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THIS MONTH

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Dance Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

- 6th RBL Talk at Royal Oak 8.15pm
12th All Hallows Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Room
Table Tennis AGM Parish Room during interval.
13th Hobbies, Pastimes Coffee Morning The Lodge 10.30am
RBL Talk at Journey's End 8.15pm
14th WI Talk Gill Tomlin 8.15pm Parish Room
15th Chinese New Year Journey's End - Reserve a table
19th Parish Council 7.00pm Parish Room
21st RHS 'Slate Quarrying in the South Hams' 7.30pm
Parish Room
23rd RBL Women's Section Spring Sale 2.00 - 4.00pm
Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel
23/24th Table Tennis Tournament Journey's End 2.30pm
Mar 6th RBL Meeting Journey's End 8.15pm
Jun 3rd Golden Jubilee Celebrations

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Friday:- 1st & 15th

- 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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Average - last 10 years - 4"
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Low - 1993/97 - 1"

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SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

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A few remain ... Hurry!

Is it possible that the dark, dank, dreary days of February will be illuminated by this month's bumper issue? Let us hope so. There seems to be a lot to do this month, if the weather allows us to leave home in comfort.

The annual Table Tennis Tournament takes place over the last weekend of the month at the Journey's End. This is a fun charity event so a large number of entrants would be welcome. Experience is not necessary, just the ability to hold a bat in one hand and a pint in the other!

The results of the Bus Survey are being assimilated and will be published in due course. A preliminary conclusion is elsewhere but it does seem as though the area lacks the necessary critical mass to justify a commercially run service. We seem to have been here before!

The Millennium Clock project is in the final throes and depending on your views, the idea will sink or swim within the next few weeks.

The Inter-Parish Quiz team was well beaten by Ugborough in the first round and will now proceed to the Plate with hope of surpassing last year's performance of being runners-up.

Step Aerobics has undergone a subtle change and has now become Dance Aerobics. The Editor enquired, on your behalf, about the difference and concluded that it is less frantic. This could mean that anyone who, hitherto, has been unwilling to bob about like a cork in the cove, would like to take part. New members would be very welcome.

Jane Guy is looking for any talent lurking in the shadows. This is an opportunity for anyone who has an interest in one of the many hobbies around to share it with others.

Similarly, the exponential growth in the use of computers means that there are more and more of us who have not got the faintest idea what these machines are doing when, like HAL, they function without human intervention . . . or is it human intervention which causes the problem. There is the chance to join fellow sufferers . . . read elsewhere.

Finally, why does Cambridge rank above Oxford? Try the Enigma puzzle.

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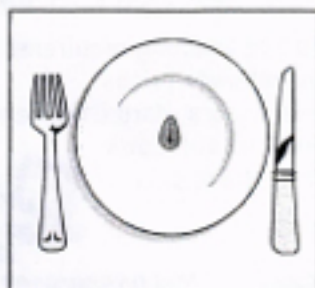
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News from All Hallows

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday February 3rd

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

Sunday February 10th

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

Ash Wednesday February 13th

8 a.m. Ringmore Holy Communion (said)
6 p.m. Kingston Holy Communion*

Sunday February 17th

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

Sunday February 24th

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 **

Meetings this Lent

This year's theme is "Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith", meeting on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. (venue to be announced). The subjects for the meetings are:

February 21st

Family Life and the Sabbath Meal

February 28th

Grafted onto the Vine

March 7th

Jewish Time and Thought

March 14th

The Feast of Shabuot (Pentecost!)

March 21st

Christianity in Jewish Times

March 28th

Maundy Thursday: we celebrate the Feast

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Christmas and the New Year celebrations are over and "The Sales" are finished. Well actually they're not - they seem to go on all year. By now the consequences of spending have hit the mat. The costs and payments will be faced, perhaps some will have started to diet after all the feasting.

For some here on the Bigbury peninsula it has been a tough Christmas and a hard start to the New Year. It was in Kingston Church that we saw the delightful new crib, but with funeral flowers laid on the steps below it. A loved husband, dad and grandad had died on Christmas morning. Too many have faced bereavement, whether family or long term friends, with others still living through the pain of children with serious illness. We saw and heard the symbols of hope and life, the baby in the crib and the bells that rang. We looked at the beautiful but temporary extravagant cut flowers full of colour but dying in memory of a good life.

Lent follows in the Church calendar, the season of fasting and reflection on the meaning of life and death before the joyful celebration of resurrection, life triumphing over death. A reality on that first Easter Day, and remembered in subsequent years. Folk often ask "What will you be giving up for Lent, to remind you of everything that Jesus gave up for you?" The commonest "give ups" are apparently alcohol and chocolate. Now there's a tension in village communities. Our pubs and local stores have struggled through foot and mouth consequences, so why should they face a Resident Minister encouraging folk to reduce spending on their wares? So I will not do that, but I look forward to hearing about the most imaginative and genuine Lent sacrifice that someone can suggest, and implement for themselves, preferably one to share in next month's writings.

Whatever we do, let's try and remember the Man who gave up everything at the end of Lent because he loved each one of us so much. So much, that his love held him on a cross when nails would not have been strong enough to keep him there. Whatever your personal circumstances may Jesus walk alongside you whether in joy or sorrow, healing or mourning, fasting or feast.

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Journey's End Journal

As normal for a January, this last month has been quiet. But this has allowed the work on the heating to be finished, taking only three weeks longer than planned. By the end of January though, most people seemed to have recovered from the New Year festivities and so our Burns night was a very successful and lively affair enjoyed by all taking part.

February will start off quietly but then comes a week of activity. We have the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Specials. The Legion talk "Mutiny on the Bounty". Alistair's St. Valentines Quiz. Then our Chinese New Year dinner on Friday 15th, for which we are currently just over half full and still taking bookings if anyone is interested in what has always been a very enjoyable night.

The Table Tennis Tournament is now set for the weekend of the 23rd and 24th this month, with the preliminary heats on the Saturday and the quarters, semis, and finals on the Sunday. Always a good community event. The table will be up in the conservatory throughout the prior week and available for practice.

Finally at the start of March come and see Wendy playing live, her only appearance at the JE this year, as she is fully booked now.

Debbie & Grahame



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The January meeting again took place in the Parish Room; however the WI Hall improvements are going well!

Our new President, Gill Tomlin, took her first meeting in the chair and all went well.

The evening's speaker, Caroline Bower, from the Plymouth Veterinary Hospital, gave a very illuminating account off the Hospital work which very obviously captured the interest of the audience and provoked many questions. Most of us have precious



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Friday: Early Doors Club 6.00pm

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Sun Noon - 10.30pm

Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

cats and dogs and it was marvellous to see and hear about the great care and affection given to all the animals brought in, to say nothing of the actual treatment.

An excellent talk to start off the season.

Next meeting: 14th February. Gill Tomlin will speak on the MacMillan Support Centre.

Naomi Warne

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Table Tennis Tournament
Feb
SATURDAY/SUNDAY
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Look for confirmed date

Don't miss our
St. Valentines Day Quiz
Thursday 14th Feb

A PROBLEM SHARED . . .

Has your computer ever made an error . . . or was it you? 'No, it was the computer, I did not put a finger wrong'. Do you know the function of all the keys on your keyboard?



To the extent that we use our computers we become experts. We become very proficient at using the software but only as far as we go. Are we brave enough to go where no-one has gone before?

There is a lot of knowledge and experience in the village which, if shared, would educate us much faster than our limited use of these machines will. Would you like to join an informal discussion group to share that knowledge and experience?

I have found a professional, available for a fee to solve individual problems but who, initially, is willing to support such a group, Nigel Walton would be a useful source of guidance and information. We could try it once and if it does not work, we would have lost nothing. Please email me at

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Modbury TIC

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If you would like to help to run the office and use your local knowledge to make visitors stay in the area more enjoyable and rewarding and can be available for half a day most weeks, please let us know. You can leave a message on our telephone answering machine (830159) or send an e-mail (modbutytic@lineone.net) or speak to Frank Mullery at home on 830765. We do not expect you to guarantee to be available every week. We can always find substitutes for people who are away on holiday or otherwise unavailable.

We will arrange for you to sit in with an experienced volunteer before asking you to "go it alone" and there is always someone able to help on the telephone if you have a problem. If you would like to, you can also go on a one-day course run by South West Tourism.

As mentioned above the work is voluntary. South West Tourism provide free entry passes to most tourist attractions in the South West Area for all regular volunteers. There are also opportunities to go on familiarisation visits organised by some attractions.



BUS SURVEY

Preliminary conclusions

The data collected appears to be representative of the community with no significant bias towards any particular group. However there is some evidence that fewer than the average in regular employment returned questionnaires. There is also a probability that most bus users responded whereas many with their own transport did not. Respondents were 50:50 male:female. The age profile is not skewed towards the elderly.

Although significant numbers say they would use bus services if they were introduced many of these have their own transport and usage by them would be 'light. Caution should be exercised in assessing the real dependence on bus services. Unless data from Devon CC usage statistics changes the current interpretation of the data from this survey there appears to be a case for an improved service to Modbury and perhaps Kingsbridge.

The number of people unable to use buses and dependent on voluntary service or others is small and they are probably best catered for by looking at individual cases rather than trying to introduce a general solution.

Ivybridge, apart from secondary education, has a low priority for the community. However, this survey only identifies the need to travel out of the area. There may be a demand for a service from Ivybridge into the area. Use of public transport to get to employment is almost non-existent.

WI HALL UPDATE



If you blink you'll miss it! That's how quickly the building works are progressing at the WI Hall, thanks to hard work by Alan and his trusty team.

Having got the new extension roofed before Christmas, they have been able to work in the dry. The new entrance lobby has been boarded and plastered out, the electricians are in and the plumbing ready for the basin and loo.

During February they will finish inside, and then it will be up to W.I. members, husbands and friends to clean up and decorate (offers, please, to Jackie Tagent on 810520). Hopefully, in March we will be ready for any gardeners, whose help will be very welcome tidying up the grounds, so that everything will be ready for the official opening before Easter.



Arrangements are progressing and details will be reported when they have been concluded. Ideas are still being tossed around and equipment is being sourced. Suggestions will be most welcome, please let a PRC committee member know. This will be a village affair and almost everyone will eventually have some part in the organisation! The most important thing at the moment is to put the date in your diary.

Monday 3rd June

TALENT AHOY!

The evenings are drawing out and there are signs of Spring around the corner but there are still some dreary Winter days to come. In Winter we all tend to pull up the drawbridge but behind our closed doors there is plenty of activity whilst indoor hobbies are pursued. There is a wealth of talent in Ringmore in various fields of craft; carving, modelling, tapestry, embroidery and many more.

However at times we all need encouragement and fresh inspiration and it occurred to me that it would be fun to meet occasionally to swap notes and take interest in each other's activities.

Would anyone interested in taking things to the next stage care to come for coffee or a chat at The Lodge on Wednesday 13th February at 10.30am?

Jane Guy
810381

All Hallows Church, Ringmore

COFFEE MORNING

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shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 12th February

10.30am

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John Bracey 810646

Phill Errett 810547

Journey's End

Entrance fee for Charity: £1

Practice will be at JE from previous
Saturday 16th February

Ringmore Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday 22nd January
Present: 5 Councillors, the Clerk
Neighbourhood Watch: David Young
Millennium Committee: Guy Eddy
One other member of the public

Matters Arising:

Local Bus Service - Chairman advised us that we will be receiving a report on the results of the survey in the near future. A preliminary summary appears elsewhere.
Parish Road Sweeping - The new system seems to be working fairly satisfactorily now that the autumn leaf-drop has finally finished. Your Council is writing to the relevant department to ask for the mechanical sweeper to go round the village, including Rectory Lane, in the near future.
Wheelchair - The wheelchair is available, for emergencies only, please. Contact any Councillor, who will be able to locate it for you. Please note, it is not being kept in the Church.

Matters raised by Parishioners:

Road surface - One parishioner has asked if it is possible for the roads to be re-surfaced (tarred and gritted) as they are now very smooth and could be very slippery

in wet and/or frosty weather. Would drivers please take this into account when travelling through the village, especially in the bus-stop area, which, as we all know, is badly cambered.

Millennium Clock - please see the letter from Guy Eddy, which appears in this Newsletter. He will await your (hopefully favourable) responses and report back at a later meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch - David Young said that there was nothing local to report beyond 2 calls from the Police giving details of stolen vehicles. This was a general alert, not particular to Ringmore.

District Council Matters

Councillor Carson reported that South Hams Council, in common with other Devon areas, is faced with the problem of falling income from invested monies, due to very low current interest rates. Whilst hoping that the Council may be in line for a higher grant for the new fiscal year, which would ease the situation, there is still the on-going problem of whether to cut back on existing services or increase the budget to try to maintain services at the same level. The re-wiring of Follaton House was delayed following the discovery of asbestos in some areas. However, this

has now been attended to and the work is nearly finished - overall costs £26,000.

Footpaths

The Footpath Warden reported that there are no current problems.

Jubilee Celebrations

These are being organised by the Parish Room Committee on behalf of the Parish Council. The PRC asked for confirmation that the event would be covered by the Council's Public Liability insurance.

Councillor Tagent put forward the suggestion that some Ringmore Tea Towels might be created and sold to Parishioners and at our 2 summer fetes, with a view to raising some money. This will be discussed at a future meeting when we have some ideas of costs and possible designs.

Finance

Clerk's salary and expenses: £112.91
Parish Room hire charges: £8.75
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The annual precept was increased by £250.00 as a 'hedge' against unforeseen future expenses. The council has sufficient funds in the Bank to see us through until the end of the current fiscal year.

Planning

The Cross Manor internal alterations have been approved.

The Mandava planning application which was refused, is to go to appeal.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th February at 7.00pm

AM

Royal British Legion

January Meeting

The Royal British Legion were delightfully entertained by Viv Freeman following the December meeting and AGM with his self styled 'Ramblings of a Village Idiot'. The ramblings turned out to be the life and times of Kingston since 1939. It was very entertaining for everyone present. Those who had lived in or around the area for a long time recognised the way of life and some of the people. Those of us who are new 'incomers' found it very interesting as everything and nothing has changed in all that time.

Viv recalled the amount of freedom all the children had, the constant sunshine and brilliant weather we all enjoyed in our youth. Did it ever rain before our 15th birthdays? He also had a wealth of stories about strange happenings during the war when he saw Indians riding mules through the village to the firing range at Scobbiscombe Farm, so naturally all the children were cowboys. The Americans came to South Devon at the end of the war and always on the lookout for a good time would ask the boys if they had a sister. Viv managed to find about 500 dotted around the village! Dances were held in the Reading Room with local bands - did you know the window sills in the Reading Room can accommodate 2 sleeping children - and surprisingly there were a lot of weddings following the war. The villagers did not see the beach until the end of the war as Willow Woods were mined.

Viv had to go to school like all children, then and now, and unfortunately he could not skive off as he lived next door. He was also disappointed to discover he would not get out of school for another 10 years.

There was a lot of industry in the village which has now sadly disappeared, like most of the small villages all around the country. The village supported a blacksmith, carpenter, builder as well as the farm workers so essential for keeping the farms going.

It was delightful to hear these ramblings and we look forward to the next instalment.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

RBL meeting 6th February at the Royal Oak, Bigbury where the speaker will be Guy Eddy who will talk about the Zambia Oil Lift.

RBL meeting 6th March at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore where the speaker will be Colin Jackson who will talk about Casevac (Casualty Evacuation) and the improvements since 1914. All are welcome to the talks which will start at 8.15pm.

Peter Wyatt will be giving an illustrated talk on the real story behind the Mutiny on the Bounty on **13th February 2002** at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore starting at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Robbie on 810738 at £2 each.

Royal British Legion

Women's Section

SPRING SALE

Saturday 23rd February

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Memorial Hall

St Ann's Chapel

PLANTS - CAKES

NEARLY NEW

BRIC à BRAC

REFRESHMENTS

RAFFLE

Inter-Parish Quiz

Ringmore was drawn against Ugborough in the first round of the competition and as with every year, the success or failure of previous years has little bearing on the present. The team's objective is the final in May. No doubt our opponents were of a similar mind. Ringmore's team comprised Colin, Felicity, Robbie and Geof. The Question Master was Tony Redfearn from Diptford, the very one who had 'Harry Potter' us in last year's Plate final!

Ringmore started slowly, seemingly not having read a newspaper or watched TV all week. Word definition did not improve matters and our command of the finer points of the various parts of speech was sadly lacking. We were behind. Dogs proved to be a sudden lifeline and we eliminated the deficit in one fell swoop and even edged ahead thanks to Meteorology and a team knowledge of birds, well some of the team. We slipped a bit with more General Knowledge and Mythology and we trailed our opponents by 3 points at the interval.

Matters did not improve in spite of the excellent refreshments. The highest, longest, shortest, daftest was not our cup of tea and from then on it was a little like drowning; we sank a little more with each struggle to pull ourselves up. History, Flags, Science, the colours on the Underground Map all weighed marginally against us. After our earlier failure with English it was something of a surprise when we reduced the deficit thanks to our knowledge of Latin! By the time we reached the penultimate round our position was almost impossible and at the beginning of the final round, a miracle was needed. As you know, the impossible can be done but miracles take a little longer and we had no time. Ugborough ran out worthy winners, 106 - 90.

However, we are in the Plate and we aim to exceed last year's performance.



Message In A Bottle

Greetings and a belated 'Happy New Year' to everyone. Unfortunately, January's message was subject to the vagaries of the weather and strange tides and ended up washed ashore at Wembury! By the time it was retrieved it was too late for publication.

Anyway, to bring you all up to date, we did manage to get all major building work on the Pilchard finished just in time for Christmas, which seems like years ago! We were then immediately launched into a frenetic two weeks with great weather, good tides and lots of visitors. Even the tractor behaved itself, apart from Christmas Day.

It was really nice to see so many friendly faces dotted amongst the throng at the bar and I apologise for not having time to speak to everyone but I do hope that you all have time to pop over again now that it has quietened down a bit. You may even have the chance of a seat by the fire.

The tractor took a turn for the worse after its sterling work over the holiday period and stopped altogether in mid-January which put us out of bounds for evening drinkers for almost a week. The pub then closed for two days to allow the builders to complete their snagging list and to put mirrors in the toilets.

Our lunchtime menu is proving a great success, especially our Burgh Island Fish Soup and we hope to expand our range shortly. We are endeavouring to open our doors, Monday to Saturday, between 11.30am and 11.00pm and on Sunday from noon to 10.30pm, tractor and tides permitting.

Out new outside lights, when lit up at night, will confirm that we are open and watch out for our new flag, Pilchard Rampant, that will signal our status during daylight.

GDD For those early risers amongst you, we featured on GMTV for a week when we became known as Inchloss Island! This re-naming is an annual event and is for the programme about a group of people determined to lose weight. They will be monitored after they leave the island and GMTV will be screening updates on their weight-loss during the next few months. Here's wishing them all success in their goals.

Meanwhile, an Irish film crew turned up in the Bigbury-on-Sea car park to film scenes for a new film 'Conspiracy of Silence'. Apparently the coastline here is just like that in the west of Ireland.

The hotel, in the main, has been closed during January for re-furbishment. Artists and craftsmen have been adding beautiful mosaics, murals, furnishing and furniture ready for the re-opening on 1st February.

The restaurant is open to non-residents but please book first; our menu changes daily. The super team in reception will be happy to answer your questions and let you know the Menu of the Day, prices, etc..

As I am finishing this letter, I notice that the weather has changed for the worse. The seas are pounding the rocks and the spray has almost obliterated the causeway opposite. Though the tractor is working again, we cannot use it in these conditions. Oh well, it's shoes and socks off again... it's certainly never boring working on an island!!

Regards to all

Steve

TABLE TENNIS

It's that time again! It is now a full year since the Table Tennis Constitution and Committee was formed. Our first AGM will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday 12th February, during the playing session tea/biscuit interval. It is hoped that all members can attend.

We have had a very successful first year, playing and entertainment-wise, and hopefully we can continue to go from strength to strength.

New members will be most welcome and of course, it is especially beneficial to those proposing to enter the John Bracey Trophy to be held in the Journey's End shortly (details elsewhere).

Come along on a Tuesday evening, exercise in good company and have good fun; all standards are catered for. Please note there will not be Table Tennis on Tuesday 21st due to the Parish Council meeting in the Parish Room whilst work at the WI Hall continues.

Phill Errett
Chairman 810547

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Parish Council opposed an application to build between Little Barn and Cumberland Cottages.

Mike Wynne-Powell was captain of the Inter-Parish Quiz team.

Daniel James Mitchell and Felix John St Aubyn were born in January 1992.



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Draught Beers (excluding Stella) - Collect a stamp for every pint purchased - After 10 stamps, your next pint is free!!!

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY / EARLY MARCH

Sat 2nd - Live music with 'GIN' - Let's make this the first Fund Raising evening in aid of the FUN RUN
FANCY DRESS POSH NIGHT - Get out your posh frocks & dinner suits etc - prizes for the most elegant

Tue 5th - R.B.L. Meeting - 7.30pm

Thu 14th - St Valentine's Evening - Special Lover's Menu

Sat 16th - SURPRISE Birthday / Christmas and Welcome home party for ANNABELLE everyone invited (but don't tell Annabelle) Music with Shane

Sat 2nd Mar - BIRTHDAY PARTY NIGHT

Celebrate two birthdays tonight - ROYS 24th & TINA'S ????
There will be live music, a buffet and lots of fun!!!



RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thursday
21st February
7.30pm

Parish Room

A talk about

SLATE QUARRYING IN DEVON

Mrs Anne Born

Everyone is welcome

Members £1 Non-members £1.50
Entrance includes refreshments

Flute House

Duo d'Amore

A Piano and Violin Concert

Thursday 14th February
at 8.00pm

Romantic music

Debussy - Elgar - Shostakovich
and other composers

£12.50 with light refreshments

The Chameleon

A classical concert of ensemble singing with piano accompaniment, with vocal and instrumental solos

Saturday 9th March

8.00pm

£10.00 with light refreshments

Reservations: 01752 830308



January SOLUTION

Matchman	Gemini	The Furry Boys
Nicholas		Taurus
The Beginners		Opals
SEEDS	SEEDS	SEEDS
SENDS	REEDS	HEEDS
BENDS	READS	HEADS
BEADS	BEADS	BEADS
BRADS	BRADS	BRADS
BRASS	BRASS	BRASS
GRASS	GRASS	GRASS

Sue Brickay
Easter Bunny
Real Sleuth
SEEDS
SEEMS
SEAMS
TEAMS
TRAMS
GRAMS
GRASS

This has been the most encouraging January entry since Enigma began back in the last century. We have had 10 entries, some old, some new. Welcome to Nicholas and Easter Bunny. It is good to see new faces. Welcome back

to the lovely Sue Brickay - one or two hearts missed a beat in the editorial office when that entry hit the mat. Mind you most of the staff is not too healthy at the best of times! Good to see the Opals who joined at the end of last year. Old stalwarts include The Beginners, The Furry Boys, Gemini, Real Sleuth and Taurus. Lastly, Matchman who in an innovative move has been bestowed with the prefix Champion which can be used throughout the parish, in 2002. Please, no complaints from past winners, you had the glory and the wine.

February

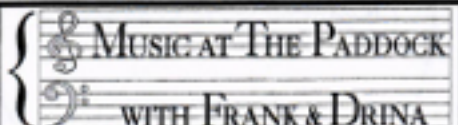
In the world league of universities the following establishments are graded as follows:

Cambridge	54
Sorbonne	51
Aberystwyth	51
Cape Town	51
Brisbane	51
St Andrews	45
Cairo	42
Harvard	39
Oxford	36

Why?

Good Luck!

Gemini have (there is more than one) pointed out that in the final tables for last year, they appeared twice. Heavenly Twins they may be but two scores per entry, no! The omission was Real Sleuth who either did not mind being left out or has yet to discover the fact. Real Sleuth scored 24 points. Apologies to them, him or her.



Monday: 18th Feb 18th Mar

THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED Millennium Clock

Some three years ago I suggested that some thought should be given to the coming Millennium. For my pains I was invited to form a committee and do something about it. With the help of Mrs Thelma Mann, Miss Jane Reddel and Mr. Mike Patterson many and various projects were suggested and in many cases proceeded with. Trees were planted, 1500 in all, two seats were placed on paths and two notice boards for Parish maps were put in position. In addition the Parish Council has given the Town Well a face lift.

The one item that we have failed to progress has been to put a clock in the Church tower. This would have been really worthwhile because it would have lasted long after the other items had passed into history, and would have been a suitable memorial to the Christian faith.

We started the quest for funding with high hopes and duly sent off an application to the Millennium Festival 'Awards For All' committee for a grant towards the £5000 cost.

We were a little surprised to be rejected out of hand, as not falling within their awards criteria. We were not alone in being rejected, after all the "Dome" did absorb a great deal of money.

During the next two years we have approached a considerable number of organisations for funding including the Heritage Lottery, English Heritage, the Millennium Commission, the Local Heritage Initiative, and about a dozen different Trust Funds. Almost without exception we have been turned down, usually because we don't fit into their very narrow criteria. I have an idea that the Fund administrators don't want to give away their funds because it might put them out of a job; but that might be me being cynical. The one bright spot in a gloomy picture was the David Knightley Trust who has offered us £1350 towards the clock if we can complete the installation before the end of 2002.

What all this means is that we are very largely on our own. It would cost almost £5,000 to put a clock, with the following specification, on the tower:
3ft. diameter Skeleton clock - black painted Dial, gilding to hands and numerals, Rear hand adjustment - Radio synchroniser Bell striking - Installation - Wiring material Minor expenses and contingency

This would cost £4935 including VAT which would be recoverable if done through the Parish Council. A less expensive version without chimes and with an 11-hour delay in correction would cost £3300 including VAT.

This means that for the more expensive version, we would have to raise £3,600 from our own resources and for the cheaper one, £2,000. Can we do this, and what is more, do we want to do this? Your views are wanted. It is important that the majority of the Parish should state a preference, because people have come and gone since this three and a half year trek started. Whilst it would still be a Millennium clock it could represent different things to different people. For instance it could also be a Golden Jubilee clock to some or a remembrance of a departed friend to others.

Please use the slip at the bottom to give the Committee your current view on the subject. It can be left in the box in the Church Porch throughout February.

Guy Eddy
Chairman
Millennium Committee



This is an impression of how a clock might look on the tower. The Millennium Committee is, in effect, asking you to vote again on whether the village wants a 'church clock' or, more to the point, whether the village wants a clock if we have to pay for it! As a reminder, back in mid-1998, ideas were submitted to the committee and then voted on through the newsletter.

The result (top four only) was as follows:

Trees	16 votes
Seats	15
Parish Map	12
Church clock	10

The first three have been achieved; the question is, 'Do you want the fourth?'

Please complete and detach the slip below and put it in the box in the church porch at any time up to 22nd February. The outcome will be published in the March newsletter.