

RINGMORE

AUGUST 1999

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

AUGUST DIARY

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

- 1st Summer Singalong 7.45pm - 9.00pm All Halls
- 4th WI Fête WI Hall 2.30pm
- 7th Kingston Village Fair 2.00pm
- 8th Summer Singalong 7.45pm - 9.00pm All Halls
- 10th A Celebration of Music 7.45pm All Halls
- 15th Summer Singalong 7.45pm - 9.00pm All Halls
- 16/17th REACH at Kingston 10.00am - 3.00pm
- 18th Church Fête Church House Field 2.30pm
- 22nd Summer Singalong 7.45pm - 9.00pm All Halls
- 24th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
- 29th Summer Singalong 7.45pm - 9.00pm All Halls

DEADLINE

Tuesday 24th Aug

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August

Dates:- 6th & 20th

Ringmore Church

12.05 - 12.30

Challaborough

12.35 - 12.45

St Ann's Chapel

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Kingston Fire Station

3.45 - 4.30



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Low - Aug 1995 - 1"

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The Editor

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Mr & Mrs M Capps²

There have been double celebrations at Higher Manor Farm.

On 12th June, Matthew married Helen Calvert from Cobham, at Esher. Six weeks later, on 24th July, Mark married Servane Lucas from Orleans, at All Halls. Madeleine thanks everyone for their help and support, particularly with the Ringmore wedding. We send Good Wishes to both couples for a long and happy life together.

A poignant note Matthew has named his home 'Ohope Barn' and Mark's is called 'Byron Court'. Both recall happy times in New Zealand and Australia respectively, where the boys surfed with Dad, Michael.

Not long to go now. For most of us it will be the astronomical moment of a lifetime. Get out the champagne and strawberries. Never mind the weather, make it a day to remember!

The best advice about viewing the Eclipse is 'Don't!', at least not directly. Use any projection method but DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN USING ANY FORM OF MAGNIFICATION ie, telescope or binoculars. The consequences of doing so could be permanent eye damage, even blindness, within seconds! It cannot be worth it.

This is the month of our two annual fêtes. First, on 4th August is the WI Fête, hot on the heels of the 75th anniversary celebrations and on 16th, the Church Fête. For the latter would anyone willing to donate, kindly give produce to Jackie Tagent, Tombola prizes to Carol Allan and bottles of wine for 'Find the Wine' to Geof Dykes.

On 16th & 17th an organisation called REACH (Rural Sports and Arts Project), funded partly by SHDC, will be visiting Kingston. 7 - 12 years olds will be welcome at a cost of £2.50 per day (10 - 3pm). It appears to be exciting and energetic! Phone 01364 654122 for more details and booking forms. Places are limited so book early.

Kingston have been very enterprising and have produced an official First Day Cover for the Eclipse. It is a limited edition - details are elsewhere.

There is plenty to sing about this month especially on 10th at a special musical evening in the church.

Finally, we have had a letter, the first for six months!

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Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore

The Minister writes:



Ah! The fête-full month of August, eclipsing all others (sorry)! Ringmore kicks off with the W.I Fête on the 4th at 2 p.m., showing few signs of the 75 summers that the Ringmore W.I has under her apron. The recent way that she made an exhibition of herself ("she" being the W.I. and not any member thereof!) was fascinating, and we can only congratulate the W.I. on achieving three quarters of a century of life and service to the community. Well done!

The Saturday following, it will be Kingston's turn, with the traditional Village Fair beginning as usual at 2 p.m. As always, the Church will be (wo-)manning a "Table-top Bric a Brac" to quote last month's Newsletter. Then Ringmore will be at it again (!) on Wednesday 18th on Margaret's Field (just beyond the Church House), also beginning at 2 p.m.

The organ in our Parish Church recently underwent major refurbishment, and it was felt that we would like to celebrate this in some way. So: on Tuesday, August 10th, there will be a Celebration in Music, featuring our organists Alice Mason, Sue Meredith and John Tagent and the BiKiRi Church Choir. The Celebration begins at 7.45 p.m., and there will be refreshments during the interval. The programme will end about 9.45 p.m.

You will know by now that recently all three of our village churches, plus those of Modbury and Aveton Gifford, suffered robbery and damage (mercifully fairly slight, but all the same). Because of the increased numbers of visitors expected around August 11th, the day of the solar eclipse, it has been decided that on that day itself our three village churches will remain closed. We regret this, but see no alternative. Look on this as a comment on the society in which we live these days. And please be vigilant at all times – for your own property, for that of your neighbours, and for your much-loved village church.

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

"SUMMER SINGALONG" at 7.45 p.m. on all August Sundays in All Hallows, Ringmore!

(Come as you are, come and go when you like (8 – 9 p.m.) and sing what you choose)

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
August 1	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
August 4 <i>(Wednesday)</i>	Ringmore: 75 th Anniversary W.I. Fête, beginning at 2 p.m.		
August 7 <i>(Saturday)</i>	Kingston's Village Fair, beginning at 2 p.m.		
August 8	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
August 10 <i>(Tuesday)</i>	A Celebration in Music in Ringmore Church, beginning at 7.45 p.m.		
August 15	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
August 18 <i>(Wednesday)</i>	Ringmore Church Fête, beginning at 2 p.m.		
August 22	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
August 29	10.30 a.m. TEAM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION IN AVETON GIFFORD <i>(No Service in "our" three Churches)</i>		

Sincerely yours,
Derek Matten, Minister

The Church House, Ringmore

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

There was no issue of the Newsletter in August 1989 but the Parish Council met so poor Myra had her Summer interrupted!

Looking ahead . . . Issue No 56, December 1989 is missing from the archives. If anyone has a copy would they please lend it to the editor for a copy to be made.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

July seems to have been a very busy month although, looking back, it has gone in a flash! The speakers for the monthly meeting was Dulcie Knapman who gave a moving and informative talk on the work of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children. This subject is always emotive and here in Ringmore our WI has its own Children's Hospice of the South West as its principal Charity so Dulcie Knapman's talk was of special interest.

On the 11th July was our celebratory Garden Party marking our 75th Anniversary. Lots of people came and enjoyed the glorious weather and a relaxed get-together.

We had a super tea and there was a fascinating display of photographs and WI events through the years. It was good to enjoy the garden instead of running for cover! Indeed, the heat was such that many people fled into the marquee to keep cool.

There are two changes to future programmes. John and Ann Bracey will talk on 9th September on 'Garden by Design' and on 14th October, Annabel Major will give an account of 'The Ups and Downs of running a One-Woman Travel Agency'.

Finally, on 4th August . . . The WI Fête - not to be missed whatever the weather.

Naomi Warne



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On behalf of the Ringmore WI committee, I should like to thank all those who helped with the 75th Anniversary Garden Party. Whether it was dealing with a very large marquee, making cakes, serving copious cups of tea, arranging a superb display of events over the years or providing a paddock for car parking, it all contributed to a most enjoyable afternoon at the end of which we were able to send £66 to the Children's Hospice South West.

Jackie Tagent
President

Journey's End Journal

Firstly a big 'Thank You' to everyone for making us feel so very welcome in Ringmore. It has been a busy month for us and the support we have received from everyone, especially those who work at the Journey's End, has been tremendous.

We have had live music with George Breakfast, the start of many and certainly a good way to kick off. It has been suggested that a visit to a brewery be arranged for later in the year. If that catches your interest please let us know and also tell us of any other ideas you may have.

We look forward to seeing you all and wish you all a very good August.

Grahame and Debbie



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The Kingston FDC

The Kingston Reading Room Committee has produced an Eclipse First Day Cover in consultation with the Post Office. The cover has been designed with local scenes and the franking, although marked 'Kingsbridge' as the postal town, clearly denotes Kingston.

This is a limited edition of 1000 numbered covers and they will be available from 11th August from Gret Atkinson on 810686. The cost is £5 plus 50p postage and packaging.

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

Tuesday 10th August
7.45pm

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 20th July

Present: 7 councillors, the Clerk, Cllr Bryan Carson, Neighbourhood Watch - David Young, Millennium Committee - Guy Eddy and one other member of the public.

Matters Arising

Mr Chapman of Friar Tucks is progressing the purchase of the dog bin for the Challaborough - Bigbury on Sea footpath and Haven have agreed to install it.

The Ringmore sign has been moved back to its former site; thanks to Cllr Freeman.

Following the Council's complaint, an apology to potential users has been received from the Bus Company for the absence of a service on Friday 11th June. The problem was caused by an error in the drivers' rosters. We are assured it will not happen again.

Matters raised by Parishioners

Alan McCarthy, who maintains the Town Well footpath has found considerable evidence of dog fouling. **The Council asks people not to allow dogs to foul this public area which is subject to the recent Dog Fouling law!**

It was felt that the whole area of Town Well would benefit from a tidy-up as many parts of this historical part of the village have become overgrown. It was agreed that a 'Town Well Clean' would be arranged in the Autumn - watch out for the date.

Neighbourhood Watch

David Young reported that All Hallows, as well as the churches in Kingston and Bigbury, had had the Collection Box raided. The police are investigating.

As the police find it difficult to attend Parish Council meetings, Mr Young suggested at a recent Police Liaison meeting, that Neighbourhood Watch representatives from local villages could meet the police as a group. This is being considered.

Car Parking at Crossways

Cllr Freeman reported that cars were being parked at Crossways instead of being left in the National Trust Car Park. He suggested the possibility of extra signs but the council felt that this was not necessary or desirable.

District Council

Mr Carson reported on the alterations to various committees within the SHDC. He said that since the National Lottery began, some 150 projects had benefited from £8.7m received in grants.

Ringmore's request last month for temporary toilet facilities during the period of the eclipse would not be met as the time-scale was too short.

Some villagers might have been asked to take part in a survey of the SHDC services such as Refuse Collection

Footpaths

Cllr Muller had little to report on Rat/Darkie Lane. The possibility of laying a wooden walkway over the wettest area was

discussed and it was agreed that positive action must be taken before the winter. The Highways department have written to BT requesting them to stop the water discharging from their manhole which contributes to the flooding.

Additional signs to Toby's Point will be in place shortly. Smugglers Path will be cleared by the National Trust. The path through the wood has been cleared and new steps have been added. Drainage on the path at Lower Manor has been improved. The NT has agreed to clear the seaweed and rubbish which has been piled up on the beach.

The Millennium

Guy Eddy reported on the progress of the proposals which are covered in detail elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Cllr Dykes proposed, seconded by Cllr Freeman, that in addition to the projects already in hand, an engraved stone be placed on the green behind the bus shelter. He asked the Council to purchase the 3' 6" (1.1m) high granite stone (already identified) at a cost of £215 including transport. The plaque (£40) and inscription (£1 per letter) could be met by public subscription. Considerable discussion followed and Cllrs Allan, Major, Muller and Tagent voted against pursuing the matter. There was one abstention.

Planning

Applications

M Patterson on behalf of the PCC. Installation of clock on church tower.

No objections.

Results

B Skeels. Alterations and garage extension at Barn 2, Higher Manor Farm - granted.

Challaborough Notice Board

At the suggestion of Cllr Dykes the Council agreed to re-site the Notice Board, at present attached to the wall of the toilet block in the Camp, to a place adjacent to the Bus Stop outside the Everyday Store. It is understood that the site owners would have no objection. Cllr Freeman will carry out the work.

Any Other Business

The National Trust will allow NO camping during the eclipse. Illegal camping can be reported on a 24-hour hot-line 0378 992495. Journey's End - the Council expressed regret that due to an oversight, permission had not been sought from the previous landlord for the siting of the skip in the car park.

The Council had no objection to the transfer of the justice licence to Mr & Mrs Gilliam. It extends a warm welcome to Grahame, Debbie, Christopher and Richard and wishes them every success and happiness in Ringmore.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th August at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Carol Allan

THE MILLENNIUM

CONTINUED

153 DAYS TO GO

Further progress was reported at the Open Meeting on Wednesday 14th July in the WI Hall.

A deposit has been paid to secure the order for the 1500 trees that we hope to start planting in late October/early November.

The parish map for outside display is causing a few problems but we hope to have a few answers in September.

The application for the Millennium Grant for the installation of a church clock has been sent and acknowledged and we hope to know the result in September. Also, a planning application for the siting of the clock has been submitted to the South Hams District Council.

The next Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.

Guy Eddy



Proposed Clock - All Hallows Church

I feel that the proposed clock is inappropriate and out of character for an historic building. The Church, and its tower, has survived both civil and world wars unscathed and it would be a pity to unnecessarily spoil the tower for the next millennium.

The Church is listed grade 2, mentioned in Pevsner and sited within a conservation area. The building is 13th century and would not have been designed to include a clock which was not invented until 17th century. The modern clock addition will spoil the simple nature of the tower and is aesthetically incorrect.

The Church is primarily a place of worship not a public building and I do not understand the religious significance of a clock.

Furthermore, I understand that there are no plans for an endowment fund to maintain and repair the clock and I have been informed that the PCC does not plan to bear any future cost.

If you wish to object so that this historic building can be preserved unaltered for future generations, you can do so by writing to the planning department at South Hams District Council.

Yvonne Sheppard



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July & August Diary

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- 1 Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest
- 2 Gentlemen Of Verona
- 3 Line Whip
- 24 Sheets Of Paper In A Quire
- 3 Card Trick
- 4 Poster Bed
- 5 Finger Exercise
- 10 Gallon Hat
- 100 Hectares In A Square Kilometre
- 184 Days To The New/Next Millennium

This month's puzzle proved to be a tad more difficult than some and there were many variations some clever, some desperate! Matchman supplied a correct answer in his new font - Red Biro? . . . or is it a new colour printer? Whichever, they saw you coming! The Beginners differed only in 1 Track Mind which is good enough. I wish I had space to share all their entry plus a second attempt, completely wrong but much more entertaining than the right answers. Both Taurus who has also taken to comic asides (5 Charlie Tango - well it must be someone's call sign) and Yog-Sothoth (2 points each) made valiant and in one case, similar efforts in brave failure, eg 5 French 'Ens and 5 Fresh Eggs! The Furry Boys, Cleriwho and the Lovely Sue Brickay couldn't or wouldn't and in either case, didn't.

SEPTEMBER

Find the word which ends the first word and starts the second. They are not all the same length. Are columns 1 and 3 in the same order?

CUMBER ()	WHERE
FACT ()	BIT
HALF ()	WEIGHT
JUMP ()	ABLE
PENT ()	HOLD
LAND ()	SHIP
MILK ()	DOWN
HOLD ()	ITERATE
SCARE ()	BAR
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Roll up to this year's CHURCH FÊTE



Wednesday 18th August
2.00pm in Church House Field

Bouncy Castle & Ball Pool
Tug of War- Children's Races
Fancy Dress Competition
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Enigma Standings

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	Tot
The Beginners	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
The Matchman	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	21
Taurus	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	20
The Furry Boys	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	17
Yog-Sothoth	0	3	3	3	3	3	2	17
Cleriwho	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	10
Sue Brickay	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	10

Short Mat Bowls

We are taking a Summer Break. Club nights will start again on Monday 6th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Room when we look forward to seeing current members and perhaps some new ones!

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THE ECLIPSE



Much has been written about the Eclipse but the safety aspect cannot be over-emphasised. On 24th July, Clive Purchase an astronomer from the Roseland Observatory in Cornwall, gave a fascinating account of what we all hope to see on 11th August. He also gave dire warnings of the consequences of reckless or unthinking actions.

We have been beset with advice; 'do's and don'ts' have been the order of the day. All we want to do is witness this potentially wonderful event and maybe have a party with family and friends. However, to ensure the success of the day it is worth following some of the advice given.

Not surprisingly, these warnings relate to looking directly at the sun especially using magnification. The consequences can be instant, permanent blindness. There are protective eclipse viewers, solar filters, which must conform to European standards and which are marked 'CE'. However these should not be handled or stored carelessly before use because it is so easy to scratch the protective coating. Such damage could be invisible to the naked eye but would still allow light through, sufficient to cause damage. If you use protective viewers, you should use them throughout the partial phases, before and after totality. Bailey's Beads and the Diamond Ring should be viewed only through a protective filter. Do not remove the protection until totality is reached.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO LOOK AT THE TOTALITY PHASE WITHOUT ANY PROTECTION BUT THIS IS THE ONLY TIME . . .

and keep one eye on the sun and one eye on the clock. You have approximately

1 minute 52 seconds before the Diamond Ring appears.

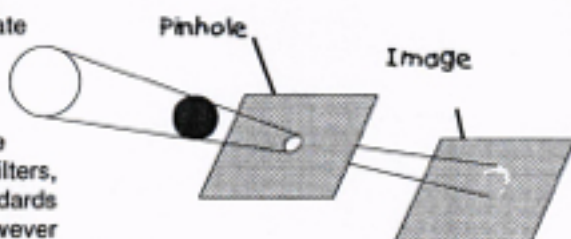
IF YOU ARE STILL WATCHING UNPROTECTED WHEN THIS HAPPENS, IT COULD BE TOO LATE!

Between now and 11th, experiment with the distance between the binocular/telescope/pinhole camera so that on the day you will be ready. If you view the eclipse direct through solar viewers TAKE GREAT CARE!

The best way to view the event in complete safety is to view a secondary image and there are three methods.

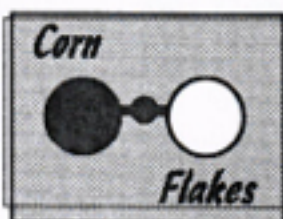
1 Pin Hole

Punch a small hole, up to 1/12th of an inch (2mm) in size in a piece of card. Place a second piece of card behind the first, i.e. further away from the sun. Position the first piece so that the light from the sun passes through the hole and shines on the second piece of card. You can experiment with the distance until you have a satisfactory projection. The closer the two cards, the sharper and smaller the image. The greater the distance the larger but fainter is the image.



2 Projection

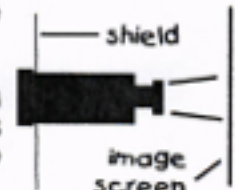
Use either binoculars or a telescope. For binoculars, cover one lens with the cap and seal it to prevent light getting in. Cut two holes in a piece of card, cereal packets are ideal, and place the holes over the lenses,



ensuring that light can pass through the uncovered lens. It is as if you were looking through the card using the binoculars. All the card does is to create a shaded area on a

If using binoculars, mount them on a tripod or stable surface. Cut holes in a cereal packet or the like to make a shield to create a shadow on the projection screen, similar to when using a telescope.

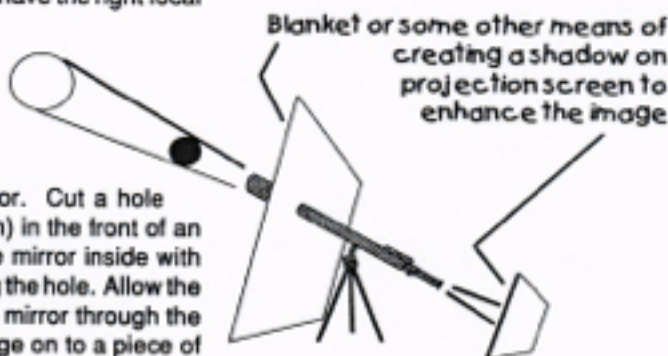
Ensure that one lens is capped.



second piece of card or projection screen to enhance the projected image. The procedure is similar for a telescope . . . experiment until you have the right focal length.

3 Reflection

Use a small hand mirror. Cut a hole about 1/2 an inch (13mm) in the front of an envelope and place the mirror inside with the reflective side facing the hole. Allow the sun's light to fall on the mirror through the hole and direct the image on to a piece of card.



3 Reflection

Use a small hand mirror. Cut a hole about 1/2 an inch (15mm) in the front of an envelope and place the mirror inside with the reflective side facing the hole. Allow the sun's light to fall on the mirror through the hole and direct the reflection on to a screen or wall. Experiment with the size of the image by adjusting the focal length.

The image projected in methods two and three will be inverted but you might not have noticed unless you knew!

Filming the eclipse is a tricky business and once again the consequences could be disastrous for the camera . . .

internal equipment damage and melted film! To take photographs of the partial phase requires filters which are expensive. To photograph the period of totality is more straightforward. Use Kodak Ektachrome 200 or 400 or any equivalent and take shots of the period of totality. Use the whole film, you might end up with the shot of the day!

STOP filming, still or video, immediately the Diamond ring starts to appear. Bear in mind that transparencies will be satisfactory only if you have a long enough lens. 1000mm focal length is ideal, 500mm will do. Anything shorter will mean that your image will be disappointingly small, a definite example of when size matters.

All the preparation in the world will not guarantee a clear sky so if you still wish to follow the eclipse in spite of the cloud turn on the television. No doubt it will be covered from a camera somewhere above the cloud level. Alternatively sign on to the Internet, www.eclipse.org.uk which has links to more than 100 web sites.

In Ringmore totality will begin at 11.13.15 and will last for approximately 1 minute 52 seconds. The partial phase will begin at 9.59 and will end at approximately 12.35, in good time to serve the champagne lunch!

The Editor cannot be responsible for any problems arising from this information. The best advice given is NOT to look at the eclipse with the naked eye, through magnifiers or through solar viewers but it is your choice. If it is overcast, watch it on TV!