

RINGMORE

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 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: 4th & 18th Friday Club Parish Room 5.30pm

- 1st Inter Parish Quiz 8.00pm Diptford Village Hall
- 12th Vanetina's Day Dinner at Journey's End
- 15th Millennium Open Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall.
- 16th Ringmore Historical Society Open Meeting
WI Hall 7.30pm A History of Dartmouth
- 18th Music Night at the Journey's End
- 20th John Bracey Table Tennis Tournament at the
Journey's End
- 22nd Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
- 23rd Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm

DEADLINE Monday 21st Feb

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Dates:- 4th & 18th

Ringmore Church

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Challeshorough

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Kingston Fire Station

3.45 - 4.30



Fiona Batten

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Inter-Parish Quiz

DIPTFORD v RINGMORE

Tuesday 1st February
8.00pm

Diptford Village Hall

All support will be welcome

Darkie Lane has received more attention recently than for many a year. At certain times the path becomes a quagmire and to obviate the consequences the Parish Council has laid a wooden duck board in the hope that it can be used comfortably all year round. It has been noticed that one or two intrepid horse riders use this path on occasions in spite of the fact that it is designated as a footpath and not a bridlepath. It would be helpful if riders would take note of this fact.

The Inter-Parish Quiz resumes this month. The Ringmore team was fairly successful last year in reaching the semi-final stage but will need to be on top form merely to emulate that performance let alone surpass it. The quest begins at Diptford on Tuesday 1st February and any support would be welcomed. If you wish to come and want to know where to go, contact a team member; Colin Jackson (Capt), Felicity Godwin, Robbie McCarthy or Geof Dykes. Whatever the outcome, these evenings are usually most enjoyable.

A number of the proposed projects for the Millennium have not been realised in spite of the hard work of Guy Eddy and his Millennium Committee. However the Tree Planting has been completed thanks to good weather and volunteers. To mark this achievement the Committee will hold a 'Thank You' Coffee Morning at a time to be announced. Orders for Millennium Mugs still lag behind the required target. It is not too late and it is known that there are children (under 16) for whom an order for a free mug has yet to be placed. Would parents of these poor neglected offspring please contact Jackie Tagent on 520.

It will help the Editor if contributors would submit items for next month by Monday 21st February AT THE VERY LATEST, PLEASE.

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The Minister writes:

Thank you. At the first meeting this year of the Parochial Church Council towards the end of January, we had a look at the draft Financial Report for 1999, which our Hon Treasurer, Michael Tagent, will present to the Annual Meeting in April. It looks as though the "plate collections" last year were considerably up on the previous year, which either means that attendance at Services was up (which it was - slightly) or that those who come are giving more generously (which they obviously are).

So may I offer here the heartfelt thanks of those (including myself) who are responsible for seeing that we maintain our buildings and work here in Ringmore, as well as ensuring that our assistance to charities and missionary societies is also kept going. It's not easy to balance the Church books (nor our own sometimes!)

Love from the taxman. When we know for sure how the Government will be changing the way we as a church can reclaim tax on gifts (up to now only through Covenants and Gift Aid), there will be an approach by the PCC to all who give to ask them (you?) to consider helping to increase our income in this way. Watch, as they say, this space.

Sits. Vac. After the resignation of our Lay Chairman, Gordon Allan, and his wife Carol from the PCC, it was decided to delay asking anyone to replace them until the AGM. At that meeting, our Churchwarden, Jacqueline Patterson, will not be standing for re-election (neither will Vera Matthews in Kingston), so new faces are inevitable. Please give thought and prayer to these vacancies, actual and potential.

Quite independently of this, we are seeking someone who would be willing to lead a small group of people responsible for what in Church parlance is called "Sacristan's work" - looking after the altar linen, changing the frontals when required, setting up the Lord's Table for the fortnightly Communion services and suchlike. The present "incumbents" have given more years' service than I can count, and it is time that this piece of service for the church community be now taken on by others. If you are interested, or would like to know more of what this involves, please have a word with me.

I promised you a small gift last month. Production delays mean that it won't be in your hands until March. But we haven't forgotten.

Yours in love and affection,

Derek Matten, Minister

The Church House, Ringmore

Tel: 810565

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
February 6	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
February 13	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
February 20	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
February 27	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
March 5	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

January 1990 was the time of the second Great Gale (the first was in Oct '87). Damage to property and trees occurred throughout the parish. Worst hit was Challaborough where one house lost its roof, 47 caravans were overturned and many chalets were damaged but no injuries were reported.

In the inter-parish quiz Ringmore lost 66-51 at Ermington. Jim Owen stood in for Bill Warne and John Bourne volunteered for the second leg.

There was no progress relating to the employment of a Clerk to the Council. *Could it be that Myra secretly wanted the job?*

THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

At our January Millennium Open Meeting a progress report was given.

The planting of deciduous trees has gone ahead at a remarkable pace since Christmas, and is now approaching completion. This is very largely due to Alan McCarthy who has worked out a planting pattern, bundled the plants for planting on the marked planting area; all of which has made the job so much easier. A big thank you to all those who have helped with the planting.

We are hoping to have a small celebration to recognise the completion of our first Millennium project and to invite those who have supported us, namely the National Trust and Coast and Countryside's branch of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. First we need to ensure the availability of our intended guests PLEASE WATCH FOR POSTERS.

The logs for the two seats have been cut and are being prepared at Scobbiscombe Farm, Kingston.

The format of the Parish map notice board has been approved by the Historical Society and the Parish Council. This will now be passed to Coast and Countryside for production. There is still a lot of work to be done but we hope to have them in position by Easter.

No progress has been made with the securing of funding for the proposed clock in the Church Tower. However it was decided that it was too early to give up the search.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be held in the WI Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th February 2000.

Guy Eddy

Journey's End Journal

February is now upon us and with it a full calendar of interesting functions and events. First the highlights from January. The British Legion Dinner went down very well despite flu striking down several guests and the Burns Night was a rip-roaring success! A big 'Thank You' to James Stevenson for his Burns recitation. Thanks also to our Quiz Masters, the standard keeps getting better and better.

February kicks off with Chinese New Year on Saturday 5th on which a Banquet is planned and bookings are well advanced - there are some places left; don't miss out. A Valentine's Day menu is planned for Saturday 12th to give you an opportunity to treat your loved one to a special meal. The Park Bench Aristocrats will be playing on Friday 18th. The John Bracey Table Tennis Tournament is scheduled for Sunday 20th with practice on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th & 16th. All are welcome to enter - please give you name to Grahame, Debbie or Steve.

The Bonus Ball Competition returns and starts on Saturday 5th and will be based on the Saturday Draw only. Proceeds from this, after prizes, will go into a Bonfire Night Fund, so please have a go! It is all in a good cause and 'IT COULD BE YOU'!

Saturday 26th will be a 'Hot & Spicy' food evening; the menu will be available nearer the day.

Some seasoned Quiz Masters are lined up to get you thinking throughout the month at our Thursday Quiz Nights. We look forward to seeing you at the Journey's End with or without chopsticks or table tennis bats.

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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The first meeting of the new season was held on Thursday 13th January, the speakers being Drina and Frank Williams who gave a riveting account of their second visit to Africa, this time to Tanzania. They had already formed a bond with Africa on their first visit and after the second one the connection was obviously even closer. The sights and sounds were brought right into the WI Hall and the animals and reptiles had members clinging to their seats.

Various fund-raising activities are planned for the coming season to help in the alterations to the WI Hall. On 23rd February there will be a Whist Drive to start off these events. Please back us up in our efforts!

Naomi Warne

MUSIC AT THE PADDOCK
WITH FRANK & DRINA
Tuesday: 15th Feb 14th Mar

NEIGHBOURHOOD
As most of you all know by now, in December a local property was broken into and items were stolen.
Police enquiries are continuing. Fortunately there is nothing to report for January.
WATCH

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OPEN MEETING
Wednesday 16th February
7.30pm
WI Hall

A History of Dartmouth

(with slides from the Dartington Archive)

Mrs. Ray Freeman

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Meeting: Tuesday 18th January

Present : 7 Councillors, the Clerk, District Councillor B Carson, Neighbourhood Watch: D. Young, Millennium Committee: Guy Eddy plus three other members of the public.

Matters Arising

Trees at La Fontaine (now known as The Fairway). Some concern had been expressed to the Council about the recent cutting. The property is outside of the conservation area and not subject to tree preservation controls. The work has been carried out following approval by Ross Kennerley of South Hams District Council who felt that a balanced approach to tree management was required.

Matters Raised by Parishioners

Neighbourhood Watch - David Young had nothing to report.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards - A local teenager is working for an award and is seeking community work. She has to complete 15 hours and has already spent 7 hours planting trees on the Millennium Bank. The Council suggested further planting and perhaps cleaning the road signs.

Footpaths

Cllr. Muller reported that the wooden walkway in Darkie Lane has been completed.

(Remember this is a footpath NOT a bridleway and is certainly not suitable for horses with the walkway now in place)

The footpath to Kingston is next on Cllr Muller's hit list for improvement!

Millennium

Guy Eddy reported that over 1000 deciduous trees have now been planted in the Millennium Bank and it should be completed by mid February. Progress is also being made with the proposed seats and maps and these will hopefully be in place before Easter. Cllr Tagent advised that the demand for millennium mugs has been slow and, so far, insufficient applications have been received for the project to proceed. A further reminder will be placed in the Newsletter.

District Council Matters

Mr Carson reported following the first meeting of the new year last week, when much discussion took place concerning flooding in areas over the Christmas period, particularly at Harbertonford. The matter of recycling rubbish is still under review and he is shortly to visit the recycling plant in Plymouth which has been

set up to reduce the pressure on land fill sites. The Parish Council congratulated the District Council on the efficient way in which household rubbish was dealt with over the long Christmas/New Year holiday. The matter of disposal of substances such as asbestos will be taken up by Mr Carson as there has been great difficulty experienced with this. South Hams Leisure Centres are still under performing. Ways are being considered to encourage their use such as a monthly fee and concessions on car parking, but in the meantime Cllr. Carson urges us all to go for a swim to get fit!

Planning

Application 40/0001/00/F

Erection of two storey extension Rosie's Barn. The Council has no objections but still has reservations regarding the size of the extension, the decking and the nearness to neighbouring properties.

Approval - W.I.Hall, provision of disabled access, entrance porch and toilet - planning permission has been granted.

Any Other Business

David Young asked if there would be provision of a skip again this year. The Council will discuss this at its next meeting. Last year there were some "grumbles" about the timing of the skips - if you have a view let your councillors know.

Inspector David Sumner has requested dates of all the Council meetings this year.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed as 26th April so that an early invitation to speak could be sent to Sir Simon Day and Simon Gamer of the National Trust.

The Chairman had received correspondence relating to a boundary dispute between two neighbours. It was agreed that this was a private matter and not Council business.

Cllr Major asked if the cast iron pipe, probably an old "stink" pipe, in Rectory Lane (near the kissing gate entrance to the footpath) could be discussed at the next meeting. If you have any information concerning it, or an opinion on its preservation or otherwise, come along to the next meeting or contact one of your councillors.

Next Meeting Tuesday 22nd February, 7pm W.I.Hall

Carol Allan

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RINGMORE'S ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN PLANT

The common name of the leafy, lime-green plant that grows so abundantly in the hedgebanks of Ringmore is 'Alexanders'. Its botanical name is *Smyrniolus olusatrum*.

Alexanders probably came to Britain with the Romans, and for several centuries the plant was called 'the parsley of Alexandria'. It flourishes particularly well near the sea and provides us with the first fresh green foliage of spring; though, in a mild winter, and on sheltered banks, it is often verdant and leafy from November onwards. Its lime-green florets, usually appearing in April, have been likened to Angelica and to small cauliflowers. Benedictine monks pickled the florets for winter salads amid many Devon cottagers used the thick stems raw as a kind of celery, or cooked them for a vegetable. The fruits or seeds are almost black, so that the plant has often been called the Black Pot-herb.

Although it is claimed that the entire plant is edible - the leaves for making a sauce, the young stems to eat in the ways already described, the flower buds in salads and the roots cooked instead of parsnip - it should be remembered that 'Smyrniolus' is Greek for myrrh and that myrrh has a bitter taste. The old apothecaries sold Alexanders as a cure for flatulence and Culpeper notes that it is 'an herb of Jupiter. . . it warmeth a cold stomach, and openeth a stoppage to the liver and spleen'.

MILLENNIUM MUGS

Last Chance

The December and January Newsletters included order forms for the Ringmore millennium mugs. We have received sufficient replies to justify placing the order, and this is your last chance to reserve a mug!

The mugs are white bone china, with drawings of the church and pub in blue separated with the words "Millennium 2000 Ringmore Parish" in matt gold. There is also a gold rim round the mug and a gold flash on the handle.

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FEBRUARY DIARY

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session of music



WEDNESDAYS

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All players welcome



FRIDAYS

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the team

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SUNDAY EVENINGS - Quiz Night with crumpets toasted in front of the fire. Free Pool table for team players and supporters

LOOK OUT FOR our 'March Madness' menus which will be brought forward to February.

WHIST DRIVE WI HALL RINGMORE

Wednesday 23rd February
7.30pm

Raffle Prizes
Refreshments

IN AID OF WI HALL ALTERATIONS

The Royal British Legion

100 CLUB

Subscriptions for the 100 Club fall due this month. Please let either Colin Jackson or Tony Walters have your £12 as soon as possible to ensure that you are eligible for the February draw.

There are two prizes of £20 and £5 every month with a bumper prize of £300 at Christmas.

The profit from this fund-raising activity go the Royal British Legion funds.

Enigma

JANUARY SOLUTION

As was hoped, this proved to be a 'nice non-devious start' to the New Year', to quote one competitor.

The Beginners have begun again; Taurus is pawing the ground, Matchman has struck once more and The Furry Boys have begun the quest to regain their title. They might not have it all their own way for Gemini has come galloping over the . . . no, sorry, that as Geronimo . . . Gemini is a welcome new competitor (only one entry per month will be allowed, of course). Lol. Yet another newcomer! Forgive me for seeming to be excited but this entry came in an airmail letter from Su Da Nim., written in 'British' and it was correct. Am I naive to think it is from Korea? It was addressed to the Honourable Editor. This boy will do well! Sue Brickay appears to be 'not talking' at the moment and 'wherefore art thou Cleriwho?'.
Answer: Omani, Surinamese, Iranian, Nigerian, Ecuadorean, Nepalese, Israeli, Danish, Nicaraguan and Andorran. There are alternatives: Liberian and Lebanese. Yes, Andorra is a Principality but you try telling an Andorran that he/she is not Andorran!

MARCH

A word problem. Resolve the word definitions below and look for 10 pairs which are anagrams of each other. Simple! If you would like a clue read the footnote but if you don't want any help, look away now!

- Sound or solid worth
- Proposition from which an inference is drawn
- Take notice of
- Written announcements
- Weapon capable of being projected
- Glosses, brilliances, splendours
- One who interloops yarn or thread
- Started combustion
- Incessant, indiscreet discourse
- Gain retribution
- Consequences
- Trifling ornament
- Adhering to an eating regime
- Wheel with teethcontrolling movement
- Impress deeply on memory
- In speech, things like something else
- Given to using excessive wordage
- Sub-division of department
- Wide and diverse areas of rule
- 'and her hair hung down in'

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