

RINGMORE

MAY 1999

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

MAY 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: 7th & 28th Parish Room 5.30pm

- 1st May Day Fair, Old Glebe, Easton 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 8th Skip in Journey's End Car Park 10.00am - 4.00pm
- 12th Christian Aid Coffee Morning Middle Manor
- 15th Devon Air Ambulance Coffee Morning, Kingston
- 18th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- 28th Folk Music JE 8.30pm - 11.00pm

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3.45 - 4.30



Parish Council Elections

This year there will not be a Parish Election. This is good news, at least from a financial standpoint as each election costs the parish almost £600. An election is not required as there are only seven candidates for the seven seats.

My thanks, on behalf of the parish, to Thelma Mann and Brian McCabe for 12 years of diligent service. They will be missed.

Stepping into the breach are Carol Allan and Geof Dykes; a big welcome to them. I look forward to their input and participation.

If you haven't been to a Council Meeting do try it some time. It's all local, interesting and sometimes, we even have a laugh!

Rob Batten, Chairman,
Ringmore Parish Council

May, the month named after the Roman goddess Maia, mother of Mercury. In turn, many things are named after May the Hawthorn a pole for dancing around a short-lived plectopterous insect an erstwhile fair in the West End of London, to name a few.

It is also the month of elections but not for the parish this year. In fact, of the 23 parishes in the Kingsbridge area, only four will be contested. What this says about local government is not too clear but councillors have another four years to win a place in our hearts.

Outdoor Fêtes are beginning, weather permitting. The first is at Bigbury followed by the annual gathering at Middle Manor. George Grimshaw will be ringing his well-known direct line to ensure a fine day!

The Parish Map is available, details of which appear elsewhere.

South Hams District Council have appointed a very personable Dog Warden by the name of Malcolm Orcheval. He attended the Annual Parish Meeting and spoke at length about the implications of the recently-implemented Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, of which more is written inside.

Everyone will be pleased to know that Margaret Lock is back home again and is improving everyday. Barbara Drabble is in the General Ward in Kingsbridge hospital and is making progress. Barbara would be pleased to see anyone who has a few moments to spare.

Since Pam Brunskill broke her arm there has been an accelerated rush for the sympathy vote. Jacqueline Patterson, Mary Parry & Lynn Fisher have all broken, pulled or twisted something which is causing them some difficulty if only in mobility. Well ladies, it worked! Everyone sends you good wishes for a speedy return to normal.

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Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore

The Minister writes:



If ever there were a time of the year when we were "free" of festivities of one sort or another, then it is over, for we start this month with what promises to be a May Day Fair of superlatives. An old tradition is being revived: Maypole dancing on Bigbury Rectory lawn (well, now the Rectory is the Old Glebe, but the lawn is still the same!). About 25 really excellent stands are planned, and live music as well. You can't afford to have your weekend without it!

And then there is the traditional Coffee Morning in Christian Aid Week at Middle Manor in Ringmore. People give of their time – and their house and garden – for these events. Please give them your fullest support.

This month sees us in the "waiting-room" of Christian teaching: in the period between Easter Day and Pentecost or Whitsunday. Having received the assurance of the resurrection of their Lord, the disciples (learners) are preparing to be made apostles (ambassadors). And this was made fully possible by the gift of God's Holy Spirit. Pentecost (after a Greek word meaning forty, because of the six-weeks which had passed since Easter) has sometimes been called "the birthday of the Church". It was certainly the point at which the Church began to proclaim the Resurrection to all the corners of the earth. With Church involvement in Rwanda, the Sudan and in Serbia-Kosovo, there is a great need for repentance, and certainly no occasion for a feeling of superiority. If the Resurrection is to be proclaimed in all the world, then we Christians must put our own house in order. May this year's Pentecost give us the Holy Spirit to be empowered to do so.

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
May 1 <i>(Saturday)</i>	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	May Day Fair at the Old Glebe, Easton <i>(at the kind invitation of Mrs. Jane Guy and in aid of Bigbury Church Fabric Fund)</i>	
May 2	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Come and Celebrate!
May 9	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
May 12 <i>(Wednesday)</i>	10.30 a.m. Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning at Middle Manor, Ringmore <i>(at the kind invitation of Col. and Mrs. Grimshaw)</i>		
May 16	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
May 23	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
May 30	10.30 a.m.	Modbury Team Ministry United Service of Holy Communion in St. Lawrence, Bigbury <i>(no other Services this Sunday)</i>	
June 6	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

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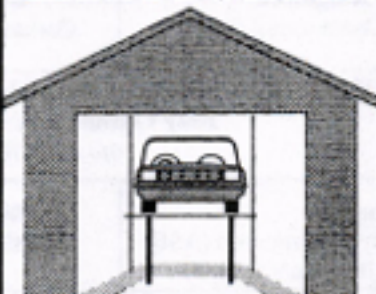
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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Ringmore reached the semi-final of the Inter-Parish Quiz against Wembury. It was an up-hill struggle all the way with Wembury eventually winning 99-83. The team comprised Mike Wynne Powell, Guy Eddy, Reg Trant and Bill Warne.

Guy Eddy became Chairman of the Parish Council and the 'retiring' Chairman, Ken Williams, was elected as Vice-Chairman. There were no applicants for the position of Clerk.

Planning permission for a single storey dwelling in the former garden of The Journey's End, above Rocky Path, was refused by SHDC.

Kit Taylor planted a Horse Chestnut tree by the Bus Shelter. 'Only' 25 people attended as the village was suffering from a 'flu' epidemic. It was hoped that the tree would live for a long time. *Alas, alack . . .*

The Traffic Mirror at St Ann's Chapel disappeared.

Journey's End Journal

In our calendar May marks the beginning of Summer: no more winter activities, our last quiz of the season has passed with many thanks to all our quizmasters for providing such varied and entertaining questions.

We hope the weather will be nice enough for you to enjoy a pint and a sandwich in the pub garden during the two Bank Holidays this month.

We have live folk music on Friday 28th to start the Whitsun weekend. The music will be provided by The Park Bench Aristocrats from 8.30pm - 11.00pm.

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SCOUTSABOUT

Scout District run at Sorley Tunnel in March. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all went on different routes across country around Sorley, on a lovely sunny morning and we are pleased to report that Modbury won all the medals for arriving home first. Cubs and Scouts will be camping during a weekend in June (date to be announced) at Shilston near Modbury and the Beavers will be invited to the camp fire.

The St George's Scout Parade was held at Stokenham Church on Sunday 25th April.

The Venture Scouts have been set a challenge to raise funds for a trip to France to get their Union Jack Badge. The Ventures are organising their own fund-raising with a cake stall and a sponsored beard-shaving event for Ian Spile, Venture Leader and Lance Doswell, Scout Leader. Scouts are planning a raft race, canoeing, camping and a quiz night this summer.

Diary dates:

May Fair: Thursday 6th May at 7.00pm.

Modbury Scouts Beetle Drive:

Modbury School Hall, Saturday 8th May 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Modbury Scouts are running the May Fair refreshments on Market Day, selling tea, coffee, soft drinks, sausage and bacon rolls and cakes in the Scout marquee in the bottom field near the car park. Cake donations will be appreciated. Please come and enjoy your bacon butty and coffee in an alien café atmosphere, in the heart of the South Hams.

Contact Sue Green for details of Scouting on 810270

Yvonne Sheppard



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

As we had a Special Meeting to discuss the new plans for the WI Hall, we were able to concentrate on other business at our April meeting, including finalising arrangements for the Group Meeting and other social functions.

The speaker for the evening was Bill March, on the work of the local Coastguards. Mr Marsh is an active member of HM Coastguard and gave a riveting insight into the perilous rescues and incredible courage which are all 'part of the service' given by this wonderful organisation. The talk was illustrated by a fascinating video showing every aspect of the work going on constantly around our shores. Mr Marsh was thanked by Margaret Wood.

Members were reminded of the Area Lunch at Hope Cove in May and of our own Anniversary Lunch in June at the same venue.

Naomi Warne

A VIEW OF THE PAST

Two photographs have been submitted! Is anyone else brave enough to submit a picture from their early years? Join in the fun; the worst that can happen is that you will entertain.

Don't forget, everyone who remains unidentified during the month will receive what will become a much-coveted trophy, something which could play a part in bringing untold riches!

When I have a few more revelations, the fun can begin!

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We cannot complain about the frequency; let us hope we cannot complain about the quality in August.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Young had nothing to report; everything was very quiet. Another flare cylinder was washed up on Challaborough beach on Tuesday 20th April. The Bomb Disposal Team took it away.

Ayrmer Beach Clean-up.

Adrian Muller would like to thank all those who assisted in the recent beach clean-up.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th May at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann

Inter-Parish Quiz

The semi-final against South Brent was a very convivial evening with the result in doubt until the final bell. Angela Estyn-Jones from Diptford asked the questions, husband Norman kept the score and Adrian Muller proved time-keeping to be yet another talent. There was never more than a few points between the teams, twice scores were level but Ringmore was never knowingly ahead. The penultimate round was our downfall when the team failed to identify a pen picture of Leeds and SB gained a bonus. Thus a one point deficit became four and so it remained in the last round, resulting in victory for South Brent by 101 - 97!

Kingston lost their semi-final against Ermington and so the dream final must wait until next year.

Ringmore Parish Room

The Annual General Meeting of this committee took place on 29th April. As the result of nominations received from village organisations and elections from the floor, the new committee will be:

Carol Allan (nominated by the Parochial Church Council),
Geof Dykes (Short Mat Bowls),
Colin Jackson (Royal British Legion),
Derek Matten (ex officio),
Yvonne Sheppard (Step Aerobics),
Jackie Tagent (Parish Council)
Michael Tagent (Friday Club)
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NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Members of the Council for the next four years will be:

Carol Allan, Rob Batten, Geof Dykes,
Jim Freeman, Annabel Major, Adrian Muller and Jackie Tagent.

THE MILLENNIUM

CONTINUED

245 DAYS TO GO

At an open meeting on 28th April the progress of items was discussed.

Conifer planting will commence on Saturday 1st May. The funding of deciduous trees has now been promised and the fencing will be done during the Summer. The NT will make and install two pine seats by next Easter. The Parish Map has been produced by the Historical Society and is available for sale from the Journey's End. The production and display of two full-sized copies at Ringmore and Challaborough is being pursued. The Church Clock is making progress and, now that details of the Millennium Grant have at last arrived, an application for funding will be made shortly.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.

Guy Eddy



Ringmore Parish Map

John Bracey's splendid artwork has now been recorded for posterity. It is an excellent representation of the parish showing, as would be expected of an historical publication, many of the old buildings of the village as well as others.

For those of you who have not seen it, the map depicts the village from the coast, showing the buildings, fields and woodland with detailed enlargements of various buildings and views around the parish. Roads, footpaths and waterways are clearly marked and there is a key listing all points of interest.

As many as possible of the copies ordered at the March Historical Open morning have been delivered. Would anyone who has yet to receive their copy please ring 810123 to arrange collection.

If you would like to see a copy one is on display in the bar at the Journey's End. Copies in a carrying tube, price £5, can be purchased from the JE but if you would like a flat version at £4.50, please ring 810123.

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MAY DIARY

During the month of May, our normal activities will continue as usual.

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A leaflet published by SHDC states: An order is now in force detailing land where the person in charge of a dog, whether they are the owner or not must clean up after the dog has fouled. It is an offence not to clean up land where the order applies, punishable by a maximum fine up to £1000 or a fixed penalty of £25.

Areas where the Act applies include:
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In spite of this detailed list the Act does not seem to be comprehensive and for reasons unknown there are loopholes. Dogs may perform their natural function on roads and adjacent verges where the speed limit exceeds 40mph. Woodland and Agricultural land is also exempt.

Further information can be obtained from the Dog Warden at SHDC, 01803 861234.



How much have you got on you? 1

Enigma

April Solution

As you can see, there are numerous correct permutations.

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

Correct answers were received from Taurus, The Beginners, The Furry Boys, and Yog-sothoth. Matchman earns two points for a near-miss while Cleriwho surrendered but nevertheless earns one point. Having achieved this he or she then put their Loyalty Card in jeopardy by suggesting that felicitous remarks from Taurus last month were a 'load of bull'. Such flippancy will get this column a bad name! Keep it up! Incidentally, a number of entrants declared that computers had played no part in their solution. I am impressed that they might have done.

May

It is easy to find puzzles which are either easy or difficult but not so easy to find those which are a fair test. It is some while since we had a Cryptogram, probably because I made an error in the last one which merely made it more difficult! The solution is not a well-known phrase or saying because once one or two key words have been discovered the rest can be guessed. This answer is a nonsense proverb which once featured in a national newspaper competition, the Grauniad I believe.

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