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PARISH NEWSLETTER

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

*Christmas Greetings to everyone from the Editor and the Proofreader! 'Thank you' very much for the encouraging remarks made about the Newsletter during the year. If you have any ideas for improvement please make them known. In spite of this year's spectacular Firework display there will be changes next time. There is a busy month ahead but amidst the celebrations, don't forget the last posting dates:-
Parcels and Second Class - Friday 18th and First Class - Tuesday 22nd.*

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The Minister writes:



With all the extra services over the Christmas period, there is not much space for any introductory "chat" this month. There's so much going on at this time of the year! So forgive me (or be very relieved) that my burlings this month are few.

But most of all, may I here express our heartiest thanks to John Milne-Smith (and his assistants) for the wonderful way in which they restored the church gates. It is a work of art, and (I know) was a labour of love – and it shows. Thank you, John, very much indeed.

Please note that the Christmas Day Family Service is to "rotate" again, and will start at the slightly later time of 10.45 a.m. This year the Service will be in Bigbury, and we hope that many families from all our three villages will flock to it. Also in Bigbury, there will be a concert of Christmas music by the Stanborough Chorus on Saturday evening, December 19, at 7.30 p.m. See the advertisement elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.

Delphine and I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
December 6	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
December 13	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
December 19 <i>(Saturday)</i>	7.30 p.m. Christmas Concert with the Stanborough Chorus in St. Lawrence, Bigbury		
December 20	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Carols with a Difference	Ringmore Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
December 22 <i>(Tuesday)</i>	7 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Kingston		
December 24 <i>(Christmas Eve)</i>	4 p.m. Carols round the Crib in Kingston. 11.30 p.m. "Midnight" Communion in Ringmore		
December 25 <i>(Christmas Day)</i>	9 a.m. Holy Communion (ASB) in Kingston 10.45 a.m. Christmas Day Family Service in Bigbury		
December 27	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	<i>(No Evening Service)</i>
December 31	11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service in Kingston		
January 3, 1999	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sincerely yours,
Derek Matten, Minister

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David Young 389



Bonfire Night

Not a pleasant evening for everyone. I spent an anxious time walking between my friend's house,

where I was dog-sitting, and my own home at Rose Cottage. The reason for this - to check the thatched roof.

All the rockets were travelling in this direction. On Sunday morning I was dismayed to find the remains of a rocket outside the front door and learnt that many more were in my neighbour's garden.

Surely some consideration must be given to the site of next year's firework display? A few more feet and it could have meant a thatched roof ablaze with all that might follow to the whole property.

Pam Denis-Noel



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Ringmore WI held their Annual General Meeting on 12th November and it proved to be a very peaceful and easy one, unlike some we have known! Our President, Jackie Tagent, agreed to carry on; the present Committee was re-elected unanimously with no arguments or 'high words' - amazing!

After the business, refreshments provided by the President were enjoyed by all. Members were encouraged to support the Christmas party on 18th December, to be held in the WI hall.

Naomi Warne

Journey's End Journal

'Thanks' to everyone who supported our collection for the Firework Fund either by direct donation or by trying your luck on the Lottery Bonus Ball. Your generosity contributed to a magnificent display.

December is a busy month filled by the following activities:-

Thurs 5th	Quiz	Denis Collinson	
Thurs 17th	Quiz	Adrian Muller	
Fri 18th	Live Music	GIN	
Sun 20th	Christmas Draw		3.00pm
Thurs 24th	Christmas Eve		Mulled Wine & Mince Pies - No Quiz
Fri 25th	Christmas Day		Open 12.00pm - 2.00pm ONLY NO MEALS WILL BE SERVED
Thurs 31st	New Year's Eve		We are taking bookings for Dinner and recommend that you book as soon as possible
	No Quiz		

Due to the large number of festive activities during this Season of Good Will it has been suggested that we should offer Alka Seltzer on draught!

Due to 'Granny' problems we have to be in Kent this Christmas and will not be in the pub on Christmas morning. We would, therefore, be pleased if you would care to join us for a drink after the Draw on Sunday 20th December

James & Gillian

BONFIRE NIGHT - YOGI & ANNIE BOW OUT

This year's display was perhaps the best yet which is not totally surprising because it included two year's worth of fireworks. Nevertheless it was enjoyed by villagers and visitors alike thanks to the efforts of all the King family and Alistair who kept everyone supplied with refreshments, John Freeman and Norman, bonfire builder extraordinaire! The weather was kind, if a little windy.

The current form of Bonfire Night in Ringmore began 10 years ago as a 'good idea' discussed over a pint at the JE. It was reported in the Newsletter of December 1988 when perhaps the most significant comment was the low attendance. Things have certainly changed since then as it has grown into a 'calendar' event. Yogi and Annie have been setting off the fireworks since the start and have developed a very polished programme to the delight of everyone who has attended over the years. It is regrettable to learn therefore that, prior

to this year's show, Yogi and Annie had decided to make this their final performance. Most people who have arrived in the village in last few years will have assumed, possibly, that Bonfire Night was ever thus - the field, first thanks to Richard Perraton and latterly thanks to the King family, was always available and Yogi and Annie always did their stuff.

Alas, no more. Next year Guy Fawkes will need to find a different location and someone else to light the blue touch paper... and retire! There is time to sort this out and if the will is there, a solution will be found.

Meantime, on behalf of everyone in Ringmore and beyond, 'Many Thanks' to the King Family for their generosity in providing the site, lighting the fireworks, and clearing the site afterwards but perhaps most of all, making it possible for everyone to get rid of all their combustible rubbish once a year!

Ed



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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Royal British Legion raised was then a record £1158!

The Journey's End had a successful Charity evening in aid of the Dame Hannah Rogers School. John Bracey turned up in shorts (*nothing changes!*).

The WI Committee was elected in November and the names of members seem very familiar.

Planning - the Parish Council had no objection to the conversion of a further barn at South Langston but it opposed the building of two dwellings in the garden of The Rickle at Challaborough.

From Yogi King

Annie and I have enjoyed letting off the fireworks for the past 10 years. Bonfire Night has grown into a much bigger evening than the first one which was organised at the JE when Rosemary and Dick were Mine Hosts. We feel it is time to have a complete break and hope that someone will step forward to take our place and that a willing landowner will provide a suitable site to allow what has become a Ringmore Tradition to continue.

'Thank you' to everyone who has helped us in the past.

Yogi and Annie

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MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAY: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

FRIDAY CLUB: 4th (WI Hall) 11th Parish Room 5.30pm

4th Medieval Banquet Parish Room 8.00pm (SOLD OUT)
Modbury Caring Carols 6.00pm Modbury

9th Millennium Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm

18th WI Christmas Party WI Hall

Live Music at the JE

19th Children's Christmas Party WI Hall

Christmas Concert St Lawrence Church 7.30pm

Carols at St Lawrence Church, Bigbury 11.00am

Christmas Draw at the JE 3.00pm

22nd Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall

Jan 1999

12th Kit Taylor's 100th birthday!

29th Pasties & Quiz Evening Parish Room

DEADLINE

Saturday 26th December

Mobile Library

December

Dates:- 11th ONLY

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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High - Dec 1997 - 6 1/4"

Low - Dec 1988 - 1 1/4"

Trimming
Strimming
Chopping
Lopping
or just
Grass
Cutting



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THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

396 DAYS TO GO

An open meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. It is hoped to be able to give an update on what projects may qualify for Grant Aid. Please come along, your views are important.

I think that next year there is going to be a lot of panic action to do something for the Millennium and we hope to be ahead of the rush.

Guy Eddy

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ARE THE DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY!**



Fri 11th Dec - Curry and Music Night -
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**Thu 17th Dec - 9.00pm - Christmas
Draw & live music with Wendy Jamieson.**
Buy your tickets now! The more you buy,
the more prizes there will be!

**Fri 18th Dec - 8.30pm - Christmas
Darts Knockout - A fun night for all, with
festive music, refreshments and prize
draw.**

**Mon 21st Dec - 8.00pm - Christmas
Euchre - Super prizes and refreshments
- it is Christmas after all!**

**Tue 22nd Dec - 8.00pm - 'Folk at the
Oak' - Carols for the 'kids'. Bring the
children and their musical instruments to
join in.**

**Wed 23rd Dec - 8.00pm - Christmas
Pool Knockout - All welcome to another
good fun night with refreshments and**

prize draw.

**Christmas Eve - 7.00pm - Carols on the
Green** organised by 'Bigbury Fayre'
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further festivities.

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 24th November.
Present: 5 councillors, the clerk, Mr Simon Garner and seven members of the public.

National Trust

Mr Garner, NT Warden for 3000 acres of land from Bigbury to Wembury, explained his woodland management plans for the next 12 months, including the establishment of hedgerows and footpaths. He was concerned about the recent vandalism to gates and stiles in particular. Due to the size of the area he and his assistant have to cover, it would be helpful if any damage or fallen trees are reported to him on 810197.

Lime Kiln

The Lime Kiln at Challaborough is being misused by surfers and other younger members of the public and rubbish is often left there. The Council would like to know your ideas of the type of guard to put across the entrance to protect it, perhaps a wrought-

iron gate?

Firework Display

The Council, on behalf of the village thanks all those involved in the excellent display.

Thelma Mann



On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank all our clients and supporters for their continued support throughout the past year and wish you all a warm Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Thanks to Mrs Jean Barker, Miss Laura Lloyd and Miss Leanne Donnelly for the recent help in fund-raising.

There will be carol singing at the 'Green Box' in Modbury at 6.00pm on the late night shopping evening of Friday 4th December in aid of Modbury Caring

The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston branch of The Royal British Legion

Could we match last year's wonderful Poppy Appeal total of £3443.34p, the highest ever by a big margin. In fact we could and we did with a magnificent £3682.96p, gathered from far and wide. The breakdown is as follows.

Again this year we were helped by Mrs Susan Freeman and the Loddisswell ladies who organised a Bingo Night for us on Friday 9th October and this got us off to a good start with £232.52, despite it being a wet night.

On Friday 6th November it was Auction Night at the Journey's End Inn by kind permission of James and Gillian Parkin. Rob Batten wielded the hammer and Alistair Rimmer did the sums and between them they produced £1161.50 for the Appeal. David Young, Colin Jackson and Stan Brunskill did the humping and heaving. During the evening, Carol Walters and my wife Myra had been selling Whisky Raffle tickets. This in turn raised £155. At half-time, the signed English Football Lottery draw organised by Peter Shilton and Tony Walters took place. This was won by a lady in the Modbury Paper Shop and the draw realised a splendid £504 for the Appeal.

On Saturday morning, 7th November, the action moved to Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury on Sea, the home of Mrs Joan Smith. A Coffee Morning was held in memory of her late husband Jack, a staunch Legion member. A busy morning involved a well-stocked cake stall as well as a Bring-and-Buy Stall which, together with three raffles, produced a record £364.

This year the Remembrance Service was held at All Hallows Church, Ringmore on

Sunday 8th November. A full church enjoyed a splendid service and a thought-provoking sermon on the theme 'A Just War or Just War'. A further £128.27p was donated to Appeal funds.

On Monday evening 9th November the Women's Branch organised a Whist Drive in the WI Hall at Ringmore. An enjoyable evening realised a further £69.82p.

During the period from 24th October to 7th November our dedicated band of Poppy sellers had been going out in some atrocious weather knocking on all the doors in the three parishes. Once again they have done a wonderful job because they, together with static boxes in Pubs, Clubs and Shops, raised a massive £1021.59p, another record total.

This special 80th Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice has produced our best ever result, very close to £3 each for everyone of you in our three parishes.

**THANK YOU ALL
ONCE AGAIN FOR
YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.**

Guy Eddy
Poppy Appeal Organiser

November Solution

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

Perhaps it was a 'walkover'. Everyone submitted a correct solution. It is interesting how quick off the mark people are in an attempt to embarrass pompous puzzle publishers. I realised that I had created two possible answers to the November poser. UNPROFITABLE and UNPROFITABLY are both acceptable. It is a challenge to sit down with 25 Scrabble tiles to devise these puzzles and always, a real teaser is just one tile away. If only.

Well done everyone. The lovely Sue B raised the temperature again this month in two ways. First, she is advertising herself as 'Miss' and second, she submitted her entry on the back of another candid postcard! This time it was Gaugin's Te Arii Vahine which all students of Polynesian tongues will know means Woman with Mangoes. I thought this was a coy translation until I spotted the mangoes! My advice to Gaugin is to stick to fruit!

We've reached the final hurdle. The Lovely Sue Brickay is a graceful neck ahead of The Furry Boys, 2 points to be precise. Good Luck to both of them!

December

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

Apologies for the similarity to last month's puzzle. This grid of 229 letters contains the contiguous names of 22 US states. Identify your first state, anywhere, move in any direction, use each letter once.

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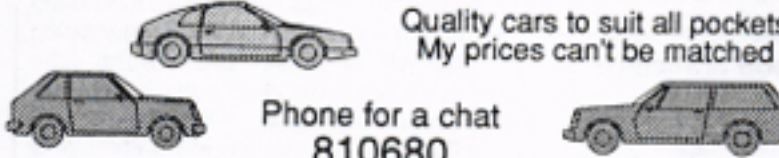
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Dramatics & Light



Entertainment Children & Adults

There has been a small but encouraging response to last month's note regarding the possibility of forming a club for the purpose of reading Plays, performing Plays or Musical Entertainment.

If you are still humming and haa-ing over whether or not to pluck up courage, why not give Gordon Allan a ring on 810450 who will be pleased to talk more about it.

If enough people show an interest, a meeting will be arranged for all those wishing to be involved.

SCOUTSABOUT

Thank you to the Modbury May Fair Committee who gave 1st Modbury Scout Troop cash raised by the 1998 May Fair to spend on water carriers and trolleys needed for camping expeditions. The Remembrance Sunday Service on 8th November was very well supported by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and the Troop has been congratulated on their good presentation at the service. The Scout Troop continues to grow and there were five investitures on 19th November, one new Beaver, three new cubs and one new Girl Scout. Beavers had an excellent trip to Somerfields in Kingsbridge, visiting behind the scenes; the Scouts are planning a wall-climbing event at the John Kittow Centre in Plymouth.

Please remember the **Cake Stall** outside Sue Green's house in Poundwell, Modbury at 9.30am on Saturday 5th December when cakes and raffle tickets will be on sale.

Please contact Sue Green on 830889 if you are interested in joining 1st Modbury Scout Group at any level.

Yvonne Sheppard

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All children and parents are welcome to join the annual party in Ringmore on Saturday 19th December. Please call Andrea 810760 or Yvonne 810341 for more details.

Carol singing may also take place around the village on a date to be agreed. Musicians will be welcome to help lead the singing

CAROLS WITH A DIFFERENCE

(and a Very Special Visitor)

Sunday, 20th December at 11.00am

ST LAWRENCE BIGBURY

A Service for all the Family

Refreshments afterwards

THE PARISH ROOM

At the beginning of this year the Parish Room Committee, which had lost one or two members at the end of 1997, was restored to a full complement and under the Chairmanship of George Grimshaw set about the task of developing the work which was under way. A list of requirements was established and a successful request was made to vary the projects to be covered by the extant application for a Small Lottery Grant. The bulk of the Grant was given to enable two main changes. Firstly, the interior was to provide more space inside the hall by moving the division between the hall and the 'kitchen' or Men's Institute. As a matter of information, the kitchen, as it now is, was originally a First World War Memorial extension to provide a place where the men of the village could meet to play snooker among other activities. Secondly, the toilet area which encouraged only the briefest of visits, has been improved immensely. A porch has been added enclosing both the door to the toilet and the back door to the hall and the whole area has a new roof. The furniture has been replaced, hot water has been installed, a hot air hand drier has been provided and the room has been tiled.

The Committee is confident of the benefit which the changes, together with new curtains and refurbishment of the floor, have brought and hope that hall users will

play their part by respecting the hall as a community asset.

Work is not finished. There are plans to provide a new kitchen, some lockable capacious storage space to remove the tedious problem of users having to move items from A to B in order to make use of the hall. The Committee asks for patience while this matter is being resolved. An entrance lobby and a storage room cum cloakroom are being considered for the back of the hall but much of this will depend on further Lottery Grants. Discussions between the Parish Room Committee and the Parochial Church Council are progressing towards the granting of a Lease to the Committee which would make it eligible to apply for certain Lottery Grants early next year.

For smaller tasks, funds will have to be raised from the community and activities are being planned and the first for 1999 is a light-hearted Quiz Evening, nothing too cerebral, a chance to enjoy some fun and to make a modest contribution to the coffers. We can accommodate up to 12 teams of 8 people but if you would like to come but you cannot raise a party don't be deterred. There will be room for everyone and everyone will be found a team

Geof Dykes
Vice Chairman

Ringmore Parish Room

P's Pasties & Quiz Evening **Q's**
Friday 29th January

A light-hearted evening of Soup, Hot Pasties and easy questions
BRING YOUR OWN WINE (glasses provided)

Tickets: £4 from Geof Dykes 810123 & Colin Jackson 810292
Come along and join others to make a winning combination
or make up a team (max 8)

Modest Prizes

In aid of funds for the Parish Room

NSPCC

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR

THE EXETER INN MODBURY

Saturday 5th December
10am to 12 noon

Come and buy your festive food at the Exeter Inn
All manner of Seasonal Goodies

Coffee and biscuits £1 Super Raffle
Admission Free

