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PARISH NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The start to 1998 will be hard to forget. It is to be hoped that everyone escaped any serious damage from the winds. The first day of the year produced more rain than the whole of January '97!

On the subject of rainfall, the total for 1997 ended only 1½ inches short of the previous year in spite of being 8 inches less by the time we had reached June. The last half made up the shortfall with December excelling. It was the wettest in the last 12 years. In February last the Village Appraisal was set in motion when the Parish Council invited a representative from the Community Council for Devon to address a meeting and the rest is history. The Friday Club began in April and in May erstwhile editors Andrea and Yvonne announced their intention to 'retire'. Rob Batten was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. Dulcet tones wafted on the night air from Music for a Summer Night. The Parish Council by-election took place, followed by the successful Flower Festival at St Lawrence Church, Bigbury. The Royal British Legion filled the autumn calendar and we were all disappointed by the deadful weather which led to the cancellation of Bonfire Night. Then we had snow before Christmas and that was 1997.

The New Year starts with Ringmore meeting Newton & Noss in the Inter-Parish Quiz at the Journey's End. The evening begins at 8.00pm and the team would welcome your support.

On the following evening, at the Parish Council meeting, a representative from Devon County Highways, Mr Paul Marshall, will attend to discuss the traffic and parking problems which we encounter from time to time. Come along and contribute to the discussion.

Apologies for the delay in publishing the first Newsletter of 1998. It was due to the printer's holiday!

JANUARY DIARY

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Church Hall 8.30pm
THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm
FRIDAY CLUB: 9th & 23rd in Church Hall 5.30pm

18th FAIR PLAY at the JE Afternoon
19th Ringmore v Newton & Noss at the JE 8.00pm
20th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
25th BURN'S NIGHT Supper at JE
30th Music at the JE GIN

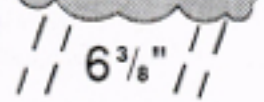
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January

Dates:- 9th & 23rd
Ringmore Church
12.10 - 12.40
Challaborough
12.45 - 12.55
St Ann's Chapel
3.10 - 3.25
Kingston Fire Station
3.45 - 4.35

Rainfall

25th Nov - 20th Dec



Total for 1997 - 30"
Ave Dec for last 10 years - 2 1/2"
High - Dec 1994 & 95 - 4"
Low - Dec 1988 - 1 1/4"
Fiona Batten

Churchwarden

After almost 10 years of service, Reg Trant has resigned from the position of Churchwarden. This was not unexpected as Reg had said it would happen this year and it is effective from 1st January 1998.

There will be a fuller appreciation of his Churchwardenship in the next Newsletter together with details of the next Annual Vestry, by which time a successor will have to be found.

Derek Matten

DEADLINE

Mon 26th Jan

Parish Church of All Fallows, Ringmore



January, 1998

The Minister writes:

So begins another year! Doesn't time fly (and similar clichés)? How are we as a Christian community going to begin it? One thing that has helped me over the years is the practice, originating in the Moravian Church, of placing the day, the month, the year under a word from the Bible: a word which is given, not chosen. So we have to let the word speak to us instead of doing what we would prefer: telling God what we want to hear.

The word for 1998 is from St. Paul's Letter to the Church in Ephesus (which might even have been a circular letter to several congregations). I commend it as a theme for our common life this New Year:

Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us.
(Ephesians 5: 2)

January 4	9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion, BCP
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	Worship at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer, BCP
January 11	9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion, ASB
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	Worship at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer, BCP
January 15 <i>(Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	"Seeing the Bible Whole": Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
January 18	9 a.m.	Bigbury	Holy Communion, ASB
	11 a.m.	Kingston	Worship at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	Evening Prayer, BCP
January 25	9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion, BCP
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	Communion at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer, ASB
January 29 <i>(Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	"Seeing the Bible Whole": Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
February 1	9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion, ASB
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	Festival of Light <i>(details next month)</i>
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer, BCP

Journey's End Journal

We are pleased to welcome a return visit of FAIR PLAY on Sunday 18th January. The group has chosen The Journey's End for a re-union and we expect them to arrive at around 3.00pm and, hopefully, they will play through to closing time. Come and enjoy their music for possibly the last time.

BURN'S NIGHT falls on Sunday 25th January and we are arranging a traditional supper with a piper, to begin at 7.00pm. Please make your reservation early as numbers are limited.

To complete January's entertainment GIN will be playing and singing on Friday 30th.

Finally, we are very sad to see the closure of the Ringmore Shop & Post Office. We at the JE will miss the services and facilities provided by John and Rosemary and we wish them well. #

Quiz	8th	Andrew	Music	18th	FAIRPLAY	3.00pm
	15th	Phil		30th	GIN	8.30pm
	22nd	Geof				
	29th	vacancy	Food	25th	BURN'S NIGHT	Supper



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Normal meetings will resume on Thursday 8th January at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Avril Eaves on 'Complementary Therapy'. Visitors will be welcome at 8.15pm.

The Ringmore WI held their Christmas Party on 20th December in their own hall after many years of celebrating it at outside venues. It was voted a huge success! The buffet food, all made and contributed by members, was splendid and plentiful and complemented by wines to suit the festive mood. The Hall was decorated, festooned, Christmas-treed and crackered enough for everyone and the jollity and talk soon reached high-decibel level!! The comedian for the evening was an instant hit and his Devon dialect stories were greatly appreciated. The evening finished with carol singing and votes of thanks to all concerned in making it such a happy time.

See what can be achieved when we really try!!

Another local WI has recently ceased to be, namely, Modbury. This is very sad and unexpected. It MUST NOT happen in Ringmore. We have so much to offer and enjoy in the WI; all our efforts must be re-doubled and all possible new members encouraged to join.

Naomi Warne



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Food: 12.00 - 2.00 & 6.30 - 9.00

Thank
You



Nancy and George Grimshaw would like to thank all those who made their Diamond Wedding Anniversary such a happy time. We hope you enjoyed it too.

Also we would like to thank the Carollers who braved the weather to come down to Middle Manor to sing to us and our household from America.

We wish everyone a Happy and fulfilling New Year.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Sally Davis, gave notice of resignation.

The Parish Council invited views on whether the form of the Newsletter should change!

The Mobile Library visited Challaborough for the first time.

The WI was knitting squares for blankets for refugees in Ethiopia

Bill Warne was seeking volunteers for the Ringmore Quiz Team to play Bigbury in the first round of the Inter-Parish Quiz.

The Millennium

We have now stepped into 1998 and in two years time we shall be entering the New Millennium. 'So what?', you might say but if you look around there isn't much evidence to show that the last millennium made much impact. It was left to William the Conqueror with the Doomsday Book in 1086-86 to leave some record.

So what can we do to leave a sign post that the event was noteworthy. Perhaps we aren't interested. What about the cost?

I would like to offer a suggestion for consideration. Why not plant half a dozen Sequoia Pines to mark the event. They have been growing in this country for nearly 150 years and the tallest is now 170 feet tall. They were discovered growing in the Sierra Nevada, USA where many are reckoned to be over 3000 years old, so their durability is in no doubt. Where would we plant them if we were to go ahead? A possibility is down in the valley running from the Old Sheep Dip up towards Nodden Mill. This, of course, would require the approval of the National Trust. As far as the cost is concerned, this is a little uncertain, but a rough guide might be about £20 per sapling. Who would pay for this? Should we ask the Parish Council? Perhaps village organisations such as the WI, the PCC, the Historical Society, etc. might like to sponsor a tree! None of these problems is unsurmountable and with some willing support we could make a distinctive contribution to the New Millennium with every confidence that they will still be standing when the next millennium comes along.

The Millennium may be nearly two years away but that will soon slip away. Please give it some thought. Why not let the Newsletter know your views!

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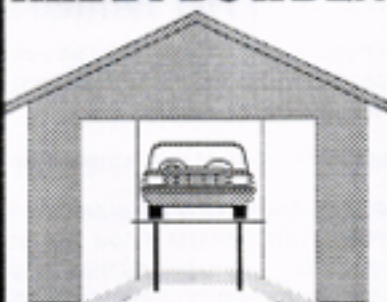
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 16th December 1997
Present 7 Councillors and 7 members of the public.

Newsletter

More topical, local items of news and letters would be welcome for inclusion in the newsletter.

Planning

Village Shop & Post Office Application
No. 9/40/2023/97/3

Change of use from Shop/Post Office to domestic dwelling

Construction of bedroom and bathroom with dormer window

The council had no objection.

Village Shop and Post Office

It appears that no comments concerning the Village Shop and Post Office have been made to the council but if anyone thinks they may have difficulties when closure takes place, please contact the council to see what can be done.

Election Costs

The recent by-election in the village cost £585.31p

Fees	£336.74
Administration	115.71
Printing & Stationery	51.00
Poll cards & Postage	31.86
Hire of Hall	50.00
Total	£585.31

Rocky Path

The council received no information about the resurfacing of Rocky Path before the work was undertaken. Similarly, the painting of the white lines on the road was done without the council's knowledge.

Devon County Highways

Mr Paul Marshall, who is Divisional Director for Devon County Highways, will be attending our next meeting. If you have any comments, feelings or opinions about road or traffic matters in the village that you wish to make known, please come to the meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th January at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann

Marking the Millennium

Were you a child in 1936, or do you know someone who was a child then and who can remember the first BBC television broadcast on 2nd November from Alexander Palace?

BBC Children's Programmes are researching a history programme to mark the Millennium. Looking at the 20th Century, childhood memories of the past will be retold by children of today as though events had just happened. If you can recall this historic moment in broadcasting, please write to Charlotte Gilbreath, REWIND, Room E500, BBC Television Centre, Wood Lane, London, W12 7RJ

If anybody can help, please ring Charlotte direct or call Bob Gilbreath in Kingston on 810721

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Best Wishes

and

Regards

for the

NEW YEAR

to all

Villagers

Jim & Steven Freeman



December

Solution

The words were all the last part of country names.

gerMANY bahRAIN enGLAND
kuWAIT norWAY emiRATES
roMANIA denMARK wALES
turKEY

Yog-sothoth's (not many could say that on New Year's Eve!) correct answer, had the rider that all the countries produced gas. Whether that is true or not, he gets a bonus of 15 points (as do everyone but The Furry Boys) for adding trivia to the gravitas. Surprise, surprise! The Furry Boys were also correct and also added some trivia but it was less interesting and displayed a woeful lack of knowledge of the European Cup which almost incurred a penalty! However they remain clear at the top. Matchman had a good start to the year but ran out of steam while Cleriwho and The Beginners had moments of inspiration but only moments. So The Furry Boys retain their title. Congratulations!!

Your prize will be found in the same place as last year on 12th January in the post meridian.

1997 Results

The Furry Boys
Matchman
Yog-sothoth
Cleriwho
The Beginners

January

The jungle drums suggest, in their throbbing message, that considerably more people do the Enigma puzzle than are willing to submit answers for scrutiny. If you use a nom de plume or, if your French is a little flaky, a sobriquet, there is no possibility of your genius being discovered! Make 1998 the year when you decided to have a go. Remember, there is a prize of a bottle of wine which might save the more abstemious a trip to Roscoff!

To start the year the puzzle is simple. The scoring is 1 point for entering and 2 points for a correct answer. All you have to do is make rhyming couplets from the phrases below:

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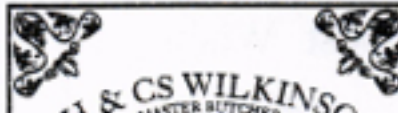
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A Turkey Too Far . . .

A lady in the South Hams discovered that she would not be visiting the family for Christmas after all; they would be coming to her!! She was unprepared but resourceful. She phoned the local butcher. "Have a nice big turkey left?" she asked anxiously. This was Christmas Eve! "Yes Madam, I have just the thing for you" was the reply. Relief flooded over her. "I will come down straight away to collect it."

Breathlessly she rushed into the butchers. "I've come for my turkey.". "Oh yes, just a moment.". The butcher went out the back to fetch the only turkey he had. "Oh dear", said the lady, "that's not really large enough.". "No problem", replied the butcher, diving back through the curtain. He grab another handful of stuffing, rammed it inside the bird, generally plumped it up and returned to the counter. The lady smiled in satisfaction. "That's much better. You have saved my Christmas. I'll take them both!".

ATTENTION!

Anyone who is interested in the latest phenomenon to precede the millennium, *Line Dancing*, should ring Ursula Phelan on 810721

NEIGHBOURHOOD

There will be a South Hams Police Liaison meeting at King Edward VI Community School Ashburton Road, Totnes on Monday 19th January.

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