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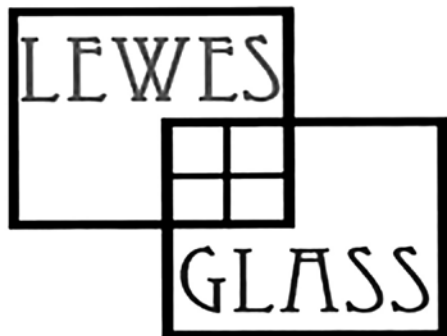
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## LETTER FROM ST MARY'S



Dear Friends

July stands at the heart of the year — a midpoint between what has been and what is yet to come. It is an opportunity to measure the distance we've travelled since January and to consider the path ahead. Our commitment to becoming a gold Eco Church has certainly made good progress so far this year. We have switched to a more ethical bank, made good savings with our electricity usage and engaged in activities to deepen our understanding of the problems we face in caring for God's World.

The churchyard at St Mary's has certainly been a place of interest. Did you see the thousands of caterpillars that suddenly appeared and transformed a tree, gravestones and the lynch gate into a ghostly,

white habitat? Did you see the beautiful banks of ox-eye daisies that battled against the wind and rain? Did you see and smell the amazing display of roses by the church porch? There is still much to do to achieve our gold award but do come and enjoy the peace and beauty of the church and churchyard.

Unfortunately, one thing you can't appreciate at St Mary's at the moment is the organ. Sadly, the blower that feeds the air into the organ has reached the end of its life. As you can imagine, this is quite niche and expensive work but, luckily, we have managed to source a suitable replacement but at a cost of £13,000. We are gladly accepting donations towards the cost!

Many of us will be using the month of July for some rest and relaxation. Holidays may be on the horizon, making memories with families and friends may be an option or perhaps you are planning to just enjoy the long days. Whatever your plans, we hope you enjoy July.

**With love from St Mary's,  
Anne Franklin, Churchwarden**

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

#### **SUNDAY 5 JULY**

10am

6.30pm

#### **SUNDAY 12 JULY**

10am

#### **SUNDAY 19 JULY**

10am

6.30pm

#### **SUNDAY 26 JULY**

10am

#### **TRINITY 5**

FirstSunday@10 Service

Eucharist for Ordinary Time

#### **TRINITY 6**

Eucharist for Ordinary Time

#### **TRINITY 7**

Eucharist for Ordinary Time

Evensong at Newick

#### **TRINITY 8**

Eucharist for Ordinary Time with the Ministry of Prayer

**A Eucharist Service will be said most Thursdays 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.*

## FIRSTSUNDAY@10 SERVICE

The FirstSunday@10 service this month is on 5 July. This is a service very suitable for children of all ages with lots of singing and some easy crafts. We hope to see you there. In the evening at 6.30pm we have a Eucharist service. This service on 2 August will be our Teddy Bear Service, so do put the date in Teddy's diary as well as yours.

## PRAYER VIGIL

On Tuesday 14 July, prayers will be said in the Lady Chapel at 9am 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 each week we pray for the people living in certain areas of our parish: 5 July – Mill Gardens and Mill Close, 12 July – Mill Mead, 19 July – Vicarage Way, Vicarage Close and Farriers Place and 26 July – Church Crescent, Springgett Cottages and Corner Green.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is said in each of the Care Homes in Ringmer during the month – Parris Lawn on 7 July at 11am, Holm Lodge on 28 July at 11.30am and Lime Tree House on 30 July at 11am.

## BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Our Bible Study course continues on 2 and 9 July in the Church Room from 3.45pm (tea and biscuits from 3.30pm). We shall be looking at Acts chapters 15 and 16 & 17.



## CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid collection in Ringmer this year. A total of £792.20 was collected and now banked, which is approximately £80 more than last year!

Huge thanks to all of the magazine distributors for enabling the envelopes to be sent out in the May edition, not forgetting Lew & Darren Howard (Butchers), Liz Owen at the library and of course St Mary's for collecting the returned envelopes.



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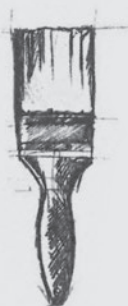
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## ST MARY'S NEWS & EVENTS

### CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

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### ST MARY'S TODDLERS

Continues in the Symons Hall at the Village Hall on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12pm. We are pleased to welcome parents / carers with pre-school children for a morning of play (children) and chat (adults!), finishing with a couple of songs. Teas and coffees are always available.



Shirley Squires says: "Our outing to Michelham Priory last month was very enjoyable with us all having coffee and lunch together in the lovely café there. Between coffee and lunch

some of us went round the house and some just wandered round the garden. One of us sat in the courtyard of the café and did some lovely sketches. Five of our members went to the wonderful Eucharist service on 10<sup>th</sup> June at St Paul's Cathedral which celebrated 150 years of MU. We were privileged to have the Archbishop of Canterbury take the service for us. The next meeting is on 14 July at 7.30pm in the Church Room and our speaker is Gerry Howitt from the Beachy Head Chaplaincy. You are welcome to come along and hear all about the great work they do."



### COMBINED PARISHES CHORAL EVENSONG

St Mary's choir members and friends will be joining this third uplifting annual event, this time in Newick on Sunday 19 July at 6pm. The preceding three Fridays (3, 10 and 17 July at 7pm we

will hold short preparation run throughs of the music. If you would like to join us, we can provide the music but please call Rosemary Colebourn on 07552487694 asap. Everyone is, of course, welcome to join us for the service itself at 6pm.

## **RINGMER REPAIR CAFE | ST MARY'S ECO TIP**

### **RINGMER REPAIR CAFE**

The next Ringmer Repair Café is on 27 Saturday from 10am to 12.30pm in the Parish Council Offices, Old School Close.

It's held every month for people to bring items for repair, ranging from electricals to clothes, broken household items and garden equipment. As long as you can carry it in, then the chances are the team or repair experts can help. There are also plenty of refreshments on offer.



Ringmer Repair Café is looking for more volunteers.

Rosemary Colebourn says: "We are interested in building up the number of helpers to welcome in people and sign them out, for the reception team and for the small cafe team to set up and serve refreshments. These would be lovely community roles/experience for young people, as well as for anyone keen to get involved in an important environmentally-beneficial service. Email [ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com) for more information."

### **ST MARY'S ECO TIP - WEEDS**

After the recent rain, the weeds are sprouting everywhere! Chemical weed killers have a large carbon footprint, cause pollution and contamination and can harm garden wildlife and pollinators. So what to do?

It's useful knowing your weeds and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) website provides a guide to common weeds. See [rhs.org.uk/weeds/identify-common-weeds](https://rhs.org.uk/weeds/identify-common-weeds) for more details. There are also various apps that can identify plants.

Most annuals can easily be pulled out while seedlings can be dislodged using a hoe. Persistent perennials will need digging out with a fork or spade. Growth can be curtailed by covering the ground in late winter or early spring with an organic mulch such as bark or wood chips or home-made compost, and a layer of cardboard or a biodegradable film can be placed under the mulch. The roots of vigorous plants can be contained with edge borders or root barriers.

It's a good idea to cover up gaps in the beds with creeping ground cover plants that can improve the plant diversity and habitat for insects and small mammals.





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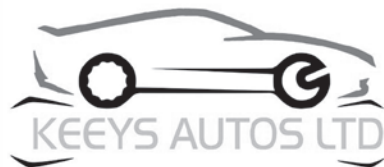
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This month we are starting two new studies. Each Sunday morning, we will look at the Psalms to better understand God and His love for us. Each Sunday evening, we will be following the DVD series *There are No Strong People* by Jeff Lucas.

During the year, we will be sharing lunch on several other occasions and hearing from various charities who are bringing relief and hope in difficult situations in the UK and worldwide.

On 7 June we had an update from The Leprosy Mission (reg charity number 1050327), which supports people affected by leprosy particularly in Asia and Africa. More than £900 was donated on the day. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity. This will transform lives and encourage those who are often marginalised.

Full details of our teaching for the month ahead and other activities, as well as the charities we support, appear on our website at [ringmerbaptist.uk](http://ringmerbaptist.uk)

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If we can help you in any way, or you would like to talk about Jesus, please get in touch.

## RINGMER BARN DANCING

The Ringmer Barn Dancing club will be dancing again on 15 July from 8pm to 10pm. You will be most welcome – just bring £6 cash on entry. No need to bring a partner, we have plenty of very friendly people to dance with.

It's a great way to keep fit, enjoy 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 WI | PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING



## RINGMER WI UPDATE

Author Glyn Harper introduced us to the 'Biddenden Maids', conjoined twins born in Biddenden, Kent in 1100 and the fascinating tale of their lives that he has crafted using the known facts.

Eliza and Mary Chulkhurst were joined at the hip and it is thought that they spent their first six years under the care of the nuns at Malling Abbey before returning to Biddenden. Glyn

has researched the historical facts, the events of the 1100s and the biological evidence, which certainly supports the tale that they could have lived for 34 years so long ago. There has been some thought that this is purely a folk story but there is documentation supporting the historical facts and Glyn's book gives us a wonderful insight into how their lives could have been spent. The book is called *The Maids of Biddenden* and Glyn's pen-name is GD Harper. This month, genealogist and historian Mathew Homewood will talk about the history of unique sports in Sussex at the next meeting on 7 July. All are welcome.



## PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING FOLLOW UP

There will be a follow up meeting Thursday 16 July at 7pm in the Church Room at St Mary's. Rosemary Colebourn says: "It was very gratifying to have around 80 locals in the Village Hall on 13 June to see the film

that provided public information on the extent of the climate crisis, its impact on all aspects of our lives and how we can address the challenge."

A key aim for these 1400 (and growing) similar community events across the UK is to get the government to debate this whole issue, and show the film on national television. For this to happen, 100,000 signatures are needed. The petition currently stands at around 2,500. To find it, search Petitions at [parliament.uk](http://parliament.uk) for 'Hold a UK-wide briefing on climate and nature risks'. It only takes a second to sign and is easily shareable.

If you would like to receive feedback from the June film and wish to be included on an email circulation list, please email [ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:ringmerrepaircafe@gmail.com) You will be sent updates including reminders of meetings that aim to explore where Ringmer may want to go from here in terms of priorities, information needed and community projects.



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## **RINGMER VILLAGE SHOW 2026**

The Ringmer Village Show is on Saturday 11 July at the Village Hall. The show includes individual entries in horticulture, fruit, vegetables, and flowers, alongside handicrafts, paintings, and photography, showcasing the incredible talent and creativity of our local residents.

This year, there's a new Community Class with a trophy for a local group. The Brownies and Kings Academy, the Cubs and local care homes are all involved.

The show relies on the hard work and dedication of the committee, and we are looking for new members to help keep

this cherished tradition alive. This includes four evening meetings a year and two show days, with plenty of ways to contribute. Whether you're interested in being an assistant show steward, taking photographs, or helping with tea and cake, your efforts make a real difference.

Our committee is positive, friendly and welcoming. Joining us is a fantastic way to get involved in the heart of our community while helping create a day that brings everyone together. If you're interested, come along on the day or email [rhclub1970@gmail.com](mailto:rhclub1970@gmail.com), go to [ringmerhorticulturalclub.co.uk](https://www.ringmerhorticulturalclub.co.uk) or see the Facebook page [facebook.com/RingmerVillageShow](https://facebook.com/RingmerVillageShow)





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**3rd: QUIZ**

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**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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#### APRIL

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#### MAY

**1st: QUIZ**

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# RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY



## RINGMER VILLAGE LIBRARY

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We always have great books and puzzles to borrow and buy new stock regularly and 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. The library offers space for a drink and a chat, to go online, read or do the communal jigsaw – and it's all free to use. There's also a permanent book sale trolley where you can pick up great titles at bargain prices – perfect for holiday reading when you don't want to bring back the books!

The Fourth of July is a really big day for us at the library, starting with a bumper book and jigsaw sale that day between 10am and 12pm in Ringmer Village Hall. There will be loads of bargains with prices starting from 20p for children's books, 50p for paperbacks and £1 hardbacks and jigsaws. There'll be coffee and home made cake on sale too. You can't afford to miss it!

Meanwhile in the library, 4 July is the start of the annual Summer Reading Challenge that's designed to encourage children under 11 to read six books over the long summer holiday, and get rewards for every book they read. They can sign up from 10am on Saturday 4 July, which is also the day of the monthly storytime at 10.30am for younger kids. Last but not least, Neil Peters from Lewes District Council will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on rubbish and recycling.

Sociable Saturday is on 11 July – everyone is welcome to come in for coffee, cake and chat, whether members or not. And don't forget the library is airconditioned, something that may come in handy this month.

The Hearing Aid maintenance session is back to the third Thursday this month, on 18 July from 3pm until 4.30pm.

There's also an author event this month. Ringmer-based novelist Molly Green is back with a talk about her latest book, *Wartime Secrets at the Mayfair Club*, on 25 July at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are available from the library and cost £5, to include a drink and cake.

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### UCKFIELD ART GROUP SUMMER EXHIBITION RESULTS

Thank you to the 231 visitors who supported Uckfield Art Group's Summer Exhibition. A total of 34 pictures have gone to a new home as well as many unique greeting cards - perhaps you will

receive one through your door in the coming months!

If you voted for your favourite picture I am sure you will be interested to know that First Place and the Trophy was awarded to Samantha Bromley for her very realistic Giant House Spider in coloured pencil. Nineteen votes. Sam will be able to treasure the Trophy until the Autumn Exhibition on Saturday 14th November. The theme for this hasn't yet been decided, but do watch this space for more information and save the date.

### FEELING ARTY?

Each week Ringmer's Art Group meets on Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm in St Mary's Church Room. This companionable weekly group is keen to add new members.

All levels of artistic skills and experience are very welcome from basic to amazing! Just come along and/or call Kath on 01273 812617 to find out more if you wish.



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The Season has begun and we are playing. As we are halfway through the Season, the Subscription will be halved from 1 July.

Open sessions are Saturdays 10am to 12pm and Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm. Please come and join us on the lawns of Cheyney Field behind the Goldsbrough Hall (Ringmer Scout Club). There's parking right next to the field and a bus stop just over the road (no. 28 Lewes to Eastbourne and Eastbourne to Brighton). Do please contact Membership Secretary Gail Bannister on 07780 630396 or 01273 814837 to find out more.

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# RINGMER DRAMATIC SOCIETY CASTING CALL

Ringmer Dramatic Society

## CASTING CALL

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Whether you're a seasoned performer or trying the stage for the first time, we'd love to hear from you.

PRODUCTION WEEK  
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## CASTING CALL – JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Ringmer Dramatic Society is delighted to announce that preparations are underway for our 2025 pantomime, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, which will be performed during production week from 18 to 21 November.

We are currently looking to cast the role of Jack (Principal Boy) and are seeking a female performer to take on this exciting lead role. Whether you have years of stage experience or have always fancied giving amateur theatre a try, we would love to hear from you. Ringmer Dramatic Society prides itself on being a friendly, welcoming group where people can develop their confidence, make new friends and enjoy the magic of live theatre.

The role of Jack is at the heart of the production, offering plenty of opportunities for comedy, audience interaction and memorable moments on stage. We are keen to hear from performers of all

backgrounds and levels of experience.

Rehearsals will begin in September and will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7pm to 10pm. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to get to know fellow cast members, build confidence and work together to create another fantastic production. In addition, we are always pleased to hear from those interested in helping with costumes, props, set building, front of house and many other aspects of theatre production.

If you are interested in finding out more about playing Jack, please send us a message via our Facebook page or contact the Director, Robert, at [rmorri1847@aol.com](mailto:rmorri1847@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming new faces to Ringmer Dramatic Society.





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# RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL



## **NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Joe Carhart was voted onto the Council by a unanimous vote, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting as a Councillor thereafter.

## **CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

Council agreed to appoint an independent inspector to carry out play area inspections following Lewes DC increasing their charges.

## **VILLAGE GREEN**

Council agreed to allow Indulgent Ice Creams to sell ice cream from a vintage truck on the Village Green during cricket match days, subject to the provision of waste disposal facilities. Council also agreed to permit James Richards Circus to hold their 'all human Circus' on Ringmer Village Green on 15 and 16 July. Go to [jamesrichardscircus.co.uk](http://jamesrichardscircus.co.uk) for more information.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

Council agreed to arrange a meeting with the new ESCC Lead Councillor together with the new Lead Member for Transport and Environment to talk about on safer roads in Ringmer.

## **THAKEHAM DEVELOPMENT – BISHOPS LANE**

The Bishops Lane housing development, built in partnership with Stonewater, won the national *LABC Best Social Development of the Year* award.

## **JAMES MACCLEARY MP**

As part of his summer visits, James MacCleary MP will hold a Q&A session for residents at the Parish Offices on Wednesday 29 July 2026 from 11am to 12.30pm.

## **WAR MEMORIAL**

The War Memorial on the Village Green is being carefully cleaned to help preserve it for future generations. Two further treatments will be applied in the coming weeks, and the chain between the posts will be painted.

## **PICNIC ON THE GREEN**

Following last year's popular event, the Parish Council is organising another on Monday 31 August between 12.30pm and 5pm. Keep the date free.

## **AD HOC HANDYMAN WANTED**

The Council is seeking a reliable self-employed handyman (individuals only, not businesses) for occasional work around the village. The work will vary and could include repairing benches, removing graffiti, fitting new bins, even the occasional unusual task like removing a dead duck from the pond! This is not a regular employed position, so it would ideally suit someone local who has flexibility to be available when needed. Applicants must have their own public liability insurance. For more information, contact the Clerk on 01273 813242 or by email at [clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## THE ANCHOR CELEBRATION | RAGE



### A SUMMER CELEBRATION AT THE ANCHOR – 25 JULY

To say a massive thank you to the Ringmer community for the incredible support since Greg and Carla took over, you are warmly invited to a celebration on Saturday 25 July.

There will be a live magician to entertain all ages, a live DJ to carry the party into the night and live music later on into the evening.

Whether you are a longtime regular or a new neighbour, Greg, Carla, and the team would love to see you. Come along, bring your friends and

family, and let's raise a toast to the journey so far!



## Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation

**Recent history:** an extraordinary turnout of residents for the May Planning Applications Committee (PAC) witnessed a frustrating meeting where crucial questions raised in April failed to be addressed or answered. The Howells Bank Farm application from Catesby was approved by a small margin, but in a manner that caused a formal complaint about procedure to be submitted by a RAGE member. Reports of proceedings were distributed to local media to publicise the affair.

**Current:** the next application in the pipeline, LW/25/0391 – Land north of Turnpike Farm, The Broyle, Ringmer will have been heard by the time you read this. This is even worse for sustainability than Howells Bank Farm. If you were able to attend in support of RAGE speakers at the hearing, sincere thanks, whatever the outcome.

**The Future:** until water supply and sewage disposal needs are met with realistic proposals and budgets for implementation on a timetable, it looks as if Ringmer residents are condemned to the prospect of too little water in the taps and too much of the other stuff bubbling up in the garden. The message from RAGE is still to protest consistently and in appropriate terms – RAGE will do its best to keep you informed.

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### LOCAL VILLAGES CHOIR

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## LAUGHTON GREENWOOD | BOOK CHALLENGE

### LAUGHTON GREENWOOD CELEBRATES TEN YEARS

Everyone is invite to the local community woodland on Sunday 2 August, as we mark a decade of community, care, and connection with the forest. Just a couple of miles from Ringmer, the Open Day will be in the ancient Vert Woods in Laughton. Visitors are invited to a simple session of woodland volunteering from 10am to 12pm or to picnic with us, or simply see what has been achieved. We also hope to collaboratively complete the 'world's largest' woodland collage! Laughton Greenwood has a rich history as a community-led woodland. What began as a volunteer effort to restore a neglected patch of forest has become a vibrant green space full of wildlife, learning, and nature-based activities. Achievements include the planting of around 2000 native tree species and, this year, the renovation of an ancient pond that is vital for local wildlife. See [laughtongreenwood.co.uk](http://laughtongreenwood.co.uk) and sign up on Ticketsource if you would like to come.

### RINGMER LIBRARY LAUNCHES BOOK CHALLENGE

Each year, Ringmer Library runs a Summer Reading Challenge for kids under 11, which launches this month. And, given that 2026 is the National Year of Reading we're also launching challenges for adults and children over 11 to get everyone reading more this summer. So, if you're aged between 11 and 101, why not sign up for the August Book Challenge at the library? It'll run from 14 July until 5 September. All you have to do is pick up a ticket at the library and return three books within the allotted timeframe and you'll go into a prize draw to win a cash prize for under 18s and a voucher for over 18s. The library is open 2pm and 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10am to 12pm on Wednesday and Fridays.

### SILENT FILM WITH LIVE MUSIC AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Another classic silent film will be shown in Ringmer Village Hall on Friday 10 July at 7.30pm complete with live piano accompaniment from Mike Hatchard. This time it's Buster Keaton's *College*. This 1927 comedy drama silent film was co-directed by James W Horne and Buster Keaton and stars Keaton, Anne Cornwall and Harold Goodwin.

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## RINGMER PAST | MAGAZINE CONTACTS



This month's photograph, from Ringmer History Group, is a little 18th century farm cottage. It was built soon after the Broyle was enclosed and inhabited until the 1970s, when it was demolished as increasingly unsafe.

The cottage stood at Turnpike Farm, The Broyle, which is where Lewes District Council are to decide very shortly whether or not to give permission for yet another 180

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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

**Line Dancing:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday in one of the halls at the Village Hall. Contact Chester Funnell on 07519818112 or chester.h.funnell@gmail.com

**Memory Moments Café:** (for people with dementia & family/carers) – Village Hall, 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 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 9.30am-11.30am. Debbie Pellett on 07930 907116 or email [ringmertiddlers@gmail.com](mailto:ringmertiddlers@gmail.com)

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**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.

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