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RINGMORE

Editor: Geof Dykes

Issue Number 152

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Ayrmer Cove has been cleared of the flotsam and jetsam borne on winter tides and deposited on OUR beach! Apart from a moment's indecision, the weather allowed twenty or more villagers, including a number of occasional residents, to complete the annual Spring Clean. The National Trust came over the horizon in a Land Rover to remove the bulky plastic, so all is once again pristine.

Progress is being made on the Parish Room but dealing with public money in the form of grants is not as simple as it might be and there is as much administration as there seems to be physical work.

Other news - Ringmore has wrested the JE Table Tennis title from Challaborough - the RBL Women's Section will hold a

A NEW CHURCHWARDEN

After it seemed for so long that there would be no successor to Reg Trant as Churchwarden, the unexpected happened. Jacqueline Patterson, who did not seek the job, expressed her readiness to stand for election for the coming year. She was gratefully elected!

To assist her in the work, Carol Allan was elected to the PCC and as Deputy Churchwarden. Gordon Allan was elected Vice-Chairman of the PCC. The full list of officers can be found in the Church porch.

In expressing our great gratitude to those ready to take on these responsibilities, let us all now back them up by working closely together for the good of the whole community here in Ringmore.

Derek Matten, Minister

Coffee morning at The Manor - Jacqueline Patterson and Carol Allan are to be congratulated on assuming important roles in Church community

Thank you to everyone who passed on the changes to the Library times; we have lost another 5 minutes.

Watch BBC 2 on Sunday 19th April, when Ginny McCabe will be revealing her Trade Secrets!

APRIL DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

FRIDAY CLUB: 3rd & 17th Parish Room 5.30pm

3/4/5th JE Beer Festival Open All day

9th WI Meeting WI Hall 8.00pm Guests welcome at 8.30pm Speaker from St Luke's Hospice

18th Royal British Legion Coffee Morning 10.30 at The Manor

20th South Hams Police Liaison meeting in Ivybridge at 7.30pm in Town Council Chamber

28th Bigbury Art Club Sedgewell Sands at 7.30pm

30th Meeting to discuss Church Fête Parish Room 7.30pm

May 1st Music Night at JE GIN

DEADLINE

Friday 24th April

Mobile Library

April

Dates:- 3rd & 17th

Ringmore Church

12.05 - 12.30

Challaborough

12.35 - 12.45

St Ann's Chapel

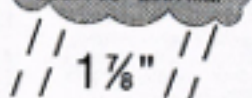
3.15 - 3.30

Kingston Fire Station

3.45 - 4.30

Rainfall

25th Feb - 26th Mar



Fiona Batten

Ave Mar for last 10 years - 2 3/4"

High - Mar 1994 - 4 1/2"

Low - Mar 1990 - 1 1/2"

Joan Priest

As many of you know, my Mother died on Sunday 15th March and her funeral was on Tuesday 24th at All Hallows.

I would like to thank those of you who were able to attend the funeral and everyone who has sent flowers or kind messages to Adrian and me.

At times like this it is always a comfort to know that others are thinking of you and we are both very grateful.

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Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



Our very warmest thanks and congratulations go to Jacqueline Patterson on her election as Churchwarden. This is a real answer to prayer! Our gratitude, too, to Carol Allan, who was elected her Deputy, and to Gordon Allan, elected Vice-Chairman of the PCC. A new team – and a challenge to us all!

The April Services include those for Holy Week and Easter, which are also on a separate leaflet available in Church. If you have visitors over Easter, why not give them one of those leaflets and encourage them to come and worship with us here?

Please note that the order of Services on the first Sunday in May is different from the “norm”. This is because of the Flower Festival in Kingston, when there will be a Festival Service at 11 a.m.

Now for our dates for this month:

April 1 <i>(Wednesday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting for Kingston in St. James Church.	
April 2 <i>(Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	“Seeing the Bible Whole” Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
April 3 <i>(Friday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of ALL Team PCCs in Aveton Gifford Parish Church in connection with the vacancy in the post of Team Rector	
April 5 <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	9 a.m. 11 a.m. <u>6.30 p.m.</u>	Kingston Ringmore <u>Loddiswell</u>	Holy Communion, BCP Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer with the Licensing by the Bishop of Plymouth of Mr. John Came as Reader in the Modbury Team Ministry <i>(No Evening Service in Bigbury)</i>
April 6 <i>(Monday)</i>	3 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Korniloff Retirement Home, Bigbury-on-Sea	
April 9 <i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	Bigbury	Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
April 10 <i>(Good Friday)</i>	10.30 a.m. 2 p.m.	Kingston Ringmore	Family Worship for Good Friday “Watching by the Cross”: the “One Hour” Service
April 12 <i>(Easter Day)</i>	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Ringmore Bigbury Kingston	Holy Communion, BCP Easter Celebration and Communion Festival Evening Prayer, BCP
April 19	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Bigbury Kingston Ringmore	Holy Communion, BCP Worship at Eleven Evening Prayer, BCP
April 23 <i>(Thursday)</i>	7.30 p.m.	“Seeing the Bible Whole” Seminar Evening in the Memorial Hall, Aveton Gifford	
April 26	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Ringmore Bigbury Kingston	Holy Communion, ASB Communion at Eleven Evening Prayer, ASB
May 2 - 4		Kingston Church Flower Festival: “Poetry and Prose”	
May 3	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	<u>Ringmore</u> <u>Kingston</u> Bigbury	Holy Communion, BCP Flower Festival Service Evening Prayer, BCP

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Journey's End Journal

The John Bracey Table Tennis Trophy was won this year by Matthew Capps who beat last year's champion, Ginny Sauer, in the final here on Sunday 15th March. Matthew, apparently a schoolboy champion, beat Geof in the semi-final, the other semi between John Bracey and Ginny being a very close-run match. Many thanks to all those who played and supported this event; we raised £70 for our charity. Thanks, also, to those of you who helped with the scoring, fetching and carrying to make a successful afternoon.

Our Beer Festival is this month, on 3rd, 4th & 5th, when we shall have 20 brews from five main breweries around mainland Britain. For villagers more interested in food, we shall be offering six types of steak to include Rump, Gammon, Lamb, Pork, Tuna and Salmon.

We look forward to seeing you.

Quiz:	2nd	John Freeman	9th	Graham Harris
	16th	Geof	23rd	Adrian
	30th	Volunteer please??		
Music:	May 1st	GIN		

Shekinah Mission

Those members of the 3 Parishes who very kindly and generously supported our Ladies' Lunch on Wednesday 11th March will be pleased to know that a cheque for £205 has been sent to the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. Many thanks.

Jacqueline Patterson & Drina Williams

On behalf of all those of us who were able to be there, I would like to say a very sincere 'Thank You' to Jacqueline (and Mike, of course, who was sensibly in retreat in his workshop) for welcoming us all to their home, for providing us with the opportunity to support the work of the Plymouth Shekinah Mission which helps those so much less fortunate than ourselves and for providing us with an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Thank you Jacqueline and congratulations.

Carol Allan



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

It is with sadness that we record the death of one of our members, Joan Priest, who until recently had lived at Ivy Cottage, Ringmore, with her daughter Sue Muller and her family, and more recently at the Korniloff in Bigbury on Sea.

On 12th March a wine tasting evening was held, which proved a great success. The manager of Threshers of Kingsbridge was in charge and was obviously a true 'wine buff'. He gave us the chance to show off our knowledge by letting us taste (small) quantities of various wines and then to give their origins (vineyards, names, etc.). In some cases we were successful, in others wildly off beam! The whole thing was enjoyable and hilarious - we all reached home without mishap!

The next meeting on 9th April will start at 8.00pm and the speaker from St Luke's Hospice will begin her talk at 8.30pm; guests are welcome at 8.15pm. Would all members who wish to go to the Aveton Gifford Group Meeting on 27th April please bring their £2 entry fee and also remember their 'Competition Cakes'.

Forthcoming events:

13th May - A visit to Lukesland Gardens.

19th May - sponsored walks in aid of the Children's Hospice South West.

All details later.

Finally a cheque for £143 was recently sent to the Children's Hospice South West from WI money raised by a whist drive and from donations, mainly from John Bourne's very generous collection box; the cheque was greatly appreciated by the Hospice

Naomi Warne

Please would you sponsor a WI member who will be walking on Tuesday 19th May in aid of the Children's Hospice.

Drina Williams 810621



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100 CLUB

The winners of the monthly draws, since the start of the Branch 100 Club in February, are as follows:

February: £20 No 67 Mr Brian Carson
£5 No 41 Mr Brian Stark

March: £20 No 42 Mr Roger Randle
£5 No 34 Mr Peter Lewis

There are still some places available, so if you would like to try your luck and help the Branch at the same time, call me, Colin Jackson on 810292 or Tony Walters on 810566.

It is only £1 per month and you could win the December jackpot of £300!

CHURCH FÊTE

A meeting to plan this year's fête (which is on Wednesday 19th August) will be held in the Parish Room on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm.

If you can help this year or have some ideas to share (we had some suggestions after last year's fête) do join us.

Michael Tagent

Ringmore Historical Society

On Wednesday 25th March, the society was treated to a lively and informative view of the life of a National Trust Property Manager. Emma Cowan, who manages Hughendon Manor in Buckinghamshire, Disraeli's former home, spoke of the many facets in her daily work, not least being the disastrous Stable fire which occurred during her first night in residence! Visitors take much for granted but some of us might be a little more appreciative on our next visit to a NT property.

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Mrs Valerie Belsey, of St Ann's Chapel, succeeded Mrs Davis as Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Ringmore Parish Quiz team reached the semi-final of the Inter Parish Quiz competition having defeated Kingston 94-76.

Dick & Rosemary Brinkhurst took over the Journey's End from Bob & Tessa Dunkley.

Rob Batten was featured, with his Black Mass Drag Racing Team, in a re-produced newspaper article. Driving a Morris Marina with a 6.5 litre Chrysler engine, Rob managed to reach the 1987 World Championship final in his class. His 1988 monster was powered by an engine which exceeded 7 litres! *At the speeds Rob achieved, one could drive to Modbury in less than 3½ minutes . . . and use 5 gallons of fuel!*

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Ringmore Parish Room

Thank you to everyone who participated in repairing and cleaning up the Parish Room. If you use the building you will be pleased to hear that all the windows now open, the cupboards, floors and windows have been cleaned, the bird's nest removed from the chimney and some of the ivy and weeds have been strimmed.

There is no regular cleaner whilst refurbishment takes place and if you use the facilities it will be appreciated if the building is left clean and tidy for the next people.

The committee is finalising plans to spend the lottery grant and further details will be available soon.

Yvonne Sheppard,
Secretary, RPR Committee



I am thinking of compiling a booklet to sell in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research fund, containing the favourite recipes of residents of Ringmore Parish, their family and friends.

I would be very grateful, therefore, if you would jot down as many recipes as you can, adding your name and address. Please ask your friends to do the same.

Gillian Parkin

Bigbury Art Club

Bigbury Art Club has vacancies for new members. You don't have to be a painter to join, just interested in Art generally. We meet once a month and have a good assortment of speakers, demonstrators and videos. During the last couple of years we have had evenings devoted to water colour and oil painting, pencil drawing, lino cuts, papier maché, silk painting, picture framing, machine embroidery and many other subjects. We have occasional painting days during the Summer and we have an annual exhibition.

We meet on the last Thursday of every month at 7.30pm at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury On Sea. If you think you might be interested, why not come along and give it a try.

Chairman: Jim Chadwick 810454

Secretary: Roland Smith 810386

THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

640 DAYS TO GO

Suggestions made so far, to mark this moment in time, include the planting of Sequoia Pine trees and the erection of a Lychgate at All Hallows. There has been no opposition to either idea as yet but how can support be measured? Do you think there should be a Millennium Group which can sift ideas and implement those chosen or should we drift towards the twenty first century? Are there any other schemes which you would like to suggest? Would you like to be involved in deciding which ideas have most public support, can be financed and can be implemented? If so, let your views be known!

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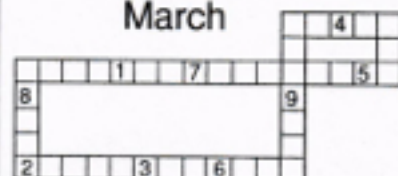
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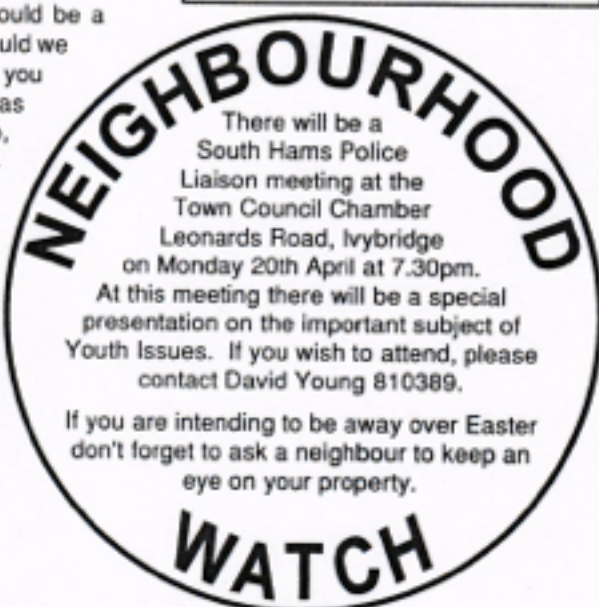
Interesting variations were submitted this month. Everyone had QUACKS and SPRIGHTLY but the short words included FED, BONY, FEZ and ZAX! The latter was Matchman's valid but desperate alternative spelling of SAX. I was delighted with the lovely Sue Brickay's entry, submitted on a postcard showing a voluptuous Velazquez Venus void of even a veil, so you can imagine my horror when I spotted that the answer was incomplete. Alas all was there but for the F & N of FEN. A slip of the pen which means full points for Matchman, Yog-Sothoth, The Furry Boys and The Beginners but only two for Sue. Nil desperandum sed sum incorrupte! PS: Where are you, Cleriwho?

March



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Place the numbers above in the grid so that the total of any three consecutive numbers is divisible by 3. For those of you who consider yourselves to be innumerate, do not despair. It is a matter of perseverance. Good luck!



There will be a
South Hams Police
Liaison meeting at the
Town Council Chamber
Leonards Road, Ivybridge
on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm.

At this meeting there will be a special presentation on the important subject of Youth Issues. If you wish to attend, please contact David Young 810389.

If you are intending to be away over Easter don't forget to ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property.

WATCH

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 24th January 1998 Present: 6 Councillors,
Mr Roger Anstey and 3 members of the public.

Road Surfacing

Mr Tremlett, from Devon County Council, has inspected the road surface levels and remedial work and a level survey will be carried out soon.

SWEB

The failure of the electricity supply in the Challaborough area on 24th December was due to a fault in the underground cable system in Caravan Park. The short interruption of power on 26th December occurred when the supply was restored to the mains. SWEB apologises for any inconvenience caused by the fault and state that it is extremely unlikely that that particular cable will develop any further problems.

Tree Planting

The Heritage Coast Officer, Mr Robin Toogood, was contacted about the Honey Fungus infestation of the ground behind the Bus Shelter. He referred to the Forestry Commission advisory booklet on the subject which advises either keeping the ground clear of woody plants or replanting with resistant species which include Hornbeam, Hawthorn, Beech, Ash, Holly, Southern Beech, London Plane, Oak, False Acacia, Lime, Yew, California Black Walnut and Box Elder. The last three are reported to be virtually immune. In view of this, the council has decided that another tree, possibly Ash, will be planted.

District Council

Mr Anstey talked about Council Tax increases, the District Council Tax and total revenue and expenditure predicted for 1998-99. The latter amounts to £34 million of which £26 million will be obtained from council activities, such as car parking, leisure centres and licensing fees leaving £3½ million to be raised through the Council Tax. The 1998-99 Band D tax for Ringmore, set by SHDC, is £85.86 plus £13.03 required by the Parish Council. This totals £98.89 which when added to the sum required by Devon County Council totals £716, an increase of £98 on last year.

Planning

Haven Leisure - the application for new signs was approved by SHDC on a five year trial basis.

Hill Cottage annex - the Parish Council has no objection to the application for an extension.

Parish Room

Col. Grimshaw, as Chairman of the Parish Room committee, explained to the council what was happening at present to the Room and how improvements and renovations were progressing. The grant from the lottery is being used to improve the toilet facilities, to install heating and fire appliances and to alterations to lengthen the area for Short Mat Bowls. He was interested to know what level of support he could expect from the council and the rest of the Parish and what ideas people had for making use of the Parish Room. At present it is used for aerobic sessions as well as the popular game of Short Mat Bowls but it could also be used for private parties and other leisure activities. Councillors will talk to residents during the next few weeks to ascertain their views, opinions and ideas on the future use of the Parish room.

Next meeting

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.00pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st at 7.00pm. Everyone is invited to attend, we welcome your support. Some interesting speakers will address the meeting, notably, Sir Simon Day, County Councillor; Mr O'Shea, who will talk about Millennium Trees and, if possible, Police Inspector Patrick.

Thelma Mann

SCOUTSABOUT

Scouts need to do a 'good turn' for their patrol badge. If you have a task for a group of 5 - 7 boys and girls, between 10 and 14 years of age, please contact Sue Green. The task, for example, car washing, painting fences, log moving etc., should involve all of the patrol members. No kissogrammes, dubious or criminal activities please!!

Cubs, meanwhile, are raising funds for an Aquabox to provide safe drinking water for a third-world country or for people who are victims of a disaster. The local community can support this by providing the welfare items which the box will contain. Old clothes, cooking equipment, baby things, materials for shelter, tools and other essential items are most welcome. Please contact Akela on 550076 for full details.

Unsure about the weather for your Spring or Summer event? Why not hire a 40' x 20' marquee from the 1st Modbury Scout Group? Sue Green will explain the arrangements and the very reasonable rates - around £170 per weekend.

The Group moves from strength to strength with 6 more scouts being invested recently at Flete house.

Scouting continues to provide worthwhile activities for youngsters and the community. Don't miss out, phone Scoutsabout!

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Inter-Parish Quiz

In the Inter-Parish Quiz, Ringmore's remaining hope of success is the Ken West Plate, the competition for first round losers. The number of competitors is normally eight but as the competition was one village short this year, there are only three villages in our half of the draw. We shall meet Brixton and Ermington in a three-way semi-final at Brixton during the week beginning Monday 20th April. Support would be welcome and if you are interested in coming, please watch out for notices confirming the date in due course.

Apologies for the need for a separate sheet but I had printing problems this month

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