

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR: GEOF DYKES 810123

DEADLINE Mon 25th

THIS MONTH

WEDNESDAYS: New Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

- 2nd Steak Night at the JE
- 4th SH Police Liaison Meeting, Totnes 7.30pm
- 6th RBL Meeting Journey's End 7.30pm
- 9th Start of the Bigbury Fun Run 12.00 noon
- 14th WI BBQ Middle Manor 6.30pm
- 18th Heart-Start WI Hall 7.00pm
- 19th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- 21st Landlord's Quiz at the JE

Mobile Library

Friday:- 8th & 22nd

- 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



Average - last 10 years - 2"
High - 1994 - 30"
Low - 1999 - 1"

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The Editor
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Farewell

Carol and Gordon Allan will be leaving the village in the middle of the month to move to Cornwall. They have been very involved in village life and have supported almost every activity at some time or another. Carol was WI President in 1993 and she has been on the Parish Council since 1999; Gordon started the Short Mat Bowls Club; they served on the PCC and sang in the choir; also they were active members of the Historical Society... and... they still had time to entertain us with songs and recitations! Their ten years in Ringmore will leave something of a vacuum but we wish them well in their new home.

Ringmore in Bloom was an outstanding success. The steady flow of visitors, from near and far, made the considerable effort worthwhile. Everyone is to be congratulated.

It is said that it is the taking part which counts. Of course it is! We made the Plate final of the Inter-Parish Quiz. We did not win but we had a go and on the night Wembury were the better team. It was an entertaining and enjoyable evening and there is always next year!

Under the headline, Heart Start, an evening has been arranged for 18th June to demonstrate simple, effective ways of saving life.

Short Mat Bowls and Table Tennis have both ceased activity for the summer months, with plans to resume in September. Devotees will have to find something else to keep themselves occupied. It should not be so difficult now that the Footpaths are gradually being re-opened.

Carol Allan's departure brings to an end her relatively short time on the Parish Council. Carol always worked hard at anything she did for the village and her endeavours will be missed as, of course, will Gordon's. Not least was her role as PC contributor to the Newsletter which she assumed at the time she joined the Council.

In answer to the question 'What time is the next bus?' Ringmore has almost enjoyed responding 'Friday!'. No longer. From 27th May we have had a second bus, on Tuesdays, which will take us to Kingsbridge. Thelma has tested the route and it works! Times are elsewhere.

A name to remember. John. John who? John Elliott! Which John Elliott? The Revd John Elliott. Oh, that John Elliott! I know, it's on the Church page.

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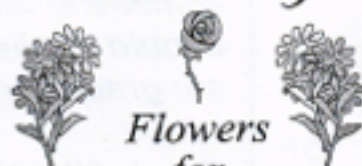


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News from All Hallows

Who's who in Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Churches
 Team Rector: The Revd Canon Bob Campbell-Smith (830260)
 Clergy: The Revd Michael Wilkinson (810424)
 Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)

New Resident Minister appointed

We are delighted that the Revd John Elliott, at present acting Priest-in-Charge of Bedgrove, Aylesbury (in Oxford diocese and near where Derek Matten served a curacy) is to be our next Resident Minister. Aged 56, John was formerly a senior bank manager, and was ordained as a Non-Stipendiary Minister in 1998.

John is married to Pam, and they have two children. Their daughter Sonya and her husband Phil are at present doing Christian street children's work in Costa Rica. Son Andrew is married to Lucy and is an assistant housing manager with the YMCA in Exeter.

We hope that John will be licensed in early September, and pray for God's richest blessing on John and Pam as they join us in ministry here.

Christian Aid Week

A big "thank you" to all who helped organise and who came to the Christian Aid coffee morning last month. We were able to send a total of £475 to this needy work, which is well above the £400 we sent last year.

PRAY FOR FARMERS AND LOCAL INDUSTRIES

Pray for farmers, those running hotels, restaurants and other business which depend on visitors to the area, and all who are now seeking to rebuild their livelihood after the foot and mouth outbreaks. Pray, too, for all holidaymakers, that they have much blessing and enjoyment during their visit to our area.

All change?

Pentecost, or Whitsun, falls this year on June 3. It is the day when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said he would be with his followers, living in them, as it were, by his Spirit. What a change it made! Terrified disciples became bold evangelists, and before long changed the face of the world. Not all change is good, and as we experience change in many ways in the future, our aim must be – as the Prayer Book states – to please God and profit everybody. That will definitely mean change for the better!

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 3rd

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

Sunday June 17th

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

Sunday June 10th

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

Sunday June 24th

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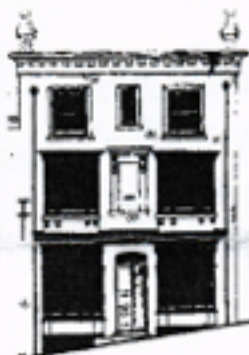
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Journey's End Journal

Well whilst May started quietly enough it has ended on a very busy note for us. With Sweet'n'Hot's traditional style Jazz music and our New Orleans Dinner menu together proving very successful over the Whit weekend. Combined with the re-opening of most of the coastal footpaths, this is proving to be a busy bank holiday despite the sea mists.

So with good weather now being forecast for June (honest) and more footpaths opening we are hoping for brisk business. Our Special Steak night on the 2nd June has been booking up well - so this should be a good night. We are of course continuing with our Friday night

Monday Opening

We are now open 7 days-a-week throughout the Summer.

music, with Gin and Wendy booked, and possibly a new face or two as well. Lookout for our **Landlord's Quiz on Thursday 21st June.**

Finally, we are thinking of doing something special for American Independence Day on July 4th so watch out for further details.

Grahame and Debbie

Ringmore in Bloom

More than fifty individuals helped in one way or another to make the Flower Festival the resounding success everyone had hoped. Names are not important; some have more talent, some have more time but it is teamwork which produces the results

The visitors' book was signed by over 230 people which means that in excess of 600 people passed through the Church over the three days. Many came from nearby, the surrounding villages proving to be great sources of support. Some came from further afield; addresses spotted include British Columbia, California and New South Wales!

The Festival started with the Gala Opening on Friday at which those present were entertained to music provided by Alice Mason, Sue Meredith and John Tagent. Apart from their skill, their playing demonstrated their collective range of music and the diversity of music which can be played on the organ.

A steady stream of visitors, sometimes a crowd, came to see the creations and splendid they were. All were colourful; all were decorative; some were creative and one or two were really outstanding in combining all the elements. Twenty different displays drew many people who visit churches only on weekdays. All of them must have been impressed. Wasn't the entrance charming? Everyone has their own particular favourite; how many would have voted for the tadpoles?

At the WI Hall the team were maintaining a steady flow of Morning Coffee, Light Lunches and Cream Teas.

When the donations had been counted, the surplus auctioned, chairs and tables stowed and the adrenalin normal again, the Festival had raised in excess of £2,500!

Postcards of some of the displays are still available in the Church and a CD ROM, with music and every floral display, can be purchased for £6 (810407).



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Monday: Noon - 3.00pm 6.30pm - 11.00pm
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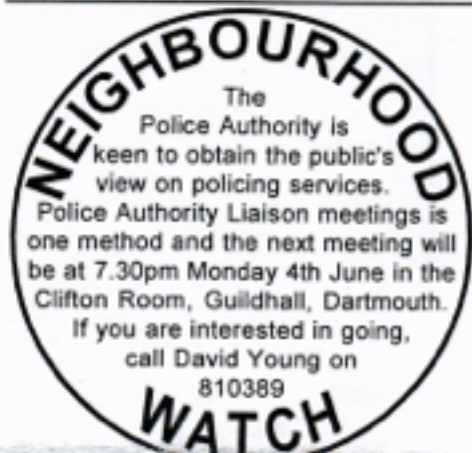
Tues - Sat Noon - 3.00pm
6.30pm - 11.00pm

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



South Hams Neighbourhood Watch Forum

Recently I attended a meeting of the SH Neighbourhood Watch Forum in Ivybridge. This was an interesting meeting at which many ongoing problems were raised by members. The method by which information will be cascaded down to NW Members, Ringmaster, is not yet fully operational.

Neighbourhood Watch week has been designated for 18th - 23rd June. During this week I will hand out 'In doubt - keep them out' leaflets.

At some time during the next few months, a Crime and Disorder audit will be carried out.

For anyone with an ailment which, in an emergency, should be made known to para-medics, a Medi-tube is available. This is kept in the fridge so that its whereabouts is known.

The next meeting of SHNW Forum will be on 17th July at Follaton House, Totnes.

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David Young.

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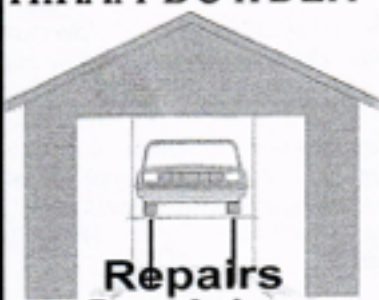
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Wednesday 23rd May.
Present: 4 Councillors, the Clerk.
Apologies: R Batten, A Muller
Neighbourhood Watch: David Young
In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

Defibrillator - Sandy Hammond will arrange a Heart-Start meeting at which anyone who wishes to attend may do so.
Village Drainage - During the past week, BT have been attending to the problem of water escaping from their manhole.
Queen's Jubilee - ideas for the celebration of this event (only the fifth Golden Jubilee in our history) are invited from residents.
Bus Shelter drainage - quotations will be sought for two possible solutions to this problem.

Matters raised by Parishioners:

David Young, Neighbourhood Watch reported on the South Hams Neighbourhood Watch Forum. There were no problems in the village in the past month.

District Council Matters:

Bryan Carson reported that SHDC will adopt its new organisation of Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee in June.
Contacts for Refuse Collection and Public Convenience Cleaning have been awarded to In-House groups.
The Draft Structure Plan for the South Hams will be published in September and will be available for public consultation.

Planning Application:

To form a first floor room at The Lodge, Ringmore.
The Council had no objection to the proposal but requested that the materials used would be in sympathy with the rest of the building.

Finance:

The Council voted by a majority of 2-1, with one abstention, to donate £25 to the Ringmore Flower Show.

Local Bus Service:

Bigbury Parish Council requested support from Ringmore in its protest against the reduction in the weekly Bus Service. Although Ringmore's service has been doubled to two buses per week, it was agreed to support Bigbury because the loss of a daily service can have a severe impact on the ability of people to get to work.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19th June 7.00pm WI Hall

The Editor

South West Devon Conservative Association

Gary Streeter,

the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate

will be visiting the area on Wednesday 6th June and would be delighted to meet as many local people as possible.

His proposed programme for the day is:

10.30am	The Korniloff
11.30am	The Royal Oak
1.00pm	The Journey's End
2.15pm	The Pickwick Inn
3.15pm	The Paddock, Kingston

The times are approximate but will be kept to, as far as possible.

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TEN YEARS AGO ...

The Parish Council wrote to the the County Council about the damage caused by mobile Mobile Homes as they passed through the village.

South West Water was considering options for changes to the sewage-works.

The owners of the Journey's End did a moonlight flit, leaving Richard Sully to run the Inn on behalf of Lloyds Bank! Guy Eddy, Chairman of the Parish Council, warned against the disaster of the pub being converted into another holiday home.

Ringmore WI



BBQ

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Thursday

14th June

6.30pm

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HEARTSTART



Arrangements have been made for a course to be held in the WI Hall on Monday 18th June from 7.00 - 9.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along to see how simple the procedures are. You may sit and observe; there will be no obligation to join in any demonstration.

The course will be run by *Alan Hutchinson*, a Paramedic.
There will be no charge.

Phone Sandy Hammond on 810572 for details.

New Bus Timetable

Ringmore has two buses a week!! The Friday bus to Plymouth (875) continues but a second route has been introduced on Tuesdays which goes to Kingsbridge (876).

The Time Table is dated 27th May 2001 to 25th May 2002.

Route Number 875 To Plymouth

CHALLABOROUGH

Slipway Cottage	9.54am
RINGMORE Church	9.57
ST ANN'S CHAPEL	10.00
KINGSTON Fire Station	10.13
MODBURY Post Office	10.29
YEALMPTON Volunteer	10.39
PLYMOUTH Bus Station	10.59

Route Number 876 To Kingsbridge

CHALLABOROUGH

Slipway Cottage	9.54am
RINGMORE Church	9.57
ST ANN'S CHAPEL	10.00
KINGSTON Fire Station	10.13
MODBURY Post Office	10.30
AVETON GIFFORD	10.40
KINGSBRIDGE Quay	10.55

PLYMOUTH Bus Station	16.30pm
YEALMPTON Volunteer	16.50
MODBURY Post Office	17.02
KINGSTON Fire Station	17.19
ST ANN'S CHAPEL	17.31
RINGMORE Church	17.34
CHALLABOROUGH	
Slipway Cottage	17.38

KINGSBRIDGE Quay	14.00pm
AVETON GIFFORD	14.15
MODBURY Post Office	14.30
KINGSTON Fire Station	14.47
ST ANN'S CHAPEL	14.59
RINGMORE Church	15.02
CHALLABOROUGH	
Slipway Cottage	15.06

The Royal British Legion

The Legion was entertained by an informal but interesting talk about tank design and manufacture given by Phillip Errett, following the May meeting.

He brought along a wonderfully detailed 1/40th scale model of a Challenger 1 tank which he used to illustrate the technical details and as far as the Official Secrets Act allowed, he demonstrated his considerable knowledge and obvious affection for the large battle tanks.

Many thoughtful questions were asked by Branch members who were obviously attracted to this fascinating subject, in spite of the large number with Naval or RAF backgrounds.

Our thanks to Phill for giving up his valuable time to share his experiences with us. He did rashly say he could come back at a later date to give us an insight into the highs and lows of battle exercises. We will certainly hold him to it.

If you are interested in this or other short talks we have following ranch Meetings, please contact David Young on 810389 or me.

Our next meeting is on June 6th at the Journey's End at 7.30pm. On 4th July our meeting will be at the Royal Oak also at 7.30pm where our speaker will be Geof Dykes.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Having had a very successful first Winter playing Table Tennis, there will now be a break from all exercise to enable us to enjoy the wonderful summer evenings ahead. The Club will start up again on Tuesday 18th September when old and new members will be welcomed.

If anyone spots or knows of a Table Tennis Table for sale during the break, would you please let me know on 810547.

The Christams Dance will be held on Saturday 8th December in the Parish Room; hopefully many of you will attend. Please see details in the Newsletter later in the year.

See you in September - enjoy the Summer.
Phill Errett,
Chairman.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In June 1665

Almost three and-a-half centuries ago a young law student in London received a present from his mother: two pairs of riding stockings, a box of pies, cheeses and 'biskates. Along with the presents came a letter exhorting him to take good care of his health, because London was so sikely a place.

It was indeed a sickly place. Disease was rife and epidemics were frequent. Rats flourished everywhere.

Then, in June 1665, after an unusually dry winter and spring, without warning, bubonic plague swept through the narrow lanes and alleys of the city, moving swiftly from east to west; an infection borne by rodents, transferred to humans by fleas, and thought to have originally come to England with the black rats on board the ships of returning Crusaders. Precautionary advice and restrictions on movement were issued, but were lamely ignored. People continued to abandon garbage in the street and live in a generally careless way that invited the spread of the disease. Attempts were made to isolate stricken areas and afflicted houses were marked with a red cross. At night, carts trundled through the lanes, collecting the dead for common burial outside the city. No effective treatment was known. Aromatic herbs were much sought after as they were believed to ward off the infection. They were worn in jewels, pouncet boxes, pomanders and cane heads. The price of rosemary went up from 12 pence an armful to 6 shillings a handful. In the first week in July, 1100 died; in the third week, above 2000. In the first week in August, 4000; in the second, 5000. Trade was at a standstill, the streets were deserted and lawlessness prevailed. John Evelyn's diary entry for 7 September states 'there perishing now neare ten thousand poor creatures weekly'.

Meanwhile, at Cambridge, the university had closed and a student called Isaac Newton was spending the time in the country with his widowed mother sitting in the garden. Towards the end of that scorching summer he watched the apples fall and pondered the problem of gravity. At sea, war was being waged against the Dutch, a matter of grave concern to Samuel Pepys who was then Secretary to the Admiralty. Pepys's diary reveals much about the Plague months: that the rich and clean who could absent themselves by going to the country had a very good chance of avoiding the sickness entirely; that the poor and the underfed had no chance against it, for the clothes of the dead were needed for the living and bedding was too precious to be sacrificed to the fire.

The Plague raged on and smallpox, 'very rife and mortall', came to accompany it. A year later, in 1666, the Great Fire raged through the dying city, cleansing it for a while and ending the great pestilence.

Di Collinson

Inter-Parish Quiz

Bad news travels fast, so most of you know that Ringmore was unsuccessful in its bid for glory. Wembury proved, but for a brief moment, to be superior opponents and ran out deserving winners.

We did reasonably well on 1977, the Eden Project and even Opera but Apples and matching Formula One drivers to their teams was a little beyond us. Having had a rush of blood at the beginning, to be in the lead at the end of Round 2, we finished the first half 9 points adrift.

We battled through Signs & Symbols, American English, Inventors and Shipping Forecast Areas, dropping only a further four points behind and then we were well and truly Harry Pottered! Suddenly, thanks to that freakish little literary phenomenon, we were 22 points in arrears. With four rounds to go, to win was a tall order, too tall in fact although we did better with our knowledge of Dr Who and his manifestations; we needed some Hotel Echo Lima Papa with the Phonetic Alphabet but Race Courses and Common Groupings enabled us to reduce the margin. The final score was 105 - 88.

In spite of the result it was an enjoyable evening and the team is grateful to those supporters who made the effort to get to Ivybridge. We shall strive to do better next year!

Geof Dykes

WELCOME

Tim and Alice Thornton have moved into 1 Crossways. We look forward to seeing them around the village and at one or two of the many opportunities to get together during the Summer.

Tim and Alice were married recently and we wish them a long and happy life together.

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THE BIGBURY FUN RUN

SATURDAY 9th JUNE

The Royal Oak is pleased to host the 2001 Bigbury Fun Run. The weekend program of events is as follows:

FRI 8th June - 8pm - close - Music with 'Wild Country'

SAT 9th June - 10am - 6pm - 'Sound City Roadshow'

8pm - close - Music with Wendy Jamieson

THE FUN RUN STARTS AT 12pm

SUN 10th June - 12pm - 3pm - Live music with 'Wild Country'

3pm - 6pm - Live music with 'Face to Face'

Please come along and help us to support the LOCAL charities that will benefit from funds raised by this year's FUN RUN.

The Restaurant will be open as normal on Fri 8th & Sun 10th but will be closed on Sat 9th. There will be a selection of snack meals etc. available from the kitchen on Sat 9th from 9am.

PLEASE NOTE - SAT 23rd JUN - The Restaurant will be closed during the evening only, for a private birthday party. The rest of The Oak will be open as normal, and meals will be available either in the public bar, family room or in the garden.

Our B&B accommodation refurbishment has now been completed and rooms are available.

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May SOLUTION

Meekness	Docity	Mildness
Fanciful	Mythical	Romantic
Specific	Definite	Explicit
Gripping	Exciting	Riveting
Gracious	Friendly	Obliging
Conspire	Contrive	Intrigue
Slipshod	Careless	Slapdash
Protract	Continue	Lengthen

A bumper reponse this month but before any comments, a word to New Dawn who gently expressed disappointment that their entry last month was apparently ignored. The sleight was unintentional. The Editor knew of the omission the moment he set off for the printer by when it was too late. So apologies for the disappointment and three points for getting it right!

Now to May. Apart from New Dawn, correct entries were received from Gemini, Real Sleuth, The Matchman, The Beginners (love the colours) and The Furry Boys who also graduated at Play School. Wherefore art thou Taurus, LSB, Su Da Nim?

June

The return of an old favourite, mine if not yours! Find the longest word contained in the grid. You may move in any direction but letters can be used only wernce!

K	S	P	W	J
V	M	O	H	X
B	Y	T	E	D
F	A	L	I	R
Q	U	C	N	G

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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

May seems to have rushed by in a flurry of activity and a few days of wonderful weather. The Flower Festival has just ended, WI members having been heavily involved! It was all very enjoyable and well worth while.

At the beginning of May we attended the Home Economics lunch at Hope Cove which was even better than usual; our resolutions meeting produced much intelligent discussion, the resolutions put forward being well presented and on worthwhile subjects.

The next monthly meeting will be the Barbecue at Middle Manor on 14th June, which is always popular. Details are elsewhere.

Naomi Warne

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British Airways are offering a limited number of Saturday Day Trips to Jersey until the end of September. £49 return each! Contact your local Travel Agent.

Stepping Out (Help the Aged) is a programme for those of at least retirement age, offering reductions throughout the country for the whole of July, at Houses and Gardens, Hotels and Restaurants, Castles and Museums, Weekend Breaks, Entertainments and Tourist Attractions. Application forms from the TIC.

Advance buying of tickets for the Eden Project and the National Marine Aquarium could save you a reported one hour of queuing!