

RINGMORE

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DEADLINE Monday 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

6th Millennium Open Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall

7th Royal British Legion, Royal Oak Bigbury 7.30pm

15th GMC Meeting 7.30pm Methodist Church Kingsbridge

16/17th St Patrick's Shenanigans at the JE

20th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

21st RHS James Stevenson 'Air Thief' WI Hall 7.30pm

25th Mothering Sunday Lunch at the JE

April

2nd SH Police Liaison Mtg Modbury Memorial Hall 7.30pm

4th Royal British Legion Journey's End 7.30pm

18th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall

Mobile Library

Friday:- 2nd, 16th & 30th

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



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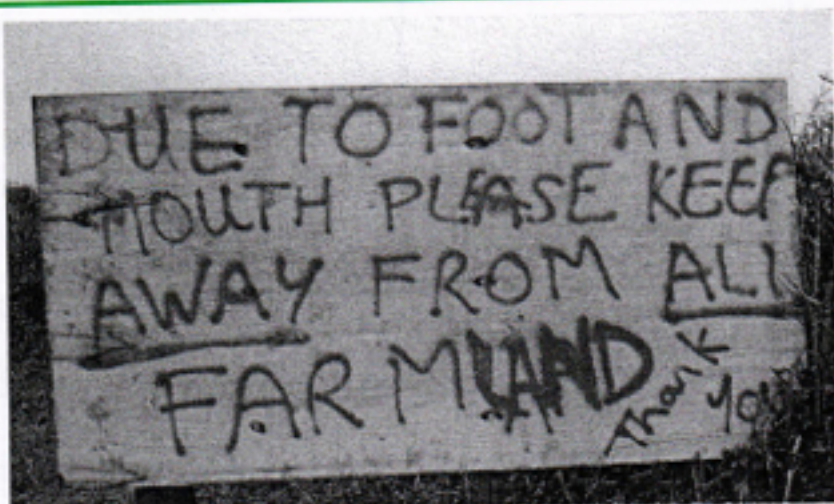
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THE NEWSLETTER

Some kind sentiments have been expressed recently including one generous offer to fund a month's production costs. Saying that there is not a need for this support at the moment is not intended to be ungrateful but for this year the Newsletter is financially sound. A large issue such as this month, costs over £65 and would be too much every month but there are enough funds to cover this year's costs... still leaving enough for some Christmas paper! We are not yet down to football clichés of 'taking one issue at a time'. Size does matter and future issues will probably be nearer the normal 8 or 9 pages. There has been a net loss of two advertisements this year but it is hoped that replacements will be found. Next year is another matter. Tide tables will be printed again which equates to one month's costs and if a 'Coffee Morning' is required the Editor will be the first one there, with the begging bowl! More, as and when.



On the approach to St Ann's Chapel



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Toby's Point

As you know, Foot and Mouth Disease has been found in the county. It is a virulent and highly mobile disease and we are all required to exercise the precautions asked of us by those who know more than we do. Walking where we are asked not to go, with or without dogs, would demonstrate an irresponsible disregard for the consequences which could affect us all. Beware, take care! Do NOT ignore the notices which appear at the beginning of the footpaths. Serious though it is, it will not last for ever.

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February was busy even if you did not have a Valentine!

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Ringmore had an exciting battle with Newton and Noss in the Inter-Parish Quiz. Poor people turned up at the Historical Society's Saturday morning. More than 40 people enjoyed the P's and Q's evening or was it just the Soup and Pasties? Race Night at the JE revealed some punters in a different light.

Sometimes things never change. Every year there is renewed hope bolstered by good preparation, by a measure of unrealism, not to mention a measure of good ale. So began this year's challenge for the March.

John Bracey Trophy . . . details elsewhere.

On paper March has less to offer in terms of organised activities but the change of season is nearly upon us and the demands of the outdoors will take any spare time we thought we had.

Hazel Freeman would like to acquire a yellow water lily. If you have one and you are intending or are willing to divide it, would you please let Hazel have a piece.

James Stevenson will be talking to the Ringmore Historical Society on 21st March. There is an article

in the March edition of Devon Today which covers letters and responses from readers of James' novel The Dartmouth Conspiracy. You might wish to obtain a copy or even buy the book!

Stan Brunskill has raised the issue of Genetically Modified crops and the possible consequences. There is more elsewhere.

Seeds are being sown for 'Ringmore in Bloom', a Flower Festival organised by the PCC. This could be a very attractive few days in the village. Could we not, at the very least, grow one or two tubs of flowers and for the duration of the festival, place them outside our gates for all to see . . . details are elsewhere.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The February meeting was given a very informative talk and description of the work and assistance given by the St John's Ambulance and members showed great interest in this. Many had in fact received help from them in some way over the years. Practical demonstrations were given by the speaker and these were of help in understanding what to do in emergencies in everyday circumstances. It was a very valuable talk which was very much appreciated.

In March we have a talk with slides on the controversial subject of Organic Food Production. Don't miss it! It is of interest to all

Naomi Warne

Update on Grant Application

During January, the W.I. heard from the National Lottery Board that their application for a grant to replace the Hall

steps with a ramp, and provide a new lobby and toilet had been unsuccessful. The reason given was that 'the Board's resources are insufficient to support the application'

However, we plan to re-submit the application this year, as well as following up other possible sources of finance. The steps to the Hall are very steep and dangerous, and the planned alterations would benefit not only the W.I. but all the other organizations which use the Hall.

We much appreciate the generous support which everyone has given in the past, and we plan to continue our own fund-raising efforts. Hopefully we can co-ordinate these with the fundraising of other groups in the village, so that events don't come too thick and fast, and people are not over-burdened with requests for cakes, raffle prizes etc.

Pat King

WI President

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Accidents between St Ann's Chapel and Seven Stones Cross were causing concern.

It was recorded that the South Hams had lost 90% of its orchards in the 45 years since the Second World War.

The Village Quiz Team defeated the might of Ivybridge in the IPQ.

Long Service Awards were made by the British Legion to Alice Mason (40 years), Pam Brunskill (15 years), Edith Toms and Christine Freeman (Kingston) both for 25 years service. Kit Taylor, who also received an award, began collecting in London in 1920!

There was a silly Games Night planned at the JE.

It was the time of the appeals for the Rumanian orphanages and fundraising was the order of the day.

Journey's End Journal

2001 is now well under way and we've hardly had time to pause for breath. February was a full month and a delight for 'foodies', with both our Chinese and Spanish Banquets going down very well. Doggie Bags were spotted at both events towards the end of the evening along with mutterings of 'not being able to eat another mouthful!' One or two seasoned hands, remembering last year's banquet, managed to pace themselves, starting gently and finishing gracefully. Unfortunately the sprinters appear to fall by the wayside around the 13th dish!

The Pasta Supper was a good apéritif to the dulcet tones of Wendy; our commiserations to the Ringmore Quiz Team who were narrowly defeated by Newton & Noss; the Dartington Morris Men entertained us at an excellent evening of music, song and dance.

The Table Tennis Tournament sported a good turnout but unfortunately our best was still not good enough to beat Ginny Cutler who walked off with the trophy for the third year running! The overall standard of play improves each year as does the generosity and £43 was raised for the Salcombe Lifeboat Appeal.

Our last event in February was 'The Race Night'. It was a super evening with all proceeds going, again, to the Salcombe Lifeboat Appeal. Thanks to everyone who bought a horse or dog in the races and to all those who came along and spent freely on the Tote and Raffle. Special thanks go to Terry, Colin, Jim and Emma who ensured

the smooth running of the evening. It was a brilliant evening - well done everyone!

The Raffle for the 'Gallon of Whisky' will be drawn on Sunday 25th March, which still gives you time to buy a ticket. The total raised, so far, is £306 and it would be nice if we could make £500!. We hope to make a presentation to members of the Salcombe Lifeboat crew or a representative of the RNLI, here at the JE, towards the end of March. Watch the noticeboard.

Now to March . . . Thursday the First is St David's Day so we will have a Welsh beer and a pre-quiz supper with a Welsh flavour. On Friday 2nd it is our Six-Nations Supper which will extend to Saturday 3rd in celebration of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament. England play Scotland on that day and TQ7 play at the JE on the evening. Fiona makes her first appearance here this year on Friday 9th and on Saturday 10th we have a return of our very popular Curry Evening. Help yourself to as much as you like for a fixed price!

On Friday 16th and Saturday 17th Ringmore goes green with our St Patrick's weekend. On Friday there will be live music from Park Bench Aristocrats and a set Irish menu. There will be a FREE draw; a FREE pen with your first pint of Guinness; a Limerick Competition and 'Tokens Make Prizes' - a real Ceilidh of a weekend!

Newcomer Dave Wilkins provides live music on Friday 23rd, bringing brand new music to the JE.



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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

On Saturday 24th our Sherriff Room will be open for a four-course dinner.

Mothering Sunday is on 25th and we will have a four-course lunch with a gift for 'mother'. The set menu, price £9.95, appears below and we advise bookings in advance. Food will be served from 12.30pm - 3.30pm .

We round off March on a high note with live music from Wendy on Friday 30th.

Thanks, once again, to our Quiz Masters and Mistresses, the Quiz is alive and well and will continue every Thursday at 9.00pm.

Advance warning for April - we shall be holding our first Beer Festival of the year - Check for Posters.

Thanks for all your support during a very busy February - here's to a Mad March!
Debbie and Grahame

MARCH DIARY DATES

Thursday 1st: St. David's Day - Welsh Real Ale, and some Favourite Welsh Dishes

Friday 2nd: Six Nations Tournament Supper

Saturday 3rd: Live Music with TQ7 (the)

Friday 9th: Live Music with Fiona

Saturday 10th: Curry Evening (1st return this year of this very popular event) Help yourself, as much as you like, set price hot buffet.

Friday 16th: St. Patrick's :- Live Music with Park Bench Aristocrats

Irish Menu, Free prizes, Guinness offers

Saturday 17th: St. Patrick's Day Menu, Prizes and Offers

Friday 23rd: Live Music with Dave Wilkins

Saturday 24th: Special 4-Course Menu in the Sherriff Room

Sunday 25th: Mothering Sunday - see our 4-course £9.95 menu (booking advisable)

Friday 30th: Live Music with Wendy

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Live Music on Friday Nights
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Saturday 17th March, 2001

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Beef and Guinness Stew

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in White Wine, Cream, and Garlic

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Home-made Barm Brack (a rich Irish Tea-bread)

Home-made Pratie Apple

Selection of Ice-cream

Mothering Sunday Lunch

Sunday 25th March, 2001

4-Course Sunday Lunch

£9.95 per person

Mother's Gift

Tomato and Basil Soup
Prawns and Avacado
Siltion and Walnut Paté

Roast Turkey

with Chipolatas, Stuffing, and Cranberry Sauce

Salmon poached in Lemon, Dill, and White Wine
served with Hollandaise Sauce

Pasta, Spinach, and Courgette Bake,
with Parmesan Crust

Above served with Roast or Boiled Potatoes,
and Steamed, or Stir-Fried Vegetables, or Salad

Fresh Fruit Pavlova

Apple Crumble

Chocolate Mousse

Coffee and Mints

News from All Hallows



Lent has already begun. This six week season in the life of the church carried the name in Anglo-Saxon for "Spring" – that is when the days lengthen. The church has from its earliest days called on its members to use this time in the run-up to Good Friday and Easter to prepare in heart, mind and body for the festival, so that we can be better Christians for the future.

Fishermen would think of Spring as a time for mending nets, repairing and repainting boats. Athletes take time for training. Traditionally in the church, Lent is a time for prayer, study and self-denial (eating less? Or giving to people in need?) Your opportunity to do some training or repair work is the Lent course to be held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in Kingston Church, on the theme of "Growing in Worship". Details are on the posters and handouts at the church. Why not come along (with a friend) with your questions, to enter into discussion and study. There will be tea/coffee after the discussion, and a short act of worship will follow, taken from the *Book of Common Prayer* and the new service book *Common Worship*.

Don't forget that March 25th is Mothering Sunday. There will be a special Family Service in Bigbury Church at 11 a.m. Mothers (and fathers!) and the children will enjoy it.

We are rather excited that a second lot of advertisements for a resident minister to lead our three churches has borne fruit in a number of replies. Candidates will be interviewed this month so that they and we can decide who should be the next minister for Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore, as part of the Modbury Team. Please pray that the right choice will be made.

Meanwhile, the pattern of services for the three churches continues in the same way. I am sure that for those who do not as yet support us, but would like to, you will find our services (which last for about an hour) an understandable and helpful act of worship amongst a friendly bunch of people. Why not make this spring time a time of new beginnings for yourself, and join us this Lent on a Sunday.

With good wishes,

Michael Wilkinson
The Old Forge, Kingston (810424)

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

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

Sunday March 4		Sunday March 18	
9 a.m. Kingston	Holy Communion & Children's Church	9 a.m. Bigbury	Holy Communion*
11 a.m. Ringmore	Worship at Eleven	11 a.m. Kingston	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m. Bigbury	Evening Prayer*	6 p.m. Ringmore	Evening Prayer*
Sunday March 11		Sunday March 25 (Mothering Sunday)	
9 a.m. Ringmore	Holy Communion	9 a.m. Ringmore	Holy Communion*
11 a.m. Bigbury	Worship at Eleven	11 a.m. Bigbury	Family Service
6 p.m. Kingston	Evening Prayer*	6 p.m. Kingston	Evening Prayer

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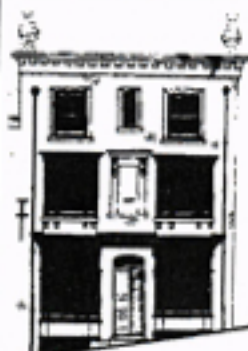
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Many thanks to everyone who attended the *Slow Blokes to China* illustrated talk given by Chris Denham in January.

The evening raised £152.70 for Branch funds and a magnificent £61 from the raffle which has been donated to the Poppy Appeal.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

A Quest for Glory with a Bat and Ball

When is news history? When Ginny from Challaborough, now from Exeter, wins the table tennis trophy from under the noses of the locals. Yes she did it again this year despite the fact that the table tennis club has been practicing hard and had not wittingly spread the news to Exeter; she beat Jim McGinley in a close and exciting final.

However the good news is that she only managed to win the visitors' trophy the proper local trophy being awarded to Jim who now has to build a mantelpiece on which to place it. Apart from a small crisis when it was discovered that 20 entrants more naturally resulted in a final of two and a half and not two players, the afternoon tournament was very successful, there being many close contests, a lot of laughs and enjoyment for participants and spectators. The Salcombe lifeboat funds have been increased by £43 from entrance fees. The sad moral is that to date you can't drink and survive - to win the contest.

John Bracey

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ALONG THE BEETON TRACK

SPRING CLEANING - LET'S DO IT PROPERLY THIS YEAR!

HOUSE AND HOME

1. To Expel Rats

Catch one in a trap; muzzle it with the assistance of a fellow-servant, slightly singe some of the hair; then smear the part with turpentine, and set the animal loose; if again caught, leave it still at liberty, as the other rats will shun the place it inhabits. It is said to be a fact that a toad placed in a house-cellar will have the effect of expelling rats.

2. To Take Stains Out of Marble

Mix unslaked lime in finest powder with the strongest soap-ley, pretty thick, and instantly with a painter's brush lay it on the whole of the marble. In two months time wash it off perfectly clean; then have ready a fine thick lather of soft soap, boiled in soft water; dip a brush in it and scour the marble. This will, with very good rubbing, give a beautiful polish. Polish the marble with a piece of coarse flannel, or what is better, a piece of an old hat.

3. To Restore Whiteness to Scorched Linen

One oz of dried fowls' dung; half pint of vinegar; two oz Fuller's Earth; the juice of two lame onions; half oz of soap. Boil all together to the consistency of paste; spread the composition thickly over the damaged part, and if the threads be not actually consumed, after it has been allowed to dry on, and the place has subsequently been washed once or twice, every trace of scorching will disappear.

FOR A NICE SPRUCE-UP AFTERWARDS

1. Varnish for Boots

Six parts of eggs (the whole of a yolk) well beaten; one part of treacle; one part of isinglass; five parts of water: lamp black. Dissolve the isinglass in water, and then add to it the other ingredients, using sufficient lamp black to give the required colour. If there is need to restore the colour, take a small quantity of good black ink mix it with the white of an egg, and apply it to the boots with a soft sponge.

2. Pomade Divine for the Hair

Clear one-and-a-half pounds of beef marrow from the strings and bone, put it into an earthen pan or vessel of water fresh from the spring, and change the water night and morning for ten days: then steep it in rose-water 24 hours, and drain it in a cloth till quite dry. Take an oz of each of the following articles, namely, storax, gum-benjamin, and odiferous cyprus powder, half oz of cinnamon, 2 drachms of cloves, and 2 drachms of nutmeg, all finely powdered mix them with the marrow above prepared; then put all the ingredients into a pewter pot that holds 3 pints; make a paste of white of egg and flour, and lay it upon a piece of rag. Over that must be

another piece of linen to cover the top of the pot very close, that none of the steam may evaporate. Put the pot into a lame copper pot with water, observing to keep it steady, that it may not reach to the covering of the pot that holds the marrow. As the water shrinks, add more, boiling hot; for it must boil 4 hours without ceasing a moment. Strain the ointment through a linen cloth into small pots and, when cold, cover them. Do not touch it with anything but silver. It will keep many years.

AND FOR YOUR PARTY FROCK ON THE BIG NIGHT

To Wash Silk

For a dress to be washed, the seams of the skirt do not need to be ripped apart, though it must be removed from the band at the waist, and the lining taken from the bottom. Trimmings or drapings ... should be undone so as to remain flat. A black silk dress, without being previously washed, may be refreshed by being soaked during twenty-four hours in soft, clear water. If dirty, the black dress may be previously washed. When very old and rusty, a pint of gin or whisky should be mixed with each gallon of water. This addition is an improvement in any circumstances, whether the silk be previously washed or not. After soaking, the dress should be hung up to drain dry without being wrung. The mode of washing silks is this:- The article should be laid upon a clean smooth table. A flannel should be well-soaped, and the surface of the silk rubbed one way with it. When the dirt has disappeared, the soap must be washed off with a sponge and plenty of cold water, of which the sponge must be made to imbibe as much as possible. As soon as one side is finished, the other must be washed precisely in the same manner. Silks, when washed, should always be dried in the shade, on a linen-horse, and alone. If black or dark blue, they will be improved if, when dry, they are placed on a table and well-sponged with gin or whisky.

Cheers!

(The recipes are from Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management (1893) and Mrs Rundell's Modern Domestic Cookery)

Di Collinson

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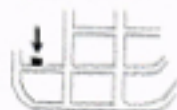
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THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

The next Millennium Open Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March 2001 at the W.I. Hall at 7:30pm. The main business will concern the possibility of installing a church clock. We have been sending letters to a number of Trust Funds in the vain hope that someone will respond favourably. Failing these sources we are pretty much back to our own resources. I must admit it has been an 'eye opener' trying to get funding. Most of the Funds are so hedged around with rules and stipulations that it is almost impossible to penetrate. Certainly for small parishes trying to get small funding the odds are very much against.

There are still bits and pieces to do regarding the trees such as replanting a few and providing notices. It will be nice if we can accomplish these tasks by Easter.

Guy Eddy



TABLE TENNIS

There were three club members in the John Bracey Table Tennis Tournament semi-finals held in the Journey's End and despite Jim McGinley's valiant attempt, Ginny Cutler managed to retain the Championship. She seems to have made the championship her own recently and to be fair, she does seem worthy of the title.

I think our club members will need to do one of the following to win in the future:
a) drink less beer during the competition-aghast! 'Surely not!' I hear members say or b) become competition hardened.

As 'a' is a non-starter will, in future, dedicate one evening a month for competition; nothing too serious though, just enough to give a little edge to the evening's enjoyment.

A number of ladies have indicated that they wish to have a separate additional practice session on one afternoon a week. Details have still to be finalised but once they get underway, the men will have to watch out.

The club, held on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, is still well-attended and new adult members would be assured of a warm welcome whatever standard you are and especially if you are a beginner. Why not give it a try?

Phillip Errett
Chairman 810547

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DE-FIBRILLATOR?

A suggestion was made at the February Parish Council Meeting by Michael Tagent that the village should consider acquiring a De-fibrillator.

This is a specialised piece of equipment required only in dire circumstances. It is the device, often seen in TV Dramas, by which a patient whose heart has stopped beating is 'shocked' back to life. In having one in the village the hope would be to overcome the inevitable delay between the calling of an ambulance and the arrival of help. This could be up to 15 minutes, never less than 10 and is a vital time period when someone is at death's door.

The whole process requires three factors. The equipment, an operator and a patient.

The equipment is simple to operate. It has an audio feedback which talks the operator through the process and will not function unless it detects that the circumstances are right. It detects electricity from the heart and if there is none, it will work. It would not be possible to 'shock' a patient for whom such treatment was not necessary.

An operator can be trained in 4 hours only, due mainly to the 'intelligence' of the equipment. This training has to be repeated every six months. It is of course a heavy responsibility to be placed on a volunteer but perhaps an understanding of what is required would remove the mystique and lessen the burden considerably. The heaviest demand is on time. To be effective, the machine has to be available 24 hours a day which means the operator has to be available for 24 hours a day! It is not reasonable to expect an individual to give up too much private time even to such a worthy purpose so a number of operators would be required. Perhaps a rota of seven or more people

The Korniloff

There is a vacancy at this Residential Care Home. The room has a balcony with a sea view overlooking Burgh Island. There is possibly no better view around the coast and as there is always something going on it is a constant focus of attention. If you know of a relative or friend (even you!) who might prefer the comfort of being cared for, please give Mrs Gina Phillips a call on 810222. She will welcome anyone who wishes to inspect the accommodation.

Of course there is always the opportunity for anyone who is considering moving to this type of accommodation to spend time there on a daily basis. Obviously this gives the chance to 'get a feel' for the place. It is a big step in anyone's life and if the transition can be eased why not make the change a gradual one?

could be managed so that none felt trapped by having to remain on duty for an extended period. It is likely that a bleeper would be provided to enable volunteers to be within reaching distance of the equipment without having to carry it around all day long.

The patient. Medical emergencies are never convenient and can occur in inconvenient places at inconvenient times. When a call came through, the operator would have to set off immediately; not when the TV programme finishes; not when the kettle has boiled or the cat has been fed. Immediately! The proposal is to contain this medical support within Ringmore. To stretch the area covered by the support re-creates the problem of potential delay which the proposal is attempting to overcome.

If you think that to have a de-fibrillator in the village is a good idea and you are willing to be part of the programme please let Michael or Jackie Tagent know (801520). If the proposal receives sufficient support to enable it to proceed, a general meeting will be held to develop the idea.

The Parish Council fully supports the idea but recognises the potential difficulty in finding sufficient volunteers. To support this idea would be a medium to long-term commitment. It would not survive on a short-term, 'see-how-it-goes' approach. However, anyone who joined the programme would be able to leave when they wished without reproach. Think about it and if you feel the idea has merit, contact Michael or Jackie.

Geof Dykes

Music Night

with

Frank & Dina



Tuesday
13th
March

GM Crops

This debatable subject, covered in the attached leaflets, provides food for thought! GM Crop trials are isolated from normal crops by 200 yards only. Honey Bees will fly at least 2 miles to collect nectar and pollen.

If you want to know more why not attend the meeting in Kingsbridge. It will be a balanced discussion with speakers from both sides of the argument.

Stan Brunskill



Alan & Robbie McCarthy

Some of the poor people of Ringmore who enjoyed the RHS's History For All



Imogen Ireland & Anushka Bartlett

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 20th February
Present: 6 Councillors, The Clerk, Dist.Cllr B.Carson, Millenium Cttee: Guy Eddy and 1 other member of the public.

Matters Arising:

Crossways: The pile of rubbish is still there. Although only two houses are not privately owned it is understood that the site of the rubbish belongs to the District Council. Mr Carson will try to bring some pressure to bear to get some action.
Cumberland Cottages: The wall which has been the subject of recent debate has still to be repaired. The Council has been advised that a local builder has been engaged to undertake the work which is expected to be completed when the weather permits.

Dog Fouling: Cllr Muller is meeting with the dog warden to see if there is a need for signs to be erected. Residents and visitors are reminded that it is an offence to allow dogs to foul footpaths and public areas - please bag it and bin it.

Trees at Higher Manor Farm: District Council has given permission for the felling of a large sycamore. Cllr Freeman, tree warden, confirmed the tree roots were causing damage to a wall and felt its removal was justified.

Matters Raised By Parishioners:

A letter had been received from Mr Michael Tagent requesting the Council to consider the purchase of a defibrillator, a machine used to re-start the heart if it stops beating following a heart attack. Cllr Dykes had made quite extensive enquiries as to the number of volunteers who might be needed within the parish to ensure the machine was always available (24 hours a day, 365 days a year), the training required and the costs involved. After much discussion it was felt that an open meeting should be arranged to establish if there is sufficient practical interest to take this further.

Mrs Yvonne Sheppard, Churchwarden, requested support from the Council for the Flower Festival being organised for 4 days from the 25th May, to be called Ringmore in Bloom. The Council agreed to encourage residents to fill gardens and containers with colourful plants. More than twenty floral arrangements are planned in or around the church and the Parish Council agreed to take on one of the displays (a little help and advice may be needed however from Jinny McCabe and Rosemary Wilson who are the artistic directors of the project).

Guy Eddy reported that the Millenium Committee is to meet on the 6th March. Discussions will still centre around funding for the clock, which is still to be found. The trees planted at Haven have

mostly been eaten by sheep unfortunately but the others are doing well.

Flooding on Walnut Tree Cottage Corner: Cllr Allan asked that the matter of flooding in the area by Walnut Tree Cottage be remembered in any review of the drainage situation within the village. District Councillor Carson is arranging for Cllr Muller to meet with the lengthsman from Devon County Council to inspect the drains in and around Higher Manor Farm and Cumberland Cottages which are not felt to be working efficiently. In view of all the problems of excess surface water faced by the village this winter it was agreed to write to Devon County Council to ask them to inspect and review the drainage systems within the village to see if improvements need to be made.

District Council: Mr Carson talked of the new structures within the District Council and of cluster meetings which are being held for representatives of Parish Councils. He spoke also of the difficulties being encountered with the reconstruction of the road at Slapton which has been washed away by the sea, and the effect this was having on the residents in the area.

Disposal of waste is still a priority and 62% of the area is now recycling its rubbish.

Footpaths: Cllr Muller showed photographs of new gates and styles which have been erected. Wood for repairs to the walkway in Darkey Lane has been purchased and when the weather improves Cllr Muller will put them in hand. Cllr Freeman advised that there has been a landslide on the path from Ayrmer to Westcombe. Cllr Muller will inspect and report. He is also to arrange a beach clean in the near future.

Any Other Business: Royal Garden Party. Each year the council is asked to nominate a member to go into the draw to be a guest. Cllr Freeman asked to be Ringmore's nomination which was agreed.

Annual Parish Council Meeting:
Wednesday April 18th

Next Monthly Meeting : Tuesday 20th March W.J.Hall 7p.m.

Carol Allan

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MARCH DIARY

Wed 7th - RBL Meeting
 Sat 17th - ST PATRICK'S DAY
 LIVE MUSIC WITH 'THE SILKIE' - GUINNESS AND JAMESONS PROMOTIONS - IRISH THEMED MENU
 eg Irish Sausage with Colcannon, Irish Stew & Steak in Guinness etc
 Wed 21st Mar - Darts Challenge -2nd Leg away to The Pilchard
 Sun 25th Mar - MOTHERS DAY - 'This is the place, there is no other, to wine and dine your special mother'
 Bookings now being taken



STOP PRESS, LATE NEWS JUST IN - 1st Leg Challenge Darts Match v The Pilchard
 Royal Oak 10, The Pilchard 4 - Magnificent comeback by The Pilchard after being 10-1 down

Inter-Parish Quiz

Ringmore entertained Newton & Noss at the Journey's End in the opening round of this year's competition. This is the 25th year of the Inter-Parish Quiz and our Question-master or in this instance, mistress, Angela Estyn-Jones from Diptford, was one of the originators.

Round 1 was a maximum score for both teams but N&N knew their music and crept ahead 15 - 11. Pot luck and inventions went in Ringmore's favour and two rounds further on saw the home team leading by 37-33. It was nip and tuck and by half time it was back to square one with both teams on 45 points.

Ringmore gained a point lead early in the second half but by mid-way it was all

square again. Two rounds later, one on words starting pho.... and one on Books, and N&N were one point ahead. After we had been tested on Explorers and Ireland the gap had stretched to 4 points. Try as we did, we could not reduce the deficit and were finally defeated 107 - 103.

We all (Felicity, Robbie, Colin and Geof) felt we should not have failed on some questions but on the other hand, we had some inspired moments (do you know the opening lines of The Seven Pillars of Wisdom? Robbie does!).

It was a good contest, played in a friendly spirit and we wish Newton & Noss every success in the next round. Once again Debbie & Grahame provided some splendid refreshments. After the 'highs' of the last year or two it is back to the Ken West plate for Ringmore and in the first round we shall be at home to Sparkwell. Watch out for posters giving the date.

GDD

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February SOLUTION

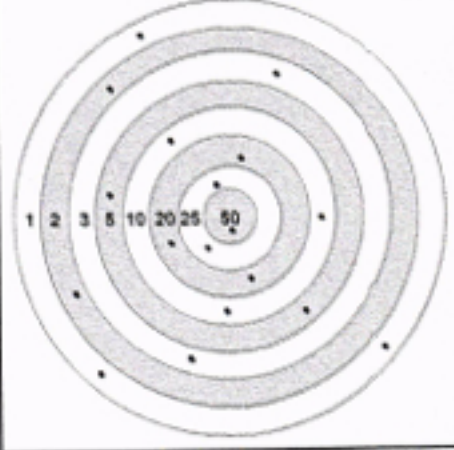
- 1 Good turn deserves another
- 9 Day wonder
- 3 Little maids from school
- 13 Months in a lunar year
- 24 Sheets of paper in a quire
- 3 Line whip (3 Little Women incorrect)
- 3 Coins in the fountain
- 10 Chains in a furlong (10 Cents in a Franc incorrect)
- 5 Year plan (5 Yard Penalty incorrect)
- 19 To the dozen
- 100 Hectares in a square kilometre
- 8 Notes in an octave

I am not sure whether there were 6 or 7 entries this month. Pengu submitted a correct solution from the other side of the planet, this time from Nambour which is 60 miles north of Brisbane, some 12 miles from the coast. I need to know if this is a joint entry or is it a typical Aussie 'take 'em all on' approach. Other correct entries came from The Beginners, Matchman and Real Sleuth. There is a warm welcome to New Dawn; sadly it was not a winning debut but a good start nevertheless. Su Da Nim and Taurus both stumbled again so, already, our joint champions are making life difficult for themselves.

Footnote to January: BEVY is an alternative, less attractive spelling of BEVY, derived from BEVERAGE, but for reasons known to the enquirer, it makes no difference to points awarded!

March

There are three finalists and each has six shots. Competitor A's first two shots score 22 points. Competitor B's first shot scores 3. Who hit the bulls-eye?



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There will be a South Hams Police Liaison Meeting in the Modbury Memorial Hall, Back Street, Modbury on Monday 2nd April. Everyone is invited to come along to raise policing issues. For more information please contact David Young on 810389

Kingsbridge Action on Genetic Engineering

Latest News: 3.2.2001

GM ANIMAL FEED BREAKTHROUGH

On 27th January, Britain moved closer to becoming GM-free after Tesco and Asda announced they would no longer sell the meat or milk of any animal fed with GM soya or maize. The two companies will switch their imports from the US to Brazil, where commercial GM plantings are illegal.

SOMERFIELD ISOLATED.

Iceland, Marks & Spencer, McDonalds and Burger King have already acted to remove GM in animal products. Somerfield is one of the few retailers to have taken no action.

Bike Tour for a GM Free South West

In March, a group of anti-GM activists will be visiting Kingsbridge as part of a bicycle tour of the South-West. They plan to raise awareness of the problems of the global climate change that we are all experiencing, and GM contamination of the land and the food chain.

FARM SCALE TRIALS

Announcements of the sites for summer FARM SCALE TRIALS are expected by early March. Last year the South-West escaped the GM contamination that the government acknowledges is "unavoidable". Let's hope that local farmers turn their backs on these flawed trials.

NEWS FROM K.A.G.E.

Since our last newsletter we have been active, alerting local people to the presence of GM materials in animal feed. Many people are unaware of this widespread GM contamination of our food. At the Farmers' Market we have used leaflets, sandwich-boards and seasonal songs to get our message across. Pro- and anti-GM letters in the "Gazette" have attracted interest and have resulted in the debate advertised here. For details of our next meeting, please ring Jean: 01548- 856286.

GM Debate in Kingsbridge

Speakers include:

LUKE ANDERSON, author of "Genetic Engineering, Food and the Environment", **ROGER ANSTEY**, Dr. **MICK FULLER** of Seale-Hayne Faculty of Agriculture, **JOHN WATSON**, organic farmer, and **JEFF BEER**, South Hams councillor (to be confirmed).

This is your chance to have your say about all aspects of genetic modification, and find out what other local people feel about this vital issue. 7.30 pm on Thursday 15th March at the Methodist Church, Fore Street, Kingsbridge.

"Starlink" - GM Corn Crisis

When Aventis engineered "Starlink" corn to produce its own pesticide, US regulators banned the corn for human consumption due to concern that it may cause allergic reactions. Now, the feared cross-pollination to conventional corn has taken place, and tonnes of corn has had to be destroyed after GM contamination was found in exports to Japan and other countries. GM contamination was discovered in 300 kinds of taco shells, chips, cornmeal and other foods. Kraft caused widespread unease by withdrawing their taco shells, thereby alerting US consumers to the dangers. US federal officials are testing a number of people after they experienced intense itching, nausea and other allergic reactions after eating food containing GM genes. Although "Starlink" corn has been grown on less than 1% of all US cornfields, contamination has been widespread. US officials are trying to recover all of the "Starlink" crop grown in the year 2000.

* **Court action** is being taken by a group of US farmers angry at the problems they have had marketing the corn after the "Starlink" fiasco.

* **US GM feed sales** have stopped increasing, much to the concern of the biotech companies.



KEEP IT KAGED

Genetic Engineering

Myths and facts

Myth No 1: Genetic engineering is a natural development of traditional breeding methods.

Fact- Genetic engineering involves taking pieces of DNA from one species and inserting them into the DNA of another in order to mimic certain desired characteristics, e.g. From fish to tomato or from human to pig. Where in nature do we find DNA from a fish, a spider, a scorpion, a virus or bacterium, an animal or even human DNA introducing itself into the DNA of a vegetable? These are all examples of the type of genetically engineered transplants that have already been done.

Myth no 2: Genetically engineered foods are safe to eat.

Fact- In 1989 in the US 37 people were killed and 1500 left permanently disabled after eating a genetically engineered food supplement. A soya bean engineered with a gene from a brazil nut was withdrawn after it was discovered that it gave rise to allergic reactions. Current safety regulations are hopelessly inadequate. No long term tests have been done on the effects of eating genetically engineered food. What is known is that these effects are unpredictable and potentially fatal. Most processed food now contains one or more genetically engineered ingredients. As these ingredients do not have to be labelled, the only way to avoid them is to eat organically produced food.

Myth no 3: Genetic engineering is a precise technology.

Fact- Right now science only understands the function of about 3% of DNA. The relationships that govern the expression of genes are understood even less. Any change in the DNA at any point brings about changes which scientists cannot predict. The claim by some that they can is both arrogant and untrue.

Ground breaking admission:

Monsanto now admits...

- *That GM crops can create herbicide resistant 'superweeds', by cross pollination.*
- *That insects can develop a resistance to the very plants that are genetically engineered to kill them.*

This proves the futility of the technology.

**Fact: there is an updated
Kingsbridge Public Library
- just ask the librarian for assistance.**

Myth no 4: Genetic engineering of crops is done to benefit the environment.

Fact- The governments own watchdogs (English Nature, English Heritage etc) as well as all the major environmental organisations and a growing international body of scientists are calling for an immediate ban on genetically engineered crops until a great deal more research has been done, because of increasing evidence that they can have a devastating impact on wildlife and the environment.

Myth no 5: Genetic engineering of crops is being done to use less herbicides and pesticides.

Fact- Corporations are engineering crops to be resistant to their own brand chemicals. This means that a field can be covered with their herbicides and everything will die except for the resistant crop. Their seeds and chemicals are sold together as a package which dramatically raises their profits. The British Agrochemical Association predicts that worldwide sales of herbicides will increase as a result of genetic engineering. For example, the market for glufosinate, one of the chemicals being used, is expected to rise by \$200 million a year.

Myth no 6: Genetic engineering benefits the farmer.

Fact- The inherent instability of genetically engineered crops has already led to widespread crop failure. Monsanto recently had to pay out millions of dollars in compensation for its genetically engineered cotton crop. Calgene's "Flavr Savr" tomato, engineered for improved shelf life, had unexpected problems and was a financial disaster. Herbicide resistance has already spread from genetically engineered crops to weeds.

Myth no 7: Genetic engineering will feed the developing world.

Fact- Intensive farming practices are inappropriate in countries where people depend on a wide variety of local crops. The restrictive and expensive contract the farmers have to sign when using genetically engineered crops will continue to force poorer farmers off the land. To suggest that the developing world will benefit as a result of genetic engineering is manipulating the public, and being used to hide the truth that this technology is being developed to line the pockets of multinationals.

You are part of an experiment.
Is this what you want?

Despite legislation intended to make labelling clearer in shops and restaurants, the freakish experiment still continues and it is likely to lead to...

- Unpredictable long term effects
- New allergens and toxins in the food supply
- Increased use of chemicals on our land and in our food.
- Damage to wildlife
- Loss of biodiversity
- New viruses able to cross species barriers
- Spread of antibiotic resistance
- Cruelty to animals
- Herbicide resistant weeds
- Threats to organic farming
- Potential infection or mutation of human cells
- Irreversible contamination of our ecosystem



*OK everybody
Here's the plan...we all pretend to be harmless
for a few years, and then when they release us into
the environment...WE GO WILD*

If this information keeps you
awake at night (..it does us!)
you can do something about it.

- Inform yourself - and then others

• Write to:

your local MP and council

MEEP candidates

Supermarkets and food producers

Ask them awkward questions, and ask for written guarantees of safety.

- Boycott GM foods. Support local shops, especially those which declare themselves GM free

- Join the KAGE group, ~~Normally the first~~

~~Monday in each month in the Green Street~~
~~Kingsbridge, at 7.30pm. *Mad & Goura House*~~

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Local contacts are: Jean 01548 856286

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Genetic Engineering Network: 0181 374951

Good web sites: Friend of the Earth -www.foe.co.uk

Genetic Engineering Network -www.dnac.co.uk/gen.html

Totnes group site -www.togg.freereserve.co.uk/core.htm

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