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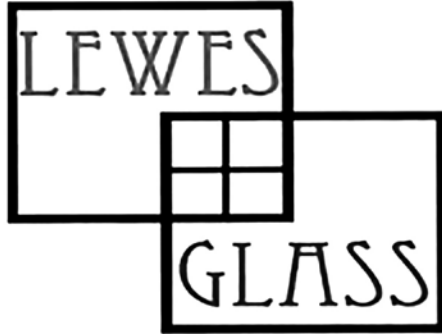
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# LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

Happy Easter! If we look around the world, and at some local issues, it is very tempting to only see that which is wrong, that which is chaos. The celebration of Easter reminds us again that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than hate and that hope is stronger than despair.

This is not to say that there is a rose-tinted view of the world. Things are bad right now and there is much that is not as it should be. There are things that need to be fought against and spoken about with strength and conviction. Justice needs to be brought for those who are wronged. Easter especially within the Christian faith shows us that our situation is not without hope. Everything is not lost.

Whether we look at global politics and the major conflicts and wars that are ongoing or whether we look at our community and see the wrongs done or in our own relationships and see heartache and separation, nothing is without hope. There can be restoration and reconciliation. Easter is proof of this.

May the truth of Easter give you hope for the world and people immediately around you and hope for the future of the world. The future is worth fighting for, is worth working towards and darkness shall pass. Let us work together in hope for the good of all people so that the truth of the resurrection at Easter can bring them hope too.

With every blessing, Revd. David

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

### THURSDAY 2 APRIL

7.30pm

### FRIDAY 3 APRIL

10am

2pm

### SUNDAY 5 APRIL

6am

10am

### SUNDAY 12 APRIL

10am

### SUNDAY 19 APRIL

10am

6.30pm

### SUNDAY 26 APRIL

10am

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Eucharist followed by Vigil

### GOOD FRIDAY

Family Service

Devotion

### EASTER DAY

Easter Vigil, Service of Light, 1st Eucharist

Family Eucharist for Easter

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist for Easter

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist for Easter

Evensong

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Eucharist for Easter with the Ministry of Prayer

**A Eucharist Service will be said every Thursday at 10am in the Lady Chapel**

## ST MARY'S NEWS & EVENTS

*Check [ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information](http://ringmerchurch.org.uk/Information) for more details on everything at St Mary's.*



### EASTER AT ST MARY'S

**MAUNDY THURSDAY (2 APRIL)** – Eucharist & Vigil at 7.30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY (3 APRIL)** – Family Service at 10am and Devotion from 2-3pm

**EASTER DAY (5 April)** – Easter Vigil, Service of Light, First Eucharist of Easter at 6am, Family Eucharist for Easter at 10am.

There isn't a usual FirstSunday@10 service on 5 April as it's Easter Day but the 10am Eucharist is suitable for all ages. We hope to see you there.

### PRAYER VIGIL

On Tuesday 14 April, 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. At our 10am Sunday services each week we pray for the people living in certain areas of our parish: 5 April – Hayes Close and Penn Crescent, 12 April – Springett Avenue and Church Mead, 19 April – Ashcroft Close, 26 April – Anchor Field.

### HOLY COMMUNION

At each of the Care Homes in Ringmer this month as follows: Parris Lawn on 7 April at 11am, Holm Lodge on 28 April at 11.30am and Lime Tree House on 30 April at 11am.



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29 March

Vicky Ball

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9 April

Sylvia Bone

“In loving memory”

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## ST MARY'S TODDLERS

Continues in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 10.30 and 12noon. We look forward to welcoming parents / carers with pre-school children for a morning of play (children) and chat (adults!), finishing with singing a couple of songs. During school holidays we are always happy to see younger siblings as well. Teas and coffees are always available.

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Revd Pat kindly stepped in at our March meeting and gave us a most thoughtful talk on Lent. Ray then taught us how to make small wooden crosses. We invite you to our meeting on Tuesday 14 April when we have Greg Morris to bring us up to date on the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, which is one of the projects St Mary's supports through the Caring & Sharing scheme. We start with a short service and then finish with coffee and chat after the talk. We hope we will see some of you.

## ECO TIP | REPAIR CAFÉ



### ECO TIP: GET RID OF PLASTIC



If you took part in the annual Big Plastic Count [[thebigplasticcount.com/](http://thebigplasticcount.com/)], you may have been shocked by the amount of plastic you collected in just one week. Or perhaps you're shocked on a

fortnightly basis due to filling your recycling bin. Either way, we should all be trying to cut down our plastic use.

There are lots of small tweaks you can make that can help add up to big zero waste gains for the environment - and many in the kitchen. For example, here are some disposable kitchen items you can swap in for reusable ones:

- **Plastic straw** - invest in some metal ones.
- **Kitchen roll** - use old tea towels or T-shirts cut into squares to mop up spills, and then wash to reuse.
- **Paper napkins** - buy in some cloth ones that are washable.
- **Plastic sponges** - look for scourers made from hemp, loofah or recycled foam.
- **Clingfilm** - there's an increasing range of options, including wax wraps, cloth covers and silicone lids. Compostable clingfilm is also available.
- **Sandwich and freezer bags** - reusable silicone bags and glass/steel containers, or recycled glass food jars are all good alternatives. Cotton, hemp or linen bags are also good for storing food.



### RINGMER REPAIR CAFE

The Repair Café team is ready and waiting for your damaged or broken items and your favourite clothes and textiles that require repair.

As usual, the café is on the last Saturday of the month and this month that's 25 April between 10am and 12.30pm in the Parish Council Offices, Old School Close. They will look at any electrical items that are small enough for you to carry in, but no

white goods.

Please check the website for more details at [ringmerrepaircafe.co.uk](http://ringmerrepaircafe.co.uk) or email [ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com) Don't forget there are delicious homemade refreshments served as well, and all with a friendly smile!



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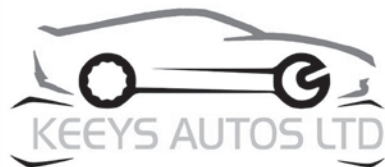
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year when we meet for worship and bible-based teaching. You will find a warm welcome and an opportunity to share fellowship with ordinary people who are learning more about following Jesus.

At Easter we will meet on Good Friday morning, early on Easter Sunday at the Mill Post, overlooking the village and then again on Easter Sunday morning back in the Village Hall.

On 26 April, we will welcome Victor Parisipogula from Brighter Future Trust in India. He will talk about the work among orphans and those affected by leprosy. This year is a particularly special year for him as his work is the focus of The Leprosy Mission GB's fundraising efforts. Join us for lunch and for, what we know will be, a great time when our friend will share how you can be part of the work to bring hope and love to those often abandoned by families, former friends and communities.

During the year, we will be sharing lunch on several other occasions and hear from various charities working to bring relief in difficult situations in the UK and worldwide. Details will be circulated. Full details of our teaching for the month ahead and other activities appear at [ringmerbaptist.co.uk](http://ringmerbaptist.co.uk)

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## RINGMER MARKET

Don't forget to come along to Ringmer Market at the Village Hall [pictured right] from 10am to 12pm on Saturday 25 April. Expect the usual mix of stalls including crochet and crafts, cards, gifts, homemade jams and much more. There are also refreshments available to enjoy.



## WHAT'S ON IN RINGMER



### RINGMER WI UPDATE

Last month we welcomed Raymond Hale who spoke with passion and clarity about Gideon Mantell, the dinosaur doctor of Lewes. Gideon was born in Station Street and later moved to Castle Place where he set up his surgery, having done his apprenticeship with the only other doctor in Lewes, James Moore, then studying at the Royal College of Surgeons. His curiosity for palaeontology was immense and his house was filled with thousands of specimens but it was when his wife picked up something unusual that he realised it was a tooth of a giant lizard. Gideon approached other scientists, one being Sir Richard Owen, who all disagreed that it was a lizard thinking it was from a fish. Gideon persevered and in 1825 he gave it the species name of *Iguanodon* but by this time his wife had left him his son and his daughter was extremely ill. He was suffering from a very painful back, he wasn't a business man and his practice failed. Gideon moved to Pimlico close to the zoological society and his doctor but with Richard Owen thwarting any reputation Gideon was acquiring. Sadly, Gideon died after a carriage accident in 1852.

Our next meeting is on 7 April when we will welcome Brian Gee who will look into the forensic investigations of the murders of Sarah Payne and the Babes in the Woods. Guests are most welcome.

### RINGMER BARN DANCING

We will be dancing again on 15 April. You will be most welcome from 8pm to 10pm. Please bring £6 cash only. There's no need to bring a partner, we have plenty of very friendly people to dance with. Keep fit, enjoy the live music and laugh when it all goes wrong. Just remember to wear comfy shoes and bring some liquid refreshment. For more information contact Maureen on 07946 735674 or Julia on 01273 813595.

### RINGMER HISTORY GROUP

The next Ringmer History Group meeting is at 7.30 pm on Friday 24 April in Ringmer Village Hall, with speaker Ian Everest with the topic 'Farmers in the move'. He will be telling us about the remarkable influx into Sussex of farmers from the West Country in the late 19th and early 20th century. They moved their livestock, machinery, their workers, and everything they owned, from the West Country to East Sussex. But where exactly did they come from and why did they choose to move?

By tracing these journeys from West Country farms to new fields in the Lewes area and across the South Downs, the talk reveals a little-known chapter in the shared rural history of these regions. Families featured in the talk are Brickell, Greenwood, Hecks, Monnington, Norris, Philips and Pile. There were many Devonshire accents in Ringmer in the first half of the last century. Come along to find out more.



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"Painted on a thin mahogany panel, the scene appears to show a lively view of the River Thames with St Paul's Cathedral visible in the distance, with a number of boats, including what appear to be early steam vessels with tall funnels. The painting captures a sense of movement, smoke and light across the river, suggesting a ceremonial gathering on the Thames, possibly connected to the historic Lord Mayor's river procession.

"Research suggests the oil study may date from the 1820s, when ceremonial barges and the first steam-powered vessels could be seen together on the river. I believe the painting may have been in a local house or collection in the Ringmer or Lewes area for many years, and hope someone may recognise it or remember seeing it hanging in a property locally."

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**APRIL**  
3rd: QUIZ

See left for details.  
6th: BANK HOLIDAY 9-3pm  
17th: FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY  
See left for details.  
23rd: PAINT CLUB  
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**MAY**  
1st: QUIZ  
4th: BANK HOLIDAY 9-3pm  
15th: FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY  
See left for details.  
25th: BANK HOLIDAY 9-3pm

**JUNE**  
5th: QUIZ  
19th: FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY  
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21st: FATHER'S DAY  
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**MAY**  
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5th: QUIZ  
See above for details.  
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# RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY



## RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY

It's officially Spring, so we're open on Tuesday and Thursday between 2pm and 5pm and Wednesday and Saturday 10am to 12pm. No more Friendly Fridays until the autumn, but we like to think we're friendly every time we open!

The Village Library has great books and puzzles to borrow and we regularly buy new stock so you can always ask us to get hold of things that aren't on our catalogue. It's easy to join and no ID is necessary. We offer space for people to meet, have a chat, free internet access, the chance to sit and do a jigsaw or just hang out. And of course, it's all free.

There's also a book sale trolley packed with bargains - we're also currently selling lovely wrapped books for children at just £2 – a great present for young family members, and healthier than an Easter egg! In our spring raffle, you can buy a ticket for just £1 and win the chance to go to Glyndebourne.

Last month, we hosted a great Creative Writing afternoon with Uckfield author Deborah Jenkins with just one further session on 9 May. Email or pop in to book. This month, we're gearing up for two special events - on Friday 10 April there are two free craft and story-time sessions in the afternoon, with refreshments provided. The session at 2pm is for 0-4 years and the second at 3.15pm is for 4 - 8 years. Both s will include a story and a chance to make a character from the story to bring the book to life. Book your space at the library, or email us.

On 11 April, it's our first book and jigsaw sale of the year from 2pm until 4pm, complete with a cream tea. You can pick up excellent bargains, with children's books from 20p, paperbacks from 50p and hardbacks and jigsaws from £1. Rob Parsons will be selling copies of his book, *Nanotales* in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice. We'll draw our raffle at the end of the afternoon.

Heads up for next month as well. On 2 May, we have our first author event of the year, when two performance poets - award winning TV and Film producer, writer and poet Henry Normal and Hastings Slam competition winner Tim Barlow will read from their newly published poetry collections. We'll be asking for a £5 donation for a ticket.

So – in diary form, here are our special dates for April and early May:

4 April – Spring Storytime at 10.30am

11 April – Sociable Saturday from 10am to 12pm

11 April – Book and jigsaw sale from 2pm to 4pm in the Symons Hall, with cream teas!

16 April – Hearing Aid maintenance between 3pm and 4.30pm

2 May – Henry Normal and Tim Barlow, performance poets in Symons Hall at 2pm.

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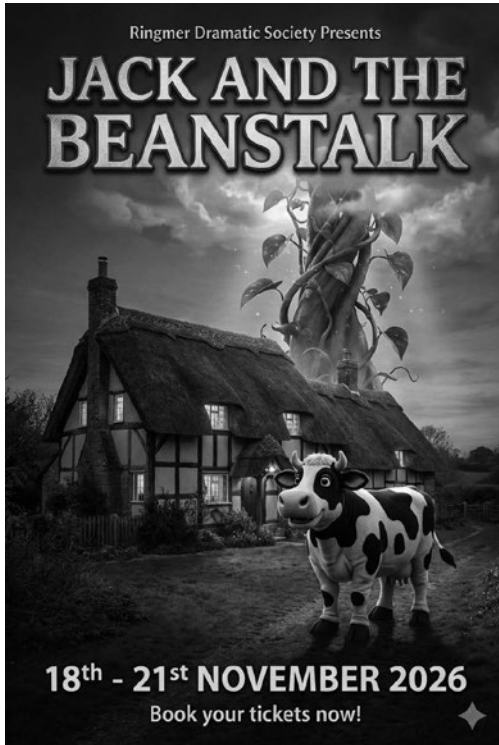
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**Script read-through dates:** 11 April and 18th April at 4pm.

**Venue:** Ringmer Village Hall, Alan West Room.

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### DIARY DATE: Uckfield Art Group Summer Exhibition

The next exhibition is on Saturday 30 May, where you can see works of art at affordable prices. There will be an amazing selection of subjects and styles created using acrylic, watercolour, pastel, oil, pen, pencil, coloured pencil and Lino and gel prints.

The Theme Section about being inspired by a famous artist and creating a picture in their style. Doors open 10am - 4pm at the Luxford Centre, Library Way, Uckfield East Sussex TN22 1AR. Free entry (donations welcome) and plenty of free parking surrounding the venue. Find Uckfield Art Group on social media. Look out for more information nearer the time.

### LEWES CITIZENS ADVICE DROP IN SESSIONS

For free, confidential and impartial advice, support and referrals on a huge range of topics, including benefits, housing issues, cost of living, debt, energy and much more, you can attend a Ringmer session (no appointment necessary) in the Alan West Room at Ringmer Village Hall from 11.30am to 2.30pm on the following dates: 7 April, 5 May, 2 June and 7 July 2026.

## **How to choose the right care home for a loved one**

Choosing a care home for a loved one can be a daunting task. Reading online reviews and looking through brochures can be a helpful way to assess the quality of care offered at a care home, sure, but can you smell a home through a computer screen? Can you see what staff are *really* like from the brochure?

Visiting the home is always the best way to see if it's the place for your loved one. Also, keep in mind, you don't have to book a visit. And the assessment can begin before you even step inside. Are the grounds well-maintained? Is long-term parking available for future visits?

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# VILLAGE HALL NEWS & BOOKINGS

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Ringmer Village Hall charity will take place on Monday 20 April at 7pm in the Alan West Room. It's open to the public. This short meeting reviews the year and its finances, and appoints trustees to serve the charity. New volunteers would be welcome, especially those with skills in marketing and media. If you would like to know more please get in touch with Marisa Hayes at [ringmervh.chair@gmail.com](mailto:ringmervh.chair@gmail.com)

There is some availability at the hall for new or regular users on Thursdays and Fridays. Most Thursdays between 8am and 1pm is available in the Jack Hart Hall (that's the main hall) and Fridays in both halls after 11am.

You can view availability and book online at [ringmervillagehall.chessck.co.uk](http://ringmervillagehall.chessck.co.uk) or use the QR Code to go to the booking page.



Save the date!

Target Ovarian Cancer plant sale and afternoon tea - Saturday 23 May.

### [EDITOR'S NOTE]

*I've had a number of requests to display the entirety of the Village Hall's bookings for each month in this magazine. However, there are just too many to squeeze in, so I've extracted some below and encourage review of the website above to view availability. See back of magazine for a full list of clubs/societies and contact details.*

### **Wednesday 1 April**

6am: Circuit training with Jess Lloyd,

### **Tuesday 7 April**

9am: Badminton

### **Friday 10 April**

6.30pm Silent movie screening with musical accompaniment

### **Monday 13 April**

9am: Tiddlers & Toddlers, 4.15pm: Diverse Dance

### **Wednesday 15 April**

10am: Badminton, 5.45pm: Community Yoga, 7.30pm: Ringmer Barn Dancing Club

### **Saturday 18 April**

East Sussex Guild of Spinners, Weavers & Dyers

### **Friday 24 April**

7pm@ Ringmer History Group

### **Sunday 26 April**

9am: Baptist Church

### **Thursday 30 April**

7.30pm: New Sussex Singers



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# RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL



## LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

We have received some initial feedback on the responses to the recent consultation process. So far only the responses received on the consultation platform have been processed. Email and letter responses are still being processed. The planning department did stress that they would prefer to receive emails or letters rather than residents not respond. Across the whole LDC area, there were fewer responses to the consultation than last time, approximately 1,000 compared with 1,600. Most responses were on the sections concerning site allocation policies and spatial strategy policies. Responses to the site allocation policies were greatest from Ringmer/Broyleside, together with Cooksbridge and Seaford.

Final numbers will be shared when all responses have been analysed. The new version of the Local Plan will be presented mid-summer, a month ahead of the release a commentary of the response summary along with the statutory stakeholder responses. The planners accepted the criticism of the short length of the Q&A sessions and the various technical issues that were experienced when responding online. They also agreed to allow the wording of the questions in the Regulation 19 consultation process to be seen to ensure clarity. Regulation 19 consultation is planned for consultation in summer 2026. This will not be seeking further comment on policies. It will contain questions asking if the plan is deed legally compliant, robust and positively prepared. LDC are still expecting to submit the final plan before the end of the year.

## CAROLS AND BONFIRE ON THE GREEN

The Chairman reported that the Bonfire and Carols event, which took place on the Village Green on 19 December 2025, generated £763.40 through a collection in support of Homelink. Our thanks go to all who attended and contributed to the cause.

## COMPOSTABLE FOOD WASTE BAGS

We have a small supply of free 'Compostable Food Waste Bags' available for collection from the Parish Council Offices in Old School Close between 10am and 12pm Monday to Thursday.

## PICNIC ON THE GREEN

As spring approaches, preparations are underway for the annual 'Picnic on the Green' event, organised by Ringmer Parish Council in collaboration with local groups and societies. The Picnic on the Green is scheduled to take place on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2026.

Don't forget to check our website [www.ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk) and follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/RingmerPC](https://facebook.com/RingmerPC) and Instagram: [@ringmerpc](https://instagram.com/@ringmerpc) for updates.

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"The full cost is £23,000 after the charity subsidies and my savings, I still need to raise £10,990. This dog would allow me to remain independent and live more safely. You can read my full story, donate or share at [justgiving.com/page/evita-orrock](https://justgiving.com/page/evita-orrock) If you'd like to donate in cash, there's a labelled and sealed collection pot in The Pet Store on the corner of Springett Avenue. Thanks for supporting a member of your community - I'm truly grateful."



### CAN YOU ADOPT THIS BONDED PAIR OF DOGS FROM GREECE?

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You will also find charity scratch cards in aid of K9 Rescue Ukraine with a £50 voucher prize. The situation in Ukraine is desperate and Vanessa is raising money for the cost of fuel for the volunteers to distribute food that is urgently needed. Animals are dying. They need our help.

### Jenni and Midi

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# LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL



## THE LATEST FROM LDC

Councillor Emily O'Brien says: "Here's a quick rundown of various projects with updates where possible.

"I have followed up with the LDC officer regarding supporting RPC on Finger Post Field improvements – dates have now been offered.

"The site meeting with Southern Water regarding their decision to not allow a

connection for the French drain in Mill Road gardens to alleviate garden flooding following the Caburn Field development, has taken place and I'm awaiting news on the outcome

"As most people know by now, East Sussex County Council elections have been un-cancelled and will take place on 7 May.

"I chased up our planning policy team regarding the RPC request relating to Neighbourhood Plan screening and the head of planning policy has allocated an officer to get in touch. Furthermore, I've submitted a detailed response to the LDC Local Plan consultation reflecting the many local concerns raised by local residents and organisations.

"As local councillors we are also encouraging responses to the current Government National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation, which in our view would be the final nail in the coffin for Local Plans, making a bad situation even worse. Already this is a govt system disguised as local control. You can find the full webcast on the LDC website or on Instagram. You can also find a press release at [lewes.greenparty.org.uk](http://lewes.greenparty.org.uk). While we appreciate that everyone has consultation fatigue, every voice will count.

"I have spoken with officers at LDC re options should Ringmer Parish Council (or LDC) wish to put in a CIL bid for public toilet refurbishment in collaboration with the Village Hall.

"The roll out of alternate weekly collection has gone very smoothly overall, bar some inevitable teething issues. Do report any ongoing problems that aren't resolved to ward Cllrs or Wendy Maples as cabinet lead at [wendy.maples@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:wendy.maples@lewes.gov.uk)

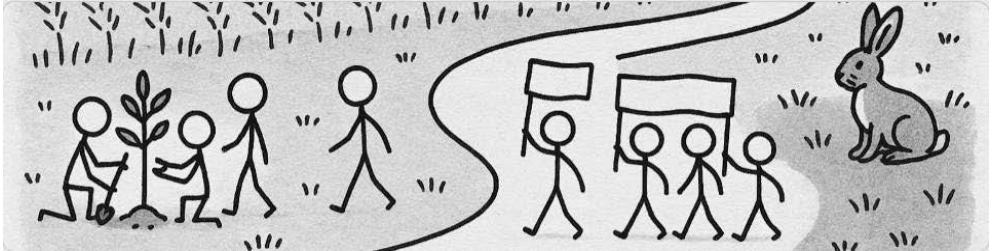
"I continue to champion the TCPA health homes campaign and am attending the house of lords next week on behalf of Lewes District Council. The council is updating our new homes principles to including requiring a sustainability quality mark from the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM).

"My Local Government Association (LGA) role continues to be very busy with additional commitments around representing local government re the Warm Homes Plan, waste & licencing legislation etc and advocating for a statutory duty on climate and nature for local authorities, alongside the powers and resources needed.

"As ever please get in touch if I can help at [emily.obrien@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:emily.obrien@lewes.gov.uk)

# WILDFLOWER RINGMER

## SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026 – DAY OF ACTION FOR NATURE AND GREEN SPACES



If you read this section I'm guessing that you care about nature and wildlife. According to a recent polling by More in Common there is overwhelming support for green space protection.

Around 78% of people believe it is important for the Government's house building strategy to protect nature and green spaces. Just 4% believe it is not important. Support is consistent across political parties. Unfortunately Planning Policy isn't aligned with this priority.

Building on green spaces, which has sadly become the norm in Ringmer, destroys natural defences against climate change, including carbon sinks such as trees, hedges, and soil, while directly threatening wildlife habitats.

It also increases pollution. There are millions of homes that could be made available on brownfield land and use of this should be prioritised.

Business as usual in planning terms is not meeting housing needs or helping to lower prices or helping those in most need of social housing. But it is having profoundly damaging consequences for Britain's countryside, including ours locally.

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This Edwardian photograph, from Ringmer History Group, shows Crosskeys Brewery on Wellingham Lane, a Victorian enterprise that survived until the beginning of the Great war.

If you have any photos representing Ringmer's past, send in with a short write up to [ringmerparishmag@gmail.com](mailto:ringmerparishmag@gmail.com)

It's always fascinating to see parts of the village in days gone by, such as this boundary stone sent in by a villager, who says: "This stone marks the boundary between Ringmer and Glynde, near the 5 bar gate at the junction of Week Lane and New Road. In 2000, as a village Millenium project, seven new Parish boundary stones were set, each engraved with the initials of Ringmer and the adjoining parish, and with MM to denote the Millenium. Each is of Woodkirk stone, weighs 1 cwt and is 24" high. On behalf of RPC, four of us researched, traced and walked the entire parish boundary (c. 27 miles), as far as records show, the first time since the 1800s. As most of the boundary is on private land, we had to gain the landowners' permissions to walk there. Only a mile or so is accessible by public right of way. We located 17, some half buried, some part submerged old stones, as marked on the O.S. maps."



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

**Bowls Club:** Rinks: Cheyney Green. Sec: Pauline Lloyd on 01273 812470.

**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 Trinity StJohn's Sub Castro, Lewes. Mary Burke 01273 475885 or burke.mf@gmail.com

**Evergreen Club:** 55+ social club, meets most Thursdays at the Village Hall at 2pm. For details ring Gill or Graham Stapley 01273 812976.

**Fitness circuits:** Every Wed during term time from 6pm to 6.50pm in the KAR school gym. Contact Sally on 07733305345/sallynorris47@hotmail.com

**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 9.30am Inter: 10.30am Adv: 11.30am Beat Parkinson's choir every Friday 11-12 at Cliffe Hall, Lewes Debra Skeen 07710 548724

**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.

**Ringmer Community Speedwatch Group** Ray Eggleton 01273 812962 or r.eggleton@sky.com

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**Pilates:** Village Hall Thursday evening and Friday morning. Contact Louise McAllen, 07841 397550 or [louisemcallenfitness@gmail.com](mailto:louisemcallenfitness@gmail.com)

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

**Ringmer AFC:** [RingmerAFC@outlook.com](mailto:RingmerAFC@outlook.com).

**Ringmer Baptist Church:** Neil Thornicroft 01825 750283.

**Ringmer Good Neighbours Scheme:** 07340 118758 between 10am and 4pm.

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**Ringmer History Study Group:** John Kay, 01273 813388.

**Ringmer Horticultural & Home Produce Club:** [rhclub1970@gmail.com](mailto:rhclub1970@gmail.com)

**Ringmer Primary & Nursery School:** Please contact the school office on 01273 812463 or via email at [office@ringmerprimary.school](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ringmertiddlers@gmail.com)

**Ringmer Footpath Clearance Group :** Marilyn Linehan on 01273 812345 or [marilyn@linehan.com](mailto:marilyn@linehan.com)

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**Ringmer WI:** Village Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Tues in month, 7.30 pm. Call Judith Cox on 07971 659557 or email [judithcox228@gmail.com](mailto:judithcox228@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Ringmer Scout Group:** Scout HQ, The Green, Group Lead volunteers Rachel Winney & Daniel Willetts. Book at [bookings@1stringmer.org](mailto:bookings@1stringmer.org) Scout Troop: Tuesday 7-8.30pm. Cub Pack: Thursday 6-7.15pm. Beavers: Thursday 5-6pm. Enquiries: [scouting@1stringmer.org](mailto:scouting@1stringmer.org)

**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.Willetts1@sja.org.uk](mailto:Daniel.Willetts1@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](mailto: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](mailto:saramcgowan@yahoo.co.uk)



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