

# RINGMORE

JUNE 1999

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### JUNE DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm  
WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm  
FRIDAY CLUB: 11th & 25th Parish Room 5.30pm

- 4th Bigbury Players Meeting, Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel 8.00pm
- 5th Churchyard Gardening Party 10.00am
- 9th Millennium Open Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
- 10th WI Barbecue Middle Manor 6.30pm  
Everybody welcome
- 22nd Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

### DEADLINE

## Friday 25th June

### Mobile Library June

Dates:- 11th & 25th  
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



Fiona Batten  
Ave May for last 10 years - 1 1/4"  
High - May 1994 - 3 3/4"  
Low - May 1990 - 1/4"

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The Editor  
Ringmore Parish Newsletter,  
Ringmore Vean, Ringmore, TQ 7 4HL,  
or put them in the letter box in the garage door

### Churchyard

The Parochial Church Council has planned a working party for the morning of Saturday 5th June, starting at 10.00am, which will pay particular attention to the paths and boundaries. Perhaps those of you who enjoy the All Hallows Churchyard and have the time, would like to join us even if for only an hour or so - the more the merrier! Don't forget your tools.

Jacqueline Patterson  
Church Warden

*June could be almost a summer hiatus: little appears to have been planned but doubtless, spontaneous happenings will interfere with the tranquillity.*

*With changes on the Parish Council, Carol Allan has become the new correspondent. From April 1996, Thelma Mann undertook the job of informing the village of Parish Council activities. She always met the deadline, walking up from Challaborough in all weathers. Many thanks Thelma, enjoy your 'retirement'.*

*A number of you have discovered what it would be like to be a member of the now-doomed House of Lords and have liked it. Pat Old, with others, visited that 'other place' in mid May and has written a brief account of the day.*

*Ringmore and Kingston did battle in a Quiz Challenge at the Journey's End, going toe-to-toe over 12 rounds. Those present enjoyed a most convivial evening, the outcome of which was never in doubt.... until the final round. If Manchester United think they left it late, they have no idea!*

*There will be an Open Meeting on Wednesday 9th June to discuss the plans to mark the end/beginning of the Millennium. The committee has worked hard progressing the choices made, so a good attendance would be appreciated.*

*The fête season will commence in August and plans are being laid already for the WI Fayre. If anyone can spare a prize for the Tombola please call Pam on 654 and/or if you have books which you no longer wish to keep, please call Jenny on 292. 1999 brings the 75th Anniversary of the WI in Ringmore and they are looking for memorabilia for a display. Contact Yvonne on 341*

*Bigbury Players are facing a revival so if cross-boundary thespianism is acceptable in your household, this could be for you.*

*Both Margaret Lock and Barbara Drabble have written words of thanks to all those who have been in touch.*

*Finally, eyes left!*

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# Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore

*The Minister writes:*

The Coffee morning at Middle Manor last month raised almost £400 for Christian Aid, which was a magnificent result considering that the weather was typical for the month: more April than May, with a sharp shower not exactly contributing to a rise in temperature. Still, when one remembers what conditions those are having to suffer whom we are trying to help in Kosovo and elsewhere through Christian Aid and other agencies, we cannot grumble. But we do. So look at the roses on the left, not the thorns.

But then, perhaps one of our number was right when he said I was getting "demob-happy" after I made one of my flippant remarks recently. The thought of actually taking a break this month is indeed helping - though there will be no demob, I'm afraid. Having just gone through the experience of having our flat in Totnes transformed into a building-site (major repairs including a complete damp-proofing), Delphine and I will be wielding buckets and paintbrushes rather than buckets and spades. So please note that any parish needs between June 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> should be addressed to the Team Rector on 830260; although we will be here some of the time, we'll be in answerphone mode. The two Michaels (Tagent and Wilkinson) will be looking after the Sunday services on the third and fourth Sundays of June. Please note, too, that our choir is taking part in the Deanery Choral Evensong at St. Thomas, Dodbrooke, Kingsbridge on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m., so there is no evening service in Kingston on that Sunday. Come and join the choirs and congregations of our Deanery in a great song of praise!

## DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
June 6	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
June 13	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	St. Thomas, Dodbrooke Deanery Choral Evensong (6.30 p.m.) No Service in Kingston
June 20	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
June 27	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
July 4	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

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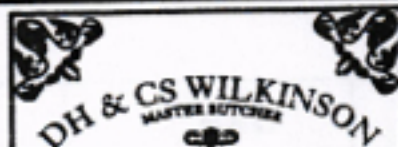
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## House of Lords

Five of us caught the London train at Totnes: Pam and Stan, Thelma, Barry and Pat.

We were expecting it to be late, dirty and uncomfortable. It confounded us by being right on time, clean and extremely comfortable and it arrived in Paddington several minutes early.

We took a taxi from Paddington to the House of Lords. London looked bright and green and full of sunshine, tourists and traffic.

The cab driver was a friendly soul and started talking about a cricket match. His words dropped like stones into a dark, silent pool of ignorance. Stan saved the day with a timely and highly technical question about 'overs'.

The taxi delivered us to the Peers Entrance at the House of Lords, where Richard met us. We watched the Lord Chancellor processing into the House and we were then taken up to the Visitors' Gallery to watch Lords' Question Time. The Gallery is very narrow and very high and we had a moment of panic at the possibility of falling over the rail and landing amongst their Lordships below. Questions ranged between Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, membership of advisory committees, food aid for Russia and the new Scottish Parliament.

Richard collected us and took us on a tour of the House which was totally enthralling, entertaining and informative, the more so because of his obvious love of and commitment to it, and his depth of knowledge about its history. The place seemed full of contrasts and contradictions; vast and magnificent in scale and decoration and in its pervasive sense of history. At the same time it felt almost intimate and homely, with people chatting in groups, writing or reading documents and generally carrying on their daily business.

We went to the Dining Room for afternoon tea, the magnificent surroundings again contrasting rather oddly with the comfy familiarity of toasted teacakes, cream cakes and (of course) Earl Grey tea.

We carried on with our tour after tea and it was after six by the time we left. We walked part of the way back to Paddington through the warm evening and wished we were staying longer. The journey home was quiet and trouble-free, disturbed only by a mobile phone and Barry's insistence that we play Hangman.

The day was an absolutely unqualified success. Richard gave up the whole of his afternoon and when the curtain comes down on the present House of Lords, we will unreservedly give him a reference as official guide to the House.

Pat Old

## Journey's End Journal

We have no special events planned for the month of June. However that does not mean that we shall not be pleased to see you.

May we take the opportunity to remind you that villagers are welcome on Thursday lunchtimes when they will receive a 10% discount on food.

James & Gillian

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In 1997 a coffee morning was held on Shrove Tuesday to raise funds for new church gates. Subsequently, the existing gates were refurbished at no cost and the PCC has therefore resolved to transfer the monies collected into the main church fabric fund. If you gave money at the coffee morning and you wish to object to this, will you please contact me accordingly. If no objections are received, the transfer will take place on 30th June.

Michael Tagent, Treasurer Ringmore PCC,  
Challaborough Cottage, 810520

After months of hyperbole, it is possible that the scaremongering has alarmed would-be visitors such that they might not come at all.



The probability is that the majority will wait for a weather forecast before making arrangements. If you have considered providing accommodation for the Eclipse why not talk to Jean Laidler at the Modbury Tourist Information Centre

#### Ringmore WI 75th Anniversary

We are looking for photographs, press cuttings, stories and other memorabilia of Ringmore WI. We would be grateful to anyone who is willing to contribute to a display to mark the 75th anniversary of the WI in the village. All material will be returned.

Please contact Yvonne Sheppard 810341



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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The Ringmore May meeting was taken up largely with lively discussions of this year's resolutions, to be debated at the General Meeting in June. This will take place at the Albert Hall once more, as it used to in days gone by!

The resolutions were extremely topical and served to show how the WI always keeps on top of current events at home and worldwide, as follows:-

- 1 To publicise the availability of tests for Ovarian cancer
- 2 Women's Human Rights worldwide
- 3 Farming - the position of farmers today and their controversial role in the future
- 4 Genetically Modified foods - for or against?

Our next meeting will be the Barbecue Garden meeting at 6.30pm at Middle Manor on 10th June.

Naomi Warne

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Parish Council thanked Alan King for refurbishing the Bus Stop.

The Parish Council supported a ban on dogs being on the beaches at Bigbury on Sea and Challaborough during the summer months.

A commemorative Horse Chestnut tree adjacent to the Bus Shelter and a copper-leaved Prunus from outside Crossways were taken as fuel for a bonfire at an all-night party at Challaborough.

There were no applicants for the position of Clerk to the Parish Council.

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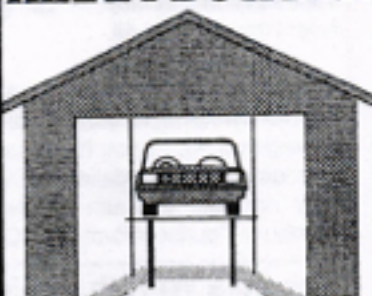
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Meeting: Tuesday 18th May

Present: 7 councillors, the Clerk, Neighbourhood Watch - David Young, Millennium Committee - Guy Eddy and four other members of the public.

## Your New Council

As this was the first Council meeting following the Parish Elections on 6th May (uncontested), all councillors signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Rob Batten welcomed Carol Allan and Geof Dykes as new members of the Council. Rob Batten was then re-elected unanimously as Chairman and Annabel Major was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

## Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

The skip has arrived and departed from the Journey's End car park as arranged. The facility had been welcomed by many but one or two folk had said that they didn't know it was there! It was felt that sufficient notice had been given by way of the Newsletter.

Steve Chapman of Friar Tuck's had volunteered to cover the cost of a bin for disposal of dog excrement which is to be sited at the top of the hill from Challaborough to Bigbury on Sea.

## Matters raised by Parishioners

**Millennium:** Guy Eddy reported that 1500 trees had been ordered for planting at a cost of £600. The National Trust had agreed to cover the cost of fencing which could be in the order of £1500. The proposed Church clock is being progressed.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** David Young reported that all had been quiet but expressed again his concern at the lack of police presence around the area and at Council meetings.

**Stray Cat:** Robbie and Alan McCarthy reported that they had caught a stray cat which had been around Ringmore for a few days and had taken it to the Dogs and Cats Home in Plymouth. It was in poor condition and had probably been fending for itself for some time. It is male, mostly white with a black tail.

## District Councillor

Bryan Carson was unable to attend.

## MILLENNIUM

### CONTINUED

224 DAYS TO GO

The next Open Meeting of the Millennium Committee will be held on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.

This is an important meeting because the projects are now reaching a stage where finance becomes the over-riding factor in whether to proceed or not. It is therefore desirable to have a good cross-section of opinions to make these decisions.

Guy Eddy

## Footpaths

Mr Muller reported on his inspection of village footpaths under the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme. Under this scheme the County Council, through the District Council, makes a modest sum of money available for footpath maintenance. The National Trust is to clear the path to Toby's Point and erect a sign to the path from their Car Park. The muddy areas on the path from Lower Manor will be addressed and the NT is negotiating with the farmer to move back the fence on the path from Toby's point to Challaborough. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of June. Darkie Lane, also referred to as Rat Lane, is to be inspected by Council members as water gathers at the bottom, making it very muddy and at times almost impassable. Action on this is to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

## Planning

Applications

Orchard House - re-siting of Garden Shed and erection of Wooden Deck - no objection. Results  
Barn Conversion, South Langston (renewal) granted.

## Disabled Parking Bay - Challaborough

The Parish Council has been asked for its views by Devon County Council Highways, regarding an application by a disabled resident at 3 Coastguard Cottages for the provision of formal disabled parking bay. The proposed location is opposite the premises and is currently designated as a Passing Place and is subject to a no waiting restriction. The Council agreed that provision of a disabled parking facility would be welcomed but not at the proposed site as this might cause traffic congestion and also inconvenience the applicant as the facility cannot be made particular to them. The vehicle in question is owned by the applicant but not driven by them. The Council agreed that their view may have been different if the driver of the vehicle was the disabled person concerned.

## Next Meeting

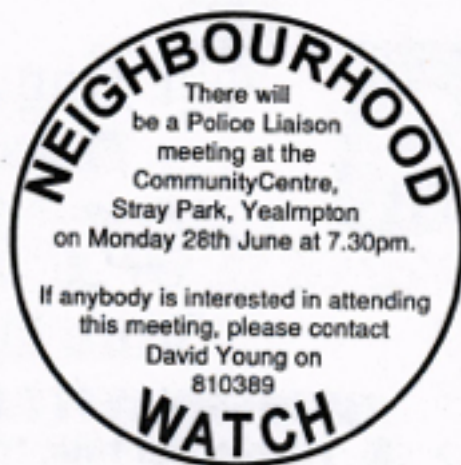
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd June at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Carol Allan

## Newsletter Finances

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Ed



## BIGBURY PLAYERS

I would like very much to offer to raise Bigbury Players from the ashes! I have been a member since 1972-ish and I think BPs are an important part of the Bigbury area. A lot of people have missed our many aspects of entertainment!!

I have contacted Val O'Rourke and now plan to have a meeting on 4th June at the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel at 8.00pm to get going.

So, if anyone out there is interested, please come. There are plenty of jobs to do beside acting on stage! Come along and have a look.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET!

Peggy Edgecombe

## THANK YOU

Both Margaret Lock and Barbara Drabble have asked for their gratitude to be recorded in the Newsletter.

Margaret writes:

*'I would like to thank, most sincerely, all kind friends for the beautiful flowers and cards received during my recent stays in Derriford and Kingsbridge hospitals. Thank you also for so kindly coming to visit.'*

*Special thanks to dear Alice; thanks to Norah and Chris for all their help and to Jane for looking after Avcat so well.*

*I'm delighted to be home and I am making steady progress.'*

Barbara writes:

*'I am so grateful to all those many, kind people who either visited, wrote or telephoned me during these past awful months whilst I have been in hospital.'* Barbara has recently transferred to Butter Park Residential Home, Brook Road, Ivybridge, Tel 01752 893292. No doubt she would be pleased to see anyone who has the time to visit.



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## June Diary

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## Inter-Parish Quiz

You will recall from last month's issue that both Ringmore and Kingston were eliminated from the Inter Parish Quiz at the semi-final stage.

As the dream final was now at least 12 months hence, Ringmore issued a challenge to Kingston which was accepted with frightening alacrity by Chris Denham.

Angela Estyn-Jones agreed to pose the questions, husband Norman kept the score and Alan McCarthy deputised for Adrian Muller as time-keeper, Sue and Adrian being occupied by all-together more important business!

Chris brought Jean Curtis, Bruce Thomsom and Daniel Davey to do battle and Ringmore were represented by Colin Jackson, Felicity Godwin, Robbie McCarthy and Geof Dykes. Support for either team was not

overwhelming but a number of supporters were known to be required elsewhere.

Kingston leapt into the lead in Round 1 with superior general knowledge. By ones and twos their lead increased through the first half. Sport and Cheese Tasting were of little help to Ringmore and Science was no better. The last round before the interval was Proverbs, with a difference. We had to mime them. Both teams did their best but in spite of performances which would have gained entry to RADA, only Jean managed to guess a proverb from Andrew's energetic representation of, 'Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise' . . . all done in ten seconds! At this stage Kingston lead 34 -26.

Rounds on Recorded Voices and knowledge of London did not alter the gap between the teams. The next round, on 'Booze' was significant in that both teams scored maximum points! Round 10, a Pot Luck round enabled Kingston to stretch their lead to 9 points, 57-48. Round 11 was based loosely on 'Williams', any vague

Endgame

## MAY SOLUTION

Trains which are late always stop closer to the platform. It is so true. No one leaps from a train which is on time. This happens only when it is late . . . and who misses?

I thought, for one heady moment, that we had a new entrant and then I deciphered The Furry Boys encoded pseudonym. Other correct answers were submitted by The Beginners, Yog-sothoth, Matchman and Taurus. The Matchman must have been on the train as his entry was so late it was phoned in from a station somewhere near you. Taurus complained about the gap between coaches 4 & 5. From where does this insanity emanate, this is meant to be a cerebral exercise. Flob-a-dob!

## JUNE

This month's puzzle is not unfamiliar, it is just the solution which is different. To remind you, you have to find the longest word made from contiguous letters, in the correct sequence, which can be used only once. You can, of course, move horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

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

connection was good reason for a question. It seemed to go well for Ringmore but not as well as we had hoped or desperately needed and pulled back only 1 point.

So to the final round, the score stood 61-53 to Kingston. The subject was Poetry and Verse. Extracts were read and the answer was either the poet or the missing words. Kinston knew TS Elliot but little else. Ringmore were on a roll. All missing words were known, especially the naughty ones, all poets identified and three bonus points were gained at Kingston's expense. Breath-taking stuff. The final score: Kingston 63 Ringore 64!!! Unbelievable - an evening of great fun and camaraderie. What generosity from Kingston not to beat their hosts; what judgement by Ringmore to leave it to the last question.

Many thanks to Angela, Norman and Alan for officiating, to James and Gillian for their hospitality and to Kingston for being such good sports. Of course there will be a return match, in September, when Kingston will attempt to gain revenge, and if they do . . . ?