

RINGMORE

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

FRIDAYS: 12th & 26th Friday Club Parish Room 5.30pm

5th First SMB of new season Parish Room 7.30pm

6th Millennium meeting Parish Room 7.30pm

6th RBL meeting Journey's End

10th Start of St Luke's Hospice door-to-door Collection

14th First Quiz Night of new season JE 9.00pm

20th Harvest Supper 7.30pm Parish Room

26th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

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September

Dates:- 1st, 15th, 29th

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Fiona Batten

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The Editor

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Ann Bracey

It was a shock to us all to learn that Ann had been taken into hospital just prior to the Bank Holiday weekend. She underwent an emergency operation on the Sunday and the good news is that she is now recovering in Stonehouse Ward at Derriford. Her length of stay is as yet undetermined. As time goes by visitors will, no doubt, be welcome but would you please check first with John.

Our thoughts are with Ann and John and the family at this unwelcome time.

August was a 'fêteful' month with both events being rip-roaring successes. The WI broke their record with a profit of more than £1000 and the Church exceeded their best to date with a surplus in excess of £1200. Once again the exhausting efforts have been rewarded. Rarely can so few have toiled for so long for so much!

This is a month of change. Soon the lanes will be empty apart from School Buses; there will be only familiar faces on the beaches; the JE will gradually become 'Otterly' local. Now that the majority of visitors have gone home the place can become ours again and we can concentrate on our needs. These differ of course, but September brings a variety of activities to satisfy most. Short Mat Bowls resumes; The Quiz resumes at the Journey's End and this month's Parish Council Meeting has been put back one week to 26th by popular request (from several Parish Councillors). If you haven't tried any of these, you haven't lived! Promise yourself some excitement this Autumn.

If none of the above has your approbation, there is an under-used Table Tennis table in the Parish Room. Surely there is time in the village calendar for a little ping pong?

The collection for the St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth will take place this month. Many of us have had some contact with this or similar places and we know the care and comfort they provide for those who require their support.

This year's Harvest Supper takes place on Friday 22nd. This will be Derek Matten's last such evening in Ringmore as he and Delphine will be retiring to their home in Totnes at the end of the month. Derek has become a familiar figure around the parish during his time here. He will be missed for many good reasons, not least his contribution to the Newsletter which is always a well-crafted passage. We wish Derek and Delphine many years of happy, fulfilling retirement.

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September 2000 at All Hallows



The Minister writes:

After all the activities of the summer holiday months, life begins to settle down again to the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", as Keats called the autumn. This rather suits my mood at present: a bit tired and weary after almost five years here, yet somehow content as I look back and see God's hand at work. Martin Luther used to say that life was "like a Hebrew book" – you have to read it from the back to make sense of it.

The older we get, the more we are prone to look back. Much of the time, we kid ourselves that "those were the days", and we see our present time as sad or bad or even mad. Yet today, too, will soon be yesterday. Will it, too, become part of those "good old days"?

Unlike the Beatles, I don't "believe in yesterday". I believe in God, as revealed in Jesus Christ "the same yesterday, today and for ever" (*Hebrews 13: 8*). The unknown writer of those words didn't even bother with a verb in that sentence: it's almost as if he'd sprayed it on a wall like graffiti for all to see.

And, as Delphine and I prepare to leave you at the end of this month, that's a very strong feeling – no, conviction – we share. We know that God is able to keep what we have committed to him to reveal it in his plan and purpose all in his good time (*2 Timothy 1: 12*).

So I'm glad of a quieter month (I hope!) to end my term of service here. Please come and join us in our lovely village Church in Kingston on the very last evening of my term of service as your Minister, listen to the BiKiRi Church Choir getting all romantic (and classical, and modern) with items from their repertoire of secular and religious music (much of it not performed by them in public as yet), and rejoice with us at all that God has done, is doing, and will go on doing.

Just one last thing: Harvest Festival will be here in Ringmore on Sunday, October 1 at 11 a.m. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the old practice to be revived of bringing produce to the Service? Just a thought!

I'll write a "farewell letter" next month, before I hand over to others.

Sincerely yours,

Derek Matten, Minister

The Church House, Ringmore

Tel: 810565

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
September 3	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
September 10	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
September 17	Bigbury Holy Communion (ASB)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
September 24	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
September 29 (Friday)	7.30 p.m. Ringmore's Harvest Supper in the Parish Room <i>(Advance booking essential, as space is limited!)</i>		
September 30 (Saturday)	7 p.m. A Musical Offering in St. James the Less, Kingston followed by refreshments in the Reading Room		
October 1	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) & Children's Church	Ringmore Harvest Festival Service	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

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Journey's End Journal

Record-Breaking Fête

Thanks to everyone for their hard work: our fête on 2nd August raised a new record sum of £1078.83. The temperature was perfect - not beach weather - visitors and locals alike were very supportive. Thank you to all those who gave their time and donated prizes. A special 'thank you' to Pam, Jenny, Pat and their 'other halves' for all the advance planning which enables occasions like this to run so smoothly.

October Meeting

On Thursday 12th October at 8.00pm, Mrs Freeman of Darting Archives, is coming to speak. This meeting is open to everybody and proceeds will go towards the disabled ramp cost. Entrance of £1 for non-members includes refreshments and there will also be a special raffle.

Jackie Tagent, President

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There will be a Millennium meeting on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.

The main purpose will be to progress another application for a grant towards putting a clock in the church tower. Your views are sought.

Guy Eddy

Greetings from the JE. Well, Summer did last almost throughout August and we were rewarded with a steady influx of holidaymakers, both regular, yearly visitors and newcomers. It's always nice to renew acquaintances with people who look forward to coming back to the JE each year. We do get a tremendous amount of satisfied diners who come back time and time again!

August was a musical month with both regular artists and new acts all playing to a packed pub.

The staff Art Exhibition was enthusiastically entered into though one or two puzzled expressions could be discerned on the faces of the viewing public!

The Ceilidh planned for the Bank Holiday Monday was postponed; watch this space for a future date. Meantime, Park Bench Aristocrats did a smashing job at the Church Fête instead.

September kicks off with Wendy playing live on Friday 1st, followed by Park Bench Aristocrats on 8th, Fiona on 22nd and the month is rounded off again by GIN on 29th.

The Journey's End Quiz Night re-starts on Thursday 14th September at 9.00pm. Quiz Masters and Mistresses are already lined up for September but we need volunteers for October please.

A number of themed Dining evenings is being planned throughout the winter months - please watch the notice board.

We are now compiling a New Year's Eve menu. If you are interested in dining at the JE on New Year's Eve please let us know as seating is limited.

September also brings a change in our opening hours. The pub will not be open all day from Monday to Saturday but we will continue to be so on Sundays.
Debbie and Graham

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The WI Fête made a profit of £638.91p.

The Parish Council was criticised for allowing the old red telephone box to be superceded by the modern one. This occurred when the Post Office moved from Ivy Cottage. There were complications relating to the listing of the old box, the refusal of access by the then owner of Ivy Cottage and the excuse from BT that the old boxes could be damaged when moved and public safety was paramount. There was less of a problem when the Post Box was moved to its present position.



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It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Hilda Brenton of St Ann's Chapel, on Sunday 20th August. Hilda, who had lived locally for many years, was always willing to help others and at this time our thoughts are with her husband, Graham (Bronco).

Collection boxes will be available in local shops should you wish to make a donation to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Hilda.

Dane Vanstone

Put Another Nickel in

A chaplain was confronted by a tourist, a lady from Switzerland.

She asked a question. The curate replied, "No, I'm sorry; the next organ recital isn't until tomorrow afternoon."

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Meeting : Tuesday 22nd August
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Councillor B. Carson and Cllr Dykes)

Matters Raised by Parishioners: D Young reported that on the 5th August a parasol had been taken from outside the house at Lower Manor Farm and on the 12th August George Grimshaw's cockerel had been taken from its shed at Middle Manor. The police have been informed of both incidents. There is to be a district meeting of Neighbourhood Watch representatives on the 14th September which D. Young hopes to attend. The police have asked that people be aware of door to door callers who are in the area at present offering to undertake work, in particular gardening or hedge trimming. They should not be allowed to enter premises and if they commence work which they have not been asked to undertake the police should be called immediately.

Cllr Tagent reported that the pile of rubbish opposite the houses at Crossways which South Hams Housing agreed to remove in April was still there. The clerk will follow this up. A group of runners had visited the village recently and a trail of sawdust/wood shavings had been liberally laid. Some concern had been expressed to Cllr Muller at the amount deposited on farmland where animals were grazing. Through various sources it is hoped to ask other groups of Harriers who may visit the village to reduce the number of clues

laid, particularly on grazing land.

Planning Approval :

Erection of conservatory and alteration to garages at Westbury.

Finance for Footpaths - P3 Grant :

The Council agreed unanimously that Cllr Muller be authorised to spend up to £25 at any one time from the grant fund on materials required in his maintenance of the footpaths, without prior reference.

Litter Bin :

As no formal arrangement is in place for a litter bin in the top of the village some discussion took place as to need, siting and practicality. It was decided that Councillors should come to the next meeting with suggestions for siting and the Clerk will write to SHDC for details of cost and confirmation that it will be emptied along with the other bin located at the bus shelter. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Any Other Business:

Cllr Freeman reported that long awaited material for filling in the deep ruts in Renton Lane had been erroneously dumped in Blackberry Lane by Devon Highways. He also reported that he had witnessed a near-accident of a child running out of the Journey's End Car Park into the road. Residents and visitors, young and not so young, are reminded to take great care on this dangerous corner.

Next Meeting:

Please note the next meeting is on Tuesday 26th September in the WI Hall at 7.00p.m.

Carol Allan

ALL HALLOWS REPAIRS

The PCC are making plans in consultation with the architect to restore and preserve the ancient church of All Hallows. Although there is no obvious visual damage inside except where the west wall containing the rose window is badly stained, the PCC have been advised to take action now to prevent any further deterioration of the building. The Church quinquennial inspection in September 1999 identified a series of major repairs required to the fabric of the Church, which relate to water penetration problems as a result of the Church's exposed position in the village. Extracts from the inspection report are on display in the church.

The repairs required are to the roof and rain disposal system, inspection and renovation of the west wall which includes the rose window, repairs to cracks and holes in masonry and around the windows, dealing with suspected beetle infestation and general re-pointing of the whole building. These repairs will require scaffolding to be erected both inside and outside the Church and are extremely labour-intensive in nature requiring 20 to 30 workmen over a period of about 18 weeks. In addition, because of the historic nature of the building, it is essential to use correct materials which are likely to be expensive and in the case of lime-based mortar also difficult and consequently expensive to handle.

The PCC have accepted these repairs are necessary but does not have funds to finance all the repairs, for which the total cost including VAT and the Architects fees could be £100,000. The most urgent repairs such as repairing the roof and rain disposal system will be done first with other items delayed until sufficient funds are available, for which the PCC are considering plans for fund raising. The most important criteria at present is to prevent water penetrating the Church building until funds can be obtained to make good the whole building.

Yvonne Sheppard
Church Warden

If its just the brain and right arm which need exercising try the Quiz at the Journey's End on a Thursday night. It is fun, not too taxing and there is always the beer!

The Historical Society is always seeking to expand its membership. There will be some open meetings during the Winter where you can just turn up or you could call Ardene Bennett on 810398

Finally if you have an interest which is not covered here why not start a group of your own? There are probably like minds waiting for the prompt but you will never know until you try. Have a go!

Editor

St Luke's Hospice Plymouth

Please note that the annual door-to-door collection for the Hospice will be made between Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th September. As in past years, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Drina Williams
Villages Co-ordinator

All Hallows Church
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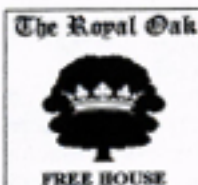
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WHAT'S ON?

Whilst not wishing away the year or the possibility of an Indian Summer, it might be worth mentioning, particularly for anyone unfamiliar with a Ringmore Winter what goes on in the village during the darker months of the year. There are activities to suit many different appetites if not all of them!

On Monday evenings there is Short Mat Bowls (call Alan McCarthy 810738), a sociable evening allowing players to expend a deal of aggression in a more genteel way. Next is Step Aerobics on Wednesday evenings, much more physical and seemingly more popular with the ladies. (call Yvonne Sheppard 810341). On a Tuesday evening a number of people venture to Modbury to play Badminton. Again, newcomers would be welcome. If you are interested call John Bracey on 810646.

In the past, interest has been expressed in Table Tennis and in the Parish Room there is a Table waiting for someone to form a club around it. If you are interested, send a note to the Editor and something can be included in next month's issue.



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SEPTEMBER DIARY

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CHURCH HOUSE

Situation Vacant

As many of you know, Derek Matten leaves Ringmore after 5 years as Rector of the three parishes. He and Delphine came to Ringmore after they had been retired already for 2½ years. A bout of ill-health prompted Derek to reconsider the merits of retirement and he opted to return to a more active life.

He found the idea of three parishes 'interesting', something which he had not experienced directly in Germany or Uganda. The closest similarity was in Germany where he had one town and five villages but only one church in his charge. The task which confronted him here was one of bridge building in many aspects of the church community and with the wider community. He believes there is still work to be done particularly within the Modbury Team. Derek says that others will determine his achievements, if any.

Among the things which he has undertaken, Derek has enjoyed the work he has done with the combined choir, the BIKIRI choir. He regards one of the works which they will sing at Kingston on 30th September as particularly challenging.

Derek will maintain his link with Exeter Cathedral where he is a Duty Chaplain and if he has any spare time he might revive his interest in his model railway. He will also continue his work in Devon with the Bible Society

Delphine will just be pleased to have relinquished the responsibilities which go with being the wife of a Rector to allow her more time for tending the garden.

Derek and Delphine will leave Church House around mid-October after a brief holiday and retire to Totnes. Ringmore will miss them as the Rector and his wife but also as sociable, caring members of the village community.

Geof Dykes

Enigma

August SOLUTION

All entrants this month have earned another three points plus a bonus for the supplementary poser. There was, as usual, more than one answer. The notable entry this month has to be that Su Da Nim whose submission was so large that it has been converted into office furniture. Whilst this bounty is appreciated, space is now at a premium such that the only place left is the bonfire! Please note that only entries on a sheet of paper will be deemed valid in future. Apologies to The Furry Boys who did send in a correct solution last month.

5	x	2	-	4	=	6
+	-	+	-	x	-	+
8	÷	2	-	3	=	1
-	-	-	÷	÷	÷	÷
7	-	3	+	3	=	7
=	+	=	=	=	+	=
6	-	1	-	4	=	1

September

Examine the list of words below. Each line contains two words which when combined are a synonym of the third word.

Example:

LEG MEEK NET
GENTLE - MEEK

DISC	SHIFT	PLEA
CONE	DATE	TALE
CRONE	TUNE	DUEL
ERA	SCRAPE	BAD
LIED	FORT	ACT
DOER	HEAR	VICE
PEAL	NOSE	TEAR
MORE	COVE	BEAT
QUIT	ASK	NOSE
RAVE	STORY	TRAIN
PICA	SUE	OMEN
PECK	SAUCE	HUT



Church Fête 2000



Some of the
Backroom Girls



Derek & Delphine Matten

Drina and I would like to thank everyone who donated goods, ran stalls, games, manned the entrance and sold refreshments at the All Hallows Summer Fete on Bank Holiday Monday in the field next to Church House which was kindly loaned by Mrs Margaret Lock. As novices organizing this event we would like to thank everyone who advised, provided design work and transported marquees, tables, crockery set it all up and then took it away again. Thank you to everyone from the village or on holiday who came along and bought from our stalls (many sold out), and enjoyed the events of the afternoon whilst listening and dancing to live music from the Park Bench Aristocrats. We were very fortunate to have good weather when it seemed to be raining every where else and I am happy to report we made a record sum for the Church restoration fund.

We are grateful for our location for the fete and thank Derek and Delphine for the loan of their garden and facilities at Church House and to Delphine and her team for running the teas from her kitchen which were so popular they ran out of cups.



The clouds threatened
all afternoon but the sun
shone on

Derek and Delphine are retiring at the end of September and will be moving out of Ringmore during October after nearly five years in the village and will be sadly missed. Apart from being 'Rector' of Ringmore, Derek has built a splendid choir from the joint congregation of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore -BIKIRI - who practice on Friday nights in the Parish Room, and have provided a number of memorable musical evenings in the three villages. It seems appropriate as a farewell, for Derek to conduct a final concert featuring the BIKIRI choir which will be in Kingston Church, St James the Less on Saturday 30 September. The concert will start at

7.00pm in the Church and will be followed by refreshments afterwards in the Kingston Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the music and join in saying goodbye to Derek and Delphine.



Yvonne Sheppard
Church Warden