

RINGMORE

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Editor: Geof Dykes

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY DIARY

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: 5th & 19th Parish Room 5.30pm

1st Douglas Hall's 90th Birthday
5th Live Music at JE - GIN
7th Douglas Hall's Party Parish Room 4-6pm
10th Millennium Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall
13th RHS 10.30pm Parish Room 'Kingsbridge Estuary'
Valentine's Dinner Journey's End
17th WI Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm
23rd Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
24th RHS 7.30pm WI Hall 'Carvings in Churches'
27th Spring Sale Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel 2pm

March
5th Live Music at JE - GIN

DEADLINE

Monday 22nd February

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February

Dates:- 5th & 19th

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



5 1/2"

Fiona Batten

Ave Jan for last 10 years - 3 1/4"

High - Dec 1997 - 6 1/4"

Low - Dec 1988 - 1 1/4"

It is difficult to know what should have top billing this month - team success, individual achievement or reaching one's tenth decade. Let's go for the individual.

History - who followed James II on the English throne? The Bible - who was David's father? Easy questions but could you give the answers immediately - in four seconds. Dennis Collinson can and he did in Channel 4's Fifteen-to-One. Dennis scored 201 points which aficionados know is an excellent total which will give him entry into the Grand Final later in the year. Well done Dennis!

This month Sir Douglas Hall reaches his 90th birthday on 1st and everyone is invited to the party (7th). He pips Charlie Toms (Mary King's father) by 3 days. Congratulations to them both. There are a number of others following hard on their heels so the village will be alright for parties for years to come!

A moment of note occurred at Holbeton on 20th January. Ringmore vanquished the home team in the Inter-Parish Quiz and so proceeded to the second round for the first time in recent years.

The John Bracey has been won again by Ginny Sauer from Challaborough. Read more in the Journey's End Journal.

Tickets for the Ps and Qs evening are selling well. At the time of going to print, the evening looks like being a great success. A report will appear in the March newsletter.

Douglas Hall

Marion, Ruth and John
cordially

invite everyone

to join them in the
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to celebrate their father's
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Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



Love One Another

The Minister writes:

Well, why not have a couple of love-birds on the Church page this month? After all, Valentine was a saint! In fact, according to the *Penguin Dictionary of Saints*, he was two! The first was a Roman martyr of unknown date, venerated there since the middle of the fourth century. The other, also a martyr, was a Bishop of Terni, so one good terni deserves another (there will now be another martyr after that pun, I bet).

The *Dictionary* is characteristically toffee-nosed: "There is nothing in either Valentine legend to account for the custom of choosing a partner of the opposite sex and sending 'valentines' on 14 February; it apparently arose from the old idea that birds begin to pair on that date, but it may have a more remote pagan reference." What's wrong with the "old idea"? The message of our two here is as valid as ever – AND it's in the Bible!

Our great joy this month is that, after ten long months, we now have a Team Rector again. Bob and Lorna Campbell-Smith moved into Modbury Vicarage on January 21, and now, as this month begins, Bob is "officially" here as our Team Rector. We rejoice at their coming, welcome them with open arms and look forward eagerly to getting down to work together.

Talking about getting down to work, the BiKiRi Church Choir starts its Friday evening practices on February 5. As we go to press, I hear rumours of two new singers joining us: a soprano and a tenor (or bass? I'm not quite sure). Whoopee! (a quote from Archbishop Tutu of South Africa). Now, if we could get one or two more, say, a contralto, for example; almost all of ours have fallen by the wayside. Come and have a sing with us: Fridays at 7.30 p.m. in Ringmore Parish Room. Believe me: it's FUN!

Last, but not least: Congratulations to Sir Douglas Hall, who celebrates his 90th birthday on February 1. The contribution that he and his dear late wife Lady Rachel have made to our village is immeasurable. He's talking about leaving us some time this year; we will miss him dreadfully when he does. Happy birthday, Douglas!

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
February 6 (Saturday)	3 p.m. Institution of the Reverend Canon Bob Campbell-Smith as Team Rector in the Modbury Team Ministry (in St. George's, Modbury)		
February 7	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
February 14	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
February 21 (Ash Wednesday)	7.30 p.m. Holy Communion Service in All Hallows, Ringmore		
February 21	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
February 28	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
March 7	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Ringmore IPQ team beat Diptford in the second round of the competition. *This year's team must put celebrations on hold.*

Newsletter costs were topical. Annual costs reached £24 but that was after a subsidy of approximately £60 per annum from the photocopyers. The Parish Council did not feel able to cover the whole of an increase in costs which would double payments to £48. *How times have changed!*

At the WI, Mrs Kit Taylor gave a talk on her life in Africa. in a note in the Newsletter she thanked everyone for the gifts and flowers to mark her 90th birthday.

The bells at All Hallows were refurbished by John Milne-Smith ably assisted by Reg Trant.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The first meeting of the New Year was, relatively, well-attended and it is always good to get members together again after the long Christmas break. The President reported that flowers and cards had been sent to Kit Taylor for her 100th birthday and, apparently, her room at 'Highfield' in Mariborough resembled a flower shop!

We were reminded that our Group Meeting will be on 15th April at 7.00pm, so much constructive thought and planning must now begin.

Our speaker for January was Mrs Jean Curtis, on 'Lace and the History of Lace'. Mrs Curtis brought many examples of various types of lace and gave a fascinating insight into the history of lace making in this country and in Europe. She was warmly thanked by Jenny Jackson.

Our next meeting on Thursday 11th February at 7.30pm will include a presentation by David Slade, the Produce Manager for Tesco Stores which should be of great interest to us all: husbands and visitors will be very welcome at



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Journey's End Journal

John Freeman opened the Table Tennis Tournament at 2.30pm in a cloud of cigar smoke; Brian McCabe added to this rich atmosphere with his pipe and by 7.30pm the air was heavy with gun smoke as Phil and Ginny fought a gripping shootout to decide who would meet Chris in the final. Ginny came out on top and continued her unbeatable form to take the championship for the second time in three years. Chris, by this stage, must have been feeling the pressure having brushed aside such talented opponents as Paul Kane, David Davy and Colin Jackson. Congratulations to Ginny Sauer, many thanks to John Bracey and his team of scorers and to all the entrants for contributing towards the £67 raised for Derriford Hospital Birch Ward.

Fifty pounds was raised for RNIB with our 'guess the name of our cuddly toy' competition. Geof picked the winning name of Edgar and is now the owner of a handsome teddy bear.

We are taking bookings for our Candlelit Valentine's Dinner on Saturday 13th February - 3 courses for £12.50.

There will be live music with GIN on Friday 5th February and again on Friday 5th March.

To pass the time during dull February evenings, February is designated 'Games Month'. Beginning on Tuesday 9th and each Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be a choice of games such as Scrabble, Backgammon, Draughts, Bagatelle and Dominoes. If you would like to compete please add your name to the list of entrants at the bar.

Diary: 4th	Terry's Quiz
5th	Live Music GIN
11th	Dennis & Di's Quiz
13th	Valentine's Dinner
18th	Colin's Quiz
25th	Phil's Quiz
Mar 5th	Live Music GIN

James & Gillian

Inter-Parish Quiz

Ringmore, the team comprising Felicity Godwin, Robbie McCarthy, Geof Dykes and Colin Jackson (Capt), travelled to Holbeton for the first round of the IPQ with a great deal of hope but with little on which to base it. Holbeton, like Ringmore, had failed to reach to final of the Plate competition last year so, in terms of achievement, there was nothing to separate the teams.

The round was held in the carvery at The Mildmay Colours. The question master was



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Mike Uttley from Modbury who is keen on the natural sciences and we were not to be disappointed. Rounds 1 and 2 had a 'may' theme (Mildmay, in case you are wondering) and Ringmore shot into a heady 12-6 lead. By the end of round 4, after questions on local pubs and a 'George' theme, a familiar pattern appeared and our lead had been severely reduced. We had somehow acquired a half-point (22½ - 20) which was to stay with us to the end. The remainder of the first half in this 18-round match contained an 'Have I Got News For You - Odd one out' variation and questions on Foreign Phrases, Twin Towns, Creatures and Dates. This variety failed to faze Ringmore and we gradually extended our lead to be 11½ points at head at the interval.

As the second half progressed it appeared that the resistance of the Holbeton team had been broken but Ringmore's experience meant that we could not be come complacent. Our lead fluctuated as we battled with subjects such as Spices, Body Parts and Fictional Lands among others.

One round on place names defined the name 'Ringmore' as meaning 'a meeting place in marshy ground'. Tell that to the Historical Society. Despite this distraction our nerve held and at the end we had won 96½ - 82. This was Ringmore's first victory in the opening round for a number of years and, naturally, means that we shall not be in the Plate this year.

Our opponents in Round 2 will be at home to either Ivybridge or Modbury on a date to be arranged.

Geof Dykes

I was the quizmaster at the match between Ugborough and Brixton where the visitors won 108 - 78. At the end the Ugborough captain gave thanks for the halftime refreshments, something for which 'Ugborough is justly proud' . . . a plate of biscuits! Relax James, it gets better. At Holbeton refreshments were nothing more than a glass of water. GDD

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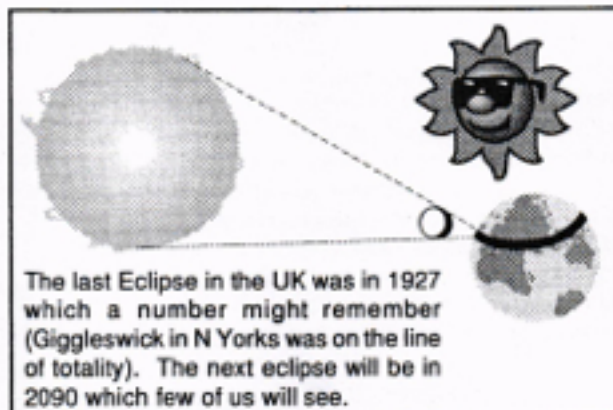
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Nothing to report

District Council

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Planning Applications

- 1 The application for a new sign at Haven Leisure was approved for 5 years.
- 2 The application for a single storey at The Lodge was approved

Steven's Coaches

This Modbury firm which has been in business since 1886 has been purchased by the Tally-Ho bus company. The school bus services will remain unaffected by this but from now on all enquiries should be directed to the Tally-Ho company.

The Millennium

The next millennium meeting will be held in the WI Hall on Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm. You are all cordially invited to attend.

Precept

Even though there will be the expense of an election this year, the Parish council considered there were sufficient funds to cover it without raising the Precept.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd February.

Thelma Mann



THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

334 DAYS TO GO

The next open meeting on Millennium projects will be held on Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. We hope to have some positive progress to report and with your help, may even be able to decide some courses of action. It is important that this action should reflect the wishes of the parish because the committee is only trying to act as a catalyst for your views. So, please come along

Guy Eddy



Modbury Caring has now completed its first year and the Management Committee is pleased to report that the scheme is now fully operational and has fulfilled the need which was identified when its objectives were established at the launch.

Over the first twelve months our volunteer drivers have made over 400 journeys transporting in excess of 100 patients some 8500 miles to their various medical appointments.

In addition, the very small committee has, through its own efforts, raised over £2000 by various fund-raising events during the year. Whilst this has helped defray some of the costs of operating the scheme, it is not enough and we are looking at alternative ways to raise regular funds.

As a result we have launched a Patrons Scheme whereby interested parties who may not be able to help Modbury Caring in a practical way, may be prepared to donate a regular sum of money to our funds. As an added bonus, if these donations were covenanted and the donor is a tax payer, Modbury Caring, because of its charitable status, would be able to recover tax paid on these donations from the Tax man. In effect this means that for every £10 donated, we would be able to recover approximately £3.

If you feel that the Patrons Scheme would be of interest to you why not pick up an application form from the Modbury Health Centre or telephone the Treasurer on 810146 for further information.

As we approach the millennium our objective is to attract as many Patrons as possible so that the future of Modbury Caring, which is a very local charity, can be secure.

Please help us for you never know when you may need us to help you.

Jean Flockhart
Co-ordinator



Fireworks!

I was disappointed to read the letter in the December Newsletter regarding the 'Village' Bonfire.

Firstly, in over fifteen years as a Loss Adjuster, I have never known a claim for firework damage to a thatched roof. Secondly, more than 200 people had a great night's entertainment thanks to Annie and Yogi. No damage was done and if a few dead fireworks were the only remnants, I am sure that if the writer had phoned Yogi or the pub someone would have collected them. I doubt the event will happen again due to Annie's and Yogi's retirement and I think the final word should be of congratulations not complaints.

Terry Bent,
Bigbury

Generosity

Briefly but very warmly, I wish to thank everyone who so generously contributed to sponsorship for 'Fifteen to one'. I was quite amazed by the response.

As a result, Short Mat Bowls and the Historical Society benefitted by £105.39 each. Adrian Muller won the 'magic square' prize of £10.50.

I promise I won't do it again!

Dennis Collinson

Kit Taylor

Kit Taylor thanks all her dear friends in Ringmore for the kind messages and cards sent for her 100th birthday.

She is sorry that it is difficult for her now to write but she thinks a great deal about us all in the village.

Ardene Bennett





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FEBRUARY DIARY

DON'T FORGET OUR REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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Tuesdays - Fortnightly 'Folk at the Oak' - an informal evening of folk music, ideal to drink along with! - 8.30pm ish

Wednesdays - League Pool matches. New players welcome.

Fridays - League Darts - come and support the team, you will be rewarded with a memorable experience!

Sundays - Traditional Sunday Lunches. 3 courses £7.50, 2 courses £6.50, 1 course £5.00.

Sundays - Pool Night - From 7.00pm - Free Pool for team players and 'potentials'.

Valentine's Weekend

Sat 13th & Sun 14th February

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Friday 26th February

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March Madness

Look out for 'March Madness' brought forward to February.
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Englewood

January Solution

Welcome everyone to a new year of brainteasers. 'Welcome' especially to Taurus, a new member of the family. The first puzzle of the year did not cause too much of a problem but our champion stumbled. Of the six entries received, five were correct. The Lovely Sue was beaten by Pitchblende and although she made an inspired effort, zinc-blende cannot be accepted . . . although . . . no, there can be no favouritism - at least not this early in the year. Correct entries were received from The Furry Boys, Taurus, Cleriwho, The Beginners and The Matchman. The latter decided to mount his own campaign to save the rain forests. This was the size of his/her entry. Nigel Frost will be grateful if everyone follows suit!

The correct solution, for all those who did not submit an entry is as follows:

Hornblende Stalactite Tourmaline
Phosphorus Limestone Meteorite
Potassium Pitchblende Serpentine

February

Take the letters in the words in the grid and re-arrange them into five new words. When placed in the grid, in the correct order, it will be possible to read the five new words both across and down, thus forming a Magic Word Square

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Diary: Beetle Drive, Sat 6th February
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Mother's Day Cake Stall, Sat 13th March at 9.30am, Poundwell, Modbury.
Ram Roast, Saturday 3rd July.
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Tuesday: 9th February 9th March