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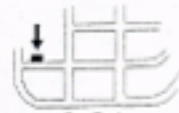
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DECEMBER 2001

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EDITOR: GEOFF DYKES 810123

DEADLINE Friday 21st

THIS MONTH

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

- 1st Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Room
- 5th RBL AGM 7.30pm Journey's End
- 12th WI 7.30pm Party at Journey's End
- 16th Open House at Journey's End
Carol Service at All Hallows 6.00pm
- 19th Christmas draw at Journey's End
- 20th Christmas Quiz 9.00pm at Journey's End
No Parish Council meeting
- 24th Christmas Carols 6.30pm at Bigbury Green
Christmas Carols at Journey's End
- 31st New Year's Eve Dinner at Journey's End

Mobile Library

Friday:- 7th & 21st

Ringmore Church

12.05 - 12.30

Challaborough

12.35 - 12.45

St Ann's Chapel

3.15 - 3.30

Kingston Fire Station

3.45 - 4.30

Rainfall - Fiona Batten



Last Month 2"

Average - last 10 years - 5 1/2"
High - 1992 - 8 1/4"
Low - 1996 - 2 1/2"

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The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

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or put them through the letter box in the garage door

ALMOST THERE!

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the lovely people in Ringmore who have visited me, given offers of help and sent me cards while I have been recovering from my hip replacement operation. Hopefully I shall be nearly back to normal at Christmas and walking 'the boys' again.

Anne Lamble

The dry, warm Autumn soon made us forget how miserable continuous wet weather can be. Let us hope that an extended Autumn means a shortened Winter to come.

Last month the British Legion had a very successful fundraising programme - another record-breaker, as it seems to be every year. Although Guy Eddy is not giving up involvement completely, it is fitting that he has had such a splendid result in the year which, perhaps, marks a gradual hand-over to others. Well done Guy!

There has been the usual change of faces during the year. Some have moved on, others are no longer with us: Mollie Trueman will be missed by her friends. Spare a thought for Pam Dennis-Noel who lost Brontczi during November. We said farewell to Belinda and Andrew Ireland who along with Imogen, George and Piers, have left Well Cottage and moved to Battisborough Cross. We wish them well.

As December winds down the year - parties, well-wishing and Christmas - we can reflect on our good fortune; we can spare more than a thought for those who have suffered a loss or some hurt and in particular, consider how the world has changed for ever after September 11th. New Year's Eve will soon be here, then it will be 2002, the last palindromic year number for 110 years! How many of us will see that?

The Table Tennis Club had a very enjoyable evening gently rocking to Rock Gently, a successful inauguration to their running of a village event . . . the Bus Survey resulted in 30 replies which is, approximately, a 25% response. The outcome is uncertain of course but if the other parishes are as responsive someone might take notice. The results will be published in due course . . . elsewhere we have, thanks to Jacqueline Patterson, a seasonal recipe; the exciting conclusion to the Enigma Challenge and a message which Steve Millichip has managed to despatch from the Island!

Please give a THANK YOU to all who have supported the Newsletter during 2001, especially those who advertise. We are very grateful.

The 2002 Tide Tables are available. Please ring 810123 or visit the Journey's End. They are 50p per copy and the proceeds go to the Newsletter.



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December Diary

- 1st - 23rd Pre Christmas Menu
normal menus also available
- Sat 15th Craig's 30th Birthday Party
- Mon 17th Christmas Euchre Drive
- Sun 23rd Christmas Draw - 7pm
- Christmas Day - Open 12-3pm
- Fri 28th Christmas Darts Shield Knockout - 8pm
- Mon 31st Celebrate New Year's Eve with music by Rob



Christmas Opening Hours

- Thu 20th - Mon 24th - Open all day 12-11pm
- Tue 25th - 12-3pm - Wed 26th - Open all day 12-11pm
- Thu 27th - 12-2.30 & 5.30-11pm
- Fri 28th - Tue 1st Jan - Open all day

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News from All Hallows



Who's Who in Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Churches

Resident Minister: The Revd John Elliott (810565)

Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)

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

Glory
to the
New-
Born
King!

Who are the Wise Men?

The mystery contest is over. The large bar of chocolate was claimed by Ken Matthews from Kingston Village, when he named the three "wise men" with ancient Lloyds Bank connections as Roland Smith from Bigbury, David Carter from Kingston and finally your Resident Minister.

I leave it to you to take a view on the wisdom of the men concerned, but we approach the season of the Three Wise Men. Some say "three", although the Bible never gives the number but perhaps a clue in three presents. There has been much speculation as to who they were. Modern scholarship tends towards the view that they were astrologers from Babylon, Persia. They had seen the strange star, or light in the sky, and followed it. They came not to the manger at Bethlehem, but to the home of the holy family some time later.

They were the forerunners to all of us; they were not Jews, the people of the promise, but foreigners to the God of Israel, just like us. They came from a long way off. I don't know about you but this was certainly true for me. My life style was far from "holy" until I came to meet Jesus (it could still do with a lot of improvement but at least I'm on the journey!). They also came with their own brand of silly superstitions and, in their case, astrology. It needed clearing out so they could worship the God who put the stars into space. They needed to escape a life ruled by superstition and star signs. Like many of us!

Finally they came and bowed and worshipped the Saviour who came to rescue us all, and give us life. As the car sticker says: "Wise Men Came To Jesus; Wise Men Still Do". Pam and I wish you all a very joyful Christmas in the love of God. See the diary for our special Christmas opening times, with something for everyone.



CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday December 2nd

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

Sunday December 9th

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

Sunday December 16th

9 a.m. Bigbury Holy Communion*
11 a.m. Kingston Christingle Service
6 p.m. Ringmore Carol Service

Tuesday December 18th

7.30 p.m. Kingston Carol Service

Sunday December 23rd

9 a.m. Ringmore Christmas Family Communion
11 a.m. Bigbury Carol Service
4 p.m. Kingston Carols Round the Crib

Monday December 24th

11.30 p.m. Ringmore Midnight Communion

Tuesday December 25th

10.30 a.m. Bigbury Family Service followed by short-form Holy Communion

Sunday December 30th

10.30 a.m. Bigbury Team Holy Communion

Monday December 31st

11.30 p.m. Kingston Watchnight Service

*Book of Common Prayer services are marked **

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Journey's End Journal

Well, here we are again! We have reached the time of trees, puddings, pies and cakes, not to mention alcohol!!

Before we get into the full swing of December let us have a quick look back. The British Legion held another very successful Auction in November, again combining fund-raising with an enjoyable social event for which everyone involved deserves a vote of thanks. Shortly after that we said goodbye to Steve. What can we say other than that he will be greatly missed and everyone wishes him well at the Pilchard.

The Bistro menu was very popular with Dave Wilkins adding the right tempo.

As we go to press our St Andrew's Day menu, which will conclude November, is creating a great deal of interest.

On to December. Saturday 8th sees another Steak Night, always very popular and before we get too steeped in Christmas Fayre, we have a Curry Night on 14th. Our Christmas Open House is on Sunday 16th and we look forward to seeing everyone. The Christmas Draw takes place on Wednesday 19th, followed by Grahame's Christmas Quiz on 20th.

We have a range of music in December. Wendy plays on 14th and TQ7 play on 21st. On Christmas Eve our Carols will be led by Debbie's sister Jennie and on 28th we shall be entertained by Park Bench Aristocrats. We round off the month with the New Year's Eve Dinner.

A busy month ahead and all that remains is for us to wish everyone a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.
Debbie & Grahame



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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
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20th - Christmas Quiz

Christmas Eve Carols

TQ7
Friday 21st Dec

New Years Eve Dinner
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Steak Night Special
Saturday 8th Dec

Boxing Day Buffet

Curry Night
Live Music - Wendy
Friday 14th Dec

Xmas Draw - 19th Dec

Playing Live on
Friday 28th Dec
Park Bench Aristocrats

BIGBURY FAYRE

Bigbury Fayre would like to see you all at Bigbury Green on Christmas Eve to sing Carols around the tree starting at about 6.30pm, with the Rev John Elliott who will be joining us to say few words. We will also be joined by our usual group of musicians and if you can play an instrument, you are welcome to join in the fun! There will be mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine; there will be sweets for the little ones. Please come and enjoy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stan Brunskill retired as Editor of the Newsletter, having founded it in January 1985. His principal help came from Julia Trumble, Natalie Hilton, Ardene Bennett and his wife, Pam.

The Parish Council invited villagers to come forward to start the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The proposal to amend our parliamentary constituency to its present boundary was made. There was much protesting!

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Caravans for Challaborough were still a cause of problems for the village and an alternative access was under consideration . . . Yellow lines between the Bus Shelter and the Journey's End were opposed by the Parish Council . . . Planning permission was given to convert Cross Park into a shop . . . Pam Brunskill was elected President of the WI . . . the Journey's End Quiz Night began.

The Royal British Legion collected £1491.04.

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Message In A Bottle

I would like to start by saying a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who wished me well and came to send me off on my way from the JE. I was overwhelmed by your kind thoughts and generosity. The last 3½ years have been very enjoyable and I feel privileged to have been accepted as an honorary Ringmorian.

The monetary gift has helped me, along

with an enormous amount of support from Alan Eaves, to update my computer system and purchase a workstation.

I arrived on the island at the same time as the builders and a sort of organised chaos has ensued ever since. However the end result will be worth all the present dust and dirt, we hope! There will be new loos, a new kitchen, a new beer cellar and a new pub floor (we have had to close to complete the last item).

Thank you to those who have made the journey across already, it was great to see

you. We shall re-open in early December and I look forward to seeing more friendly faces from Ringmore.

We shall publish our grand re-opening date soon: watch out for posters and our Winter opening and closing times. A tasty range of hot and cold snacks will be available during the day - look out for menus.

Don't forget, if you come by car, get a parking ticket! Must sign-off now - I can't fit any more in the bottle! Thanks once again.

Steve

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 24th November
Present: 5 Councillors, the Clerk.
Neighbourhood Watch: David Young;
Millenium Committee: Guy Eddy,
Dist.Cllr. Bryan Carson, 1 member of
the public

Matters Arising

Bus Survey - 30 forms have been returned. The results are being assimilated and will be published in due course.

Wheelchair - Cllr Freeman has obtained a chair for emergency purposes. Approaches will be made to keep it in the Vestry.

Parish Road Sweeper - The time allocated to Ringmore is inadequate, particularly at this time of the year. The SHDC has been made aware of our dissatisfaction.

Darkie Lane - There has been a site meeting with SHDC regarding flooding of this footpath. Various options were suggested but due, principally, to the shortage of funds, it appears unlikely that a solution will be found. However South West Water have done some remedial work on the drain in the village and British Telecom have also addressed the flooding manhole cover, so reducing surface water flowing down to Darkie Lane. Hopefully, in all but extreme weather this should much reduce the problem.

Christmas Tree Lights - The Parish Council have funded purchase of a new set of exterior lights.

Matters Arising

Mr Brian McCabe has resigned as Parish Tree Warden. If anyone is interested in succeeding him would they please contact Annabel Major 810869.

Bigbury Car Park

It has been suggested that a discounted pass for this facility should be available to local residents. Mr Carson promised to pursue this idea.

Planning Applications

Cross Manor - internal alterations - the council had no objections

Waverley, Challaborough (Bigbury Parish) Bigbury PC requested Ringmore's view on the application to replace this burnt out dwelling. As this does not affect Ringmore directly the council felt unable to make a specific response.

Footpaths

There are no problems at present but if any are discovered, please phone Cllr Muller 810542.

Remedial work has been carried out on the Millennium Bank by Messrs. Errett, McCarthy and Muller, to repair damage caused by weather and cows.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2002 at 7.00pm in the WI Hall. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Adrian Muller

The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston branch of The Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal 2001

At the beginning of the Poppy Appeal fortnight hoped that it would be possible to get past the elusive £3750 figure that represented £3 per head of population of our three parishes. This would be a splendid way to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, and would also put us among the highest per head collectors in the land. What happened? We passed that figure by some £400 reaching a wonderful £4165. This remarkable total was reached in the following way.

The annual auction was held at the Journey's End on Friday 2nd November, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam. New innovations were introduced by Alan McCarthy, who will be organising the auction in the future. Aply assisted by Rob Batten, auctioneer, Alistair Rimmer, accountant and Colin Jackson and Chris Roberts, doing the humping and heaving, a splendid evening's activity realised £1590 for the Appeal. At the same time a whisky/gin raffle realised a further £105.

Meantime Mrs. Susan Freeman of Loddiswell had organised a whist drive at Loddiswell on the same night, and this realised an excellent £125 for the Appeal.

On Wednesday 7th November Mr. and Mrs. Uren of the Royal Oak, Bigbury held a Poppy Appeal draw. An enjoyable evening with good prizes produced £240 for the Appeal.

On Saturday 10th November the annual coffee morning was held at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury on Sea, by kind permission of Mrs. Joan Smith. A lovely day attracted a good following, and a busy morning's activity produced £344 to add to the Appeal.

Remembrance Sunday was held at All Hallows Church, Ringmore. The Legion members were supported by a detachment of the Modbury Sea Scouts, and a full church enjoyed a splendid service conducted by Rev. John Elliott assisted by Reader Mr. Michael Tagent. The collection realised a record £210 for the Appeal.

The final event was a whist drive organised by the Women's Branch and held in the Parish Room, Ringmore on Monday 12th November. This produced a further £81:50 from an enjoyable evening.

Meantime our dedicated band of lady collectors were out and about going House-to-House and for once, enjoying some decent weather. They were so successful

that they, assisted by static boxes in clubs, pubs and shops, collected a record £1430 for the Appeal.

This has been an extraordinary Poppy Appeal year which has been blessed with fine weather throughout the fortnight. Undoubtedly the world political situation has focused peoples thoughts towards the work of the Royal British Legion, but at the end of the day it is your generosity and help that has produced this marvellous result. THANK YOU ALL.

Guy Eddy
Poppy Appeal Organiser



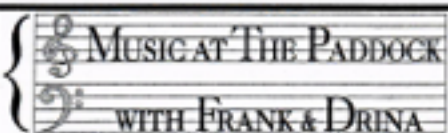
November SOLUTION

The numerical puzzle defeated no-one - shame! The answer was 381654729. Matchman, The Furry Boys, The Beginners, Real Sleuth and Gemini all submitted correct solutions. This means that the result goes down to the wire! Matchman leads but he can be overhauled by The Beginners if he fails this month, provided The Beginners are successful. Such tension!!

December

An old favourite to determine this year's winner. Discover the longest word in the grid using only contiguous letters, horizontally, vertically or diagonally and using a letter only once. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation during 2001. If you are new to this and you think it manageable, join in next year.

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



Monday: 10th Dec 14th Jan
18th Feb 18th Mar

The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston branch of The Royal British Legion

Just exactly who were the Absolutely Terrified Airwomen the unsung heroes and heroines of the Second World War? Well, let me begin or rather James Stevenson began following our November meeting to give us amazing stories (with voice effects) and superb details of the women and men pilots who ferried new aircraft to their stations from the factories and eventually, when they had proved their capabilities, planes which were technically known as NEA (not essentially airworthy) to be scrapped.

James regaled us with amusing and some sad stories about the antics of the young women in the service which started in 1939. Pauline Gower who already had 2000 hours experience as a stunt pilot pestered the authorities for so long she was allowed to recruit 8 female pilots. In spite of their obvious capabilities they were still only allowed to fly Tiger Moth trainers. In the early days the pilots had to fly within sight of the ground, without radio communication and were not allowed to mark their maps with refuelling points, barrage balloon placements or anti-aircraft positions. It wasn't until some time later when the authorities realised they had a great deal of experience on hand the women were allowed to fly all types of aircraft. The planes were divided into 4 groups and if a pilot was cleared for one type of plane within the group they were allowed to fly all planes in that group. They had an essential piece of equipment known as the Ferry Pilot's Handbook which gave all the necessary information about each plane including how to start the engine. Sometimes the planes were modified before the relevant page in the handbook could be updated and the pilots had to play 'catch-up' very quickly.

Even the uniforms proved to be something of a trial. The London tailors chosen to make the uniforms had a marvellous CV making uniforms for the Hussars amongst other Regiments. They had not, however, had any women in the showroom. How they took the inside leg measurement remains a secret to this day but the uniform trousers made for First Officers Gore and Bennett (the first ATA Pilots to set foot within the hallowed hall) had to be returned as they were 4 inches too long in the front.

One of our most famous female pilots - Amy Johnson was a member of the ATA and was sadly drowned off Herne Bay in Kent as bad weather forced her to overshoot her destination by 100 miles.

The ATA was disbanded in 1945 but their banner is still in White Waltham Parish Church and a plaque marks their unique contribution to the war effort in St Paul's

Cathedral. Over 80 types of aircraft were delivered, 308567 planes were ferried from Anywhere to Anywhere, 3555 pilots flew in the service and a total of 414498 hours were recorded by these pilots.

Our thanks to James Stevenson for bringing all this alive so well.

Robbie McCarthy

December Diary

Our speaker following the meeting on 5 December at the Journey's End will be Viv Freeman who will give an amusing insight to village life. Members and non-members welcome at 8.30pm entry free.

January Diary

I know it is early to be thinking about the New Year but Peter Wyatt will be giving an illustrated talk on 'The Mutiny on the Bounty - the True Story' on 13 February 2002 in the Journey's End Inn at 7.30pm. Was Fletcher Christian really the hero of the story, was he as good looking as Mel Gibson, was Captain Bligh really the villain of the piece and how does David Young fit in to all this? All will be revealed. Tickets from Robbie McCarthy on 810738 at £2.00 each. Numbers will be limited so please put it in your diary early.

100 CLUB

£20 Rob Batten, £5 Mike Patterson



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The November meeting was the 2001 AGM and was well attended considering that this meeting is not always the most enjoyable of the year dealing, as it does, with the 'nitty-gritty' of the year's business and organisation. Also, we were not in our own hall and felt rather disorientated.

However, satisfactory conclusions were achieved; Gill Tomlin was welcomed after election, as our new President. This meant saying 'goodbye' to Pat King, retiring President. This is always a sadness although it does not mean that Pat will be vanishing from our ranks. To round off the evening, a feast of Cheese and Wine was provided by Pat and greatly enjoyed - particularly the Stilton by your correspondent! Hopefully, by the next AGM, we will be back in our comfortable quarters.

December Meeting: Dec 12th for the WI Party at the Journey's End.

Naomi Warne

SEASONAL RECIPE

Jacqueline Patterson, of Walnut Tree Cottage, has kindly sent the following recipe which you might be interested in replicating during the coming festive period.

SUET-LESS MINCEMEAT

- ½lb currants
- ½lb sultanas
- ½lb raisins
- 6oz mixed peel
- 3 large cooking apples
- 2oz almonds
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 6oz soft brown sugar
- ½ tsp ground cloves
- ½ tsp allspice
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 3 bananas
- 4oz unsalted butter
- 2oz halved glacé cherries
- 1 tblsp brandy (more as required or orange juice, if preferred)

Grate, zest and squeeze juice of lemon

Grate apples

Stir in the fruit and chopped nuts

Melt butter, add spices and chopped banana. Fry quickly and add sugar

Add cherries and stir all ingredients together

This must be bagged up and stored in freezer, as mixture will ferment if stored in jars.



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