Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - February 2023

King Charles III's Coronation, 6th May 2023

An initial meeting was held on 10th January at the council offices to discuss the possible structure of events to celebrate the coronation. The Brownies, Ringmer Evergreen Club, Ringmer WI, Ringmer Village Hall, Ringmer Village Library, Ringmer Barn Dancers, Kings Academy and Ringmer Primary & Nursery School attending, the meeting hosted by the Parish Council. It was agreed that our celebrations would follow the coronation ceremony on Saturday 6th May. It was agreed that a 'big screen' viewing of the events in London would be available in the Village Hall, with tea and biscuits being served by the WI. The Lord of the Manor, Mr G Christie, has kindly agreed to donate commemoration mugs to the primary school children. The focus for activity would then move to the Village Green where it is hoped that a range of activities would be available for village residents of all ages. We hope that a range of refreshments will be available, including teas and coffees in the Church Rooms, an ice cream van and a beer tent. Play equipment for children, Maypole dancing, bell ringing and musical entertainment we hope will also be there. The celebrations will conclude with an evening barn dance.

If there are other Ringmer groups that we would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Council who are co-ordinating the planning of the events. Similarly, any individual resident who would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Council.

Planning News

Several major development decisions affecting the village have been announced recently. The Croudace enquiry into developing land between Kings Academy and Chamberlaines Lane has been approved. The proposal to construct a solar farm on land bordering on Norlington Lane, supported by Lewes District Council, has not been 'called in' by the Secretary of State and is able to be carried out. Finally, Gleesons have appealed against Lewes District Council's decision to reject the planning application to build 200 homes on land between the Primary School and Potato Lane.

South East Water

Water companies are required to plan resources for 50 years ahead and they are currently consulting on their plans. One long-term plan that will directly affect the village is to construct a very large reservoir on land between the Broyle and the Laughton Road. The consultation deadline is 20th February 2023.

Jubilee Gardens

We are pleased to report that Tony Read, who many of you know and recognise the work that he does around the village, has generously donated 7 rose plants for the village Jubilee Garden, next to the Pump House on the Village Green. Thank you Tony.