

# RINGMORE

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### APRIL 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: 9th & 23rd Parish Room 5.30pm

12th SH Police Liaison meeting Dartmouth 7.30pm

20th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

21st Annual Parish Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm

23rd Beer Festival - Live Music GIN

24th Journey's End

25th Open All Day

28th Millennium Committee WI Hall 7.30pm

Inter Parish Quiz v South Brent JE 8.00pm

29th Parish Room C'ttee AGM Parish Room 7.30pm

May

1st May Day Fair, Old Glebe, Easton 2.00pm - 5.00pm

12th Christian Aid Coffee Morning

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Challaborough

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3.15 - 3.30

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3.45 - 4.30



## Bulletin

*Both Margaret Lock and Barbara Drabble were taken into Derriford Hospital during March.*

*Both are now recovering after the initial concern which accompanies anyone who requires speedy medical attention.*

*Margaret is in Fal Ward at Derriford.*

*Barbara has been in Erme Ward but should be in Kingsbridge Hospital by the time the Newsletter is published.*

*Visitors will be welcome but check first, naturally.*

***This is the final month of the present Parish Council. Elections will take place on 6th May. Two of our present Councillors, Thelma Mann and Brian McCabe will not be standing for re-election, after many years of service to the village. Now is the time to consider if you wish to serve the community through this medium. Nomination forms are available from the Returning Officer at SHDC.***

***The Parish Room Committee will hold its Annual General Meeting this month and all organisations are being asked if they wish to nominate a committee member. If anyone wishes to serve for the next 12 months they should approach an organisation of which they are a member, to put their name forward.***

***Read about the successful Ringmore Quiz Team; join Jinny McCabe in Flower Arranging; enter the ginormous Sunflower competition to be run by the Friday Club; Coffee Mornings are raising their aromas again; it is all inside this month's issue.***

***Richard Grey has made a kind offer to show people around the Palace of Westminster; read on.***

***Rosemary, Phil and Edward Coles-Gale have left Smugglers after a long wait to sell. Rosemary has written a note but everyone will wish them well as they take the next step in their long-term plans.***

***Spare a thought for Margaret Lock and Barbara Drabble, both of whom have been struck down by medical emergencies. Everyone will wish them well.***

***For Real Ale fans the long wait since last October is over. There will be another Beer Festival at the JE this month.***

***And finally, thanks to everyone for beating or meeting the deadline, especially the Lovely Sue Brickay whose Enigma entry arrived on 1st March!***



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# Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



*The Minister writes:*

If you were to ask most people what season of the Christian year is the most important, the answer you would receive would almost certainly be "Christmas". After all, it is at Christmas that we send presents to one another, and it's a time of the year when "peace on earth, goodwill to all men" is at least on the lips of those around us.

But Christmas, for all its importance, is not the main event in the Christian year. It is but the curtain-raiser to what is the greatest event of all: the salvation of the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Few of us send cards or presents at Easter, and a lot of people whom you would find at a Christmas Carol Service don't think of going to Church on Good Friday or Easter Day.

Perhaps that's not surprising. After all, who wants to celebrate a cruel execution? And who believed that anything more than a body-snatching had taken place when they were faced with the empty tomb? A baby in a cattle-trough is credible, even if it's hard to see in him the Son of God. But for the Son of God to be done away with, and then to come back to life, is stretching belief to its limits.

But it's exactly this that Good Friday and Easter proclaim, and have done for almost 2000 years now. As Christians, we believe in more than a Baby at Bethlehem; we believe also in a saving death on the Cross and in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Please come and hear again this tremendous message this Holy Week and on Easter Day, and worship with all those who believe that life would be pretty meaningless, were it not true.

And then join us again on the Sunday after Easter, when our new Team Rector, Canon Bob Campbell-Smith, will be joining in the worship in our lovely village Church, and getting to know us better.

A short report on our Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

## DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
<b>April 1</b> <i>(Maundy Thursday)</i>	<b>Ringmore:</b> 7.30 p.m.	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</b>	
<b>April 2</b> <i>(Good Friday)</i>	<b>Bigbury:</b> 10.30 a.m. <b>Kingston</b> 2 p.m.	<b>Family Service</b> <b>"Watching by the Cross": The One Hour Service</b>	
<b>April 4</b> <i>(EASTER DAY)</i>	<b>Kingston</b> <b>Easter Family Communion</b>	<b>Ringmore</b> <b>Festival Communion</b>	<b>Bigbury</b> <b>Festival Evensong</b>
<b>April 6</b> <i>(Tuesday)</i>	<b>7.30 p.m. Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting for Kingston</b> <i>(in the Church)</i>		
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Ringmore</b> Holy Communion (ASB)	<b>Bigbury</b> Worship at Eleven	<b>Kingston</b> Evening Prayer (BCP)
<b>April 12</b> <i>(Monday)</i>	<b>7.30 p.m. Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting for Bigbury</b> <i>(at the Small House, Easton)</i>		
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Bigbury</b> Holy Communion (ASB)	<b>Kingston</b> Worship at Eleven	<b>Ringmore</b> Evening Prayer (BCP)
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Ringmore</b> Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>Bigbury</b> Communion at Eleven	<b>Kingston</b> Evening Prayer (ASB)
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Kingston</b> Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	<b>Ringmore</b> Worship at Eleven	<b>Bigbury</b> Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sincerely yours,  
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The Church Bells were refurbished. *The Treble Bell dates from the 15th century, the Tenor Bell, the largest, was recast by Ambrose Gooding of Plymouth in 1740 and the Second Bell was recast in 1869, replacing a bell from 1692.*

The Inter-Parish Quiz team which included Bill Warne, Mike Wynne-Powell, Reg Trant and Guy Eddy, beat Ugborough by 106-102 to reach the semi-final against Wembury.

The position of Clerk to the Parish Council was advertised pending the 'retirement' of Rosemary Tate

SHDC proposed banning dogs from Challaborough beach and part of the shore at Bigbury on Sea.

## Journey's End Journal

We say farewell to Chef Joe and welcome to Chef Peter. Joe grabbed at the chance to sail the Pacific and so we wish him 'Bon Voyage'

Peter joined us on 15th March and by now you will see a change in the style of the menu.

The Limerick competition during St Patrick's week realised nearly 50 entries, many of which are quite rude. We selected one of the more wholesome rhymes as the winner.

*There was a pub landlord from Devon  
Who died and went up to heaven  
When he got to the gate  
Peter said, 'You're too late!'  
We always call time at eleven*

Congratulations Kay, your prize may be collected from the Bar.

If you have a strong stomach, all the entries are on show in the Bar.

April is 'Beer Festival' month and as it coincides with St George's Day the theme will be Old England with an appropriate selection of beer which will include: Dragonslayer, Lionheart, Churchill's Pride, Nellie Dean and St George's Ale.

GIN will be playing on Beer Festival Friday.

Diary Dates:

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|------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st        | Alan & Robbie's Fools Quiz           |
| 8th        | Jen & Garry's Quiz                   |
| 15th       | Geof's Quiz                          |
| 22nd       | Di & Dennis' Quiz                    |
| 23rd       | Live Music - GIN                     |
| 23rd -25th | Beer Festival<br>Open All Day        |
| 29th       | Gillian's Quiz<br>Last of the season |

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### How Tall Are You?

You could be up to three metres tall  
(9 feet ten and one quarter inches for the uninitiated)

Friday Club are holding a Giant Sunflower Competition in aid of the improvements which are being carried out at the Parish Room and the WI Hall (both of which have been used by the Friday Club).

Sunflower seeds, instructions and sponsor forms will be available at the next meeting of the Friday Club on 9th April and from Jackie and Michael Tagent at Challaborough Cottage. The flowers will be measured on Wednesday 11th August, the day of the Eclipse of the sun, an appropriate event for sunflowers, with a prize for the winner!

This is not just for Club members but for all children and grown-ups. Who will be the winner? See if you can grow the tallest sunflower or raise the most money for these two good causes!

There are from 2 to 5 solar eclipses in the world every year. The maximum length of time which an eclipse can last is 7½ minutes, over 5½ minutes longer than that which we hope to see in August. An Annular Eclipse occurs when the moon is at its furthest from the earth and does not completely cover the sun, leaving a ring of sunlight visible.



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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

A good attendance of members was assured for the March meeting because it was the first opportunity to discuss and study the proposed alterations to the WI Hall. A very lively discussion it proved to be. One projected scheme was, however, unanimously welcomed, that of demolishing the old entrance and steps in favour of a re-routed ramp which would be good for everyone, not only the disabled. It was decided to hold a further meeting on 31st March for the sole purpose of more discussion.

The Speaker, Mrs Pat Skeels, took us on a fascinating journey to Zambia, starting with her first introduction to Africa, flying with her family to a new life in unknown territory. They endured hardship, great discomfort and some fear in their village and yet they ended their time as teachers with a great love for their adopted country and their many African friends and pupils. Well done Pat. We all hope you will become a fully fledged WI member, having been one in Africa.

Our speaker for April will be Bill Marsh, on the work of the Coastguards.

Please remember to bring your Menu Choice and money for our Anniversary Lunch on 24th June, to the April meeting.

Naomi Warne

### A VIEW OF THE PAST

It has been suggested that it might be fun if people submitted photographs from the past to test readers' powers of observation. Send a snap shot to the Editor and if your ego can stand being unrecognised for a month you will win a highly desirable prize!



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Meeting: Tuesday 23rd February  
Present: 7 councillors, the clerk, Mr Roger Anstey, Mr Steve Malec and Miss Roz Davies, both Devon CC and two members of the public.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Young had spoken to the police about the lack of a community policeman in the area and he was informed that PC Fiona Fallah would be returning soon. Also someone would attend the council meetings at least twice a year, if invited to do so. There was still no feedback on the recent break-in and theft from a car.

### District Council

Mr Anstey requested that parishioners read the South Hams View Point newsletter, sent to every house in the District. He stressed that it is very important that people's views should be known and everyone is asked to complete and return the questionnaire.

The household rubbish re-cycling scheme which will begin in April in Bigbury and Aveton Gifford will not start in Ringmore until next year. There will be additional funding for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

### Millennium

Mr Guy Eddy has taken delivery of eleven conifers which he hopes will be planted before Easter.

### Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

Steve Malec and Roz Davies, from Devon County Council, gave a very interesting talk with slides, on how the partnership works and how they could help in the upkeep of the paths in the Parish. Apart from some funding which they provide at no extra cost to the council, there are courses, eg on strimming, which parishioners may attend. The scheme starts with a survey of all paths in the area, carried out by our 'Paths Man', Adrian Muller and volunteers, and projects are determined from this. The Parish Council decided unanimously that this seemed a worthwhile venture and joined forthwith.

### Planning Applications

#### Results:

- 1 Addition of Front Porch at Marwell - approved
- 2 Haven Display sign at Challaborough - approved for five years
- 3 Orchard House - all items approved but the shed must be sound-proofed and never used for commercial purposes.

### Election

The Election for the Parish Council and the District Council will be held on Thursday 6th May. The Clerk has two sets of Nomination Papers for anyone wishing to stand for the Parish Council. More copies can be obtained from SHDC at Follaton House.

## Ringmore Parish Room

In preparation for the granting of a lease on the Parish Room by the Parochial Church Council to the Parish Room Committee it has been agreed between the two committees that the PRC should be organised in a form commensurate with the requirements of the relevant authorities. In short, the committee should comprise members appointed by organisations in the village to serve with anyone elected at the AGM. To this end an AGM has been called for Thursday 29th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Anyone who is interested may attend.

Letters have been sent to a dozen groups within Ringmore, including the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council. Anybody who is a member of the All Hallows community could be nominated by the PCC and, of course, any voter in the village could be the Parish Council nominee. People who feel they would like to be a member of the PRC as a representative of either of these bodies should seek nomination through the Chairman of the chosen organisation.

All other groups have been asked to put forward a name from their membership list and it is hoped that all responses will have been received by the AGM. Once the committee has been established, progress will continue towards the ultimate goal of becoming Lessees.

There are two steps, among a number, to be taken before the Lease is granted. A survey has been requested by the Charity Commissioners and the Church has to consider whether the asset is capable of raising a commercial rent. Once these considerations are out of the way, a lease will be granted.

If you wish to represent your organisation, contact the Chairman as soon as possible; some might be glad of your interest. The PRC needs to be filled by people who have the best interests of the Parish Room and the Village community at heart. Given time and patience we can be sure that Ringmore will have a hall capable of meeting the needs of the village for the foreseeable future.

Yvonne Sheppard,  
Secretary, RPR Committee

### Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th April. Very importantly the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st April at 7.30pm. Please try to come along. Sir Simon Day, the Inspector of Police at Kingsbridge and Mr Malcolm Orcheval, SHDC Dog Warden, have been invited.

Thelma Mann

## THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

275 DAYS TO GO

The next Millennium Open meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th April in the WI Hall. You may like to know that progress is slowly being made.

Guy Eddy

## The House of Lords

I am sure that most of you know that the Government is in the throes of imposing far-reaching changes to the power of the Commons and the Lords. The likelihood is that before long there will be few if any hereditary peers involved in the Upper House and with that loss will go much of the pageantry and a great deal of the sense of history.

However it occurs to me that before the deed is done, some of you might wish to see the 'other place' in all its splendour and I would be willing to host a number of visits. I have four dates available, all Wednesdays; 21st April, 5th May, 9th & 23rd June. Practicalities and security requirements constrain parties to six in number on each date. I would be delighted to arrange for groups to make a tour of the House of Lords and to take tea afterwards. The visit would begin at 2.00pm and would last approximately two and a half hours. The House will be sitting but it will be possible to view it from the Visitors Gallery and to see the accessible parts of the Palace of Westminster. The tour is free but there would be a charge of £4 per head for tea.

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## ALL HALLOWS

### Annual Vestry

The Annual Vestry, at which the Churchwardens are elected, was held on 26th March. As is our custom, only one Churchwarden is elected at this meeting, the second being elected at the one in Kingston, which this year is on 6th April. Jacqueline Patterson was unanimously re-elected for a further year, as was her deputy, Carol Allan. Thanks were expressed to them and to their respective husbands, for an excellent year's teamwork.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Gordon Allan and Mike Wynne-Powell were re-elected to the Parochial Church Council for a further three years. Margaret Lock, who was due to retire at the end of the three-year period, did not wish (on grounds of ill-health) to stand for re-election and Rosemary Wilson was elected in her place. Also on the PCC are Carol Allan, Andrew

Ireland, Alice Mason, Jackie Tagent and Drina Williams, with the Churchwardens, the Reader (Michael Tagent) and the Warden Emeritus, Reg Trant as ex-officio members. Reg Trant and Michael Tagent were elected to the Deanery Synod for the coming three-year period.

The PCC re-elected Gordon Allan as its Deputy Chairman, Drina Williams as Hon Secretary and Michael Tagent as Hon Treasurer, for another year.

Derek Matten  
Hon Curate

## CHRISTIAN AID

Coffee Morning  
10.30am Wednesday 12th May  
at  
Middle Manor  
Cakes - Preserves Bring & Buy  
Plants - Raffle  
50p including coffee 50p

Enigma

## March Solution

CONCIERGE - QUIESCENT - CANTALOUPE  
ZIGZAGGED - TINOPENER - MALICIOUS  
RANSACKER - PARAMETER - HOLOGRAPH  
A genuine full house! To remind avid armchair Enigma fans, the current list of entrants comprises The Furry Boys, Cleriwho, Yog-Sothoth, Taurus, Matchman, The Beginners and the Lovely Sue Brickay. The Magnificent Seven!!

Taurus said nice things about the Newsletter which are worth several points and I will bear this in mind if it is a close finish. The Beginners put an enormous amount of effort into their entry, efforts which are entertaining indeed.

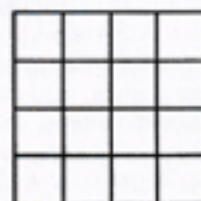
This splendid response has prompted the committee to issue Loyalty Cards but in the interest of the environment, plastic has been eschewed. Virtual Loyalty Cards have been issued to all of last month's entrants. They can, of course, be withdrawn.

## April

Time for a number puzzle. It is a fact of numerical life that if the sums of alternate figures in a number are equal then that number is divisible by 11. Believe me. EG. 7898 . . . 7+9 = 8+8.

In the grid below place the digits listed so that each vertical, horizontal and diagonal line is divisible exactly by 11 when read in any direction.

1,2,2,2,3,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,7,8,8,9



## Inter-Parish Quiz

Semi Final

RINGMORE

v

SOUTH BRENT

Journey's End

8.00PM

Wednesday 28th April



## VALEDICTION

Phil, Edward and I are on the move again but fortunately not too far from Ringmore this time. As from 13th March we will have been living just beyond Holbeton, so Edward will be able to continue attending Ivybridge Community College until he has done his A Levels.

I'll miss my lovely friends in Ringmore but trust we'll continue seeing each other (tel 01752 830538). With every good wish for the future.

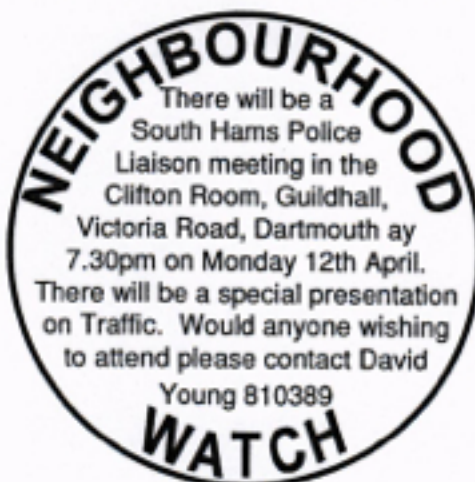
Rosemary Coles-Gale  
Ex Smugglers Cottage

### SUPPORT YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting  
of the  
Ringmore Parish Council  
is scheduled for  
7.30pm  
on  
Wednesday 21st April  
at the  
WI Hall.

There will be  
Guest Speakers  
on various local subjects.

We look forward to seeing  
you there



## THANK YOU

I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone for all your help and concern over the last few weeks. You have all been so kind and it has helped so much. I am now having physiotherapy and I am determined to get myself fit again for the locks!

Stan is also very grateful to you all.

Pam Brunskill

## Challaborough Recollections

*In 1959 a £5,000 Sea-Defence scheme using 15,000 tons of stone was built at Challaborough. At that time, Miss Flossie Bardens, who lived at Hillside, Ringmore, wrote the following comments to the South Devon Times.*

'As I looked over this chaos towards the sea, I could stand no more. So I turned landward . . . and what did I see? Myriads and myriads of caravans, all sizes and all shapes, right up the hillside as far as the eye could see.

Where was the lovely valley we used to know? I turned again to the sea and, stepping warily among the deterrents, went on to the sandy beach, close to the sea - a smooth Spring evening sea just turning over at the edge, with a little chuckle.

There I stood and visualized the valley as I used to know it. A verdant, beautiful valley with fertile fields sloping down to where the little stream, a silver ribbon, peacefully and leisurely made its way to the sea, flanked on either side with yellow Iris or Flags. In the meadows, a carpet of golden King Cups or Marsh Marigolds if you would rather. Lives have been risked to gather these latter flowers! Great yellow cups growing in the marsh, to fill bowls and brighten many homes.

In the lane, a little old thatched farmhouse, seemingly smiling in the evening sunshine. Underneath the old stone stile grew water-cress, fresh and pure. The beach empty, except for perhaps a Coastguard taking a stroll, looking and hoping for a bit of flot-sam.

Mitchell's House spruce and well kept, the only other building in sight, except the Coastguard Station dazzling with white-wash.

Maybe a barge would come in, on the evening tide, loaded with lime-stone. The men would work all night unloading their cargo so as they could go out on the next tide and the bay would empty and be quiet again.

But caravans must have their place and people must have their holidays and where better than Challaborough? I wish though that it could be renamed and called something else. It is so different from the Challaborough I knew and loved.

Poor old Challaborough - poor, dear old Challaborough!!'

## INTER-PARISH QUIZ

In the 'Ten Years Ago' section it is revealed that Ringmore reached the semi-final in 1989. History has repeated itself!!

Prior to this year, members of the present team could barely remember winning a heat let alone winning a round and yet we are now only a . . . . . of such stuff are dreams made!

Our opponents in the second round were the team from Modbury who earlier had vanquished Ivybridge by the narrow margin of two points.

Our question master was Tony Redfearn, from Diptford and he generated a cheeful atmosphere.

Ringmore began well moving in to a 5 point lead after two rounds supported by some inspired answers about the families of NT properties in the West Country. A round on Old Measures dragged us down but Catchphrases and Meat Cuts helped us forge ahead again so that by the time we had discovered that we knew where a lot of famous people were buried, we were 11 points to the good and ready for the interval.

After the now-expected-but-no-less-appreciated splendid JE refreshments we resumed in winning fashion. We knew our Drink Flavours, we defined our Words and we had a disturbing knowledge of the exact locations of UK prisons. We were still 10 points ahead with four rounds to go. Chickens should never be counted before the points are in the bag. Proverbs let us down and many Cities were not quite as capital as we thought they were. It was becoming a nail-biter but in the tightest of finishes Ringmore were pronounced the winners by a single point! Some people thought it was all over but not Modbury. They launched a successful appeal against the scoring of an earlier round and a tie was declared, 99 all. A tie-breaker was necessary.

A Pot Luck round passed in a blur and one small slip by Modbury let us in. We had won 108-106.

Now it's a home tie against South Brent in the semi-final. Ed

## BIGBURY YOUTH CLUB

We meet on Tuesday evenings at the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. We cater for young people between the ages of 8 and 16.

Activities include snooker, table tennis, crafts, painting, computer games, darts, outdoor sports as well as organised trips and events.

If you would like more information just drop into one of our sessions or give Dane or Hilary a call on 810308