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## RINGMORE

Editor: Geof Dykes

Issue Number 151

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**The application by the Parish Room Committee for Lottery funds has been successful! Credit is due to Yvonne Sheppard for having put together the necessary paperwork. This good news for Ringmore will enable the committee to begin the long process of refurbishment. The hall has not been over used in recent years and this has created a difficult situation for the PCC. Should money be spent on a facility which is relatively unused? There is still a finite limit to the demand for use but there is a will and enthusiasm to promote the hall and this would not succeed without some remedial work being done. The Grant is a great start! There is a comprehensive report on the committee's activities inside.**

**Guy Eddy has continued his research into the possibility of planting giant Sequoia trees to mark the Millennium which has revealed an initial lack of keenness by the NT but Guy is undaunted.**

**Ringmore has its own SCRABBLE champion . . . from Bigbury! The competition at the Journey's End produced some close finishes and much enjoyment. Also, the JE supported the Devon Air Ambulance with a Darts Marathon which raised in excess of £300.**

**The Village Quiz Team continues to under-perform. Despite twice surging to a 12 point lead in the second leg against Newton & Noss the tie was eventually lost. Still, there is always the Plate!**

**The Spring Beach Clean will be on 28th March**

**MARCH DIARY**

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Church Hall 8.30pm  
 THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm  
 Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.00-9.00pm  
 FRIDAY CLUB: 6th & 20th in Church Hall 5.30pm  
 7th Coffee Morning - Parish Room 10.30 - 12.30  
 for South West Equine Protection League  
 Modbury Harriers JE 11.00am  
 11th Shekinah Mission Lunch 12.30 Walnut Tree Cot  
 12th WI Wine Tasting Guests welcome at 8.15pm  
 14th Repair and Clean up at Parish Room 10.30am  
 Modbury Caring Coffee Morning, Kingston 10.30  
 15th JE Table Tennis Competition  
 20th SWD Conservative Assn AGM 7.30pm  
 Annual Dinner 8.00pm Pickwick Inn  
 25th Ringmore Historical Soc WI Hall 7.30pm  
 28th Beach Clean 10.30am

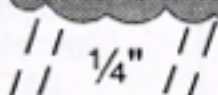
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Dates:- 13th & 27th  
 Ringmore Church  
 12.10 - 12.40  
 Chalfaborough  
 12.45 - 12.55  
 St Ann's Chapel  
 3.10 - 3.25  
 Kingston Fire Station  
 3.45 - 4.35

**Rainfall**

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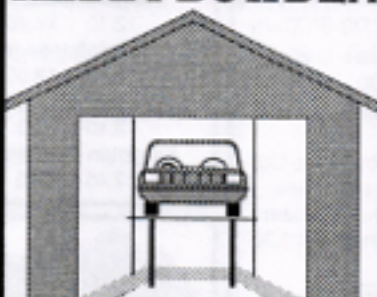
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*The Minister writes:*

**Whoopie!** As we go to press, the great news has come that the Parish Room refurbishment project has received a grant of nearly £5000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. I believe there are further details elsewhere in this Newsletter. Our hearty thanks to Yvonne Sheppard for her persistence and hard work on our behalf. So: on March 14, we can roll up our sleeves! (see below)

**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). The course will take place on Mondays in March at 7.30 p.m. in Ringmore Parish Room, and will be led by members of our Team Ministry (a parallel course will be in Aveton Gifford and Modbury). Details on the posters and handbills.

**Annual Vestry and Parochial Meeting.** These meetings, to elect Churchwardens and to receive financial and other reports, will be held on Friday, March 20, in the Parish Room. If you are not on the Church Electoral Roll and wish to exercise your vote at the Annual Parochial Meeting, please get in touch with David Young (810389) immediately. The list must be completed by March 5 at the latest. For the Vestry, when we elect Churchwardens (we still haven't any candidate to replace Reg Trant!), you have to be on the civil Register of Electors.

Now for our dates for this month:

March 1 (Tear Fund Sunday)	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Kingston Ringmore Bigbury	Holy Communion, ASB Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
March 2	7.30 p.m.	Lent Course:	"Worship: Praising together"
March 6 (Friday)	2 p.m.	Women's World day of Prayer Service in Loddiswell Parish Church	
March 8	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Ringmore Bigbury Kingston	Holy Communion, ASB Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
March 9	7.30 p.m.	Lent Course:	"Kingship: Serving together"
March 11 (Wednesday)	12.30 p.m.	Ladies' Lunch in aid of the Shekinah Mission at Walnut Tree Cottage, Ringmore	
March 14 (Saturday)	10 a.m. onwards	Spring Clean and Glorious Clear-Out at the Parish Room <i>Bring your toolbox, working clothes – and partner!</i>	
March 15	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Bigbury Kingston Ringmore	Holy Communion, BCP Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
March 16	7.30 p.m.	Lent Course:	"Fellowship: Being together"
March 19 (Thursday)	7.30 p.m.	"Seeing the Bible Whole": Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
March 22	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Ringmore Bigbury Kingston	Holy Communion, BCP Communion at Eleven Evening Prayer, ASB
March 23	7.30 p.m.	Lent Course:	"Stewardship: Working together"
March 29	11 a.m.	Team Service in East Allington	
March 30	7.30 p.m.	Lent Course:	"Hardship: Suffering together"

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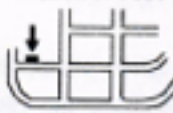
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# Journey's End Journal

Our SCRABBLE competition, though we had only a dozen entrants, was great fun and provided some exciting games. Richard is our champion having survived a monumental struggle with Annie in the semi-final, winning by just one point!. He then faced the favourite, Jinny, whom he beat in the final by a mere handful of points. Our thanks to Terry for the ideas and organisation. I am sure we will arrange another competition in the future.

The main excitement in March will be the Table Tennis Tournament for the coveted John Bracey Trophy. This will be on Sunday 15th March; will entrants please register by Friday 13th. The entry fee is £1 which together with any other money raised on the day will go to the Charity for Motor Neuron Disease.

In addition to the regular Thursday Quiz, other events include the Modbury Harriers Meet on Saturday 7th at 11.00am and the Plymouth Morris Men on Friday 20th at 8.30pm.

Finally, prepare yourself for our Spring Beer Festival on 3rd, 4th, & 5th April.

Quiz:	5th	Terry
	12th	Felicity
	19th	Colin
	26th	Jason

Music 6th GIN

## Shrove Tuesday Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this well-attended pleasant time. Proceeds amounting to £150 will go towards the refurbishment of the Parish Room which, together with the successful application to the National Lottery, is a most encouraging help.

Drina Williams

## Neighbourhood Watch

During February I distributed a copy of the Devon & Cornwall NW Association magazine to each co-ordinator. If anyone would like to see this very interesting magazine, please contact your nearest co-ordinator or myself in order to receive it on a regular basis.

During the early morning hours of Saturday 14th Feb we were again plagued by mindless vandalism. On the road from St Ann's Chapel the road sign indicating Ringmore is missing and the NW sign was bent (now straightened). The sign post by the bus shelter had the Kingston finger broken off. In addition, two vehicles were damaged.

David Young 810389



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# NSPCC

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children  
**Annual Report of the Modbury and District Branch**  
Although our group is called Modbury and District, the membership is widespread. Members come from Bigbury, Easton, Ringmore, Modbury, Ermington and even Ivybridge, where our Chairman emigrated some four years ago.

We have had another successful fund-raising year and we are amazed how constantly the support comes in. Our funds go to National HQ and then back to Plymouth.

Plymouth HQ underwent considerable changes last year, particularly in the field of the Child Protection Team. Apart from providing the Child Protection Register Service for Devon Social Services and offering family risk assessment to families and children, the Plymouth Child Witness Support Project has been developed. This covers Devon and Cornwall. Fifteen new Child Witness Supporters have been trained. They provide help for children faced with often a difficult and traumatic court appearance and thus making it easier for the child.

The committee ran four major functions in 1997. They were delighted to receive donations from the Yealmpton Duck Race and the concert given at Christmas in Modbury by the Lupridge Singers. With the addition of private donations, monies from collecting boxes have enabled us to send over £3000 to National HQ.

Our heartfelt thanks on behalf of all the children that you have helped, by supporting us last year.

Sally Mitchell

## Ringmore Historical Society

On Wednesday 25th March, in the WI Hall, there will be an open meeting at which Emma Cowan will talk about different aspects of her work in managing Disraeli's house at Hughenden Manor for the National Trust.

**The meeting starts at 7.30pm**

Admission: 30p for members, 60p for non-members which will include refreshments



## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The February meeting was very well attended, almost a full house when guests were added! Margaret Wood was in the chair in the unavoidable absence of Jackie Tagent; Our Treasurer, Myra Eddy, bravely soldiered on in spite of illness but she retired after the 'business'.

Ardene Bennett reported that flowers were sent on behalf of the WI to Mrs Kit Taylor for her 99th birthday - they arrived on time and afforded her great delight.

The subject of a Denman bursary was raised again and agreed in principle, to be decided at a later date.

Illness having struck down one of the evening's speakers, Phil Coles-Gale with a throat infection meant that Bill Warne was the only speaker on 'Hong Kong - Liberation to Handover', assisted by Gordon Allan on the projector. The subject is a fascinating one and as Bill was there in 1945, returning in 1997 was a mixture of nostalgia and amazement. As part of a British Legion pilgrimage, he was able to share poignant visits to war graves and to witness the splendid scenes of the handover ceremonies.

The next meeting, on 12th March, will feature a Wine Tasting, with Gordon Burwell of Threshers, demonstrating. Guests are welcome at 8.00pm, tickets at £1 each can be obtained from Naomi Warne or Yvonne Sheppard **before** 10th March, if possible. There will be a draw for a bottle of wine but no wine will be on sale although soft drinks will be available.

Naomi Warne

Footnote:

Would all members who have still not paid their subscriptions, please let me, the Treasurer, have them by the next meeting on 12th March, or sooner. Thank you.

Myra Eddy

## South West Devon

### Conservative Association Bigbury Ringmore & Kingston Branch

Invites you to attend their **AGM** to be held at the Pickwick Inn at St Ann's Chapel on Friday March 20th at 7.30pm. The Annual Dinner will begin at 8.00pm. The guest speaker will be local MP, Gary Streeter  
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## Ringmore Parish Room

### Grant Award

The Ringmore Parish Room Committee is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a grant of £4995 by the National Lottery Charities Board. The grant will be used to refurbish the room which includes heating installation, renewal of the cloakrooms, stage alterations, fire equipment and disabled access. Work will start as soon as possible. The building is being used on a regular basis by a number of different groups including the newly formed Short Mat Bowls group, children's Friday Club, Step Aerobics group and the Church Choir as well as for private and fundraising functions.

The hall is available for hire at a modest rate. Please contact Yvonne Sheppard on 810341 for details.

### Village Hall Advisor - Open Meeting

A good turnout of 16 people came along to the open meeting on 2nd February to listen to Kathleen Perkins, the Devon Village Halls Advisor. Thank you for your support.

Kathleen gave a very interesting talk on her experience in changing the management of church halls, in other local villages, to a broader base within the community. The process, which could take two years and requires local consultation

and involvement from all representative groups in the village, would open up greater possibilities to obtain grant funding to refurbish the building. The committee's successful grant application to the National Lottery Charities Board may well change the position since funds are now available for current projects. The RPR committee and the Ringmore PCC will consider the implications of a change in ownership for the future of the hall and welcome comments from people who came along to hear Kathleen or could not make it on the day.

### Repairs Morning

You are invited to a morning of repair and clean up at the Parish Room on Saturday 14th March from 10.30am. Free refreshments will be available to all.

We are hoping to ease the windows, remove the birds' nest from the chimney, shift any broken furniture, inspect the floor boards and joists, clear out the garden sheds, remove the old chairs, weed the gardens, investigate the Church Hall mice as well as any other necessary tasks. Please come along with your tools and cleaning equipment.

Yvonne Sheppard  
Secretary, RPR Committee

## Short Mat Bowls

The Short Mat Bowls was successfully launched last month. About a dozen people agreed to form a club and an initial committee of Carol & Gordon Allan of Maple Bank and Lynn Fisher of Old School Cottage was elected.

The club will meet from 7.00 - 9.00pm on Thursdays during March and from 7.30 - 9.30pm on Monday evenings thereafter. Everyone is welcome - come and have a go!

## February

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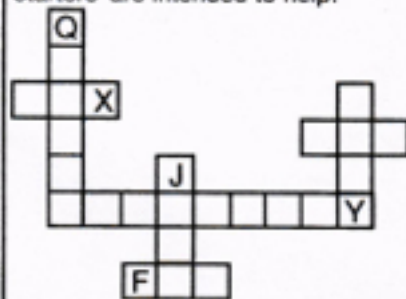
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## Facetiously!

Not everyone was fooled. The one exception is The Furry Boys whose surprising failure should give impetus to the challengers. The Matchman, YogSothoth, The Beginners and Sue Brickay were all correct. The Beginners wrote an amusing passage including all words found and one or two which were not there while the lovely Sue Brickay's entry could have been a Valentine! Moreover such tactics, though deplorable, are difficult to ignore and might just pay off in a tight finish!

## March

Complete the grid below by using all letters of the alphabet **once**. The 'starters' are intended to help!



## THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

Further to January's item on trees for the Millennium and in response to several favourable comments, I have made some follow-up enquiries.

I have spoken to Mr Alex Raeder, Land Agent for the Natural Trust, about the possibility of planting on NT land. He said that the NT would look favourably on any plan to plant indigenous broadleaf trees but to plant non-native species would, almost certainly, not be approved. He agreed that to plant oaks or the like would not be making a very bold statement. However we have that to fall back on if other avenues fail.

There are other sites that are being considered in the Parish and I am hoping to get an SHDC Environment representative down to advise us shortly. From my phone conversation, I got the impression that the District Council were in favour of Millennium tree planting.

I have spoken to Endsleigh Gardens and they assure me that saplings could be provided without much difficulty.

So far no commitments have been made but it might be time to reach a decision whether or not to take it further.

Guy Eddy

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

A report of the weather on 1st March over a number of years included:

- 1965 5 inches of snow
- 1969 Arctic conditions in South Hams, sea damage and flooding
- 1974 First dry, sunny day of the year
- 1986 Frost & snow and 100mph winds

The Parish Council was nervous about Planning Applications which either were going against their comments or were taking longer than expected, causing misgivings

In the Inter-Parish Quiz Ringmore defeated Bigbury and progressed to the next round!

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