

# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

*Happy New Year*

January 1994  
Issue No. 101

*I feel privileged to introduce the first edition of the 1994 Ringmore Parish Newsletter. I am planning to continue with tradition and keep the newsletter in its current successful format but would welcome any new ideas to help serve the community of Ringmore.*

*Yvonne Sheppard of Three Ways is helping me run the newsletter following our plea for assistance in the December issue. Please feel free to call me (Andrea) on 810760 or Yvonne on 810341 if you have any contribution of news, events or other items of local interest. Neither myself nor Yvonne have lived in Ringmore for long and we would greatly appreciate any help and advice which will make the newsletter a good read.*

*We would like to say a big thank you to Rob and Rosemary for completing the first centenary of newsletters and for their help in starting us off and backing us up. We are looking forward to the start of the next one hundred issues - please look inside .....*

Andrea Stanesby  
Yvonne Sheppard  
January 1994

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From the Rector...



Here I am, just before Christmas, sitting in bed with a none too pleasant dose of 'flu, trying to think of the appropriate theme for the New year edition of the Ringmore and Kingston newsletters!

Do you remember the old cowboy monologue that went through all the things that had gone wrong and ended each verse with "and now I'm getting dandruff!" ?

Well, I feel a bit like that and I guess that there are times in the best-ordered lives when everything just doesn't go right - yes, and there are times when it's much worse than that and you're in a real crisis situation. In my wanderings around the community I see this constantly in the lives of people and I experience it in my own life - it's part of life.

Surely, if you're a Christian you get let off all the problems - God looking after his own sort of thing. Not so - and when you think of the earthly life of Jesus, you can see very clearly how he had to make his way through all the problems of life. It's not so much that the problems are bulldozed out of the way, but rather that one finds the companionship of God in walking through them.

As we were enquiring about the ministry nearly forty years ago, an elderly clergyman helped us to see that God's way was not to clear away all the problems, but to lead us over the top of them! He gave us a verse from Isaiah, (ch.49.v.11) which we have not forgotten -

"I will make all my mountains a way"

Now, where's my paracetamol ?!



JANUARY CHURCH DIARY

SUNDAY 2nd 9.0am 1662 Communion at Kingston  
11.0am Family Service at Ringmore  
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury

We hope to welcome Canon Zakha Nyam of Sokwote Cathedral, Nigeria, as our preacher throughout the day.

Mon. 3rd 7.30pm Kingston Church Council Meeting in The Vestry  
Thu. 6th 7.30pm Bigbury Church Council meets at The Small House, Easton

SUNDAY 9th 9.0am 1980 Communion at Ringmore  
11.0am Morning Prayer & 1662 Communion at Bigbury  
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Kingston

Mon. 10th 7.30pm Ringmore Church Council meets at Belle Vue Farm

SUNDAY 16th 9.0am 1662 Communion at Bigbury  
11.0am Family Service at Kingston  
6.0pm Evening Prayer at Ringmore

Wed. 19th 7.30pm Study Fellowship meets at the Church Hall, Ringmore

SUNDAY 23rd 9.0am 1662 Communion at Ringmore  
11.0am Family Service at Bigbury  
6.0pm 1980 Evening Service at Kingston

SUNDAY 30th 9.0am 1980 Communion at Bigbury  
11.0am Morning Prayer at Kingston  
6.0pm 1980 Evening Service at Ringmore

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ARTHUR DROWLEY  
Rector



DON'T MISS KIT TAYLOR'S 95th BIRTHDAY PARTY  
Read "Women in the Community".



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JOURNEY'S END JOURNAL  
JANUARY

Firstly, good luck to Andrea Stanesby and Yvonne Sheppard, we wish them every success with the Ringmore Newsletter.

The pub's new kitchen is now virtually complete and ready for inspection if anybody cares, you are welcome to pop in any time. We apologise to the few people we had to turn away during the closed period.

The musical highlight of January is the appearance of "My Earthly Twin" here on Friday January 21st at 8.30 p.m. Their special blend of Irish folk music creates a unique atmosphere - not to be missed.

For the traditionalists, The Modbury Harriers are meeting here at 10.30 a.m. on January 18th. Mulled wine and sandwiches will be available.

Looking forward to February we are planning a Valentines Disco and Dinner on Saturday 12th February.

JANUARY NOTES

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| Every Monday    | Mixed Grill for £3.50 : Worthington Bitter, Carlsberg for £1.00 a pint. |
| Every Wednesday | Euchre at Eight   |
| Every Thursday  | Quiz at Nine  |
| Tuesday 18th    | Modbury Harriers Meeting 10.30 a.m.                                     |
| Friday 21st     | "My Earthly Twin". 8.30 p.m.  |

RAINFALL

01.11.93 - 05.12.93 - 3 13/16"  
05.12.93 - 03.01.94 - 10 1/2"  
This is the highest I have recorded in Ringmore in one month

TOTAL RAINFALL

1993	46 3/16"
1992	38 1/16"
1991	29 9/16"
1990	30 3/4"

B. Baughan

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas Tree, which was provided by the Parish Council again this year.

Thank You. Reg. & Stan.

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*We're delighted that this month's article has been supplied by our local publican James - please read on.....*

**I**N villages throughout the land an SOS is sounding. "Save Our Shops" is the signal, accompanied by counter-pasted literature explaining the financial and social advantages of shopping locally, at leisure, over the less frequent but infinitely more exhausting visit to the out-of-town supermarket.

No sooner had I crossed the threshold of our village grocer's one morning, than the proprietress, stepping aside from her till, tapped me on the shoulder and enquired how she could get rid of a mole. My advice that amateur tampering should be avoided and that professional medical treatment was best sought drew agreement from the customer heading the short queue at the counter.

Clearly a woman who revelled in the mournful and macabre, she upset us with the case history of a friend whose neglected mole developed into a fatal melanoma. That seemed my cue to relate the more pleasant experience of a colleague who suddenly noticed an ugly blemish growing on the back of his hand.

A countryman with an inherent fear of doctors, he had heard of a wart charmer living in the remote depths of Bodmin Moor and to her he went. Her charge was minimal and the treatment no more than the placing of a finger on the affected part. The patient noticed no difference for a while. Then

remarkably he woke one morning to find the wen had disappeared.

At this point our shopkeeper tried to interject the explanation that this was not the sort of mole to which she was referring, only to be thwarted by a senior sage rummaging in the oddbins basket. "Moles cure moles," he announced mysteriously. "It's like fighting fire with fire." We were agog to hear more and there was plenty of it.

A cure for warts, moles and similar excrescences that has proved effective, he assured us, was to treat them with the warm drops of blood from a freshly killed mole. The writings of a Mrs Leather describe people in 1912 treating harmless skin tumours by catching a mole, making its nose bleed and smearing the blood with a finger nine times across the swelling.

### *Carrying the feet of a mole was a well-known guard against cramp*

The mole was allowed to escape and was supposed to take the tumour with it.

At my interruption that this seemed at variance with the supposition that moles bleed to death if pricked on the nose by thorn twigs placed to deter them, our informant appeared in no way daunted, but went on to describe an equally magical, if less appealing, treatment in vogue. This was to bind the two halves of a dead mole on to the swelling, leave them there all night and bury them in the morning. As they decayed underground, so the tumour was expected to diminish.

While general interest still prevailed over impatience among the customers, the proprietress was clearly anxious to return urgently to the particular. This was all very well but dependent on first catching your mole, and capture was uppermost in her mind. It was given even higher priority by her friend in Sevenoaks, the feature of whose garden was once his immaculate lawn, now turned humpty-tumpty by a tunnelling mouldwarp. Understandably, he was on the brink of a breakdown, brought there not least by a professional "mole-catcher" who had not only failed to cure the trouble but had charged him £50 for the treatment.

Flattered that the sophisticated South-East should have recourse to south-western backwoods, we were not slow to offer assistance. By now, most of us had forgotten what we had come to buy, absorbed by mole-catching matters. Some recalled the days when moles were trapped on a massive scale in Britain by professionals and amateurs alike, who sold the skins to be made into breeches, waistcoats and ladies' coats. Nowadays the demand is negligible, although 15p a winter skin is obtainable from Veniards which uses the fur to make fishing flies.

Three weeks later the shopkeeper called to me over the heads of a line of customers. "He's caught two." Remembering that one mole is usually the sole occupant of a series of tunnels, I call that good going. And better service than you would get from a hypermarket. □

*Do you have anything for February's issue? Let us know.*

**NIGEL FROST**  
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## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Wednesday 12th January is Kit Taylor's 95th birthday and our January meeting will take place unusually on that date.

Members are asked to attend at 7.0 p.m. for our business meeting.

At 7.30 p.m. Ray Hubbard of Landscope Nurseries is coming to talk to us and at 8.30 p.m. there will be a party to celebrate Kit's birthday.

Everyone in the village is invited to come at 7.30 p.m. or 8.30 p.m. to join in the celebrations (any small contribution of food would be welcomed).

Please come and help us make this a very special evening for Kit.

Carol Allan  
President Tel: 810450

### CALLING ALL PARENTS & UNDER FIVES

I am keen to start a group in Ringmore and would like to know if anyone else in the village is interested in meeting up for a couple of hours each week.

Please call Andrea on 810760 if you would like to come along with your baby or child.

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### OVER 60's PARTY

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Everybody enjoyed their afternoon. Thank you all very much.

Julie.  
B.Y.C. Helper

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### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES


\*\* The action regarding speeding traffic through the village has been delayed but will commence shortly

\*\* There will be heavy vehicles travelling to Challaborough for the next few months as work on the Challacott Chalets proceeds. Haven management have agreed to ask contractors to avoid travel to/from school/work times.

\*\* There will be a **PARISH PUBLIC MEETING** on Tuesday 25th January at the WI Hall for a "presentation" on the Review of Local Government. Councillors want to know your views in order that representations can be made to the commissioner.


\*\* It was agreed to request a Parish Precept (the money the council receives to spend on your behalf) from the District Council of £1,200. This is a standstill budget - the same as last year!

John Tate - Vice-chairman

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### RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th January in the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mr Bill Bennett will talk on "A Thousand Years of Totnes".

All are welcome.

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 Please can we have next months news by **FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**