

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**EDITOR: GEOFF DYKES 810123**

**DEADLINE Friday 26th**

### 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

8th SHpolice Liaison meeting Ermington School 7.30pm  
10th RHS talk 'History of Loddiswell' Parish Room 7.30pm  
11th First Quiz of the New Year at JE  
23rd Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm  
27th Burns Night Supper at JE  
25th Avon Estuary Meeting, Aveton Gifford Hall

February

3rd Chinese New year at JE  
7th RBL meeting The Dolphin, Kingston 7.30pm  
10th RHS 'History for All', Parish Room, 10.30am

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Friday:- 5th & 19th

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

Rainfall - Fiona Batten



Last Month **5 1/4"**

Average - last 10 years - 5"  
High - 1992 - 8 1/2"  
Low - 1991 & 99 - 2 1/2"

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The Editor  
Ringmore Parish Newsletter,  
Ringmore Veau, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL  
or put them in the letter box in the garage door

### SEASONAL THANKS

This year's Christmas Tree was erected by Stan Brunskill, Reg Trant and Phill Emmett. As last year, the tree was kindly donated by Holywell Stores.

A tree was first placed outside the church when Peter Lutwyche was Churchwarden in the seventies. Stan recalls that the lights then were the indoor variety, two sets,

bonded by sticky tape. It was necessary to ensure that the lights pointed downwards to keep the rain out and Stan made sure he wore his rubber boots!

Now we have reached the Twenty-first century and the Third Millennium. Last year was a practice; this year we can get it right. Anyone born in 1900 or earlier has now lived in three different centuries, has been ruled by six monarchs and governed by 20 Prime Ministers!

What did we do in 2000 apart from what was captured in the headlines? Millennium mugs were distributed - trees were planted - Margaret Wood celebrated 10 years as Clerk to the Parish Council - Di Collinson was a most able deputy editor for the April issue - Bigbury beat Ringmore in the Inter-Parish Quiz - Christel Polglase and Peter Sinton arrived at Folletts - Dave and Lynn tied the knot as did Becky Pitt and Samuel Dodman - Piers Ireland arrived - Derek Matten retired at the end of September - Mary and John Parry left for Slapton - and now is the time to remember Nancy Grimshaw, Bill Warne, Fred Jennings and Alfred Lockyer, who are all sadly missed.

Thank you for buying Tide Tables. Grahame, at the Journey's End, has been very supportive and there a few copies left behind the bar. It is certainly worth doing again next year.

The Historical Society is holding meetings in January and February - more elsewhere. Please bring photographs for the Millennium Album; they will be scanned in to the computer, if you wish to keep them.

Progress is being made on the Lease for the Parish Room but the 'llil' and 'tttt' have still to be dotted and crossed. A fund-raising P's & Q's evening will be held on Friday 16th February. It will be less demanding than last time but just as much fun, with prizes for winners and losers. Pasties and soup will be served. Tickets will be available from Parish Room Committee members at the end of January. Mark the date on the calendar.

It can now be said that the Newsletter was first published in the last century and is still going strong. Whether it sees this century out will depend on contributions, suggestions and ideas to maintain its interest, so please do not hesitate to submit anything which you think might have an appeal.

Finally the Editor and the Proofreader wish everyone a Happy New Year, a Happy New Century and a Happy New Millennium!



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## News from All Hallows



On behalf of the church people of the three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore may I take the opportunity of wishing all the members of the three villages a very Happy New Year.

All three church buildings have recently, or are about to undertake refurbishment, to make conditions for Sunday worship, weddings, baptisms and funerals much improved. This is an expensive business, and we are hoping that each village will see its way to continue to give monetary support to keep their church in a good state of repair, the one building in each community which gives character to the whole place.

But more essentially we hope, as we launch on the Millennium, that people in the community will find in the church fellowship a welcome and support for their lives. In this New Year, we are looking forward to welcoming a new parish priest, and together we are hoping that people will find, in the services offered on a Sunday, the time for quietness, reflection and renewal. Our Lord did promise that "where two or three are gathered together in his name" he would be there.

All of us, in today's uncertainties, need the assurance of sins forgiven and of "good news" of God's love. Why not make 2001 a new start for yourself?

The Revd Michael Wilkinson  
The Old Forge, Kingston (810424)

### **DIARY FOR JANUARY**

*(Book of Common Prayer services marked \*)*

#### **Sunday January 7**

9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion and Children's Church
11 a.m.	Ringmore	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer*

#### **Sunday January 14**

9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	Bigbury	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer*

#### **Sunday January 21**

9 a.m.	Bigbury	Holy Communion*
11 a.m.	Kingston	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Ringmore	Evening Prayer*

#### **Sunday January 28**

9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion*
11 a.m.	Bigbury	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer

#### **Sunday February 4**

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6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer*

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# Journey's End Journal



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The December meeting was, in fact, the Christmas Party which was voted a great success by all present, with excellent fare and good will abounding. The rain may even have stopped for a few minutes to allow members to arrive unsoaked! Anyway, another successful Christmas event which always gets the season off to a good start.

A very interesting programme has been arranged for the coming year; please watch for details on posters at the Hall gate. One day soon we hope to have a new and serviceable notice board!

Please forgive this rather boring and disjointed report; I only arrived home from Wiltshire on New Year's Eve having been all but trapped by the weather in Lacock, a National Trust village which, though very beautiful, has little to offer when snowed under and frozen solid. Being a coward I funk'd driving back until things began to thaw. In the event the motorway was fine altho' my terror prevented me from driving at more than 40mph in the slow lane! "Bad cess" to the TV weather reports.

A Happy New Year to one and all.

Naomi Warne

A Happy New Year to all our customers! We hope you enjoyed the festive season and did everything to excess!

We certainly did at the JE with a packed agenda in the week before Christmas which saw prizes galore in the Christmas Draw, a full house for the Christmas Quiz and a Rocking Run up to the Holiday weekend with Wendy. The Christmas Carols were sung harmoniously and sounded nearly like a Heavenly Choir!

Christmas Day opening was a very hectic two-hours but a lovely atmosphere of bonhomie and good cheer.

After re-charging our batteries we launched into the New Year festivities with a great turn-out for Fiona on the Friday night and 'A Night to Remember' on New Year's Eve with nearly the whole village in attendance.

So we have arrived in 2001 - January - and the fun continues. Gill Parkin starts the New Quiz Season on Thursday 11th and its Tina's Birthday Bash with TQ7 on Saturday 13th - ear muffs optional!

A sell-out talk, with dinner, by Chris Denham for the British Legion on Wednesday 17th (no other food available that evening) and on Friday 19th it's 'Jumping January'. A one-off spectacular with music from Park Bench Aristocrats, a free prize draw, booze at give-away prices and a mouth-watering supper menu at prices that won't stretch your pocket. All-in-all, a night not to be missed.



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

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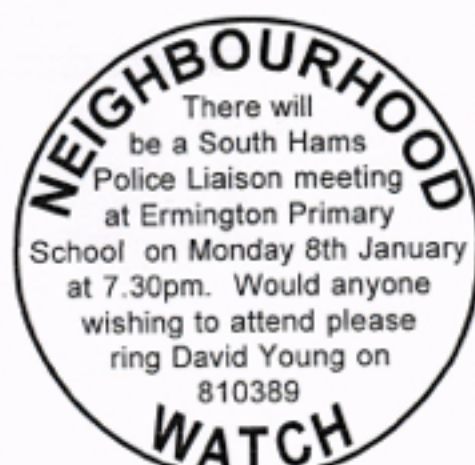
Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm & 6.30pm - 9.00pm

We round off January with our traditional Burns' Night Supper on Saturday 27th when once more the skirl of the pipes will be heard throughout Ringmore. Places are at a premium for this event so please book now to avoid disappointment. Menus are available from the JE. Below is advance notice of the menu together with news of our planned Chinese New Year celebration on 3rd February

The JE will be closed on 2nd - 4th January for re-furbishment and will re-open on the evening of the Friday 5th.

We hope to see you at one or all of these super evenings.

Debbie & Grahame



## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

There was no Newsletter published in January 1991.

### Re-Cycling

Unwanted Christmas Trees can be taken to Torr Quarry Amenity Site, otherwise known as the Tip, where they will be re-cycled.



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## A Taste of Things to Come

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Scottish Cheese and Oatmeal Biscuits

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*But mark the Rustic, Haggis-fed,  
The trembling earth resounds his tread,  
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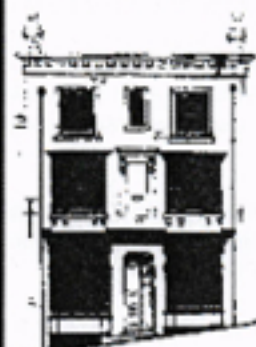
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# THE NEWSLETTER

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The headlines were genuine but they did not refer directly to anyone in the village - unless someone has been doing things which attracted attention elsewhere.

No it was not a Bar Code although one person claimed to have taken it to Somefields and received 10% off their bill! Place the newsletter on a flat surface and read at eye

level, with one eye closed. It is a Victorian child's game.

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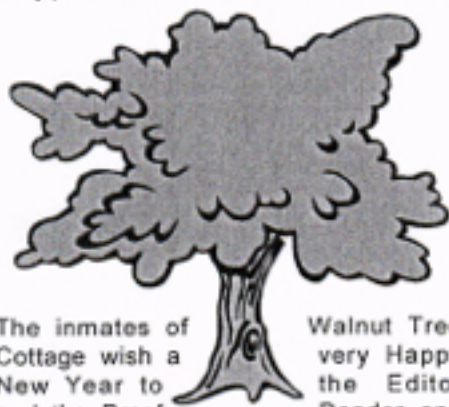
At the time of Sue and Adrian's honourable retirement in October, the opportunity was taken to rationalise the routes of the distributors. Prior to then there were four routes which intertwined and they were difficult for deputies to follow. Now we have six routes as follows:

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Toby's Point/Smugglers - **Stan Brunskill** who has been involved as editor or distributor since Issue 1 in 1985.

Challaborough - **Thelma Mann**, who has distributed the Newsletter in Challaborough since 1985.

Thanks to willing volunteers, there are enough names available to keep deliveries going during holidays, etc., except for Challaborough. If anyone 'down the hill' is willing to stand in now and then, would they please let the Editor or Thelma know.



The inmates of Cottage wish a New Year to the Editor and the Proof and congratulate them on the inspired (if slightly squint-making!) front cover to the December issue.

Walnut Tree very Happy the Editor and Reader and

Also 'thank you' Fiona for the 4½ years' regular delivery and to Pam for taking on this much appreciated chore.

Mike & Jacqueline

# All Hallows PCC

MEETING ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

## Common Worship

A paper has been circulated to everyone on the Church electoral roll giving information on the new prayer book which is to replace the Alternative Service Book currently in use in most of the eight parishes in the Modbury team. A committee of both clergy and lay people has been set up with representatives of parishes throughout the team to agree the form of services, both Book of Common Prayer and new Common Worship services, for use throughout the team. After discussion led by the Reverend Canon RC Campbell-Smith, Ringmore PCC voted to seek permission from the Bishop to continue to use the ASB services until 30 September 2001, while the team committee can review the new prayer books, consult the community and agree the replacement ASB services.

## Parish Room Lease

Geof Dykes, Chairman of the Parish Room Committee joined the meeting to discuss the terms of the proposed lease of the Parish Room. The matters discussed included the length of the lease, rent, activities in the room, reserved use by the Church at certain times, user representation on the management committee, finance and renovation of the building. In principle agreement was reached on the proposed terms and Geof Dykes and Michael Tagent will take forward the outstanding items with the solicitors and Charity Commissioners.

## Fundraising

The final arrangements for the All Hallows Christmas Fair held on Saturday 9th December in the Parish Room were discussed. The Fair was an enjoyable and well-attended event which raised £340 for Church funds. Many thanks to those who made items for sale and helped on the day and to everyone who came to the sale.

It was agreed to stage a major fundraising event in the form of a flower festival and gift day in All Hallows Church on the May bank holiday weekend of 26, 27 and 28 May 2001.

## All Hallows Church

A small team of volunteers to whom the PCC are very grateful cleaned the Church thoroughly inside and around the outside on Monday 20 November in preparation for Christmas. It was decided to obtain more advice and a further quotation for repair of missing roof slates and renovation of the rain disposal system where needed.

## Christmas Tree

It was agreed to decorate a Christmas tree to be placed in the information corner by the vestry in the Church.

Yvonne Sheppard  
Chairman PCC

# Mobile Hair Stylist

*Julie sends Best Wishes to all her customers and says a big 'Thank You' for their support throughout 2000 and for their generous Christmas Gifts.*

*'Looking forward to seeing you all in the New year.'*

# Royal British Legion

The 14th March sees the Royal British Legion once again hosting a very entertaining evening at the Journey's End Inn.

The speaker this time is Penelope Douglas who for much of her professional life has been a woman in a man's world. Her paintings have been commissioned by the Army, Navy, Air Force and SAS and has travelled extensively with the Forces to carry out these commissions. She will be giving an illustrated talk of her fascinating life to a limited audience starting at 8p.m. Tickets are available from Robbie McCarthy (810738) at a cost of £4.00 per head.

# THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

... or has it just started - depends on your point of view.

We haven't quite given up yet, there are still some loose ends to tidy up. We need to put some notices by our tree plantings to let people know when and why it was done. The big test will, come in the spring when hopefully all the trees will produce green shoots. The notice boards for the parish maps are in position and hopefully will stay that way. Also the two log seats are surviving so far.

The one outstanding problem has been trying to find funding for putting a clock in the church tower. So far this has proved fruitless, and we have tried many and various sources, but funds are so hedged around with rules and regulations that it would seem almost impossible to qualify for them; but that is maybe how they keep going?

To discuss the ongoing problems towards tidying up the Millennium projects there will be an Open Meeting on Tuesday 9th January in the WI Hall at 7:30 PM.

Guy Eddy



## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting : Tuesday 19th December  
Present : 4 Councillors, (Apologies from C Allan, A Muller, J Tagent), The Clerk, Dist. Cllr B. Carson, Neighbourhood Watch, G Eddy, Millennium Committee and 1 other member of the public.

### Matters Arising

The new Litter Bin has been installed adjacent to the access to the National Trust Car Park.

The heap of compost is still outside Crossways and a further request will be made to SHDC to remove it.

Arrangements have been made by the owner of 1 Cumberland Cottages to have the crumbling wall repaired. The bad weather has delayed the work.

BT has been approached regarding the problem of storm water which gushes forth and flows past the Journey's End.

The farmer who owns the field at Houghton Levels from where the water originates will be asked to help prevent the problem arising in future.

### Neighbourhood Watch

David Young reported the appointment of a Community Safety and Emergency Planning Officer. He mentioned also that WPC Gail Bond was now the local Community Police Officer.

### Planning Application

The Council has been made aware of an application in Bigbury Parish by British Telecom to erect a 15 metre (49 feet) mast, with antennae and dishes, at the Bigbury Exchange at Marwell. Objections should be made in writing to SHDC Planning Department at Follaton House, Totnes.

### Finance

The Council has paid £5 towards the transportation cost of providing the Christams Tree which was donated by Holywell Stores.

The precept for 2001/2002 will be increased by £500 to £2000 to help Parish finances recover from exceptional expenses this year and in anticipation of election expenses next year.

### Any Other Business

The problem of rainwater in the Bus Shelter was raised by Cllr Freeman. It was suggested that drainage holes in the back corners might prevent any accumulation.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd January, 7.00pm, WI Hall  
Carol Allan

*Better late than . . .*

The delay in producing this month's Newsletter was a consequence of the printer's Seasonal Holiday.

## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### SIR JOHN HARINGTON

In the year 1561 Queen Elizabeth the First became godmother to a son of the West country: John Harington, born at Kelston, near Bath.

The young Harington grew into the courtier known as the merry poet. At Eton he was famed for his happy disposition and brilliant scholarship, and at Cambridge for his devastating wit. When he married he settled in connubial and bucolic bliss at the family seat at Kelston, and there ran the estate in a vigorously inventive, highly organised and benevolently disciplined way. Absence from household prayers 'without lawful excuse' was punished by a fine; so was bad language and failure to make one's bed. All such fines went into a fund that was 'bestowed upon the poor or other godly use'.

The master of Kelston did not find rural life wholly absorbing. Occasionally he fled to London and the court where he could display his scintillating wit. At times, we are told, the taverns along the route from Bath to London over-flowed with his entourage and his abundant hospitality.

When the Queen came westward on a royal progress Harington's ingenuity surpassed itself. To his already magnificent house at Kelston, designed by an Italian architect, Barozzo of Vignola, he added one of the newly-fashionable 'swimming-places'. Quite why this was done in honour of Elizabeth, the spinster, is not entirely clear, since the sport was a male monopoly and the swimmers were naked. But it was only one among many extravagant innovations contrived for the visit.

Harington's greatest invention was, undoubtedly the flush water closet. He wrote a whole book on the topic (one of many on all kinds of matters) entitled, *A New Discourse of a Stale Subject Called the Metamorphosis of Ajax*. 'Ajax' is a pun on the old English noun, 'jakes', a privy or earth closet. The book contains a diagram showing the detailed working of this fabulous new contraption, and the cost of the whole was thirty-three shillings. This included a huge brass sluice and an overhead tank on which the artist drew several fishes. For some reason Her Majesty was annoyed by the new invention. Nevertheless, she promptly had one installed in Richmond Palace. (Only one!?) Meanwhile Harington skulked quietly in Somerset until the noises of his new cistern died away and letters from court told him the Queen had softened.

His life of fifty-one years was packed with variety. To the qualities of scholar, poet, courtier and country gentlemen he added those of the hardy soldier and budding politician. He sought for himself, but did not secure, the Lord Chancellorship of Ireland and even the Archbishopric of Dublin. After Elizabeth died, a deeply personal loss for him, he wrote more poetry and tutored the young Prince Henry, son of James I. The Prince's death, at the age of eighteen, was another great sadness for him.

Harington died of a stroke and was buried by 'dearest Mall', his wife, in the chancel of Kelston church.

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## Ringmore Historical Society

presents

### History for All

Saturday 10th February

in

The Parish Room 10.30am

## The Poor of the Village - 200 years ago

### Speaker: Judith Farmer

*Adults and Children are invited to dress as 'poor villagers of 19th century'. There will be a prize for the most authentic-looking person.*

Admission: 50p for adults, includes refreshments.

There will be competitions, children's activities, small exhibitions of local historical interest, raffles, fun for the family.

Please help the Society complete its Millennium Photographic Album. Bring along your favourite picture of your house and also yourself. If you do not wish to donate any pictures, they will be scanned 'while you wait' and handed back.





## TABLE TENNIS

Here's hoping you all had a good Christmas but like me are now wondering how to get rid of the 'spare tyre' that has suddenly appeared over the last couple of weeks!

Help is at hand. Why not come along to Table Tennis on Tuesday evenings, youngsters from 7.00 o'clock and adults

from 8.15pm onwards, in the Parish Room and get some regular exercise. Players of all standards are welcome and catered for in friendly company.

We have been running for a few weeks now and, having become established, we look forward to the forthcoming year with great optimism that the club will go from strength to strength.

A Happy new Year to you all. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evenings.  
Phill Errett 810547



### RENEGADES FROM THE COWBOYS AND INDIANS EVENING



### BEAUTIES AND THE BEAST AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

*Photos by Mike Wynne-Powell*

## Easton House

Friday on Saturday

From 7.00 pm

Sunday

Noon til 2.00pm

# Wine

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# Dine

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and Wine from  
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## December SOLUTION

Congratulations to everyone. It was an excellent end to the competition with regulars The Furry Boys, Matchman, Gemini, The Beginners, Taurus and Su Da Nim all submitting correct answers. In addition there was a correct entry from a welcome new entrant, Real Sleuth. I am not sure if this is one entrant or a complete Spanish football team! Que? Never mind, the more the merrier. Just like Salad Cream, Enigma has been saved by public demand. So we are in good shape for '01 with 7 regulars if El Real persists and 8 if the fickle LSB returns. Now the prizes. This year we have a tie which means a bottle each (we don't do things by halves) for Taurus and Su Da Nim. If the winners wish to preserve their anonymity, it is up to the winners to determine where their prize is to be deposited. In the past we have used the Vestry and even a waste bin!

## January

Let's start 2001 with a ramble . . . . through a dictionary. Find words to match the following patterns.

- B B --
- D D - - -
- F F
- H H ---
- J J
- L L - - -
- N N
- P P - -
- R R - - - -
- T T - - -
- V V -
- X X
- Z Z -

All are reasonable words bar one and are in the Concise Oxford Dictionary. If you read this and do the puzzle, please send it in; make 2001 a bumper year.

## BARDEN'S GARAGE

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