

# RINGMORE

SEPTEMBER 1999

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

FRIDAYS: 10th & 24th Friday Club Parish Room 5.30pm

6th Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm New Season

15th Millennium Committee WI Hall 7.30pm

16th - 18th An African Adventure Market Hall Kingsbridge

20th - 25th St Luke's House-to-House collection

21st Ploughman's Lunch Parish Room Noon

Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall

### DEADLINE

## Sat 25th Sept

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September

Dates:- 3rd & 17th

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Challaborough

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St Ann's Chapel

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3.45 - 4.30



Fiona Batten

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The Editor

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Friends will be sorry to learn that Gret Atkinson, Editor of the Kingston Newsletter among other things, has not been well recently and some ten days ago she was whisked into Derriford. Initially the prognosis was not good but it has improved in the last few days with the news that her condition is treatable.

The situation is of great concern to Ralph and the family and our thoughts are with them. Gret, not surprisingly, has decided that this is only a minor interruption and that she will press on regardless. However, chemotherapy is a demanding treatment and Gret will need all the support available.

*Were you disappointed? Possibly but there were aspects of the Eclipse which would not have been seen had there been a clear sky . . . the manner in which the sun rose in the west! It was an experience and champagne and strawberries are just as good when it is cloudy!*

*The Fêtes endured or enjoyed different meteorological fortunes. The WI know how to run a fête under water whereas the Church's hot-line was working again. Both did well however, the product of a lot of hard work by generous-hearted people.*

*Gillian Parkin has produced her Ringmore Recipe book and will launch it at a 'do' in the Parish Room this month.*

*Murmurings around the village suggest that there is some unquantified opposition to the proposed church clock for the Millennium. Guy Eddy has written a lucid account of the process to date, in support. The majority which Guy cites is the silent majority but the Millennium Committee has had little else to guide it. A statutory notice has been posted in the Church Porch and it will be there until the end of the first week in September for anyone to make a response.*

*As most of you know, Sir Douglas' granddaughter, Sara, will marry Derek Eastway in Ringmore on 25th September. The reception will be held in the garden of Barnford and is planned to run from 5.00pm until it finishes! Sara regrets that it is not possible to invite everyone and asks for your goodwill should the hour be late and the music audible.*

*Finally there is a problem regarding dogs and Town Well. This is one of those areas which comes within the scope of the Act and is therefore 'out of bounds' to dogs. Perhaps the most important aspect is that this piece of ground is maintained for public benefit and it is, at the very least, an unpleasant experience when a strimmer blasts the offending mess in all directions. Please be more considerate when exercising your dog in this part of the village which can be seen from many vantage points.*

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## Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore

*The Minister writes:*

Having, reasonably successfully, put the Eclipse and the Fêtes of August behind us, our attention now turns to Harvest (it's all go, innit?). The diary below gives the dates and venues for the various services and "nosh-ups", and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of them.

For the Harvest Services in Bigbury and Kingston on September 26 (and the 9 a.m. Communion in Ringmore on that day) we have invited a guest preacher, Mr. Richard Jones, who is a Reader at St. Barnabas, Cray, Orpington. Richard is also Southern England Representative for the Mid-Africa Ministry (formerly the Ruanda Mission, part of CMS), and so has up-to-date information about the situation between Hutus and Tutsis in that troubled part of Africa. We are placing our Harvest Festival Services on that day under the title of "Ripe for Harvest". All are very welcome at these Services (Ringmore's is a week later), and at the Harvest meals (Bigbury is going very local this year!)

There are other great events, some happy, some not so happy, in the pipeline. Please watch for details on the Church notice-boards. Maybe there's a note or two from other sources in this Newsletter. It's always good to read it and keep up with what is going on (and if that's not sucking up to the Editor, I don't know what is!)

### DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
September 5	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
September 12	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
September 19	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
September 26	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Harvest Festival and Lunch at the <i>Royal Oak</i>	Kingston Harvest Festival and Refreshments
October 3	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Harvest Festival	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
October 8 (Friday)	7.30 p.m.: Ringmore's Harvest Supper in the Parish Room		

Sincerely yours,

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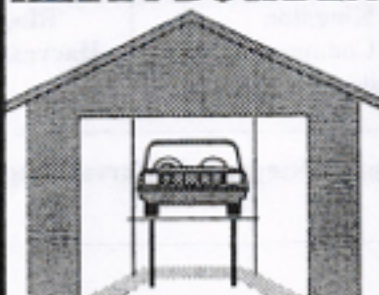
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The construction of the Aveton Gifford bypass was planned for October '89. Vehicles approaching the bridge had been timed at 104mph as they reached the bottom of the hill prompting the movement of the limit signs to further up the hill.

In spite of the fact that Myra Eddy's skills as Parish Clerk were improving by the meeting, it was decided to advertise the post in the Kingsbridge Gazette.

The WI raised £504 at their annual fête.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

August, or at least the beginning of it, was dominated by the eclipse and most of us had family and friends 'invading' for the event. But before that we had the Fête which takes the place of our August meeting and this despite the weather, which after weeks of sun and heat decided to let us down! It poured, almost without relief, all day but thanks to the dedication and determination of all concerned, everything went ahead and the 'punters' came! Their loyalty is amazing: they turn up every year and support us, the spirit is happy and everyone seems to be having a good time even with water pouring down their necks! In fact it was a SUCCESS!! Thanks to all who participated - well done.

Our next meeting is on 9th September at 7.30pm; the Braceys will give a talk on 'Garden by Design'. The previously published talk by Annabel Major on 'The Ups and Downs of running a One-Woman Travel Agency' will take place on 14th October. Thank you for waiting.

Naomi Warne We wish them a happy time in Ringmore.

## Journey's End Journal

The end of August finds us up to our necks in the summer trade whilst also finishing moving in and starting to refurbish our accommodation. So, it has been a busy month, the highlights being (excuse the pun) the eclipse and the laying of a slate flagstone floor. Within the pub we have been maintaining a good range of real ales and our Wine of the Month has proved to be very popular. We have placed our orders for champagne for the millennium (mostly jeroboams! - watch this space).

After the Bank Holiday it will be time to start planning our first Beer Festival and other events for the Autumn. It is shaping up to be a busy time ahead. Finally, by popular demand, the bouillabaisse will be on the menu!

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Drina Williams  
Area Organiser



## SCALING DOWN

We have volunteered for a sponsored slim for the benefit of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We wannabe a combined two stones lighter than we are at the moment - our current weight is 25 stones 5lbs. If we are unable to meet this target we will make a forfeit donation to the appeal.

So if you see us coming towards you with a sponsor form in hand and a glint in our eyes, please treat us kindly. It is, after all, a very good cause.

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## THE MILLENNIUM

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The next meeting of the Millennium Committee will be held on Wednesday 15th September at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.  
Guy Eddy



#### Proposed Clock - All Hallows Church

On behalf of the Millennium Committee I felt that a response to last month's letter on the proposed clock was called for. You may recall that I wrote in the Newsletter of January 1998 suggesting that parishioners might like to give some thought to the Millennium. This I later put to the Parish Council and offered to form a small committee, under their overall control, to elicit the Parish feeling. A committee of myself, Mrs Mann, Miss Reddel and Mr Patterson was formed. Suggestions from parishioners were sought, a list was produced and parishioners were invited to select their top six. From this democratic selection of 18 items a church clock was fourth in order of preference. At an Open Meeting in October 1998 it was decided that the possibilities should be investigated. Mr Patterson, who has considerable knowledge of clocks, undertook to investigate the types and availability of suitable clocks. With the approval of the Parish Council, a letter was sent to the Minister to elicit the Parochial Church Council's view on both a church clock and a lychgate. The PCC was not in favour of a lychgate, which had been fifth in order of preference, so this was not proceeded with any further. The PCC gave provisional approval for a clock, subject to size, position, design and colour which would all have to be approved before the final go-ahead was given. This was only the beginning because Diocesan approval would have to be sought from Exeter, planning approval sought from the South Hams District Council and finally a Millennium Grant from the Millennium Experience Committee.

Over the winter months, slow but steady progress has been made, seven Open Meetings have been held and regular updates have been put in the Newsletter. A suitable clock has been found and approved by the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council. Additionally, vice-chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs Major, has agreed to join the Millennium Committee. A complicated application for Grant Aid has been sent off and acknowledged and we should know the outcome by mid-September. Also a

## WI FÊTE

August 4th and the rain came down but the spirits of Ringmore WI were not dampened. Our fête opened at 2.00pm and the faithful crowds ran across the wet grass to the exciting array of stalls waiting for them in the marquee and hall. During the afternoon it cleared up enough and the open-air stalls swung into action.

It was a wonderful team effort from putting up the marquee (even if we put a stake through Richard's water main - so sorry) to clearing away the empty tables at the end. The final amount raised was £770 and I would like to say 'Thank you' to everybody for all their hard work

Jackie Tagent  
President

### Ringmore Recipes

After a lot of hard work requesting, appealing, exhorting, receiving, rejecting, sorting, collating, typing, copying, printing and binding, Gillian Parkin has completed her task of producing a Recipe Book for Ringmore in support of Imperial Cancer Research. This is not self-indulgence, it is a generous response to past problems. Gillian is quick to acknowledge the help she has received especially from

Rosemary Tate who kindly donated the photocopying.

The book will be available on Tuesday 21st September when it will be launched at a Ploughman's Lunch in the Parish Room. This will be your opportunity to support this excellent cause and to see if your recipe for Boiled Water has been included!

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Planning Application has been submitted to SHDC which has been acknowledged. This will be proceeded with if and when we hear favourably from the Grant Committee.

Referring to Mrs Sheppard's letter, there are a couple of points I would like to make. The church has survived for a very long time but only because over the years some very dedicated people have given a lot of time and effort to maintain it. The bells have been refurbished and re-hung; the organ repaired and updated a number of times; new heating has been installed and the building itself is often having small repairs done. It is the majority opinion of the parish that a suitable clock would be a worthwhile addition to the tower and a suitable means of marking the arrival of the new Millennium. After all, a clock marks a small segment of time that makes up the millennium which is primarily a Christian celebration associated with our calendar. Secondly, the church is a public building open to all, not just to regular church goers and a clock, if we get one, would be taken on by the PCC and maintained for the benefit of all, with help if needed.

Guy Eddy

## AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE

An African Adventure is the name which has been given to a three-day exhibition, displaying the work of five Kingsbridge-based groups and one from Modbury, which have friendship links with communities in Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Gambia, Kenya and Zambia.

The exhibition will be opened at 9.00am on Thursday, 16th September, at the Market Hall, Fore Street, Kingsbridge by Chris Rogers the presenter of 'Spotlight on Westminster' and will run until midday on Saturday 18th.

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Mary-Rose Rogers  
Modbury



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## SEPTEMBER DIARY

We say this every year - where did the summer go?? Here we are again thinking about the winter evenings and our regular activities.

### MONDAYS

Euchre begins again on Monday 13th Sept at 8.00pm



### TUESDAYS

'Folk at the Oak' are with us on the 7th Sept and alternate Tuesdays. Look out for our other live music nights with Wendy, Wild Country, The Silkie and others



### WENESDAYS

The Pool League will be beginning again soon: we hope to raise a team - all players welcome



### FRIDAYS

Darts League matches begin on the 17th Sept - but we hope to be playing friendlies on the 3rd and the 10th - new players welcome



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The Loyalty Committee met this month but no sooner had it convened than the door bell rang and seven entries were found on the doormat. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

It was ~~heartwarming~~ good to welcome back the Lovely Sue Brickay who, with typical modesty, protested 'At last one I can do!' Taurus claims 'Yours as always' but I am not sure. Let us wait until the second sign of the Zodiac has real problems: that will test fidelity. Greetings from Cleriwho are gladly reciprocated. Last month Matchman had some help, (why not?) and he is riding high in the standings. I did not mention the 'assist', it did not seem important but would you believe that these gloryseekers have protested at the lack of recognition. Push them off the bandwagon Matchman, you do not need them! And then there are the Beginners. I presume they are lovely people but what anguish they go through. . . a set of perfect answers followed by the analysis. In effect they say 'we have done the puzzle but most of the answers are not in our Chambers but relief, relief, we have found them in our New Oxford. So they have two dictionaries - do we need to know? Enough banter, everyone was right. Variations centred on Land (Lord, Lady, Owner) Ship.

### SEPTEMBER

A simple numerical palindromic puzzle. Which number can be added to this sequence to make the whole thing a palindrome. Lateral thinking?

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A grand total of over £900, after expenses, was raised for church funds.

On behalf of the church council, thank you all for your hard work.

Jackie & Michael Tagent

## Short Mat Bowls

This gentle but occasionally fiercely competitive sport resumes on Monday 6th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. At the AGM in August, Alan McCarthy was elected Chairman; Michael Tagent, Secretary and Adrian Muller, Treasurer in succession to Gordon & Carol Alan and Lynn Fisher, respectively.

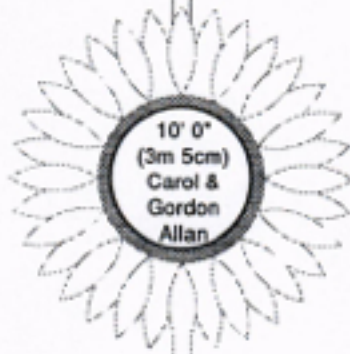
New members are always welcome!



# Friday Club Sunflower

## Competition Results

If you think these splendid specimens are the result of secret formulae, night-time vigils and excessive TLC, you would be wrong. All growers admit to having ignored their entries which probably means that the plants know how to do it without interference! All three are still growing and final heights will be reported.



## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 24th August  
Present: 6 councillors, the Clerk, Police Sgt Wycliffe-Jones, Dist Cllr Bryan Carson, Neighbourhood Watch - David Young, Millennium Committee - Guy Eddy and Mike Patterson and two other members of the public.

### Matters Arising

#### Darkie Lane

Cllr Muller reported that Devon County Council Highways and British Telecom are looking into the matter of the overflowing manhole which contributes to the flooding of the footpath. If the matter is not resolved before the winter, he suggests that some decking to create a dry walk-way should be installed. SHDC has agreed to provide the wood with the Parish Council providing blocks for the base and the wire mesh to cover it. Cllr Major asked that it be clarified whether this is a footpath or a bridleway, before any action is taken.

Cllr Muller also reported that the footpath from the end of Cockle Lane to Challaborough has been tidied. He has spoken to the farmer concerning obstructions. A new finger post is to be provided by South Hams.

### Town Well Tidy-up

A date will be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

### Matters raised by Parishioners

#### Millennium Committee

Guy Eddy reported that the committee had not met since August but a meeting had taken place with representatives from the Planning Authority and English Heritage at the Church concerning the proposed clock. English Heritage have subsequently indicated to the planners that they see no reason to refuse permission. Planning permission will not, however, be sought until funds are confirmed in view of the cost involved. (Bryan Carson reported later that he had not succeeded in getting any reduction in the application fee.)

There has been no progress with regard to displaying the Parish Map.

### Neighbourhood Watch

David Young was happy to report that there had been no further incidents since the break-in at the Church.

No police representative had attended a Parish Council meeting since April 1998. This was due, in the main, to illness. However Police Inspector Sumner has asked that he be sent minutes of the Council meeting. The meeting was then pleased to welcome Sgt Wycliffe-Jones who gave a breakdown of reported incidents in the parish over the past 12 months. He felt that as a Parish we are very fortunate in the low level of

reported crime, perhaps due to our effective Neighbourhood Watch. Sgt Wycliffe-Jones felt it was unlikely that we would see any higher profile of the police in our area on a regular basis but Kingsbridge Station is manned 24 hours a day. They will send a representative to Council meetings from time to time but this is unlikely to be on a monthly basis.

### Renton

The owners of Renton Farm had expressed concern over the state of disrepair of the adopted road leading to the farm. The Council agreed to write to Devon County Council Highways Department on their behalf, requesting that an inspection of the lane causing concern with a view to remedial action being taken.

### Speed de-restriction sign Pickwick Inn

Concern had been expressed by a parishioner over the fact that the de-restriction sign is sited before the sharp bend at Bull Horn Cross, perhaps contributing to higher speeds on the dangerous corner. Some discussion followed on the difficulty of placement and alteration of speed/de-restriction signs. The parishioners's concerns were acknowledged and noted.

### District Council

Cllr Bryan Carson said he had little to report as most SHDC committees did not meet in August. Ivybridge Leisure Centre has been refurbished at a cost of approximately £250,000 and is to re-open in early September.

The Eclipse had caused no real problems in terms of traffic or crime although there had been a three-fold increase in traffic on the A38 between 6.00pm and 6.00am on the night before the event.

### Planning

Mr J Parkin, Pleasant Cottage. First floor extension - no objections.

Haven Leisure. Re-newal of permission for re-building the Beach Café. Two councillors expressed reservations but the council did not object.

### Haven Leisure Parking Signs

Objections had been received from Parishioners to the recent erection of parking signs on the piece of land leading to the slipway at Challaborough. Considerable discussion followed and the matter is to be looked into by the Chairman who will report back at the next meeting.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st September 7.00pm WI Hall  
Carol Allan