

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINE Saturday 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

7/8/9/10 Journey's End closed

10th WI Meeting Parish Room 7.30pm

'Pets & People' Caroline Bower, Plymouth Veterinary Hospital 8.15pm Everyone welcome

14th South Hams Police Liaison meeting 7.30pm Totnes

17th First Quiz of 2002 at JE

Ringmore Historical Society - A talk on Clyng Mill Parish Room 7.30pm

22nd Parish Council 7.00pm Parish Room

Inter-Parish Quiz v Ugborough at JE 8.00pm

25th Burns' Night at JE

Mobile Library

Friday: - 4th & 18th

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 $2\frac{1}{2}''$

Average - last 10 years -4½"

High - 1999 -8½"

Low - 1991 -2½"

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The Editor

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or put them through the letter box in the garage door

Barbara Drabble

It is with sadness that we record the death of Barbara Drabble. Perhaps not well known in the village, yet a resident for 80 years or so, Barbara had been wheel-chair bound for the last few years but was always most valiant in looking forward to better things and showed the greatest courage in her long illness. She maintained a lively interest in all village affairs although unable to join in them; a woman of education, she spoke several languages and could argue in most of them! Until the last phase of her illness, she was learning Russian. At one stage of her career, she had been on the staff of the London School of Economics. Barbara's friends and associates will miss her sorely. Farewell to a brave spirit.

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A VERY HAPPY PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Generally it appears to have been an uneventful holiday for most people with nothing to interrupt the celebrations. Nothing such as the fires in Australia in which the Editor and Proofreader have a personal interest. A first-hand report said that for the city of Sydney it is a worrying time. The firefighters are holding the line but there is no sign of a let up in the weather. For those of you who think of Sarah and Derek Eastway, they live in Bondi, a Sydney suburb, which is about as far from the fires as you can get without falling into the Tasman Sea. Fingers crossed.

Ringmore has a quiet month ahead but January usually is. The Journey's End will be closed for most of the first full week of the month but it is running a number of events. Don't miss Burns' Night on 25th or the Inter-Parish Quiz on 22nd when Ringmore take on Ugborough. Your support at the JE would be welcomed by the team.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations will be in June this year and Ringmore will have an event of its own. Your suggestions are invited by the Parish Room Committee, to be added to the arrangements in hand. As has been said before, this will be only the fifth Golden Jubilee in our history. Elizabeth must reign until November 2015 to reign longer than Victoria, when she will be 88 years and 11 months. She will become our oldest reigning monarch, 81 years 9 months, in January 2008, passing both George III and Victoria.

This year's Enigma competition has been won by the Matchman with a 36-point maximum. Many thanks to everyone who took part. New entrants would be welcome. Have a go!

Thank you to the person who provided the dates for the library van visits for this year.

Neighbourhood Watch reports that a grey Peugeot 205 GTI is being sought. The registration number is E430 UWL. Look out for it.

Apologies for the lateness of the Newsletter this month. It is due, in the main, to holidays at the printers and the Editor's absence.

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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)

CHURCH SERVICES IN

JANUARY

Sunday January 6th

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

Sunday January 13th

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

Sunday January 20th

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

Sunday January 27th

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

*Book of Common Prayer services are marked **

Read all about it!

Do you read the Bible? Do you find it hard? Bible reading notes and aids are a great help, and if you would like to know what's available, ring Michael on 810520.

Each week at 7.30 p.m.

... the combined churches' home group meets on Tuesdays. Ring 810520 for details.

... the choir practices in Ringmore Parish Room. Ring 810939 for details.

All welcome at both meetings.

SHOW ME THE WAY

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

M Louise Haskins; quoted by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast, December 25th 1939.

WHY?

There's so much suffering in the world – genocide in the Sudan, war in Afghanistan, the atrocities of September 11th, troubles in Northern Ireland, the growing violence and murder in the Middle East. Closer to home, we think of the victims of crime, the bereaved and those suffering from injury or disease, and cry out: *why?* Why is our granddaughter Christina again in pain from cancer (this time in her spine)?

If there is no God, there is no answer, and life is just a lottery – so put up with it. But if there is a God, why does he allow these things? Because we are not robots, we can (and frequently do) act against God's will – the technical word is "sin". Justice demands that sin is punished, and God will do so in good time. But he is also a God of mercy who forgives us when we repent and allows us "time for amendment of life".

But Christina is not ill because of her sins, or of anyone else's. Why some suffer illness and not others remains a mystery. And in these cases we can either reject God or trust him. The Bible assures those who trust him that "nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus". The one who died for us on the cross is with us in our sorrows and heartache. When we entrust ourselves to him, we know he will be with us in this life, and we shall be with God in the eternal life of peace and joy which follows.

Jackie and Michael Tagent

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A weekend in the country

Journey's End Journal

After a hectic Christmas and New Year we like most of Ringmore are going to have a few days rest in early January. However in our case we will also have workmen in to do some of the changes that we have planned.

We re-open with some Jazz, on Friday 11th. so why not come and see Johny Wurr, live.

We need quiz masters for our January Quizzes starting 17th. Jan. Don't forget Burns' Night on Friday 25th Jan, and The Chinese New Year Banquet on Friday 15th February, we are taking bookings now for both of these.

Debbie & Grahame



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The Ringmore WI Christmas party and dinner was held at the Journey's End on Wednesday 12th December and was voted a 'jolly good evening' - good company, good food and drink. Have I left anything out?

It is always enjoyed anyway and with the WI Hall improvements going apace, we'll have plenty to celebrate next year.

The WI Carol Service was very well attended, not only by our own members but also by several other contingents from surrounding villages. The Rev Elliott and Michael Tagent conducted the service and gave us the first taste of Christmas. Refreshments were served later which rounded off an afternoon of fellowship and warmth.

Naomi Warne

TIDE TABLES

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER
SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

THE RIVER IS WITHIN US
THE SEA IS ALL ABOUT US
... IF WE GET IT WRONG!
Adapted to T S Eliot

EDITOR: GEOFF DYKES 810123

The 2002 edition is available at 50p which is considerably less than you will pay elsewhere. 'Thanks' to Debbie and Grahame at the Journey's End who are part sponsors and to Nick Walker Printing who do not overcharge us!

Remember, these are sold in aid of the Newsletter so you need one for each car and one for the kitchen table. Copies can be obtained at the JE or from the Editor.

Diary

Fri 11th	Live Music with Johny Wurr
Sat 12th	Tina's Birthday Bash Music tba
Thurs 17th	Quiz 9.00pm First of 2002
Sat 19th	Lowenbrau promotion
Tues 22nd	Inter-Parish Quiz
Fri 25th	Burns' Night Dinner



On 6th February HM Queen Elizabeth II will celebrate her 50th year on the throne of the United Kingdom. This landmark will be officially marked in June and the Parish Room Committee has begun preparations.

The proposal is that we have a village function for villagers, their family and special local friends. There are people who spend a lot of time in the village and if they wish to join us then it is felt that they should be welcome. Obviously numbers have to be controlled and if we all bring half a dozen relatives and friends we could end up with over 600! Such a number is beyond our resources but every attempt will be made to accommodate your guests.

The programme is skeletal at the moment but will probably comprise an outdoor musical evening preceded by a barbecue with activities for the children. Wilf Walters, who farms the NT land, has agreed to let us use the barn by the NT car park so access will be easy and we will have some protection should it rain. Music will be provided by a 5 or 6 piece band led by Janet and John from Park Bench Aristocrats.

Much more detail has to be arranged and this will be decided gradually in the coming weeks. Cost is an important factor and every attempt will be made to keep ticket prices to no more than £10. To do this funds will have to be raised. The Parish Room Committee will contribute and a request will be made to all other organisations in the village including the Parish Council. Every one of these groups is funded by the village so it is not unreasonable to seek support.

More will be reported as events progress but in the meantime, if you have any suggestions for the celebration please contact one of the Parish Room Committee members:-

Yvonne Sheppard 341 Barry Old 359
Michael Tagent 520 Colin Jackson 292
Drina Williams 621

Geoff Dykes
Chairman 123



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THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Holywell Stores for again donating the Christmas Tree to the village. Thanks also to the Parish Council for covering the cost of the new lights.

Stan Brunskill

Phill Errett

TEN YEARS AGO ...

Rosemary Tate and Rob Batten took over the editing of the Newsletter from Stan Brunskill.

At a Parish Council meeting, Neighbourhood Watch was formed and the first Co-ordinator was David Young.



BE AWARE

Neighbourhood Watch reports that a grey Peugeot 205 GTI is being used by thieves. If you see a car with registration number

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There will be a South Hams Police Liaison meeting at the Theatre, The Ariel Centre, King Edward VI Community College, Ashburton Road, Totnes on Wednesday 14th January at 7.30pm.

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There are also a few 'Specials' from Exeter: Just for a Day - Rome, February 11th; Prague March 12th; Iceland April 23rd. Two dates for Madeira Short Breaks, March 2nd and 9th, for 7 nights.

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