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PARISH NEWSLETTER

The grey days of February will be lightened by the number of activities on offer. These include Coffee Mornings, RBL Fund Raising, an erudite talk at the WI and competitions at the Journey's End.

Modbury Caring would like more volunteers from Ringmore; contact the Health Centre if you wish to be involved. Short Mat Bowls is coming to Ringmore! If you can deliver a wicked wood come along to the inaugural meeting. There will be an open meeting at which future uses of the Parish Room will be discussed.

January was the last month of trading at Ringmore Shop. There were, apparently, a number of keen enquiries but alas, they came to nought. Village shops cannot be solely a labour of love so, like many others before, our shop and post office will pass into history. The loss of the facility will affect some more than others so let us be mindful of anyone who needs assistance with fetching and carrying from further afield. Meantime let us wish John and Rosemary well as they embark on their next chapter, whenever and whatever that maybe, and thank them for doing their best to meet the disparate needs of the village during the nineties.

Discussion of the Millennium is beginning following Guy Eddy's suggestion last month. Have you any Ideas for a permanent reminder . . . a statue of Revd Hingeston-Randolph, a By-Pass, a Time Capsule?? Many thanks to everyone who submitted material for this month's edition, that's what keeps the Newsletter going . . . and for beating the deadline!

January's rainfall, which has been exceeded four times in the past decade, was as much as the first quarter last year!

Finally, please spare a thought for Adrian & Sue Muller who are putting on a brave face at a worrying time.

FEBRUARY DIARY

- WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Church Hall 8.30pm
 THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm
 FRIDAY CLUB: 6th & 20th in Church Hall 5.30pm
- 2nd Open Meeting Parish Room 10.00am about future uses of the facilities
 - 9th WI Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30
 - 11th 'A bit of a De' at Cliff Path 12 - 3.00pm
 - 12th WI Hall 8.15 Hong Kong Bill Warne & Phil Coles-Gale 8.15 Visitors welcome
 - 13/14th Valentine's Weekend at JE
 - 15th Scrabble Competition at JE
 - 16th Short Mat Bowls First Meeting 7.30 Parish Room
 - 26th Darts Marathon at JE
 - 27th Music Night at JE
 - 28th RBL Annual Spring Sale Bigbury Memorial Hall 2.00

DEADLINE
Mon 23rd Feb

Mobile Library

- February
 Dates:- 13th & 27th
- 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



Ave Jan for last 10 years - 4 1/2"
 High - Jan 1988 - 8 1/2"
 Low - Jan 1993 & 97 - 1"
 Fiona Batten

THANK YOU

I would like to say a sincere Thank You' to all of you who have offered support and encouragement at this traumatic time.

Hopefully there will be a happy conclusion, I don't know yet but in the meantime it has been a great comfort.

Adrian

Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



Welcome

The Minister writes:

Churchwarden. As you may know, Reg Trant resigned from office at the end of December. This was as planned, in order to give us time to find a successor before the Annual Meeting on March 20. This is not going to be easy, because Reg leaves the post after a distinguished service of many years, and his contribution to the life of our church – and beyond – has been immense. He has asked me “not to make a fuss” of his resignation, so I will obey my Churchwarden! There is no obvious successor, male or female, so a lot of prayer and thought will have to be invested in the search. This is not my appointment, but a joint effort. So please keep me in the picture and help try to find a suitable successor.

Festival of Light. This Service at Eleven on February 1 is envisaged as a replacement for the Christingle Service – at least for this year – which we felt had got stereotyped and needed a new format. As February 2 has been for centuries the day on which we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, in many churches referred to as “Candlemas”, we have decided to think about Simeon’s *a light to lighten the Gentiles* on this first Sunday in February. We are in process of devising an appropriate form of service for young and old, to which you are warmly invited.

Lent Course. Under the title “Shipping Lanes: Charting a Course through Lent”, we are going to look at the “-ships” in our common life (fellowship, worship, stewardship and so on). These will be on Monday evenings, beginning on March 2, in Ringmore Parish Room, led by members of our Team Ministry (parallel evenings will be in Modbury and Aveton Gifford). Details are still being worked out; posters and leaflets will be available as soon as possible.

Team Rector. On Sunday, January 25, John Cole announced his impending move from Modbury to Alne and Brafferton in the Archdiocese of York. His last Sunday in the Team will be Easter Day. This may well have implications for the rest of the Team parishes during the vacancy. More news probably next month.

Now for our dates for this month:

February 1	9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion, ASB
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	Festival of Light
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer, BCP
February 6	7.30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of the PCCs in Ringmore Parish Room	
February 8	9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion, ASB
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	Worship at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer, BCP
February 15	9 a.m.	Bigbury	Holy Communion, BCP
	11 a.m.	Kingston	Worship at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	Evening Prayer, BCP
February 19 <i>(Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	“Seeing the Bible Whole”: Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
February 22	9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion, BCP
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	Communion at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer, ASB
February 25 <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i>	7 p.m.	Holy Communion in All Hallows’ Church, Ringmore	
February 26 <i>(Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	“Seeing the Bible Whole”: Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
March 1	9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion, ASB
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	Worship at Eleven
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer, BCP

Journey's End Journal

February may be a short month but at the Journey's End it is long on entertainment. On 13th/14th we have a **Valentine's Weekend** when we shall be providing a delicious three-course dinner for £13.50 on both Friday and Saturday evening.

Our **SCRABBLE** competition will begin on Sunday 15th with preliminary rounds taking place during the week, culminating in the semi-finals and final taking place on Sunday 22nd. There will be an entry charge of £1 with the proceeds being divided between the winner and runners-up. Please let us know at the bar if you wish to enter by Saturday 14th at the latest.

On Thursday 26th we are supporting Bigbury Golf Club by taking part in a **Darts Marathon** in order to raise money for the Devon Air Ambulance. Sponsorship forms are available at the bar. There will be NO QUIZ that night.

We are introducing a **new live musician**, **Chris Battle**, on Friday 27th. I hear he is very good, so please come and give him your support.

As is customary during February, we will have a beer at **£1 a pint**. This year we have Master Brew, from Shepherd Neame, reputedly the oldest family brewery in the country. Also, by popular request, each week, from Monday to Thursday, our **special Mixed Grills** will be on offer for a fiver!

Quiz Thursday 5th Adrian 12th & 19th Volunteers wanted

Other Dates:

Friday 13th/14th	Valentine Weekend
Sunday 15th - 22nd	Scrabble Competition
Thursday 26th	Darts Marathon
Friday 27th	Music Chris Battle

Saturday, 7th March Modbury Harriers 11.00am



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A Bit of a Do!

When the doors of our Village Shop & Post Office closes for the last time at the beginning of February, it will mark the end of an era.

Ringmore owes Rosemary and John a big 'Thank You' for keeping the PO going for 7½ years and the Shop for 5½ years. Much thought, consideration and hard work has gone into meeting the needs of the village, especially those without transport.

To show our thanks, we are having a 'Bit of a Do' at Cliff Path on Wednesday 11th February. Please come along between 12 noon and 3.00pm for drinks and light refreshments.

Pam & Stan Brunskill

Ringmore Shop Closes

... and without it we might never have come to live in Walnut Tree Cottage!

We arrived to 'view' in September 1996. On discovering that it just could be the house 'of our dreams', we decided to linger and explore the Ringmore environs. The JE was fully booked that night but Rosemary and John, who were having lunch, overheard the conversation, offered us the use of their self-catering apartment. Their friendliness and helpfulness, which included giving us groceries for breakfast, definitely influenced our decision that Ringmore must be a village that we should be happy to live in. Our decision has given us the happiest of results and we give thanks to Rosemary and John.

Mike and Jacqueline Patterson

Under the heading 'Save Our Village Shops' the February edition of THE FIELD mentions some statistics which might be of interest. A report, based on a survey of 9000 parishes and published by the Rural Development Commission, shows that 40% of England's parishes have no shop or post office and 75% have no daily bus service. Sounds familiar?

According to the Village Retail Services Association there are 3,500 villages which may lose their shop or post office (if you work out the figures, only 1900 are not under threat). It is possible to obtain grants for shops serving less than 3000 people provided that the village is within one of 26 scheme areas. Information can be obtained from ViRSA on 01935 891614. Info from James Parkin Editor



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The first WI meeting of the new season took place on Thursday 8th January and was fairly well attended; the excellent speaker was Avril Eames whose subject was 'Complimentary Therapy'. Members were enthralled by descriptions of pressure points and stress-relieving exercises, all of which seemed relevant to their own condition!

The sympathy of all members goes to Jackie Tagent, WI President, during this worrying time of her small grand daughter's illness and all hope the worst will soon be over.

The speakers for February's meeting on Thursday 12th, will be Bill Warne and Phil Coles-Gale, who will talk about Hong Kong, 'From Liberation to Handover'. Visitors welcome at 8.15pm

Naomi Warne

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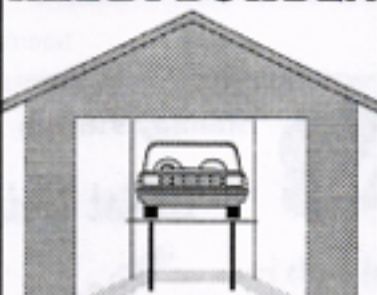
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There was great concern over planning applications for the Orchard behind the Journey's End, the barns at Lower Manor, land on Rocky Path opposite Town Well and a request for an extra 8 holiday lodges at Challacot, Challaborough.

Car Parking charges were about to be introduced in Modbury, not without concern.

Attempts were being made to persuade the owners of the Challaborough Swimming Pool to keep it open during the Winter.

Guy Eddy rightly starts us thinking. Contrary to certain national views being expressed, I do think the advent of 2000AD has more to do with Christianity than Clocks! . . . and the one thing in the village likely to outlast everything else is the Church. So as a further thought for consideration, I wonder whether we could perhaps add something, like a well-built Lychgate. This would replace the present entrance gate with a good, solid wooden structure with a gate and perhaps seat under a slated roof, in keeping with the Church, and, of course, with a light as at present.

I have no idea as to even a rough guide for the cost but somehow I'm sure we could manage something attractive and built to last. It's just another idea.

Mike Patterson

I read, with interest, Guy Eddy's suggestion to plant Sequoia Pines in Ringmore to mark the event. In June last year, we were in California where we saw these magnificent trees growing up to 180 feet with a width of more than 25 feet. A small plantation would provide an impressive and lasting memento of the Millennium.

The Journey's End will be proud to sponsor a tree.

James & Gillian



I should like to thank everyone who has already volunteered to be a driver or a sitter for MODBURY CARING and hope to put you all to good use in the near future (if I have not done so yet!)

Unfortunately there are still no volunteers from Aveton Gifford, Ermington or Ugborough and we still need more from Ringmore and Kingston. Anyone with a few hours to spare . . . I should love to hear from you.

If you are a patient of Modbury Health Centre and you need transport to the surgery or the hospital or you just need a prescription delivered, please do not hesitate to call me, Jean, at the Health Centre between 10.00 & 12.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. At any other time the Practice Manager, Angela Clarke, will be very pleased to help you.

I should also like to take this opportunity to say a very big THANK YOU to all the patients of the Health Centre who have kindly made donations to MODBURY CARING, especially those who went out on that bitterly cold night in December to sing carols with Dr Peter Holley, Chairman of Modbury Caring, and Mrs Thomas who organised the event which raised the magnificent sum of £60.80p. THANKS TO YOU ALL

Jean Flockhart
Co-ordinator Modbury Caring

OPEN MEETING

Monday 2nd February

10.00am

in the

Parish Room

Kathleen Perkins, Devon Village Hall Advisor, will attend the meeting to outline the potential uses of the Parish Room based on her experience in the county.

Anyone who is interested in hearing what will be said or who has contributions of their own to make to the meeting will be welcome.

This project is of great importance to Ringmore and the more who have a say the better.

If you have the time, please come along

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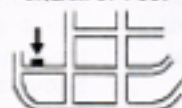
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 20th January 1998 Present: 6 Councillors, Mr Paul Marshall (Divisional Director, Devon County Highways) and 12 members of the public.

Traffic

Speed & Parking problems: The concern of a number of residents were put to Mr Marshall who endeavoured to explain exactly what some of the measures proposed would entail and how they may alter the whole character of the village if they were implemented. For example: the imposition of a 20mph speed limit would involve signs, perhaps illuminated, and maybe street lighting and other measures necessary to ensure that all precautions were taken to make sure that it was safe for drivers as well as pedestrians.

Further discussions will take place when the exact locations of the problem have been identified and speed readings with a radar gun have been taken.

Parking obstructions: Where there may be a danger to persons or property, e.g. an ambulance or a fire engine cannot reach their destination, he suggested calling the police who, if necessary, would tow the offending vehicle away.

Re-surfacing of roads

Mr Freeman noted that the level and camber of recent tarmacing, in certain places, did not allow the water to drain away effectively. A letter has been sent to the appropriate authority to rectify the situation.

Rocky Path

A copy of a letter from DCC concerning the surfacing of Rocky Path has been forwarded to the Historical Society.

Tree Planting

The Council hopes to have a tree planted this year behind the bus shelter but as it is understood the ground is infested with Honey-fungus, a very large hole will need to be dug and then lined and filled with fresh soil. Advice is being sought from Mr Robin Toogood, the Heritage Environment Officer.

Next Meeting

Unless it is deemed necessary, there will not be a meeting in February. The next council meeting will therefore take place on Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm. The Annual Parish Meeting, to which members of the public are cordially invited, will be held on Tuesday 22nd April at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann

Thank You

Kit Taylor is unable to write personally but would like to send her thanks to all Ringmore friends who remembered her at Christmas and on her 99th birthday. She sends particular thanks to the Women's Institute for the lovely flowers and card which were greatly appreciated.

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January Solution

The first puzzle of the year was thought to be simple so it was a surprise that some of the regulars struggled with one or two of the couplets. The purpose however, was to attract new participants and although there has hardly been a flood, a warm welcome is extended to the lovely Sue Brickay. Innate cleverness came to the fore as it often does and produced a number of amusing options to the 'official' solution.

Restrict Lovemaking
RATION PASSION

Minor Alarm
SLIGHT FRIGHT

The aforesaid lady
SAME DAME

Fast deception
QUICK TRICK

Humble european
MEEK GREEK

Neighbourhood rustic
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Climb curve
ASCEND BEND

Plunder small community
PILLAGE VILLAGE

Sensible scandinavian
SANE DANE

Sermonising Lifeform
PREACHER CREATURE

Among these moments of alternative humour were Reducing Seducing, Prevent Event and Small Gaul. Matchman's Clever Endeavour was not quite clever enough and his dismay will be shared by Yog-sothoth (both 2 points) but everyone else, The Beginners, Miss Brickay, Cleriwho, and of course The Furry Boys, gets three points.

February

There is a limit to the variety of puzzle so here is a familiar test but at least the hidden word is different. Remember, successive letters are contiguous, diagonally, horizontally or vertically but each letter can be used 'unlywerence'! What is the longest word?

Q	F	J	M	V
U	P	A	K	X
S	O	N	C	D
B	L	I	G	E
W	R	Y	T	H

If you did not enter the January competition do not despair. There is plenty of time to outwit the regulars. Remember you get one point for entering, plus two more for a correct answer. Good Luck!

**Trimming
Strimming
Chopping
Lopping**
or just
Grass
Cutting



Brian Lambell
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810530

SHORT MAT BOWLS

come to Ringmore
The Short Mat Bowling equipment has now arrived. It includes Mats, Bowls and all that is needed to get started. Even though the Parish Room is still rather short it will be possible to play in a light-hearted fashion until the necessary alterations are made.

It is proposed to hold a meeting in the Parish Room on Monday 16th February at 7.30pm to establish the interest in the village for this recreation. So please come along, with soft shoes, so that a start can be made. If you are interested but cannot attend, please let me or Geof Dykes (810123) know.

Gordon Allan 810450

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Devon & Cornwall Neighbourhood Watch Association is producing a monthly magazine on items of general interest with, naturally, an accent on security!

A number of these magazines have been distributed with the Newsletter but unfortunately insufficient copies were received to cover the village. Therefore if you receive one, please pass it on to your neighbour after reading it.

Would anyone wishing to receive this magazine on a regular basis, please contact me.

Local news . . . a number of sheds, including the Boathouse, all in Challaborough, have been broken into but nothing appears to have been stolen. Maybe it is the work of vandals. However, as a precaution, it is suggested that you keep your outside shed well secured, particularly if the contents are valuable.

David Young 810389

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