



### RINGMORE POST OFFICE

Opening hours 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday

Girobank facilities, 150 services and stamps!

Good quality stationery at prices which you tell me are hard to beat!

Some like it hot..... and at Ringmore Post Office you can choose from 20 varieties of whole-grain, ready to serve mustards. Gift packs £2.80, 5½ oz jars £1.40.

Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper etc. will be on display from next month, but if you need to buy early, perhaps to send abroad, please ask to see what's in stock.

Also word-processing, photocopying and facsimile transmission out of Post Office hours.

### VILLAGE SLIDES

The Annual General Meeting of Ringmore Historical Society will be held on Wednesday 13th November 1991 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

All are most welcome to come and see slides of the village, including recent updates.

£1.50 to include Annual Membership and refreshments at the AGM.

50p admission to non-members to include refreshments.

P.T.O.

ALL HALLOWS' RINGMORE  
October/November News Supplement

Sun.13th 9am Holy Communion at Ringmore  
11am Morning Service & HC at Bigbury  
6pm Evening Service at Kingston.

Capt.Philip Johanson, Chief Secretary of Church Army  
is our guest speaker throughout the day .

Sun.20th 9am Holy Communion at Bigbury  
11am Family Service at Kingston  
6pm Evening Service at Ringmore

Sun.27th 9am Holy Communion at Ringmore  
11am Family Service at Bigbury  
6pm Evening Service at Kingston

Sun.3rd.Nov 9am Communion at Kingston  
11am Family Service at Ringmore  
6pm Evening Service at Bigbury

Sun.10th 9am Holy Communion at Ringmore  
10.50am Remembrance Service at Kingston  
6pm Evening Service at Bigbury

It is St.James' Kingston's turn for the Remembrance  
Service this year. Local Legion members will parade and  
take part.(So Bigbury's service is at 6pm).

AND WEEK-DAY PLANS

We'day Oct.23rd 7.30pm Wednesday Fellowship in the  
Church Institute.

Th'day 31st Oct 7.0pm "All Saints-tide" Social in the  
Church Hall - Bring a contribution towards the 'eats'  
and drinks will be provided. Look out for more details!

We'day Nov 6th 7.30pm Wednesday Evening Fellowship

Th'day Nov 7th 2.30pm Afternoon Fellowship

Monday 18th - Ringmore Church Council meets at 7.30pm.

STOP PRESS

Due to the troubles in Zaire, TEAR Fund has flown  
out all the missionaries, including David & Susan  
Pouncey, and the children. They have had to leave all  
their belongings, their patients and students. Please  
remember them and those they have left.



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## Ringmore Post Offices

Until 1890 there was no post office in Ringmore. However, Mrs George Freeman, who lived at Challaborough Cottage, was known as the "Receiver" of letters, which came to her from Kingsbridge, and by some mails from Ivybridge, both via Aveton Gifford. The Money Order and Telegraph Office was at Modbury.

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In 1907 the Post Master was Tom Farley who lived with his wife Emma and their niece Flossie Bardens in the middle cottage of the row which is now called Ivy Cottage, in which they had the Post Office. In 1914 they moved to the house now called Hillside and the Post Office moved with them. By then the nearest Money Order Office was at Kingston and the nearest Telegraph Office was at Bigbury.

By 1923 the Sub-Post Office was at the cottage now called Sea View, which was owned by David Triggs. His daughter Miriam Olver was Post-Mistress. After the death of David Triggs in 1925, his cottage was sold and Miriam Olver moved with the Post Office to a cottage at what is now part of Ivy Cottage.

At some stage in the 1930's Owen and Molly Jarvis had the Post Office in Rose Cottage but by 1935 Fred and Bessie Ryder had allocated the northern end of their cottage (now called Wychwood) to a little shop and post office. Mrs Mary Triggs who lived at Houghton and cycled to Ringmore each day ran this. Eventually Mary Triggs moved with the Post Office to the northern end of Ivy Cottage which had previously been its home. After her death in 1951, Edward Rogers took over the cottage and Post Office.

Thus for over 50 years Ringmore residents had maintained post office services in the village by giving up space in their tiny cottages. From these small post offices mail was delivered on foot by local postmen to the farms and houses of Ringmore, as described by Margaret Lock in the booklet "Ringmore Remembered". She was for a short time the village Post-woman.

Following this period, Mr and Mrs Wyatt bought all three cottages comprising Ivy Cottage and converted them into one - using the northern part as a post office and Village Shop. This arrangement continued without interruption with Mr and Mrs Gander, Mr and Mrs Herndon and Mr and Mrs Race succeeding each other as Post Master and Postmistress. During the 1980's Roger and Susanne Race enlarged the premises by converting an old store at the north end of the cottage into an annex of the shop. This more elaborate shop did not pay and it and the Post office were closed in 1991.

Fortunately John and Rosemary Tate, who owned Cross Park, made a brave effort to convert part of their premises into a shop and post office which continued to operate until 1998 when it too had to close.

(Probably researched by Arlene Bennett)

**Ringmore Historical Society****PAST MASTERS AND MISTRESSES....**

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At some time in the early 1930s Owen and Molly Jarvis ran the Post Office in Rose Cottage, but by 1935 it had moved once again, this time into the cottage now called Wychwood where Fred and Bessie Ryder had a small shop. Mrs Mary Triggs, who lived at Houghton, cycled each day to run this business. Eventually, Mary Triggs moved, taking the Post Office with her into its previous home in the northern end of Ivy Cottage. After her death in 1951, Edward Rogers took over the cottage and the Post Office.

Thus it was that for half a century Ringmore residents maintained a Post Office in the village by giving up space in their tiny cottages. From these small centres mail was delivered on foot to the cottages, farms and houses of the parish. Mrs Margaret Lock, who was Postwoman for a while, has described the work vividly in the Historical Society's booklet, *Ringmore Remembered*.

In the 1950s the three cottages of what is now Ivy Cottage were bought by Mr and Mrs Wyatt and converted into one house, with the northern end being used for a shop and Post Office. This arrangement continued for some time, with Mr and Mrs Gander, followed by Mr and Mrs Herndon, and then by Mr and Mrs Race, successively filling the roles of Postmaster and Postmistress. During the 1980s Roger and Susanne Race enlarged the premises by converting an old store at the north end of the cottage into an annexe for the shop. Unfortunately, this scheme was not a financial success and both shop and Post Office closed in 1991.

This was not quite the end. A reprieve came when John and Rosemary Tate decided to open a shop and Post Office in part of their home, Cross Park. This continued to operate until 1998 when it, too, had to close.

[Dr Di Collinson, from the Research Notes of Ardene Bennett]

RINGMORE COMMUNITY POST OFFICE

FURTHER TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER, THE PARISH COUNCIL IS HAPPY TO CONFIRM THAT RINGMORE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A POST OFFICE. FROM MONDAY 9TH JULY 1990 A COMMUNITY POST OFFICE WILL OPERATE AT CROSS PARK, THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF MRS. ROSEMARY TATE. THE HOURS OF BUSINESS WILL BE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY INCLUSIVE BETWEEN 10.00 A.M AND MIDDAY, AND POST OFFICE FACILITIES ON OFFER WILL BE AS BEFORE.

THIS WAY THERE WILL BE NO BREAK IN POST OFFICE SERVICE BETWEEN RINGMORE COUNTRY FAYRE POST OFFICE CLOSING ON FRIDAY 6TH JULY 1990 AND THE CROSS PARK COMMUNITY POST OFFICE OPENING ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 1990 SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS NEW VENTURE. ,

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER.

25TH JUNE 1990

G. EDDY

CHAIRMAN RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G. Eddy', is written in dark ink on the right side of the page.

# RINGMORE SHOP NEWS

MARCH 1996

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## GREETINGS!

Sorry that the 'shop news' is a little late this month, but we have just returned from a pre-spring holiday in the Algarve - masses of almond blossom - not too many tourists - lovely! (*What do you mean, have we been away again?*)

Very many thanks to Pam and Stan for looking after the shop, the post office, the house and the hens so carefully. Your turn for a rest, now.

## MARCH MADNESS

Now that we are refreshed, we are full of March madness, so there are a number of special offers this month.

## ARE YOU READY?

### SWEATSHIRTS

We are repeating our usual March offer again this year. 10% off any sweatshirt, child's or adult's. Sizes range from age 2 to adult extra large.

Yes, we know some of you already have 4 or 5 (*that's some recommendation!*) and now's the time to treat yourselves again.

### MORE MADNESS

We want to try some new lines, and discontinue others, so our March madness also includes an amazing 20% off all handmade silver jewellery.

Prices start at £1.15 for ear-rings to £16.50 for a silver dolphin brooch, so take advantage of this one while you can.

### EVEN SILLIER

Highfield mustards, chutneys and conserves at **HALF-PRICE** (*while stocks last*).

These are excellent preserves, made in Devon.

Jennifer Fraser, who makes them, has brought out several new ranges, which we would like to sell, but have not yet enough room to display, so help, please!



**ENOUGH!**

Phew! That's enough March madness for this year. Let's revert to more serious matters.

**NEW STAMPS**

Tuesday 12th March -

**WILDFOWL**

celebrating the important work carried out by the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust over its first 50 years of existence.

**NEW IDEA**

A post office special - scratchcards. Read on, as these are not like the usual scratchcards. Spend £2.50 or more on postage stamps and you will receive a scratchcard.



Scratch the balloon to see if you have won one of 25 Disneyworld holidays, or one of 100,000 runners up prizes.

**DON'T FORGET....**

**MOTHERS DAY**

Sunday 17th March.

Select a card and choose a gift - see our special offers.



**SHOP**

Monday	8.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	8.00am - 1.00pm
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**CLOSED WEDNESDAY**

**FINALLY.....** the next edition of Ringmore Shop News should be out by 1st April (*no, we're not fooling*), but just a reminder to order your Hot Cross Buns early, if possible, as Good Friday is April 5th.

Rosemary and John Tate

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JANUARY 1996

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First of all many thanks to all those customers who supported us during 1995.

We look forward to your continuing support during 1996!

## WELCOME

to last month's newcomers to the village. Thank you for shopping with us already.

## LOOK OUT!

Later this month we are off to another trade fair so we can look out for new gifts and goodies for you to buy and enjoy. Watch this space!

## PROBLEM

What can be concocted from pudding rice, duck pate, clotted cream, cocktail cherries, pearl barley and Yorkshire pudding mix? Why?

Because these are some of the items you asked us to stock and then 'forgot' to buy!

We do try to fulfil our customers' requirements and we welcome knowing what other items you would like us to stock, but please remember that what is one item for you has to be purchased in anything from 12 - 48 from our point of view!

## OPENING TIMES

We have been keeping an eye on Friday and Saturday afternoon sales for a few months, and we have reluctantly decided not to reopen in winter for those two afternoons.

For details of January opening times please see page 2.

## DELIGHTED

We are delighted that those of you that ordered fruit and veg from us for Christmas were so pleased with the quality, price and free delivery service.

Just a matter of comparison.....



December 15th - parsnips - Ringmore Shop 39p lb  
Somerfields 89p lb (not a kilo!) December 24th - Comice Pears - Ringmore Shop 55p lb Sainsbury's 91p lb.

Obviously it can be easy to get your fruit and veg when you are at the supermarket, but are you really saving?

Order your fruit and veg each week from us to be sure.

Which reminds us .....



## MARMALADE

Calling all marmalade makers - we know that you will have noticed that this is printed on orange paper - it's so you don't forget to give us your orders for Seville oranges (and sugar and lemons) delivered to your door!



## PHOTOCOPYING FAX OFF-LICENCE

### SOUTH WEST WATER CARDS

Pick up a leaflet from the Post Office, and pay your water bills free of charge - no postage - no fee - so simple.

### TIDE TABLES

for 1996 75p each - buy one for your vehicle and one for your notice board.

### SPECIAL OFFER

25p off any 70cl bottle of spirits, vermouth, sherry or port for the whole of January.

### NEW STAMPS

Thursday 25th January - Burns night - to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the death of Scotland's national poet.

### YOU CHOOSE!

Your reactions to our table mats and coasters with photographs of Ringmore (taken by John) are very favourable indeed, so we are offering another little service .....

If you would like table mats, coasters or greetings cards

featuring your home or favourite view of Ringmore, have a chat with John, who will then photograph it for you. We will give you a costing for the quantity you require, then all we need is your approval to go ahead!

### GO FOR IT!

Forget enormous, unattainable lottery jackpots.

Go for Littlewoods scratchcards, available from the shop or post office, only £1.00 each with prizes of up to £50,000.

### VISITORS?

We have two lots of self catering accommodation available for your unwanted (sorry - overspill) visitors.

Choose from our ground floor flat in Ringmore or our caravan at Bigbury Bay Holiday Park.

Brochures with full details available, or phone 810891 if you want us to send a brochure to a friend or relative.

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Rosemary and John Tate

