

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINE Friday 24th

THIS MONTH

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

- 1st RHS Annual General Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
RBL meeting Journey's End 8.00pm
- 3rd RBL Auction Journey's End 9.00pm
- 4th RBL Raffle at Royal Oak Bigbury Music Night
- 11th RBL Coffee Morning Sedgewell Sands BoS 10.30am
JE Bonfire Night - time and place tba
- 12th Remembrance Service Kingston 10.50am
- 13th RBL Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Millennium Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
Killer Pool Night JE
- 20th Clean-up in All Hallows Church & Churchyard
- 24th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

Mobile Library

Dates:- 10th & 24th

Ringmore Church

12.05 - 12.30

Challaborough

12.35 - 12.45

St Ann's Chapel

3.15 - 3.30

Kingston Fire Station

Rainfall - Fiona Batten



Last Month 4 1/2"

Average - last 10 years - 4 1/2"
High - 1992 - 8 1/2"
Low - 1991 & 99 - 2 1/2"

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The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

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ALFRED LOCKYER

Many friends of 'Alf' will join me in the very sad loss of Alfred who was barman at the Journey's End for 30 years. He came to Ringmore in 1957 to marry his late wife Margaret, and retired to Norfolk in 1987.

He passed away on Sunday 8th October after a big operation at Norfolk & Norwich Hospital in Norwich. He will be sadly missed but remembered by all who knew him from those very happy days from the past.

Ken Dann

Hoist with one's own petard! Derek Matten's absence from the Harvest Festival thwarted an attempt to be up with the news. He missed a good evening. Attractive tables, good food - the desserts were worth the price of the ticket alone - and a jongleur, well, almost. Derek would have approved of the Euterpean entertainment and he would have been thrilled by the Terpsichorean display!

Most people need at least one copy of the local Tide Tables. The Newsletter has produced its own copy (only the cover is different), at only 50p to support funds. First editions are always worth more and there will be no reprint.

Bonfire Night, Ringmore style, is to be revived this year. The JE would welcome volunteers to help, whatever your skills. Date: 11th. Time and place to be announced on the Notice Board.

On 20th November there will be a clean-up in the church and churchyard. Volunteers would be most welcome, even for half an hour. If nothing else, this gives a first impression of the village

Alfred Lockyer, who was part of the Ringmore scene for three decades, has died in Norwich - he will be remembered by everyone who knew the Journey's End in the fifties, sixties, seventies and eighties Table Tennis has started in the Parish Room on Tuesday evenings - more inside The Royal British Legion is raising its profile this month - no need to tell you why Tickets for the Short Mat Bowls' Wild West adventure are now available There will be a Millennium Meeting in the WI Hall at 7.30pm on 14th If you can help at the PCC Christmas Fair in December, please contact Yvonne Sheppard RHS AGM on Wednesday 1st - come and hear Dennis Collinson give his illustrated views on the Virgin Queen.

The Parish Council has listened to opinions and has changed its mind over the siting of the Litter Bin, mentioned last month. Sometimes it pays to have your say!

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Church Page



The Reading Room in Kingston was the venue to say farewell to Derek and Delphine Matten, and a retirement cheque for over £1,100 testified to people's appreciation of their hard work during the past five years. We wish them God's richest blessing as they move back to Totnes.

The hunt is now on for Derek's successor. The post is what is called a "House for Duty" position, which means that the diocese provides accommodation (The Church House in Ringmore) plus a small honorarium, and the minister serves on a part-time basis. Given that Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore originally had two full-time clergy, it is asking a lot for someone to cover the same work part-time! It does, however, give the opportunity for church members to take responsibility, under the minister, for some of the tasks which need to be done. Good "House for Duty" clergy are not easy to find, so please pray for the right person to be appointed.

November 12 is Remembrance Sunday. The service this year is in Kingston at 10.50 a.m. (which enables us to observe the traditional two minutes' silence) and will be followed by a short ceremony at the War Memorial for the laying of the wreaths. Fewer and fewer people have any memory of war or of fallen comrades, but the annual Remembrance enables us to express our gratitude to all who have laboured for peace, both in the two world wars and since, and to remember especially those who died or were maimed as a result. Christians will remember with gratitude, too, the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made on the cross, to bring peace with God to all who trust him.

Bigbury Church will remain closed until December 10 for internal repair and redecoration work. Whilst the church is out of action, services will take place in the Barn of Bigbury Court Farmhouse next door, by kind permission of Mencap. The details of all church services during the month are set out below. In general, the Revd Mike Wilkinson will celebrate the services of Holy Communion, and I will lead the other services.

Michael Tagent, Reader
Challaborough Cottage, Ringmore (telephone 810520)

Date	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
November 5	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) and Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
November 12	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Kingston Remembrance Service 10.50 a.m.	Bigbury Evening Prayer (ASB)
November 19	Bigbury Holy Communion (BCP)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
November 26	Ringmore Holy Communion (ASB)	Bigbury Worship at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
December 3	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) and Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Reading the November 1990 issue created a feeling of déjà vu.

Christmas Fairs were being advertised . . . the Parish Council was concerned about the possible effects of the proposed Modbury Plan . . . Challaborough felt it was being ignored by the District Council . . . the telephone kiosk was 'ugly' . . . it was hoped that the untidy state of the roads would be improved by the new roadsweeper . . . Bonfire Night was hailed a great success (*publication date must have been delayed*) . . . Pickles, Laidler, Hiram Bowden, Julie & Rosemary were advertising . . . plus ça change!

Journey's End Journal

Only one more Newsletter before Christmas but lots to fit in before the festivities are upon us. We hope Fireworks are going ahead on Saturday 11th but we still need more volunteers. Please watch the Notice Board for updates.

October was a very busy month, the first of our Saturday Night set menus proved to be very popular. Vast quantities of ale were drunk during the Beer Festival. All the music went down very well - Hanging Johnny were excellent, greatly enjoyed by those who came. The Quiz standard has remained high throughout October with some super quizzes by our newer residents.

The Pool Table arrived and has already been enjoyed by a large percentage of our customers (and our kids!). We hope to have a Pool knockout competition but would like to start with a Killer Pool Night on Tuesday 14th. Jason and Terry are looking forward to raising a team to do battle with the Royal Oak.

The Dart Board is here and will be on the wall imminently!

The first and most important date for November is Friday 3rd - British Legion Auction Night. If you wish to have a table for dining, book early. £1 from each meal on the night will go to British Legion Funds. Please note that on 5th November, due to a private party, we will be serving Sunday Roast only in the Dining Room.

We have music on 10th, Sweet and Hot; on 17th, Park Bench Aristocrats and rounding off the month on 24th with GIN.

Bookings are now being taken for our Spanish evening on Saturday 18th and don't forget to sample the Beaujolais at Debbie's quiz on 16th.

Finally, we will be continuing with our Saturday night set menus - please check our notice board.

WHAT A MONTH!

Debbie and Grahame

THANK YOU

Delphine and Derek Matten would like to thank all the good people of Ringmore for helping to make our last evening with you on 30th September in Kingston so wonderful and enjoyable and especially for the most generous gifts and kind letters and cards on Derek's retirement. We're gonna miss you . . .

Thank you very much indeed.

Delphine and Derek



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Mondays - closed

Tues - Sat Noon - 3.00pm

6.30pm - 11.00pm

Friday: Early Doors Club 6.00pm

Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm & 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Sun Noon - 10.30pm

Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm & 6.30pm - 9.00pm



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The October meeting was joined by several guests for the talk by Mrs Freeman of the Dartington Archives. She showed us a wonderful collection of old photographs of our own part of the South Hams, namely Ringmore and some from further afield. These glimpses of the past are always fascinating and made for a most enjoyable evening.

The November meeting, on 9th, will be the Annual General Meeting and members are urged to attend. YOU want the best committee - come and vote them in!!

Naomi Warne

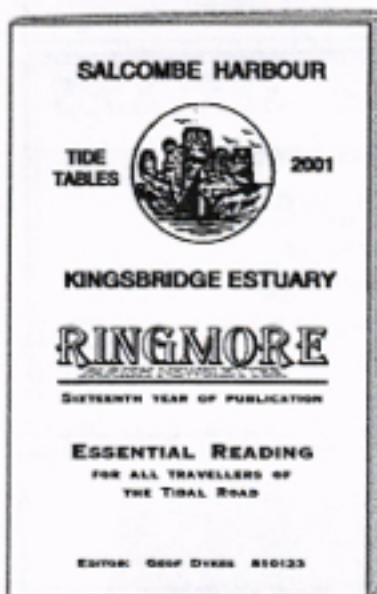
Ringmore short Mat Bowls Club

Tickets are now available for the Club's annual fancy dress party on 3 December 2000 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Only 50 tickets are available so purchase them now at only £7.00 each to include a free drink, dinner of cowboy chilli and apple pie, plus great games and music from Fiona after the chow. If you would prefer a vegetarian alternative, please let the Sheriff know.

There will be prizes for the best dressed and a raffle with proceeds donated to the Birch Ward, Derriford Hospital.

Tickets from Sheriff Alan McCarthy (810738), Deputy Colin Jackson (310292 and Deputy Adrian Muller (310542).

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER TIDE TABLES 2001



The Newsletter, supported by the Journey's End, has produced Ringmore's own Tide Tables for 2001. This is a limited edition of 100, so hurry - contact the editor for your copy, only 50p! All orders will be delivered. Profit from this venture will fund the Newsletter for one month!



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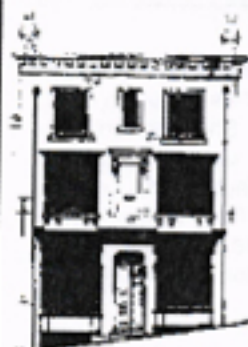
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting : Tuesday 24th October
Present: 6 Councillors, The Clerk, and 3 members of the public (Apologies were received from District Councillor B. Carson and Cllrs Allan and Dykes)

MATTERS ARISING

Crossways - The offending compost heap has still not been removed but should be dealt with within the next 10 days.

Cumberland Cottage No.1 - The clerk was requested to write to the owner of this property to request that the overgrown hedge/brambles and the collapsed wall are dealt with as quickly as possible.

Litter Bin - Cllr. Major reported that she had received a telephone call from a resident of Crossways who, with other residents, was opposed to the proposed location by the Telephone Box. After further discussion it was agreed that the bin would be placed on the grass verge between the National Trust Car Park lane and Cliff Path.

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS
Bus Shelter - Parish Council agreed, on this occasion, that the bus shelter could be decorated with posters to promote the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Parish Council discussed the matter of hedges/trees overhanging roads and lanes. Residents are gently reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that their hedgerows are not allowed to intrude unreasonably on to the highway

Complaints have been received regarding dog fouling on the green in front of Crossways. Dog owners who use the footpath through the green are respectfully asked to remind their dogs of the local by-law!

MILLENNIUM

Mr. Eddy reported that the Millennium Committee was still investigating ways to obtain a grant for the church clock.
Challaborough Notice Board - Haven Leisure has agreed to cover the cost.

FOOTPATHS

Cllr. Muller reported that he has received the kissing gate kit which is to be erected on Mr. Collinson's property - this will be finalised before Christmas. The wooden walkway along Darkie Lane which moved in the recent flood will be replaced. Agreement has been reached with Mr. Wynne-Powell to modify the stile on his property making this dog friendly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Challaborough Notice Board - The clerk reported that the notice board was damaged. Cllr. Freeman has this matter in hand.

Date of next meeting 21st November 7.00pm, WI Hall

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

November is the time for planting the corms of that wonderful bulb, garlic. It is one of the oldest of cultivated herbs and features importantly in the history of food, medicine and agriculture.

Fragments of garlic were discovered when the ancient city of Jericho was excavated. In BC1500 some garlic bulbs were put in the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen and are now to be seen, perfectly petrified, in the Cairo National Museum. Garlic is eaten in almost every part of the world. It probably came to Britain with the Romans and quickly became part of the staple diet of soldiers and the poor. Until the seventeenth century it was a component of innumerable recipes for salad, vegetable, meat and cheese dishes. It then fell from favour except in cottage gardens and was scarcely mentioned in Victorian cookery books. A certain Mrs Earle, writing in 1897, made so bold as to mention its virtues as a flavouring, but with a wincing delicacy characteristic of the era:

'Garlic, which is excellent as a flavouring to most sauces, is such a dangerous thing to use in the kitchen that the way I manage it is this: Put five or six cloves of garlic into a wide-necked bottle and cover them with good spirits of wine. When wanted, stick a skewer or fork into the spirit and use a drop or two. The spirit evaporates and the taste of garlic remains. But even in this way it must be used carefully for English palates.'

Mrs Beaton was equally squeamish about this noble flavouring. But in the mid-twentieth century garlic came back to Britain at a gallop. More exactly, it was brought back on ferries from France, by holiday-makers, by enraptured readers of Elizabeth David cookery books and by the itinerant French onion sellers. Accounts of the medicinal, healing, restorative, magical, domestic and cosmetic properties of garlic are legion.

An early writer declares that: 'It hath a sharp, warming, biting qualitie, expelling of flatulencies, and disturbing of the belly, and drying of the stomach causing of thirst, and puffing up, breeding of boyles in ye outside of the body, dulling the sight of the eyes... Being eaten it drives out the broude wormes and draws away the urine... it is laid upon such as are bitton of a mad dogge... it doth cleere the arteries... it doth assuage old coughes. Being drunk with a concoction of Origanum [marjoram] it doth kill lice and nitts.... the stamping that is made of it and black olive together doth moul the urine and open ye mouths of ye veines and it is good also for the Hydropicall.

The efficacy of garlic in the treatment of coughs is well-established. An old Scottish remedy for whooping cough is Garlic beat to a pulp with Sow's Grease and put on a

cloth as a Cataplasm [a plaster] to the Feet, but not if the Child is Feverish'.

Garlic pulp and juice are antiseptic and cleansing for wounds. In World War I the British government paid a shilling a pound for garlic and bought many tons of it for use in conjunction with sphagnum moss as dressings for the wounds of soldiers. Sphagnum, because of the structure of its cells, is twice as absorbent as cotton wool and in combination with garlic must have saved the lives of many of those wounded in the trenches. The wild white garlic (Ramsons) that clothes many of the roadside banks in Devon has been widely used to counter disease in cattle. It has been prescribed in various forms for the treatment of ringworm, eczema, mange, mastitis, bovine abortion, wooden tongue, lung and intestinal worms, Johne's disease and Joint-ill. Its ingestion has not been confined to animals. It used to be eaten green with cheese or boiled bacon and was thought to promote good health if eaten in early spring. It was sometimes distilled in brandy and taken as a medicine. Gardeners are advised to be aware of the alleged powers of garlic. Discreetly planted beneath rose bushes it is said to stimulate their perfume and cure black spot. Between carrots it deters blackfly. Planted beneath a peach tree it is said to mitigate the horrors of peach leaf curl. It deters ants and aphids but is inhibiting to the growth of beans and peas. There is scientific evidence to show that a garlic solution will kill the Culex mosquito and that garlic planted alongside onions will prevent onion fly.

There are some interesting legends about garlic. It has been claimed that ghosts may be warded off by rubbing oneself with garlic, and fairies may be prevented from souring churn butter if garlic is hung on the kitchen doorpost. Unbelievably, 'garlic held in the palm of the hand cures toothache'. And of course, anyone wishing to keep a vampire at bay must wear a necklace of garlic. What has to be remembered is that it will probably keep non-vampires at bay as well.

Di Collinson



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Parochial Church Council

Monday 2nd October
Vacancy

Donation Box

The church donation box which was recently damaged by an opportunist thief has been kindly repaired by a member of the congregation and will be re-installed in the church shortly.

Church Guides

The All Hallows Church guides have been produced based on a draft from the Ringmore Historical Society and are free to visitors, although a donation to church funds is appreciated. In addition a laminated card is available for visitors to follow a short self-guided tour of the church.

Listing Application

It was agreed to make a formal application to upgrade the listing from Grade 2 to Grade 2*. There is no difference in the obligation to maintain a listed building but a Grade 2* building will attract more financial help from grant finding sources such as English Heritage.

Divorce

The PCC discussed the Synod proposals to permit divorcees to re-marry in church, which were broadly supported by Ringmore PCC members. The diocese is collating the results from all PCCs to feedback to Synod.

An advertisement has appeared in the Church Times seeking a new minister for the three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore and it is hoped applicants will be interviewed in mid-November. In the meantime Michael Tagent and the Reverend Michael Wilkinson are taking services. The new Team Vicar for Loddiswell will arrive in late November.

Repairs

The quotation is outstanding from the contractor for repair of the roof and rainwater disposal system and it is hoped this work can be done shortly.

Church Cleaning

It was agreed to arrange to 'spring clean' the church before Christmas on Monday 20th November. Any assistance will be gratefully received even for a brief session.

Church Christmas Fair

It was agreed to raise funds at a Christmas Fair on Saturday 9 December from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The fundraising committee will make detailed arrangements for the event.

Yvonne Sheppard
Church Warden

TABLE TENNIS



The Club is now up and running on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.00pm in the Parish Room. Children are more than welcome although after 8.15 it is intended for adults only. Turn out so far has been excellent, and full use of the two tables has been made with a good cross section of skills on show.

The successful start to the Club is due in no small part to the following - the Short Mat Bowls Club for a donation of £30. Journey's End for the loan of their table, James Parkin for the donation of table tennis balls and of course Yvonne for arranging the loan of a table from SHDC.

The cost for each evening session is £1 for adults and 50p for children and it is hoped this will cover hall hire and equipment costs. A committee will be formed in the near future and anyone willing to assist will be more than welcome.

A skills programme scheme will be run by the more experienced players. This will enable everyone - from raw beginners upwards - to improve their game.

If you require further information please contact me on 810547.

Phill Errett

Ringmore Historical Society

CHRISTMAS CARDS?

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Previous employer has left the area
but references are available

Contact Helen 810728

If you thought it was too early to think about New Year - think again!

The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston Branch

of the

Royal British Legion

is proud to present on 17th January 2001:

Slow Blokes to China

one of them at least, the well-known local expert on Locals -

Chris Denham.

A video-illustrated ramble around the car journey from London to Beijing
after a superb two-course meal in the Journey's End, Ringmore.

Dinner commences at 7.00pm (promptly) followed by the presentation and
questions, hopefully with answers.

For tickets and copies of the menu please contact Robbie Mccarthy,
Orchard House, Ringmore, 01548 810738,
Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.



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NOVEMBER WINTER WARMERS

AT THE OAK

Your choice from the following:

8oz Rump Steak with all the trimmings,
8oz Gammon Steak, Chicken Goujons, Battered Cod,
Breaded Plaice, Homemade Lasagne, Vegetable Kiev

All priced at £3.95 each

Available Mon - Thu 12-2pm & 7-9pm.

Full menu also available - bookings are advisable.

DIARY DATES

Sat 4th Nov - Live Music with 'Daylight Robbery'

Sun 5th Nov - Bonfire, Fireworks and Muffled Wine,
Live music by 'Park Bench Aristocrats'

Thu 16th Nov - THE AUCTION NIGHT

Sun 19th Nov - Car Boot Sale - 10am - midday

Christmas Day Lunch bookings now being taken

7 courses @ £29.95

ENJOY THE FUN OF THE REAL Y2K

NEW YEAR'S EVE - 60's & 70's Fancy Dress Theme
with music by 'Showtime'

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER - 1 sitting at 7.00pm

Enigma

October SOLUTION

Distasteful	-	Repugnant
Significant	-	Important
Inattentive	-	Negligent
Sprouting	-	Germinant
Unskilful	-	Maladroit
Furthest	-	Outermost
Superfluous	-	Redundant
Softening	-	Emollient

Correct entries were received from Taurus (a font of all knowledge), and Su Da Nim who, having furnished the office, is now supplying wallpaper! Matchman and The Furry Boys were only a whisker away from being right but Misdirect and Makeshift are not as precise as Maladroit as a synonym for Unskilful. In fact they are not correct. They are wrong!

It can now be revealed that along with Yogsothoth, who departed at the end of last year, we have lost Cleriwho. New competitors will be welcome in January.

Only two legs to go. Matchman and The Beginners have lacked stamina this year. The Lovely Sue is now ice cool and Gemini is as distant as the eponymous constellation.

November

This month's puzzle is more difficult to type than it is to solve; a mental pause for breath before the final tester.

A B C D E F G H

Which letter is two to the right of the letter which is three to the left of the letter immediately to the left of the letter three to the right of the letter two to the left of the letter four to the right of the letter immediately to the left of the letter which is three to the left of the letter which comes mid-way between the letter three to the right of the letter E and the letter immediately to the right of the letter C?

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Parochial Church Council CHRISTMAS FAIR

Parish Room

Saturday 9th December
10.30am - 12.30pm

Please support the Fair with
Cakes

Confectionary
Christmas Craft Gifts
Table Decorations
Competition Ideas
Raffle Prizes

or

Assistance on the day

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with
Frank & Drina

Tuesday



November	14th
December	5th
January	16th
February	13th
March	13th

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