

It rained on St Swithun's Day! The legend has not been wholly fulfilled but do we need such frequent reminders?

This is the month of Summer Fêtes when the village gets together to raise money while at the same time attempting to provide an afternoon's entertainment for our visitors. Support for these events is requested elsewhere and no doubt the call for help will be heeded as generously as always.

One of our number has been involved , for over 20 years, with the WRVS as the District Organiser for Young Families Holidays. This selfless work was rewarded recently . . . . read on for a written account . . . . the Millennium Committee is seeking your ideas and a list of those received so far, is included this month . . ... Devon County Council is inviting anyone interested, and over 50, to consider being involved in influencing local government matters relating to older citizens .... more elsewhere .... to all readers under 10 years of age ... raid the vegetable store and make a model for the WI Fête competition.

Finally - PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE - perhaps we could vote every month but this month it is definitely RAGWORT. This was mentioned in July and this month Annabel Major has added her thoughts. It is a serious problem

# *AUGUST DIARY*

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm FRIDAY CLUB: No meeting in August

2nd	Summer Singalong All Hallows Ringmore 7.45pm
5th	WI Fête WI Hall and Garden 2.00pm
7th	Modbury Caring Coffee Morning - Pippins Modbury
	10.00am - 12 noon
9th	Summer Singalong All Hallows Ringmore 7,45pm
12th	Plymouth Morris Men at the JE 8.00pm
16th	Summer Singalong All Hallows Ringmore 7,45pm
17th	Deadline for Millennium suggestions
18th	NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THIS MONTH
19th	Church Fete 2.00pm

#### Cream Teas - Parish Room 3,00pm - 5,30pm 30th Summer Singalong All Hallows Ringmore 7.45pm

23rd

Summer Singalong All Hallows Ringmore 7.45pm WEDNESDAY 26th AUG

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August Dates:- 7th & 21st 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



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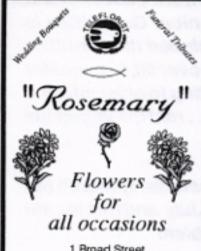


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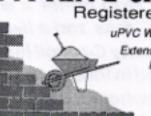
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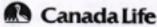
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# PARISH CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, RINGMORE



# AUGUST, 1998

(I've repeated the smiling face of the sun from last month's page. Perhaps it might work this month . . . . .)

We often refer to this month of August as a fete-full month. We have Bigbury's behind us, but now it is the turn of Kingston, with the Village Fair on August 1 (sorry for the omission last month, but it caught me unawares!) and then the two in Ringmore, that of the W.I on August 5 and the Church one a fortnight later. We shall need September to recover (some hopes!).

Otherwise, please see below and the church notice-boards for anything else that may take your fancy. At least the times and places of the services are "normal" (whatever that is) — but see August 30 (a 5th Sunday)!

August 1 (Saturday)	2 p.m.	Kingston Villag	ge Fair	
(Saturday)				
August 2	9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion and Children's Church	
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	Worship at Eleven	
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer (BCP)	
August 1	2.30 p.m.	Ringmore W. I. Fete at the W. I. Hall		
(Wednesday)				
August 9	9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion (ASB)	
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	Worship at Eleven	
	6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer, BCP	
August 16	9 a.m.	Bigbury	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	11 a.m.	Kingston	Worship at Eleven	
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	Evening Prayer (BCP)	
August 19	2.30 p.m.	Ringmore Church Fete at the Church House		
(Wednesday)				
August 23	9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	Communion at Eleven	
	6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer (ASB)	
August 30	10.30 a .m.	Team Service in St. George, Modbury: "A Celebration of Life"		
			vices on this Sunday)	
	3 – 5 p.m.	Cream Teas i	n Ringmore Parish Room	
September 6	9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion and Children's Church	
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	Worship at Eleven	
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer (BCP)	

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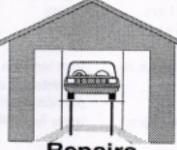
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# Journey's End Journal

Our Belgian Beer Week provided a lot of interest and a certain amount of merriment due to the strength of the beers! Of the fifteen beers, we have chosen the five most popular to keep in stock regularly. So if you missed them last week, do not despair, they will be here by next week.

For your reference they are:- Cuvee de Koninck, Delirium Tremens, Duvel, Leffe Blonde and Leffe Brune.

On Wednesday 12th August, the Plymouth Morris Men will be dancing and singing from 8.00pm until closing time. They are usually very entertaining and if the weather is kind we should have and enjoyable evening.

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TEN YEARS AGO ...

The Parish Council seemed wholly occupied by Planning matters. They opposed an

application to enlarge a cafe at Challaborough, with flats above. Support was given to an application for an extra bedroom at Ivy Cottage. Outline permission was given by SHDC to covert the barns at

The Council was concerned about the dangers posed by jetski activities at

The Parish roadsweeper, Mr Tom Woodall found a fire hydrant, previously unknown to the fire authorities. Unfortunately its

whereabouts was not reported in the

Lower Manor into three dwellings.

# Ringmore Church Fête

Wednesday 19th August at 2.00pm Church Field

Home-made Cakes
Produce and Plants Refreshments - Bouncy castle
Ice creams - tombola and raffle
Games and sideshows
Bric-a-brac - Skittles

Contributions welcomed by: Cakes: Ardene Bennett & Natalie Hilton 810398

Produce: Jackie Tagent 810520 Tombola: Jenny & Colin Jackson Bric-a-Brac: Jinny McCabe

Entry: 20p (prams & Pushchairs free) Free car Parking

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Challaborough

WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The July meeting was well attended and provided a very appreciative audience for the skill and expertise of the speaker, Barbara Taylor. Once again members were made aware of the ways in which flowers can be used to enhance an occasion or to lift the spirits or, even, to express emotion. The possibilities are endless in the hands of an expert. Barbara was warmly thanked by Delphine Matten, herself a talented flower arranger. Members were able to acquire some of Barbara's beautiful creations.

On 14th July an outing to Plymouth for 'Music of the Night' at the Citadel was a great success. The evening, incredibly, was fine and the show was splendid with a varied programme of military bands, songs from hit shows such as Les Miserables, Camelot, etc. and colourful displays of dancing and singing - Gilbert & Sullivan thrown in! A great evening out. Thanks to Pam Brunskill for arranging it.

Do not forget the WI Fête on 5th August - the usual fun-packed afternoon with something for everyone. MAKE IT A MUST

The September talk has been changed and Drina and Frank Williams will give an illustrated account of their African adventure.

Naomi Wame



at Pippins, Modbury Friday 7th August 10.00am - 12.00 noon

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Cakes - Bric-a-Brac - Raffle

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# RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 21st 1998

Present: 5 councillors, Mr Anstey and four members of the public.

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#### Planning

Single storey extension to Channel View - no objection.

#### Organ

An electronic organ, which was donated some years ago to the village, is sitting in the Parish Room. It isn't working properly but if anyone is interested in acquiring it, please contact anyone on the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council or the Parish Room Committee.

#### District Council Matters

Mr Anstey had a varied list of information for the council. Among the items was the possibility of a gas-fired power station at Langage; improved security measures for Salcombe Harbour; an oil boom across the mouth of the Yealm which would mean that all estuaries in the South Hams would be protected from oil pollution.

Guy Eddy brought the Council up-to-date on the ideas collected so far. A report appears elsewhere.

#### Next meeting

No meeting in August

Tuesday 22nd September at 7.00pm in WI Hall

Thelma Mann

# E WILLENIUM CONTINUED

518 DAYS TO GO The Committee met on Tuesday 16th July to consider the many and various suggestions that had been made to mark the Millennium. It was decided to publish a list of these and to invite any further suggestions from parishioners. The closing date for suggestions will be Monday 17th August, 1998. It is hoped to follow this up with a list in the September Newsletter on which you will be invited to state your preferences. It must be pointed out that whilst some suggestions might be considered for a Millennium Festival Grant, many may not meet the requirements.

- Trees, specimen trees near footpaths Oaks/Yew in village area
- Seats, various positions in Parish
- Sculpture/plaque pictorial and words
- Time capsule
- A 'Points of Interest' marker at Toby's Point
- Church Tower clock
- Church stained-glass window replacement
- Church Lychgate
- Church gates replaced in oak
- 10 Garden of Remembrance
- 11 Parish Room enlarging entrance lobby and store room
- 12 Parish Room smartening
- 13 Parish Room outside playhouse for children
- 14 Mugs for all
- 15 Village medal for all
- 16 Millennium 'kind deed' club
- 17 Windmill to power village
- 18 Bus shelter for Challaborough
- 19 .. further suggestions invited

Guy Eddy



#### JULY Solution

11	4	16	5
6	10	1	9
2	13	8	15
12	7	14	3

The puzzle was titled 'Logic'. Was it? Of course but it would have been clearer had the words 'form a block' appeared next to 2.13. Apologies! Not everyone was defeated though - The Furry Boys, Yogsothoth and a bemused Cleriwho (welcome submitted correct if not identical answers as did LSB which this month has to mean Late (only just in time) Sue Brickay. Alas no Beginners. Alas no Matchman.

AUGUST

Homonyms are words which sound the same but are spelled differently.

Example: TO - TWO.

Below are ten pairs of homonyms to be identified. Use imagination, not just the definition taught at nursery school. There have been complaints when puzzles are too easy, so the pairs have been jumbled!

ROSE - BAY

DASTARD - BURDEN

PROVISO - COURAGE

CHIMNEY - CRINGED

DEPRESSION - FLUTTERED

**ELEMENT - MANNER** 

REPOSE - SCREEN

CHEW - SNATCH

**DELAY - TALONS** 

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# WI FETE

2.00pm Wednesday 5th August WI HALL AND GARDEN

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Milton Hill House was built in 1812 and is now the WRVS National Training Centre. The grounds are quite extensive with woodland walks and an Italian and a Rose Garden.

As war threatened in 1938, the Women's Voluntary Service was founded to help with Air Raid precautions. One of its first tasks was to evacuate 11/2 million mothers and children from the big cities to the country. Subsequently they performed numerous tasks and coped with unimaginable difficulties during the war years. Sadly, 241 members died on duty. Since the war, committed volunteers have worked with local communities throughout England, Scotland and Wales and in 1966, Her Majesty awarded the WVS the honour of adding 'Royal' to its title.

Despite the inclement weather and a sea of umbrellas, the rained cleared for Her Majesty's walkabout. The sea of umbrellas was replaced by a sea of hats. As those who have met her know, the Queen's photos do not do her justice. She has a lovely complexion and her eyes were enhanced by her blue outfit.

The Band of the Gurkhas, which played throughout the afternoon, had earlier heralded the arrival of the Queens with the National Anthem.

Those of us from the South West were in a favourable position as she entered the tea marquee which was beautifully decorated. After enjoying dainty sandwiches and anniversary cake, we all received complimentary souvenir bone china mugs.

Before departing in her Rolls Royce, the interior of which is 'quite something', as those of us fortunate enough to see inside it know, the Queen planted a Mulberry Tree to mark her visit.

As the Royal Standard was lowered from Milton Hill House, the Queen was driven away to the cheers and waving of hats and umbrellas.

At the end of the day, coaches which had brought men and women from all over the country, including Scotland, arrived to takes us home.

It had been a long and enjoyable day. The atmosphere was relaxed and informal and the whole occasion had been brilliantly organised. We wouldn't have missed it!

Pam & Stan Brunskill

# RINGMORE PARISH ROOM

The Ringmore Parish Room Committee is pleased to announce that improvements are under way . The main part of the hall has been extended to provide the minimum. prescribed space required for Short Mat Bowls. The toilet area is being refurbished and a new pathway has improved access to the back of the hall

The committee has plans for further improvement and modernisation of the hall facilities which include proposals to create a lobby and stage area at the rear. In addition there is a continuing programme of basic repairs to make the building sound.

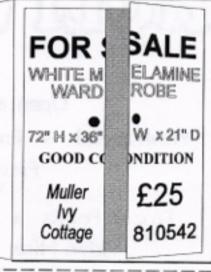
We are planning a Cream Tea afternoon, to raise funds, on Sunday 30th August from 3.00pm - 5.30pm. by when it is hoped that the first phase of improvements will have been completed. Please support us by coming along to enjoy tea and scones, and take the opportunity to look at what has been done so far. Yvonne Sheppard

## ACTION AID

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the collection for Action Aid. The generosity of the folk in the village is much appreciated and will go to help improve the basic fundamentals of life and education of some of the people most in need in the world.









#### Children's Competition Name

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## RAGWORT

Senecio jacobaea

This looks very pretty growing in the fields and hedges at this time of year but, unfortunately, if it is cut and baled with the hay it becomes deadly poisonous, especially to horses. Together with docks and thistles, ragwort is one of the weeds covered by the Weeds Act of 1959.

As explained in the Reader's Digest field guide to Wildflowers, its' leaves contain an alkaloid poison, which can remain in plants that have been dried with hay. In this condition it can be eaten unnoticed by farm animals, and its' active ingredient then destroys their livers, over a period of months.

A letter appeared in the Press recently from David Nicholson, one of the countries' leading racehorse trainers, pointing out that it is a notifiable, poisonous weed that should be uprooted and burnt now, before it goes to seed and spreads even wider. He suggests that anyone who has land adjacent to roadside verges where ragwort is growing should contact the Highways Department with an official complaint that it is, through re-seeding, causing a poison hazard on that particular land.

I have asked MAFF to let me have some leaflets on the best methods of controlling ragwort (and thistles and docks also, for good measure) and will be happy to pass these on to anyone who would like some guidance.

In the meantime, please can everyone destroy, preferably by pulling up and burning, any of this pernicious weed that they find in their gardens or hedgebanks.

I am not wearing my councillors hat now, I am just asking as a concerned countrywoman/farmer's daughter and horse lover.

Thank you for taking the trouble to read all this.

Annabel Major 810729