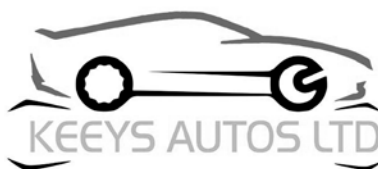
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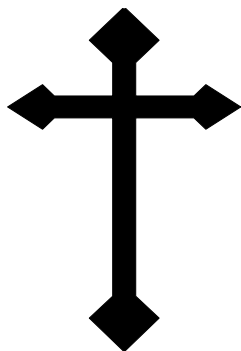
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A warm welcome and a joyful time of fellowship awaits all who join us at our services to worship the Lord Jesus Christ and to hear what God is saying.

Sunday Morning services are at 10.30am in the Village Hall (Jack Hart) and evening services in the Village Hall at 6pm. The Tuesday Prayer Meeting is at 10.15am in the library, as is the Thursday Home Group at 7.30pm.

Communion is usually every second Sunday morning and fourth Sunday evening.

For pastoral or other needs, contact Neil Thornicroft and head to ringmerbaptist.uk for our September Programme and Speakers.

PREACHING PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS THIS MONTH

Mornings: We begin our new programme in 1 Peter from 7 September.

Evenings: New Leadership Legacy Series starts from 14 September 2025.

NOTICES

HOME GROUP

This restarts on 11 September.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHESES

Informal Lunch: 7 September at 12.30pm.

There's no lunch at all in October.

Formal Lunch: 2 November with lunch at 12.45pm and a talk at 2.15pm.

All welcome – please let Joy Thornicroft know on 01825 750283

COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Morning Service: Communion held on 14 September.

Evening Service: Communion held on 28 September.

WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER

LIFE DRAWING CLASSES AT THE CROFT

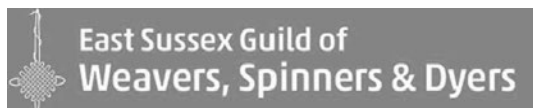
The Croft Studio (Gote Lane, Ringmer, BN8 5HX) runs monthly guided life drawing classes. The next one is Saturday 13 September from 2pm to 5pm. Currently, these classes are women only, although there will be both male and female models. You don't have to be an experienced artist to benefit. These classes offer an exciting opportunity to improve or start your artistic skills. Bring your own materials, although some will be provided. Free parking and refreshments. It's limited to ten places so book early – each class costs £30 (payable when booking). Contact Kirstine at knrickards@yahoo.co.uk or on 07956 419859 to book. Find the studio on Facebook/[the.croft.studio.2023](https://www.facebook.com/the.croft.studio.2023) and Instagram/[the_croftstudio](https://www.instagram.com/the_croftstudio)

LAUGHTON & DIST AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PLOUGHING MATCH

The 95th Laughton & District Ploughing Match is on Wednesday 17 September at Norlington Farm, Ringmer BN8 5SH. Open to the public from 9am to 4pm, it costs £6 per person. There will be Vintage, Classic and Modern tractors and Heavy Horse Ploughing competitions. For more information contact Shauna Fenner at laughtonploughingmatch@gmail.com The Family Section has classes for cookery, preserves, handicrafts, flowers, fruit, vegetables and eggs and seven classes for children aged 11 and under. Contact Sue Hemington 0781 1427741 hemingtons@talktalk.net for information on how to enter the classes.

RINGMER OPEN GARDENS UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who made the recent Open Garden Trail a resounding success. Twelve gardeners opened their plots to lots of people at the end of June, sharing their gardens and stories with enthusiastic visitors. It was wonderful to see so many visitors and we raised an even more wonderful amount of money for the St. Peter and St. James Hospice. The final total (as far as I know) was £6,841.42 - more than twice the amount raised last year. Of course, fundraising never stops because it takes more than £10,000 a day to run the Hospice and plans are being made for next year already. If you would like to take part in 2026 please contact Wendy on: wagate@stpjhospice.org



The East Sussex Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers meet every month

in Ringmer Village Hall. This month,

they are holding an Open Day in the Village Hall on 20 September from 10am to 3pm, to mark International Spin in Public Day.

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During the first half of the year, we have enjoyed three outings - Brian Wignall's inspiring talk on astronomy, Paul Heard's musical quiz, Ffion Wilkes' exercises and the recording of VE 80 memories of members, all rounded off by a cream tea lead by

our favourite songstress and quizmaster Daphne Starnes.

When we begin the second half on Thursday 4 September, we look forward to talks from Bob Cairns to dust off our memories and Age UK on the avoidance of scams. Outings are planned for 23 October to Lancing College Chapel and 20 November to Notcutts at Ditchling to begin our Christmas season of celebration. The club meets on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm in the Jack Hart Hall in Ringmer Village Hall. Annual subscription is £15 and you can try the club for free for a month. Contact Graham and Gill Stapley on 01273 812976 or 07732 224066 for information.

LAUGHTON GREENWOOD VOLUNTEER DAY

The next Woodland Volunteering at Laughton Greenwood is on Sunday 7 September from 10am to lunchtime. The local community wood is just two miles from Ringmer. Tea and biscuits available. Children welcome. Wear boots and bring gloves. Keepers Gate (Double wooden gates), Park Lane, Laughton, BN8. Email Sarah at info@laughtongreenwood.co.uk for more details.

SINGALONG IS BACK!

Singalong starts again on Wednesday 10 September. New members of any age are very welcome. We are a small, friendly group who enjoy singing together for fun. No audition needed - just come along if you enjoy singing with others. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm, except the first Wednesday of each month, in St. Mary's church room. If you need any other info please ring Jill on 07980 693667.



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Expect a good range of books and jigsaws to borrow, with new stock every week, a book sale trolley, online access, a place to hang out with old friends and make new ones.

Weekly story-times are at 2pm on Thursdays and on Saturday 6 September, there's a special fun story-time for children at 10.30am. That's also the last day of the popular Summer Reading Challenge, and we're delighted that lots of children have signed up. Get your children to come in by Saturday to collect their medal.

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Sociable Saturday is on 13 September between 10am and 12pm, where everyone is welcome to come in for a hot drink, some cake and some chat. On Thursday 18 September, we host the hearing aid maintenance session between 3pm and 4.30pm, brought to you by East Sussex Hearing.

Last month, we welcomed Molly Green to do a talk at the Village Hall, and we all enjoyed an entertaining afternoon with tea and cake. This month we welcome local author Ian Christie-Miller who will be giving a talk and launching his new book in the Alan West Room of the Village Hall on Saturday 20 September at 7.30 pm. The book is called *Conscience – The Restoration* and highlights the ever-present, yet not always evident, presence of conscience in the public and private arenas. Please reserve your seat at the library.

On 27 September in line with the Ringmer Hub, the library will stay open until 1pm.

We're also delighted to announce the start of a four part creative writing course with Uckfield author Deborah Jenkins. We've managed to keep the price as low as we can – it's just £12.50 per session and starts on 8 November at 2.30pm. Please ask for more details or register your interest by popping in at the library, or emailing us.

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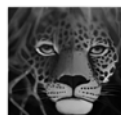
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RAGE | HEDGE LAYING | RINGMER APPLE DAY



Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

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objection before it's too late. We don't know when or where any hearing will be held, but please be prepared to answer the call and attend in person to amplify the seriousness of opposition – numbers count!

Turnpike Farm : Another appalling application bringing houses, houses, houses to an unsuitable site with not a scrap of desperately needed infrastructure. A long way from the village centre, this would be another car-dependent settlement – just think of another 300 or so vehicles trying to join the Broyle race-track. Please visit ringmergreenfields.org or get a neighbour to help and follow the links. Emotions help, but sound planning grounds for opposition count for more.

HEDGE LAYING COMPETITION 2025

Every year, the Laughton Agricultural Society runs a hedge laying competition and this year it's in Ringmer on 6 September 2025 at Wellingham Farm, Wellingham Lane by kind permission of the Peters Family. The competition gets going at 8.30am and usually finishes at around 1pm to 1.30pm. It's free entry and everyone is welcome. Go to laughtonagriculturalsociety.com/hedge-laying-competition for more information.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – RINGMER APPLE DAY 11 OCTOBER

Come along to Ringmer Village Hall for Ringmer Apple Day on 11 October from 11am to 2.30pm for apple tasting, advice on fruit trees, refreshments and other free activities as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Ringmer

Community Orchard. Entry is free.

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RINGMER REPAIR CAFÉ | LINK TO HOPE APPEAL

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Ideally you will have received a flyer with your magazine this month with a reminder of the ongoing Repair Cafe dates. Please help spread the word around neighbours and friends that everyone is welcome with their items for repair. In addition, don't forget that we are always on the look out for more volunteers with any of the relevant skills but especially for repairing electrical items as we get so many of them!



AUTUMN 2025 ECO TALKS

These start on Thursday 11 September between 7.30pm and 9pm in St Mary's Church Room. On the reverse of your flyer are details of all three monthly Eco Talks. This year, they continue on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (except for the November one) but this year in the St Mary's Church Room. The first one is entitled: 'How do we encourage hedgehogs and birds into our wildlife friendly gardens' led by Emily Thrift from Sussex University and Richard Saunders, assisted by Phil Winters. Admission is free, but the St Mary's Eco Team rely on donations to cover refreshments and speaker costs.

ART EXHIBITION IN ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOM

St Mary's Art Groups will be holding their annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings and Cards in the Church Room on Saturday 6 September from 10am to 5pm and Sunday 7 September from 2pm to 5pm. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available. A donation from every sale will go to the St Mary's. Please come and see what these Ringmer artists have been producing during this last year - you may be tempted to buy something! We shall be pleased to welcome you.

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Sue Clyde says: "Last year we managed to send 81 completed shoeboxes to families and elderly people in Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. This year, we want to do even better!". The 2025 appeal has begun and you can help.



Link to Hope is a charity dedicated to rebuilding lives and communities in Eastern Europe and every year, they do a shoebox appeal to spread some festive joy to those who need it the most. This has been happening since 1992 and since then, Link to Hope has sent more than one million shoeboxes to hundreds of locations.

See linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2025 for details of what to pack in the shoeboxes or contact Sue Clyde on 01273 812700 for more details. Sue says: "If you are unable to fill a box, I would be happy to receive donations and we can make up boxes. Boxes must be completed by 7 November 2025."

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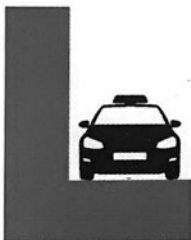
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PARISH OWNED LAND

The green space around the village pump will be named 'Pump Green' and will be registered as a 'Village Green'. Council advised that access to a proposed new cemetery could not be through the Almond Field, as restrictive covenants associated with the land transfer prohibit such use. Work on the Jubilee Gardens beds continues, concentrating on the final bed. Volunteers are always welcome to help with routine gardening such as keeping on top of the bindweed!

IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN RINGMER

Work has continued throughout the summer on the Almond Field, maintaining the paths and clearing unwanted bramble and blackthorn. Residents are continuing to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere, wildflowers and numerous butterflies and other invertebrates when they visit. Due to the dry conditions the path is very uneven in parts so please be careful. Since the start of the year we have recorded 35 different native, flowering species. Wildflower Ringmer have been busy cutting and clearing the wildflower areas on the Village Green. If you have a couple of hours a month to offer and are interested in helping with any of the above 'gardening' projects, please contact the Clerk on 01273 813242.

LEWES DISTRICT PARKING REVIEW

Council will submit the following suggestions when the consultation opens in December:

- Harrisons Lane: Extending the double yellow lines on the left hand side (entering from Lewes Road) by 10m.
- Bishops Lane, junction with Lewes Road, B2192: To permanently retain the current temporary double yellow lines from the junction at the B2192 to Clarks Croft.

SHOPPING PRECINCT REJUVENATION

The Council has agreed to sign the agreement for the works and submit it to the relevant parties.

ROAD NAMING – LAND SOUTH OF THE BROYLE (Lower Lodge Farm)

Council was approached by the developer of the site at Lower Lodge Farm to suggest names with a local connection for the 3 new roads within the development. The following are names of those who had farmed in this area: Talbot, Cottenham, Claxton, Russell and Davis, and these ideas were put forward for consideration.

PICNIC ON THE GREEN

As we go to press, the Picnic on the Green will have taken place. Thank you to everyone for your support and effort in making it happen.

Head to ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk to keep up to date with Parish Council news.

RINGMER VILLAGE HALL NEWS | HOSPICE EVENT



EXHIBITION OF IVAN'S AUTOMATA AT THE VILLAGE HALL

After more than 20 years making and exhibiting his quirky and humorous automata and mechanical models in Lewes, Ivan Morgan is this year having an exhibition of his expanding collection at Ringmer Village Hall, Alan West room.

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10am to 4pm. Visitors will be able to operate all the hand-cranked automata so it will be great fun for all the family. There is no charge. For a preview you can visit Ivan's website www.positivelycreative.co.uk

THE RINGMER HUB IS BACK!

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER from 10am until 1pm at the Village Hall.

The Village Hall trustees are pleased to invite everyone to the Ringmer Hub, the Societies Fair where you can find out what happens locally and chat informally to the people running the various groups. The event is a great chance to find out what goes on in Ringmer, either if you've just moved here or if you have some time to take up a new interest.

There will be hot drinks and delicious cakes available. The refreshments are being run by the Tiddlers and Toddlers group who this year are celebrating their 50th anniversary. We will have more than 25 groups and clubs represented – covering health and fitness, art and drama, support groups, hobbies and community service. There really is something for everyone!

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Continuing the series of old photographs of Ringmer, courtesy of Ringmer History Group.

Only one of this higgledy-piggledy terrace of Church Hill cottages survives today - the one nearest the camera. They were built in the 1820s by Ringmer carpenter James Packham, who spent the later years of his life living in the Brighton workhouse on Elm Grove.

RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Friday 26 September in Ringmer Village Hall when some of our members with memories stretching back to VJ Day, VE Day and beyond will be telling us, and answering questions, about Growing Up in Ringmer in their day. All welcome.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS MAGAZINE VERY WELCOME

Please do send through anything you'd like to go in this magazine by midday on the 20th of each month. Gentle reminder to check all dates and information before sending through as the editor can't guarantee that everything can be cross checked before publication. Big thanks to everyone who sends regular and occasional content, it's greatly appreciated.

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Ringmer History Study Group: John Kay, 01273 813388.

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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. Bookings: scouting@1stringmer.org. 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@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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