

# RINGMORE

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The September issue comes with a sad goodbye from 'retiring' editors, Yvonne and Andrea. We took over from Rosemary and Rob in January 1994. Before then, we did not know of each other but after many enjoyable monthly meetings thrashing out the Newsletter on a keyboard and spending hours doing the old-fashion cut & paste job, we became good friends. The time between each month seemed to get less and less and we put everything we could into each issue. When things became a bit much we called upon Geof to give a helping hand and used his imagination for new ideas. So, then there were three and now there is one!! That's right, no one has come forward. We are sure there is at least one person out there who has many ideas and much enthusiasm and who would thoroughly enjoy a challenge. We took on the job because we looked forward each month to the Newsletter landing on the door mat. Don't be shy. Give it a go . . . . it could seriously change your social circle!

Times they are a'changing. Yvonne and Andrea will be missed not least for their moderating influence. They have shared in developing the Newsletter to the point it has reached today and it is right that they should receive a big 'THANK YOU' from the parish for their time and effort in producing 45 editions. So, a vacancy exists but I am not sure that prospective editors will consider the possible change to their social circle an attraction!

What a splendid turnout for the Parish By-Election. A turnout over 60% is high for an intermediate election and more than many parishes get for the quadrennial election. Congratulations are due to Jim Freeman and to Annabel Major who were clearly the electorate's choice. Considerations to the other candidates who will have found that the disappointment was not life-threatening! It all happens again in less than two years time.

The Summer Fêtes suffered different meteorological fortunes, the WI drawing the short straw. In spite of that stalwart efforts were rewarded with a profit of £825. The Church, blessed with unrelenting sunshine, received a record £913 from a large number of visitors. The Flower Festival at St Lawrence's, Bigbury drew a steady stream of visitors to see a colourful, creative display which raised £2100 towards the Fabric Fund. A lot of people have just reason to feel satisfied with their work, not least the visitors without whom . . . .

Finally, August was wet but not the wettest!

### SEPTEMBER DIARY

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Church Hall 8.30pm  
... but see below  
FRIDAY CLUB: 12th & 26th September  
Church Hall 5.30pm  
3rd NO STEP AEROBICS  
11th WI Meeting 7.30 Guests welcome at 8.15pm  
23rd NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
25th First Quiz Night at JE 9.00pm  
Oct  
3rd Harvest Supper Church Hall 7.30pm

### DEADLINE Fri 26th Sept

Please adhere to the deadline. Now that the Newsletter is printed in Kingsbridge, the production time is reduced. Items can be placed in the letter box in the garage door at Ringmore Vean.

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September  
Dates:-1st, 15th & 29th  
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Fiona Batten

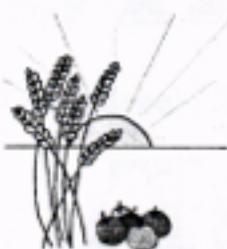
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Low - Aug 1995 - ½"

### From Barbara Drabble

This is to express my very grateful appreciation and thanks to all those kind friends and neighbours who visited me, wrote to me or telephoned enquiries (which I did not always receive) about my progress during my recent stay in hospital. I'm particularly grateful for the many exceptional kindnesses from (not in alphabetical order this time!) Dr Parry, The Eddys, The Warnes, The Trants, The Lights, The Battens, Crossways, Molly Trueman and The Potters & Ryders of St Anns, and the helpers and the Health Centre for their continuing and welcome 'TLC'.

# Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore

## September, 1997



What a month this August has been! Fêtes and a Flower Festival in all our three villages; lots of visitors and a wonderful sense of fellowship and purpose! The fantastic result of the Flower Festival in Bigbury (a financial boost to the Fabric Fund of no less than £2100!) was followed by perhaps the hottest Ringmore Church Fête in living memory – and a fine addition of around £900 to our funds. How can we thank enough all concerned? It was a wonderful day and a tremendous result. Thank you, all who worked so hard and who came and supported the Fête.

My dream is that the Church as a worshipping community could be as inviting as these Fêtes. Are we getting something wrong? I would be the last to be offended if someone would tell me what; even at my advanced age, I can still learn .....

And now it will soon be Harvest Thanksgiving. It's all go, innit?

Here's the September Diary:

<b>September 7</b>	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Kingston Ringmore Bigbury	Holy Communion, ASB Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
<b>September 12</b> (Friday)	7.30 p.m.	Choir Practice recommences in Ringmore Church Hall	
<b>September 13</b> (Saturday)	Devon Historic Churches' Bike Ride: please support! (see poster in Church)		
<b>September 14</b>	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Ringmore Bigbury Kingston	Holy Communion, ASB Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
<b>September 20</b> (Saturday)	Woodleigh Deanery Visit to Exeter Cathedral (Choral Evensong at 3 p.m.)		
<b>September 21</b>	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Bigbury Kingston Ringmore	Holy Communion, BCP Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
<b>September 28</b>	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Ringmore Bigbury Kingston	Holy Communion, BCP <b>Harvest Festival and Lunch</b> <b>Harvest Festival and Supper</b>

(Ringmore's Harvest Supper is on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Festival on October 5<sup>th</sup>)

The Revd. Derek Matten,  
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# Journey's End Journal

Remember, remember, the 5th November and you may recall that three lovely, young, local girls ran the Bigbury Fun Run to raise money for our Bonfire Night. Today we received, from the organisers, a cheque for £130! Well done and many thanks to Julie, Jane and Lynn.

Our first Quiz Night of the season will be on Thursday 25th September and we look forward to seeing our regulars back again after the Summer recess. Some of you have requested the Quiz take place on Wednesday evenings, not Thursdays. Please let us know your comments.

GIN is back on Friday 3rd October for the start of our live music evenings.



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## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

More than twenty members and guests enjoyed a private tour of Flete House and gardens followed by a cream tea in the courtyard on a fine sunny Tuesday afternoon at the end of July. The house had been divided into apartments over 30 years ago for retired and semi-retired to live. Staff clean and maintain the apartments, provide three meals a day for the residents in the dining hall and look after the grounds. Dividing up the house has enabled the main rooms to be left in their original state for use by residents and are available also for hire for private functions. A few apartments are available at an inclusive rent of £850 per month, plus an endowment. Suites are available for short visits.

### WI Fête Wednesday 6th August

The WI Fête carried on as planned despite the worst August weather for 45 years. A number of awnings were provided which kept the stalls dry but hot teas were far more popular than ice creams this year. Many thanks to everyone who suffered the wet weather in setting up and running the fete and thank you also to those who came to support us regardless of the rain. The afternoon raised £825 and this money will go towards maintaining the WI Hall for the coming year so that not only is Ringmore WI self-sufficient but the hall can be hired at a modest rate.

The miniature garden competition was judged by Margaret Wood as Vice President. Twelve excellent entries were received and Hannah Muller won the over-fives with a splendid effort incorporating a garden swing. The under-fives was won by Freddie Pitt with a garden which included a model shed. Congratulations to the winners and commendations to all the entrants.

### Thursday 11th September

The next meeting will commence at 7.30pm and guests are welcome from 8.15pm to listen to a presentation from Jane Hollow on the subject of 'Unusual Cottage Gardens'.

Yvonne Sheppard

## The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held on Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm at the Journey's End, Ringmore.

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch will be held at the Journey's End on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.

The November meeting of the Branch will be held at the Journey's End at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th November.

Advance notice of the Poppy appeal events:

Friday 7th November	Auction at Journey's End at 8.30pm
Saturday 8th November	Coffee morning at Bigbury-on-Sea at 10.30am
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Service at Kingston at 10.50am
Monday 10th November	Whist Drive at WI Ringmore at 7.45 for 8.00pm. Guy Eddy

Poppy Appeal Organiser

## ST LUKE'S HOSPICE Plymouth

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Again, this year, I would like to call on you for your contributions to the Hospice and I hope you will be generous in your response.

Drina Williams 810621  
Area Organiser

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The first edition of 'A Walk Around the Village', published by the RHS reached the semi-final of a national competition for town or village guides. The Society visited two Devon Long Houses on Dartmoor.

The Rural Dean took the Harvest Festival service.

In 1987, the WI Fete made £503 but the Church Fete made £503.44p!



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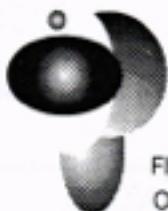
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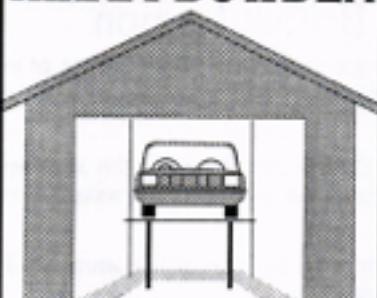
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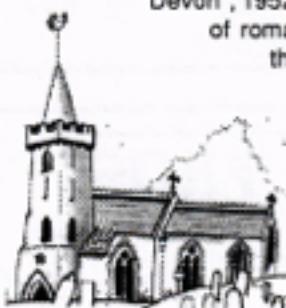
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## Ringmore Historical Society

A recent meeting of the Ringmore Historical Society committee discussed the 'listing' of All Hallows. By an Act of 1971, the Secretary of State for the Environment was required to compile lists of buildings of special architectural or historical interest. The list itself names the building, gives its grading and its position, followed by a descriptive note. All Hallows was originally (1967) in Grade II; in 1990 it was graded II\*.

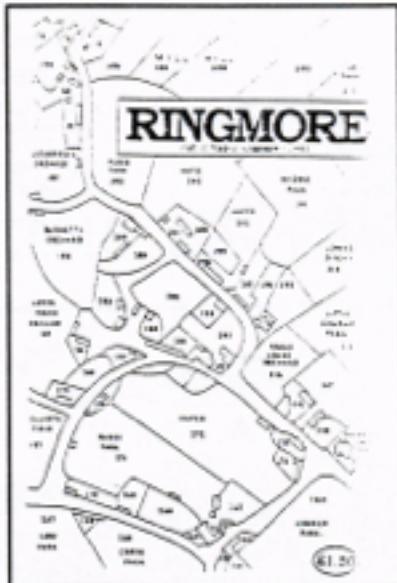


The very detailed description was taken from Nikolaus Pevsner's "South Devon", 1952 and begins: "Mainly late c13 or c14 but some remains of Roman work". Members have been trying to find where these remains might be without success and the point was therefore made to English Heritage, the office responsible for listing. The Inspector of Historic Buildings made enquiries and has now written to say that, "It is clear that a typing error has led to some understandable confusion on your part. For 'Roman' please read 'Norman': indeed, Professor Swanton's research indicates that this work may be mid or late 11th century in date, in which case 'Anglo-Norman' would be a more correct description." He went on to say that he would forward an amendment to the Department for National Heritage.

This is interesting. When the Professor came to Ringmore in the course of his measuring all Devon churches some years ago, he mentioned that the north transept had the same dimensions as the well-known Saxon chapel in Bradford-on-Avon. We cannot prove anything, of course, but it will be pleasant to be able to say that our church is going to be 'listed' as dating from the Conquest.

R C Trant

### Ringmore Historical Society



A new edition of the RHS booklet, 'A Walk Around Ringmore' is available for £1.50. There are a few amendments and some additions to the previous edition but in the main, the book has a new presentation.

It is an interesting reference for any visitor who wishes to know a little about the village as they stroll around.

Copies can be obtained from the Journey's End or from any member of the RHS committee

#### Devon Heritage Week

Sept 29th - 4th Oct  
Exeter Central Library  
9.30am - 4.00pm

The RHS's historical display will be on show throughout the week

## VILLAGE APPRAISAL

The Ringmore Village Appraisal has been concluded and with this Newsletter you will find a copy of the summary report.

I think you will all agree it makes an interesting read and I trust that you will consider the exercise worthwhile.

Some have enquired "What happens now?". The answer could be either 'nothing' or 'everything', it's rather up to you.

There is obviously substantial support for some of the issues and with enthusiasm and determination these could be pursued and possibly achieved.

The way forward is through the Parish Council.

Whatever happens, may I personally and on behalf of the Appraisal committee, thank all those who participated.

Adrian Muller  
Chairman, Appraisal Committee

## THANK YOU...

### WI Fête

Two words from the president to all helpers, organisers, contributors and, of course, spenders.

### 'THANK YOU'

We raised £825 and without your help, none of this would have been possible.

Jackie Tagent, President

### Church Fête

Thanks to Dudley Hext for letting us use the field; to Delphine Matten for the use of The Church House for refreshments; to those who collected or donated items for the stalls, mowed the field or set up everything; to all who helped and supported us on the day and who cleared up afterwards. The Fête raised £913, a new record which makes all your efforts worthwhile..

Michael Tagent  
Church Treasurer

## All Hallows, Ringmore Harvest Supper

Friday October 3rd at 7.30pm



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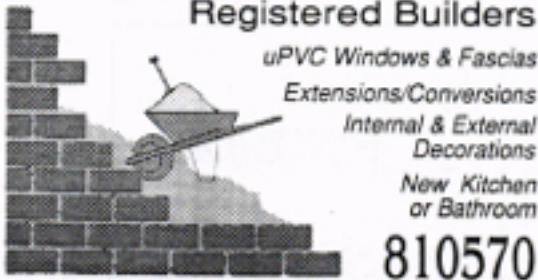
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# RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 22nd July 1997 Present 7 Councillors and 2 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting by formally welcoming the two new members to the Council, Mrs Annabel Major and Mr Jim Freeman. The Declaration of Office forms were duly signed. The Council would like to thank the two retiring councillors, Mr John Tate and Mrs Rachel Pitt for their support and the contribution they have made in the service of the community.

## Hedge Trimming

The council was informed that Devon County Council has sent out letters to all landowners regarding the trimming of hedges along the lanes.

## Parish Appraisal

The Parish Council would like to thank the organisers on behalf of the village for all the work they did in producing the Appraisal. It will serve as a useful reference in the future. Certain points from the Appraisal will be discussed at the October meeting. The total cost of the Appraisal was £106.05p.

## Planning

Ivy Cottage - extension to Sun Room - approved.

## Parking at Crossways

The new white painted hatching on the road outside the telephone kiosk is thought, by some residents, to look unsightly. Two of the new parking bays obstruct access to the bays at the rear of the houses. The necessary authorities will be informed in order to rectify the situation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st October at 7.00pm.

Please note there will not be a meeting in September.

Thelma Mann

## A Perspective on Lawrence

Roses I can spot; carnations too, providing they are in buttonholes . . . at a wedding but generally an appreciation of flowers comes slowly to me. Strange perhaps that I should think to visit the Flower Festival at St Lawrence's Church. Word-of-mouth is the best recommendation and I had heard glowing reports. The flowers were a secondary consideration. I was intrigued by the idea that the essence of people could be embodied in a floral display. I went and I was not disappointed.

The colour was startling. Poor old St Lawrence's was certainly uplifted by such vibrancy which served only to highlight the need for refurbishment. Each display was different and the talent to bring each design alive with form and colour was plain to see.

The creativity was evident. St Lawrence Island appeared as it might in Winter, snow falling on a white landscape, and the mighty St Lawrence river surged on its way to the sea. Sir Thomas Lawrence's decorated palette and the Laurens van der Post collage were each a clever encapsulation of their subject.

The cognominal selection was varied. The defenders of the weak, St Lawrence the Martyr, Bishop O'Toole of Dublin (I could not spot the Guinness!) and T.E. of Arabia, each shaped their niche in history. The latter was perhaps an enigma. Was he really a crusader, was he merely a rebel or was he just self-indulgent revelling in his status among the Arabs? The Lawrences were interesting. Was it a deliberate juxtaposition to have Gertrude and 'Larry' Olivier, both with extravagant displays and remembered for never being themselves set against Stephen and Philip simply portrayed and remembered, sadly, for being nothing but themselves.

Finally there was D.H.L. Do his poems really rehabilitate him, a writer once condemned for his notorious stories? The designer seemed uncertain, anticipating criticism by the use of Carnations, Lillies and Gerbera, all a deep, embarrassed red!

'Thank you' to everyone involved in a colourful, thought-provoking exhibition. I thoroughly enjoyed the Festival but for me there was one omission. Where was Sid Lawrence? Now there was someone who could play a Petunia!

Geof Dykes

~~Entertainer~~

## August

### Solution

Was it too hard or was it that you were all on holiday? Whatever the reason, there was only ONE entry this month. Yes, it was from the Furry Boys but anyone who feels overwhelmed by the FB's dominance so far can take heart. Our runaway leaders were unable to devise a perfect solution. However, they were close and gain 2 points. A solution appears below, there could be others.

11	18	13	29	36	4
16	14	12	34	5	30
15	10	17	33	28	8
20	27	22	2	9	31
25	23	21	7	32	3
24	19	26	6	1	35

## September

This month's is different. You might be aware that a similar competition was held for the Loddiswell Church Fête but this one is based on Ringmore - some are topical.

Example:- 1 SDNMAS  
1 swallow does not make a summer.

1300	DOJE
2	MTK
1	BAW
7	MOTPC
209	NOTER
913	RPATYCF
60	MPHSLIR
4	FPTTC
1	NTCP
145	IOTRPN

I hope this enables some to restore shattered confidence!

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