



**RINGMORE**  
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*Ringmore has been a community since Doomsday. Never rich, it survived on meagre pickings from the sea and the land until early in the century. Before and since then the community has centred on the Church and the Journey's End, the oldest elements of the village. In the second half of 19th century the Rev. Francis Hingeston Randolph restored a declining village, laying the foundation for the modern Ringmore. He is, most likely, our 'Man of the Millennium'! After the Manor of Ringmore was sold in 1908, the community, as we know it, began to develop.*

*Eventually the village arrived in the twentieth century; electricity 1941; water 1947; sewerage 1963. We should look back in gratitude to our forebears, those who built the village; to those who have come and gone but who cherished the village which we hold in trust. We must look forward in hope. We have reached the year 2000!*

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# All Hallows, Ringmore: Church News



*The Minister writes:*

Listen. I've made a New Millennium Resolution. With the exception of this issue, I am going to make this page a "millennium-free zone". I don't see why not. After all, if you are reading this (for which you only have yourself to blame), then you will have seen the Millennium in. And I will hereby guarantee you that you will not see it out. I do like these little certainties in life; it helps (but not much) to keep me humble. Let's have an end to those arguments as to whether we got the date wrong, anyway, and should have waited another year (what a horrible thought: another Dome, another lot of hype, another excuse for a binge .....). And let's start this New Year a thousand times better than we usually do.

This New Year has a lot going for it: the last years of the old century saw totally unexpected miracles happening: the fall of the Berlin Wall, the end of the Soviet Union, the tentative actual beginnings of the Northern Ireland Peace Process, actual steps towards "Jubilee 2000" and much more. But there was Bosnia and Kosovo and Chechnya and the Stephen Lawrence inquiry and Neil Hamilton and Orissa and Venezuela and .... I include the last two, because these disasters were certainly aggravated by the greed of man.

There is a Man behind the Millennium, as we will be inviting our schoolchildren to discover in the next few weeks. But he's not that only because he was born 2000 years ago (give or take a couple), but because he is alive today and does not hide himself from us if we really seek him (see the "Word for the Year" below).

So why not start the New Year, Century and Millennium by joining others in seeking him and finding him in worship and fellowship in one of our village churches? Now, and I do mean NOW. There is no better time to make a new start with God.

Look out for some of us early this year. We've got something for you: a gift from your church. And it's free. Curious? Just wait and see!

## DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
January 2	Family Communion for a New Year at 10.30 a.m. in All Hallows, Ringmore ( no services in Bigbury or Kingston)		
January 9	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston * Evening Prayer (BCP)
January 16	Bigbury Holy Communion (BCP)	Kingston * Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
January 23	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston * Evening Prayer (BCP)
January 30	Team Service : "Shine" at 10.30 a.m. in All Hallows, Ringmore (no Services in Bigbury or Kingston)		

\* in Kingston Methodist Church (because of the installation of a new heating system in St. James' Church)

Sincerely yours,  
Derek Matten, Minister

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(Jeremiah 29, 13-14)

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# TEN YEARS AGO . . .

There was no Newsletter in January 1990 so presumably Myra was soldiering on!



## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

There is little to report for December as there was no meeting. Traditionally its place is taken by the Christmas Party which was held at the Journey's End on 14th December. This was voted a great success, with good food and drink; the sound of animated conversation rose steadily throughout the evening as members 'loosened up'!

The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th January when Frank and Drina Williams will talk about their further African travels. Don't miss the first meeting of the new Millennium!

Naomi Warne

First let us wish everybody a very good New Year (Century & Millennium), Prosperity and Good Health.

This month we will be welcoming the British Legion for their Millennium Dinner early in the month. Later, by popular demand, we shall be staging the Table Tennis Tournament for the John Bracey Trophy. We look forward to many participants and fierce competition.

Look out for Burn's Night in the week of 25th and also the Chinese New Year.

The Quiz will continue with James' Millennium Quiz on 6th and Robbie's Superstition Quiz on . . . 13th!

Finally, Bob Moffat will be here on Friday 29th. Collect one of our diary sheets from the bar.

Grahame and Debbie

***As usual January seems to be a quiet month which will allow us to recover from the numerous celebrations. Various events are planned at the Journey's End but little is happening elsewhere.***

***If we are to have Millennium Mugs we need to order MORE - the minimum number is 108 and we are well short at present. Contact Jackie Tagent 810520 by 15th January. A small order such as ours will mean that the mugs should, in time, gain a value as commemorative items.***

***To plant Millenium Trees contact Alan McCarthy 810738 who has the trees, the master plan and some knowledge of the technique! Obviously reasonably clement weather is needed.***

# Journey's End Journal



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## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Open Meeting  
Wednesday 17th January  
7.30pm WI Hall

### ***A History of Modbury***

Phil Andrews

This will be an interesting account of the varied history of this small market town. Every time we shop in Modbury we take it for granted. This is an opportunity to find out what 'that funny thing up there' is. Perhaps you have not seen it! Brighten the January gloom with your presence!

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## Weather

Now is an appropriate moment to thank Fiona Batten for her dedicated recording of the rainfall, when she is not away! This is no fair-weather job! 'Thank you' Fiona, from everyone, for your efforts. Fiona asked if the December total was a record. It is for December but not for Ringmore, i.e. since readings were started for the Newsletter in 1986. The highest monthly figure is 8.5" in Jan '88 and Nov '92. Last year's total was 40.5" but the range is 29.75" in '91 to 45.5" in 1986. Even '94 managed more than 43" and that was a beautiful summer! The foregoing stands unless you know differently.

## Mobile Library January

Dates:- 7th & 21st  
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 Jan for last 10 years - 4"  
High - Jan 1990 - 6 1/2"  
Low - Jan 1993/97 - 1"

## JANUARY DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm  
WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm  
THURSDAY: Quiz Night Journey's End 9.00pm  
FRIDAYS: 7th & 21st Friday Club Parish Room 5.30pm

11th Millennium Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall  
17th Historical Society Open Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall  
18th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall  
26th Royal British Legion Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm

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# THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED THE CLOCK HAS BEEN STOPPED

It is now two years since I wrote to the Newsletter suggesting that we might give some consideration to the forthcoming Millennium. Now that it has arrived it might be a time to review what progress has been made. The original list of 16 suggestions was, for one reason or another, whittled down to a final 4. They were, trees, both conifers and deciduous, seats, a Parish Map for a notice board at Ringmore and at Challaborough, and a Church Clock.

The coniferous trees have been planted. A sequoia near to the Ringmore to Kingston path on Mr. McCabe's ground. Seven pine trees on Haven land near to the Ringmore to Folly Hill path. Two pines and an evergreen oak near to the Ringmore to Bigbury Village path on Mr. Tucker's land.

The 1500 deciduous trees are being planted on the Devon bank above Lower Manor Farm. This has been fenced by the National Trust, and the trees have been provided by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, and the planting is down to the parishoners following a pattern produced by Mr. Alan McCarthy. Help for this planting is welcomed!

## Examination of whether Hell is Exo or Endothermic

The following is apparently a question given on a University of Washington chemistry mid-term examination. The answer was so "profound" that the professor shared it with colleagues, which is why we now have the pleasure of enjoying it as well.

**Bonus Question:** Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law, (gas cools off when it expands and heats up when it is compressed) or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following: First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate that souls are moving into Hell and the rate they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.

As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Some of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there are more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all

The seats, two of them, will be bought from the National Trust and will be positioned, one on the path to Toby's Point and the other halfway down Smugglers Path to Ayrmer Cove. These are expected to be in position by Easter 2000.

The large Parish Map has been something of a headache. Production has thrown up many problems and costs have varied from nominal to £200. The Coast & Countryside Department at Totnes has produced a copy of the map which they will let us have mounted on a notice board to be placed on the church end of the bus shelter at Ringmore, and free of charge; but it does have drawbacks. Another type could be produced by Spectrum of Plymouth, and would cost about £90, plus the provision of a notice board, and plus planning approval, probably in all in excess of £500. Other offers are even more expensive. A final decision has not been made.

The Church Clock has run into a series of set-backs. The initial application for a Millennium Grant was confidently sent off last June, only to be rejected in September because it did not fall within their area of Grant Aid. This has been the case with subsequent enquiries to the Heritage Trust, English Heritage, The Lottery Commission, and even Shell Better Britain said that we were outside their area of assistance. It does seem a pity because a clock, though not essential,

would be a splendid addition to the Church, which reaches back towards the last Millennium, and would be a reminder of what is essentially a Christian celebration for many years to come. Perhaps there is a source of help that we haven't found as yet.

In conclusion I would remind parishoners that there is still time for other Millennium initiatives, for instance Mrs. Tagent's Ringmore Mugs for the Millennium deserves your consideration.

The next Millennium Open Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th January 2000 at 7:30pm in the W.I. Hall.

Guy Eddy  
Millennium Committee

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting:** Tuesday 21st December  
**Present:** 6 councillors, the Clerk, Neighbourhood Watch - David Young, Millennium Committee - Guy Eddy and two other member of the public.

### Town Well

It was agreed that the Well will be cut on a regular basis by a recommended Contractor.

### Footpaths

No 13 Cockle Lane. Two kissing gates have been installed and a fingerpost has been repositioned.

No 14 Darkie Lane. The wood has now arrived and when the weather improves the walkway will be completed.

The Coast and Countryside Service are proposing to re-route two existing footpaths from across the centre of fields to the hedges. No reasons were given and benefits to the walker are not readily apparent. The council did not object.

### Millennium

Tree planting started on 30th November and about 300 have been put in, leaving 1200 to go. The grant for the trees has been received. Help is required with further planting when the weather is more favourable.

The Parish Map problem is unresolved. A meeting will take place in January with the Ringmore Historical Society.

**Finance** The precept for next year, 2000/2001, will remain at £1500.

Application for a two-storey extension at Rosies Barn has been withdrawn.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th January 7.00pm WI Hall.  
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# DECEMBER SOLUTION

Which are the closest two palindromic dates of the 20th century? I thought that would be a bit of a poser and so it proved. I don't often win but this month it is 1 to me. There were some good tries and some interesting reasoning. I would, however, caution against using words such as 'must' or 'not possible' or making positive statements which prove to be incorrect. Let me explain... this could be where Enigma falls flat on his face!

No doubt there was much discussion about leading zeroes. All dates were to be written 'as normal', therefore a leading zero on the day was not needed. A leading zero for the month is not usually written but to try to manipulate a solution by omitting the leading zero for the year earns no brownie points!

To state that 29th February does not exist is merely a way of staying younger but 29.2.92 and 29.3.92 are fairly close. Two of you centred on Feb/Mar as being the only possible source of an answer. They are always 28 days apart unless it is a leap year whereas 27.6.72 and 2.7.72, for example, are much closer! I give Matchman and Taurus 2 points each for their efforts but the winner has to be The Beginners with their answer of 21.11.12 and 2.12.12. 11 days apart; not bad! However there is one answer (perhaps there are more?) which is much closer,

**29.8.92      2.9.92**

only five days apart including the dates. The result of these shennanigans is as follows:

The Beginners	36
Taurus	33
The Matchman	32

Well Done The Beginners! It is incumbent on the winners to specify the place for the acceptance of the prize. It is not like Formula One although if you wish to make an exhibition of yourselves (is there more than one?) it is your choice.

## JANUARY

The following is a list of nationalities by adjective, eg -o--i-- is Scottish. It is relatively simple in an attempt to encourage both new and old readers to chance their arm. Old Moore predicts a fall in the number of existing competitors. All you need is a pencil, a piece of paper and a pseudonym.

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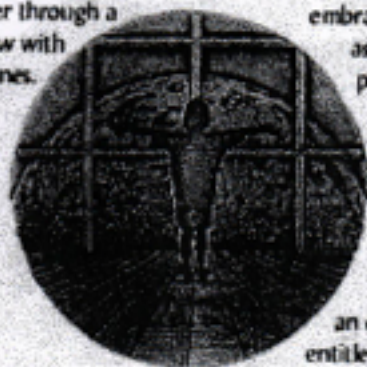
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