

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 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

5th RBL Meeting Royal Oak Bigbury 7.30pm

8th Church Cleaning Day - just turn up

12th Licensing of Revd John Elliott

18th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

First Table Tennis evening Parish Room 7.30pm

20th First Quiz of the Season JE 9.00pm

24th First Short Mat Bowls evening Parish Room 7.30pm

Oct

5th Harvest Supper Parish Room 7.30pm

*Once again the village has risen magnificently to the challenge of our annual fêtes. Records have been broken - more than £1,000 for the WI and almost £2,000 for the Church. How much longer can we go on reaching ever higher?*

*The Harvest Supper will be held early in October. There is a note inside telling from where tickets are available. Don't miss out.*

*This is the last call for Heart-Start. Another session, similar to the first, can be arranged if there is any interest. If you would like to attend call either Sandi Hammond, 810572 or Margaret Wood 810265.*

*A Survey on the local demand for an even better bus service will be conducted by Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore after a pilot of the questionnaire. If you are interested in the bus service and you are willing to test the survey please contact the Editor to obtain a copy. The reduction in the level of service has been dramatic for Bigbury and although it has had no effect on Ringmore, our neighbours need our support.*

*The Newsletter Quiz has one month to run. In case you have not yet obtained a copy, one is printed at the back of the Newsletter. The purpose is to supplement the income of the Newsletter in an attempt to forestall the effect of a further loss of advertising support next year. There is more elsewhere. Please be aware that the closing date is 25th September, a fact never before revealed!*

*Spot the new advert and the changed advert.*

*Winter activities are coming out of aestivation! Table Tennis will start on Tuesday 18th September; Short Mat Bowls will deliver its first wood of the season on Monday 24th September. Both activities take place in the Parish Room and both would welcome new members. The weekly Quiz at the Journey's End will start on Thursday 20th at 9.00pm. Felicity Godwin will deliver the opening salvo of this unfathomable, almost arcane pastime.*

*Finally, the Revd John Elliott has arrived. He rejoices in the title of Minister in Residence. To us he is the Rector; t'was ever thus in Ringmore.*

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### The Incumbent

Not too many of us leave the box marked 'Religion', blank. Some have drifted away from involvement, others have drifted in and out, while a decreasing number have remained part of the congregation. Yet for almost all of us there is a certain comfort knowing that there is a spiritual leader, 'a man of the cloth', amongst us. In spite of an increasing frequency over the past 50 years, it is still an event in the life of our community when a new Rector is appointed. Ringmore's first Rector was appointed in 1257; this month we welcome the Revd John Elliott as our first Rector of the twenty-first century. We wish John and his wife Pam a long and happy stay amidst Ringmore.

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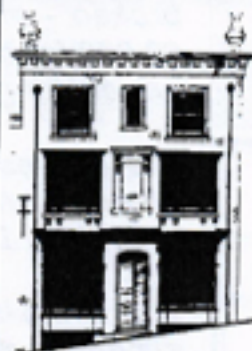
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### Who's Who in Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Churches

Team Rector: The Revd Canon Bob Campbell-Smith (830260)

Resident Minister: The Revd John Elliott (810565)

Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)

## Our new Minister writes

John and Pam first met in Leicester in January 1968, when John was a local banker and Pam was a school teacher, and by October of the same year they married in the Forest of Dean, Glos. 1972-4 they moved to Knaphill near Woking in Surrey when John took on a Lloyds Bank Head Office, Lombard Street appointment. It was in Knaphill that they were introduced to Jesus and started their long love affair with him, and involvement in the Church. In 1977 they moved to Aylesbury where they have lived for the last 24 years. In January 1996 while he was training to be ordained a surprise early retirement package was offered. That freed him to be Curate in their local church until 18 months ago, when the Vicar moved and the Bishop asked John to take charge.

Sonya (29) their daughter is married to Phil, and they return to UK from Guatemala and Costa Rica where they have been involved in street children projects. Their return comes on the same day that John and Pam move down to Devon. Son Andrew (27) married to Lucy lives in Exeter where he is with the YMCA.

Apart from their children Pam and John have quite different skills and joys. John is a lark when it comes to waking up early, but a crow when it comes to singing. Pam is an owl when it comes to waking up, and needs a good cup of tea at a reasonable hour in the morning, but she sings like the lark. You may meet John on the beach when the surf is up! Otherwise he looks forward to golf challenges from anyone who loves the game and is prepared to put up with a 15 handicapper who is not playing to it on his bad days. Together they share a passion for helping folk get the best out of family and marriage, and they look forward to making many good friends in the Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore villages.

John offers to buy a drink or a large bar of chocolate for the first villager, not involved with the Church, who can walk up to him and tell him which of the following circumstances significantly influenced him in his acceptance that there was a God ..... a good golf shot, surfing, a church mission meeting debate, a church service, a mountain walk, a rugby club member, the birth of a first child, a Vicar, the book 2001 Space Odyssey or a face in a choir. Clue: the correct answer eliminates only two of these, and you can ask him questions before giving your answer!

## Licensing

The Revd John Elliott will be licensed by the Bishop of Plymouth as Minister in Charge of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. The service will be at 7.30 p.m. in All Hallows Church, Ringmore, with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Room. All are welcome, but space is limited so come early if you want a seat!

## THANK YOU!

The Revd Mike Wilkinson has taken all our Holy Communion services during the vacancy, and we are truly grateful to him. He has asked to be released from duty for the time being, in order to help other parishes who are without clergy.

## Calling the under 10's!

Sunday Club is for YOU! To find out more, come along to Kingston Church on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

## Food, glorious food!

Don't forget Kingston's harvest supper (Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>), Bigbury's lunch (Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>) or Ringmore's supper (Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>)

## CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

### Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>

9 a.m. Ringmore Holy Communion\*  
11 a.m. Bigbury Harvest Thanksgiving  
6 p.m. Kingston Harvest Thanksgiving

### Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>

3 p.m. Team Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration in St Andrew's, East Allington

Book of Common Prayer services are marked \*

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# Journey's End Journal

Busy - busy - busy - what a hectic month it has been. Good weather, droves of tourists and three fantastic Food Nights. Both our Curry Nights and our Steak Night were a great success!

Thanks to everyone who came along and 'Thanks' for all the compliments. The work and preparation that goes on prior to these evenings has to be seen to be believed. Well done kitchen crew!

There will be another Curry Night in September on a date to be arranged. Please watch our Notice Boards.

After a lack of music in August we welcome the return of GIN on Friday 7th, Fiona on Friday 21st and Wendy on Friday 28th.

Paul Kane our local artistic vet will be holding another of his celebrated Art Exhibitions at the JE on Friday 14th for a

week. The Exhibition is entitled 'Rip and Burn!' Please come along and support this event, proceeds of which will go to Vetaid.

The Lottery Bonus Ball will re-start in the first week of September. All proceeds after the prize has been paid, will go towards our Guy Fawkes Indoor Extravaganza. Find out more from the JE and in the October Newsletter.

Here is your starter for 10. When does the Quiz Season begin? Answer: Thursday 20th September at 9.00pm. Felicity will start the season. Be there!

Finally Grahame came out of hospital at the weekend. Thank you to everyone who has enquired after this health. He is making good progress.

Grahame and Debbie



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## St Luke's Hospice Plymouth

The annual collection will take place during the week 1st - 8th September. Once again, may we rely on your generous support as we call during the week? Thank you

Drina Williams.

## The Royal British Legion

Sadly the meeting in July had to be cancelled because of illness and urgent and unavoidable commitments and there was no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 September 2001 at the Royal Oak, Bigbury at 7.30pm where the speaker will be Geof Dykes.

Robbie McCarthy  
Hon Secretary



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Our Summer Fête has come and gone - again very successfully, over £1,000 after expenses - and from what I could see of the crowds, very enjoyably! Even guessing the weight of the cake drew queues! People are very loyal and thanks to them another happy day was chalked up.

Very little to report after the great fête clearing - again thanks to all helpers - but a goodly sum can go towards the Hall improvements and hopefully, work will start soon.

At the September meeting James Stevenson will talk about Portuguese pottery.



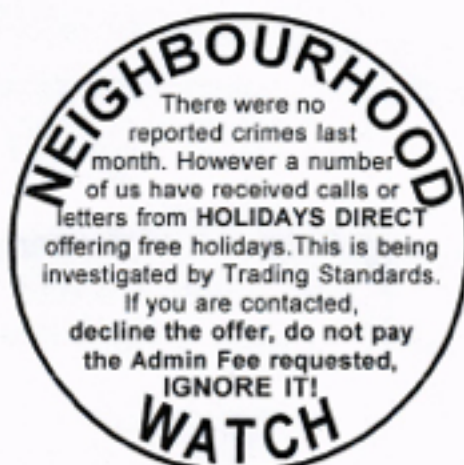
WI Hall 13th September

Members' Meeting 7.30pm

Pots, Pitchers & Plaques

8.15pm James Stevenson

Everyone welcome



There is some catduggery going on in Bigbury-on-Sea. Two large, fluffy, black moggies are roaming the area and having their way with local female felines. Purrfectly normal you might say but these cavalier Toms have no sense of responsibility; they do not care if their victim is under-age and they certainly do not offer any caternity payments! It is thought that they live in Challaborough and are 'playing away'.

If anyone has any influence over these cat-the-lads, would they arrange for them to have the operation, the cost of which would be met by cat charities, if necessary.

*This is the gist of a cry for help from the owner of an increasing number of cats in Bigbury-on-Sea.* Ed

## THE NEWSLETTER

The WI kindly allowed Newsletter Quizzes to be sold at their Fayre. It was unfortunate that an equally demanding quiz, offering a bigger prize, was produced for the Church Fête. I am sure the clash was unintentional but it is a mite frustrating.

The Newsletter is not running out of money but it is losing advertising and it would be no surprise if more were not lost next year, particularly from businesses in Modbury. If some cushion can be provided then the potential effect of the reduction in income can be mollified.

A copy of the Newsletter Quiz is attached and it is hoped that everyone will want to enter. It is only £1 and if 100 copies are sold we can cover two months printing costs. However, we need another 60 entrants. Have a go and do not let the fact that you might not answer every question stop you from entering. It would be irritating to find that you had more correct answers than the winner! If we reach the magic ton then the first prize will be £20. Please place your entry in an envelope together with £1 and put it in the letterbox at Ringmore Veau.

To avoid future confusion, please be aware that RINGMORE TEA TOWELS are in the course of production, to raise funds for the Newsletter and will be delivered soon. More information, including the price, will be in the October Newsletter. Also, TIDE TABLES will be available (printer willing) in November. Orders can be made at any time from now on.

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Present : 5 Councillors, the Clerk.  
Neighbourhood Watch: David Young;  
Millenium Committee: Guy Eddy.

## Matters Arising

**Heart-Start:** Please see the notice in the Newsletter concerning a possible meeting at a future date.

**Queen's Golden Jubilee:** Councillors were told that the Parish Room Committee is arranging festivities on the evening of Monday, June 3rd, 2002. Council hopes that parishioners will come forward with suggestions for some form of celebration during the holiday weekend of 1st-3rd June, which will involve the whole parish. The matter will be raised again in early 2002.

**Bus Shelter:** Work will start soon on a new drain, with a grid cover, to prevent future flooding. Highways dept. will make a contribution towards costs involved. Volunteers will be needed to clear silt from the drain from time to time.

**Local Bus Service:** Chairman advised us that a meeting will be arranged soon, between the Chairmen of the parish councils of Ringmore, Kingston and Bigbury, District Councillor Carson and Mark Chapman, the officer from Devon Rural Transport Partnership. A questionnaire is to be devised, for parishioners to complete, regarding the needs of the 3 parishes. These will be delivered to parishioners, with their newsletters. Answers will then be evaluated, and possible solutions to the problems of the individual parishes discussed.

## Matters raised by Parishioners:

Mr Guy Eddy put forward a suggestion that an emergency parish wheelchair be purchased, following a recent incident when one was suddenly needed. Council agreed that this should be followed up. Councillor Freeman will make enquiries and report to the next meeting.

## Kingsbridge Police:

Unfortunately, PC Bond was unable to attend the meeting. He phoned to apologise and hopes to visit us in the future.

## Millennium Update:

The Committee Chairman reported that he has received a cheque for £100 from the All Churches charitable division and has an offer of a further donation £1350 from the David Knightley Trust, towards the church clock. He reported that the millennium trees planted in various areas are mostly growing well, with few losses. These can be replaced from the small holding stock being cared for by Alan McCarthy.

## Footpaths:

The Footpath Warden reported that there are no current problems.

## Parish Road Sweeping:

South Hams Cleaning Services are taking over the responsibility for Ringmore on 1st September. As District Councillor Carson was not present at this meeting, the matter will be discussed fully at our September meeting, when the District Councillor will be present. As the new arrangement may not be as satisfactory as we would wish, members of the public might like to attend the meeting.

## Any Other Business:

Councillor Muller reported that some damage had been caused to Cross Park by lorries delivering to the camp at Challaborough. A letter will be sent to the Manager suggesting that he asks suppliers to use smaller vehicles, whenever possible.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18th September.

Adrian Muller

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

A young Derek Crookes of Dulce Domum, Challaborough was a member of Ardingly College's football team which toured South America. The team, the first British schoolboy team to make such a trip, played 16 matches in 5 countries.

Newsletter distributors were Natalie Hilton, Ardene Bennett, Thelma Mann, Pam & Stan Brunskill and Sally Davies. The latter was replaced by John Tate, Sally having taken over previously from Molly Trueman

## TABLE TENNIS

**GREAT NEWS:** The evenings are now drawing in and the new Season starts at 7.30pm in the Parish Room on Tuesday 18th September. Following the Summer excesses why not come along and shed a few of those extra pounds and trim yourself up for the Autumn and Winter ahead.

New Adult players of any standard will be made most welcome. For further information please ring Phillip Errett on 810547.

**EVEN GREATER NEWS:** As Autumn draws on thoughts turn to the Short Mat Bowls Annual Party. They have kindly agreed that in future it will be organized alternate years by the Table Tennis Club - this year being our turn. The date for your diary is **Saturday 24th November** in the Parish Room. Organisation is now well under way - live music has been booked, food, drink and games organized. Although it will not be fancy dress This year there will be a **THEME** - see October Parish Newsletter for full details of the Party.

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This year the National Heritage Open Days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7th, 8th and 9th September. The full programme, for the whole of the South West should be received in good time. In previous years, open days have included free entry to some National Heritage properties not normally open to the public.

## CHURCH FETE

Take wall to wall sunshine, add hundreds of people, mix well with an afternoon of stalls and activities, and you have this year's Church Fête!

On the dot of 2.00p.m. it was opened by John Elliott, the new Resident Minister who, with his wife Pam, had no hesitation in letting us use the Church House for refreshments, despite having moved in less than a week earlier. Our thanks go to them, and to so many others who worked hard to collect and put up marquees, gather tables, chairs and crockery from around the village, prepare stalls - and clear it all away afterwards. Special thanks go to Dudley Hext for letting us use the field despite fears over the continuing foot and mouth outbreaks and to Dane Vanstone for his help, and his generosity in supplying goods for the refreshments. With music from the Park Bench Aristocrats, the afternoon was rounded off with country dancing, and the event judged a great success by all.

It was a record in every way, with over £1,900 raised for Church funds.



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### SEPTEMBER DIARY

SAT 1st SEPT - LIVE MUSIC WITH JACK GRACE - FROM 8.30pm

WED 5th SEPT - R.B.L. Meeting 7.30pm

SAT 8th SEPT - PARTY NIGHT WITH LIVE MUSIC BY "KATIE" - BOND THEME  
'DRESS TO KILL?' - this is also our Katie's last night - 8.30pm

SUN 23rd SEPT - BIGBURY CHURCH HARVEST LUNCH - 12.30

### OPENING HOURS AS FROM 1st SEPTEMBER

MON - THU: 12-2.30pm & 5.30-11pm - FOOD SERVED: 12-2pm & 6.30-9.30pm

FRI - SAT: OPEN ALL DAY - 12-11pm - FOOD SERVED: 12-2.30pm & 6.30-9.30pm

SUN: OPEN ALL DAY - 12-10.30pm - FOOD SERVED: 12-3pm & 7-9pm

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## News from the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The green bookmarks for the Church Bible and All Hallows reference copy of the Book of Common Worship have been returned following the appeal in the last newsletter. Thank you very much to the person who returned these items to the Church.

Nigel and Judy Spence have recently unearthed a broken tombstone belonging to the relatives of the former sexton of All Hallows, Mr William Triggs, who died in 1881 during the time of the Rector. The Reverend Hingeston-Randolph. Mr Triggs was Sexton in Ringmore for 25 years and is a great grandfather to Mrs Alice Mason and Mrs Margaret Locke. It is likely the tombstone was transferred to Barnford, where relatives of Mr Triggs lived at one time, when it was broken, and a new memorial erected to Mr Triggs in the churchyard. The broken tombstone has now been transferred back to the churchyard so there are two memorials to Mr Triggs.

## RINGMORE HARVEST SUPPER Friday 5th October Parish Room 7.30pm

Tickets available after  
9th September  
Call

Andrew Ireland  
Yvonne Sheppard  
Drina Williams  
Adults £5 Children £1

**Cryptogram**

## July SOLUTION

27! Of course!! It could be Es or even chocolate buttons. Whatever the unit, 27 is the highest wager which cannot be placed if all you have is a collection of £5 and £8 notes . . . the absolute highest, up to infinity!

Correct solutions were received from The Beginners (no alternative answers!), Gemini, The Furry Boys, Matchman, New Dawn (well remembered!) and Real Sleuth, on a card which barely concealed the facts. As it is a Georges Seurat I suppose it is acceptable but pointillism and failing eyesight does not lead to art appreciation! One successful entry was completed by a youthful grandson - unfair on many counts but within the wide-ranging rules. Alas poor Taurus, obviously gambling is not one of your virtues!

There are seven regular entrants but where are those who have fallen by the wayside?

Su Da Nim has not had a brainwave since the last time and Sue Brickay, well, least said soonest mended. New entrants are always welcome and your anonymity can be preserved by using a false moustache or a nom de plume.

Current standings are as follows:  
Matchman - with maximum points.  
The Beginners - just two points adrift  
The Furry Boys and Gemini are tied a further two points behind.  
Real Sleuth is handily placed should anything unpleasant happen to the leaders! New Dawn and Taurus are suffering from not being regular!

## August

This month's test is straightforward or, at least, as straightforward as any other puzzle. It is not the first and will not be the last of its type. It is a Cryptogram, concealing a quotation from a well-known writer. It requires a little deduction and analysis. It should not defeat you if the fingers have hit the right keys!

ARVY MAA NGZYI MIGQ, GZY QDRYPDY  
NXKYKWDGRNPMKMPMAFQRQRQNPY  
CZRZDMPNPAFOYMDSWRIYKOFANPB  
MPKLMGRYPGQGWKF, PNI RQ ARXY  
ANPB YPNWBZ GN MAANC MPF ENIGMA  
GN MGGMRP GZY ZRBZYQG LNOQROAY  
LYIXYDGRNPRP RG.

GOO DL UCK

The PCC is holding a church cleaning day on Saturday 8 September. If you have a couple of hours to spare for either inside or outside work, we would be very grateful for your help please.

Yvonne Sheppard  
Churchwarden





# RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER


Ringmore Veau, Ringmore, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 4HL

By entering this competition you will be supporting the Ringmore Parish Newsletter. All you have to do is identify the places (cities-towns-villages) in Great Britain, from the clues. There is some licence in the clues; some answers might make you wince; phonetics

play a part. When you have completed the answers or as many as you can do, please send the sheet to the above address. The winner will be declared on 1st October 2001. If there is a tie, a draw will take place. If there are no fully correct sheets then the contest will be between those who have the most correct answers. 20% of donations received will be allocated to prize money but £20 will be the limit of the first prize; if 20% exceeds £20 by £5 then such sum will be awarded to the runner-up and similar prizes of £5, within the limit of 20%, will be given to minor placings.

Name:
Address:
Tel:

Thank you for your support - Good Luck - Closing Date: 25th September

1	Does everyone here smoke?		26	Innovative outdoor retail site	
2	Behold the occident frequently		27	Mrs James T . . . .	
3	Not a paper tiger; a paper 007.		28	A marriage between a poet and an economist	
4	Time to start the card game		29	'ow to look for rabbits	
5	On behalf of at a distance		30	Where the bottom of the class eats	
6	Foremost part of a cow		31	An attempt by some witches	
7	Refuge for albinos		32	A call in Oxfordshire to exclude part of Lancashire	
8	Tumbrel used for solid fuel		33	Takes your breath away	
9	Hedera span		34	Ferrari	
10	Is this Botticelli's Titian Lady?		35	Sounds like a modest meal	
11	A rock on the dock		36	A tree filmed	
12	Tease without end		37	Best place for a date	
13	Comply with 'ighwayman's demand		38	Was this Adam's favourite food?	
14	Monolith of the people		39	Part of a cat's paw	
15	Gain part of Cheshire as a prize		40	Harold	
16	How to get fruit to move at speed		41	Make regular trips over route, north and south	
17	Neither warlock . . . . .		42	An inspiration for P G Wodehouse?	
18	Dad's other half in good health		43	How the top is joined to the bottom with velcro	
19	Get a measure at this junction		44	Bread and milk at the office	
20	What detectives need		45	If you are wearing it when sitting on it, you are sitting on it twice	
21	Tree Trunk Call		46	Why Martin Bell stood for parliament	
22	More prominent in Northern Ireland than Scotland		47	1135 - 1154	
23	Bête noir of Europhiles		48	Friendly Australian encouragement	
24	After this date it might not be good enough		49	Stops Her Majesty from getting wet feet	
25	Sister Mary after dinner		50	 as opposed to 