

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINE Sunday 26th

THIS MONTH

MONDAYS: Bowls on holiday until 7th October

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis on Summer holidays

WEDNESDAYS: Dance Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night suspended until Autumn

1st Royal British Legion Journey's End 7.30pm Talk 8.15pm
3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th Journey's End Beer Festival
5th Church Service for Alice Mason All Hallows 3.00pm
7th RICOPLUS Ringmore Vein 10.30am
9th Inter-Parish Quiz Plate Final Ringmore vs others at Ivybridge Community College 7.30pm
WI 'Resolutions' Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
15th Christian Aid Coffee Morning Middle Manor 10.30am
21st Parish Council 7.00pm WI Hall

June

3rd Golden Jubilee Celebrations 6.00pm

Mobile Library

Friday:- 10th & 24th

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 $1\frac{3}{4}$ "

Average - last 10 years - $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

High - 2000 - 7"

Low - 1997 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ "

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The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

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Dr John Parry

The last week of the month brought the very sad news of the sudden death of John Parry who had moved, with his wife Mary, to Slapton, 18 months ago. Both were very involved in Ringmore life before they left, John having been the Hon Sec of the Ringmore Historical Society for a number of years. John was a man of great charm and unflinching courtesy: he will be missed by everyone who knew him. We send our sympathy to Mary and the family.

Regrettably, we lost another former member of our community in April. Drina Williams' Uncle Guy, who had been living at King's Acre in Ermington, died in his 97th year. He had been a familiar figure here as he made his way around the village, in spite of his difficulties. This is another sad loss, which we share with Drina and her family.

Apart from some April showers and towards the end, some March winds, the month was not at all bad. The lighter evenings are no longer strange and they conjure hope of a warm Summer to come. We have a way to go yet!

The month did bring bad news to the village with the sad deaths of Dr John Parry and also 'Uncle' Guy. Both had left Ringmore in recent times but both will be missed by family and friends.

In the village, plans for the celebration of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee are well under way. Tickets are still available and everyone who wishes to be at the Jubilee Supper is advised to buy their ticket soon to avoid disappointment. Interest in the Jubilee is growing across the country and it is unlikely that Ringmore will be any different. Details of the evening are elsewhere.

The Parish Council has another vacancy. Recently the Government has imposed a Code of Conduct on local Councillors and in the case of Parish Councillors it is particularly unwelcome. There is no tangible reward for being on a Parish Council; there is no payment as there is for attending higher councils; there are no powers which a Parish Council can exercise which can expose it to malpractice. It is a voluntary activity which depends on the good will of those who are elected. Yet the government feels it right to demand that a Parish Councillor signs a Code of Conduct and declares his or her local financial interests. Hitherto a financial interest has been declared whenever it was pertinent to an agenda item. Now they are there for all and sundry to peruse. Across the country Parish Councillors have felt that this imposition is a direct statement of mistrust by the government and many councillors have resigned rather than have their personal interests made public for no real reason. Councillors in Ringmore felt aggrieved but chose to sign the Code in order to continue as councillors. Annabel Major chose not to and this decision has to be respected. Hence the vacancy. Would anyone interested please let the Clerk, Margaret Wood, know in writing.

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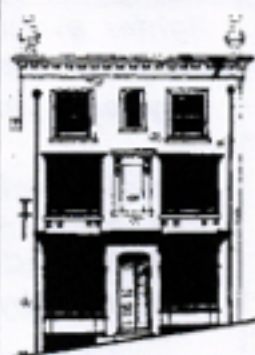
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News from All Hallows



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)

Coincidences or God Incidents?

He stood on the door step looking sad. "My Mum died this morning; can you help me". Instantly I was in professional Christian caring mode, sympathy and practical advice on funeral arrangements needed. He told me that Mum, on holiday in Glasgow had died; they lived in Westentown, Kingston where his Gran also lived in a separate cottage. He said that the chaplain at the hospital and undertakers had told him to seek my help. The help he needed was an extra £20 to complete his coach fare to Scotland to identify the body. The aroma of rat came into my nostrils, as one church member said later: "Poor chap; fancy picking on an ex-Bank Manager as the Vicar to con." Needless to say Gran was not traceable in Kingston, and he did not get the £20. Then – surprise, surprise – he turned up at Modbury Vicarage an hour later, different name and Mum dead in Stockport. What a fast travelling corpse! Also a fast travelling confidence trickster; the police did not catch him. Then came the Bigbury magazine articles on Uganda, most helpful and thank you John Simes, for that is where we are for three weeks before, and very briefly after, this article goes to press. I had kept the empty church house quiet, just in case friends of our crook decided to take by burglary that which he had seen but not acquired with his story. As the shop sign says: "In God we trust, but all others strictly cash". Our first response even in this cynical world must be to show love and help, but justice runs alongside mercy and that can be difficult. Watch out there is a thief about called the devil, and he seeks to rob us of peace of mind.

John Elliott

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday May 5th

9 a.m. Kingston Holy Communion
3 p.m. Ringmore Special service marking Alice's 60 years' organ playing at Ringmore
6 p.m. Bigbury Evening Prayer*

Sunday May 12th

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

Sunday May 19th

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

Sunday May 26th

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 **

COMEDY CORNER

God tells Noah, "I want you to build another ark. Only this time, I want it tiered in several layers." Noah looks puzzled. "A second ark – tiered – several layers?" "You've got it", says God. "But this time, no animals, just fish." "Fish?" asks Noah. "That's it – and not just any fish – carp." "Wait a minute, Lord", says Noah. "You want me to build an ark, several levels, just to hold carp. Why?" God replies, "Because I want a multi-storey carp ark."

Christian aid Week

Christian Aid week this year is from May 12th to 19th, and the customary Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday May 15th at 10.30 a.m. at Middle Manor Ringmore, by the kind invitation of Col. George Grimshaw.

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Journey's End Journal

Well April has finished and we are in to May - still with decorating and refurbishment work ongoing. Our car park has a nice new surface, but we are still waiting for the go ahead to trim the trees. The bottle bank will not be returning currently. We have a new signboard and notice board in place, and when a well known local artist has finished them we will have new signs as well. Finally in the car park we are closing off the lower entrance, so please do not drive into the wooden post that is now in place there. We are also planning to paint the outside

of the JE this month, hopefully before the hanging baskets arrive.

On to our events: Our Spring Beer Festival will run over the May Day bank holiday weekend, featuring spring beers, some organic beers, and a real lager wheat beer. Later in the month we have live music with TQ7 on Saturday 25th May, and please come and support the joint visit of the Plymouth and Dartington Morris Men on Wednesday 29th May.

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Mon - Sat Noon - 3.00pm

6.30pm - 11.00pm

Friday: Early Doors Club 6.00pm

Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm & 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Sun Noon - 10.30pm

Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Inter-Parish Quiz

The semi-final of the Inter Parish Quiz, the Ken West Plate, a three-way match, was played at Kingston on 23rd April. The other teams involved were Kingston and Bigbury so the rivalry was intense! The Quiz Mistress for the evening was Catherine Fieldend from Wembury.

The opening match was between Kingston and Ringmore. The first round on Shakespeare saw both teams gain maximum points but Ringmore edged ahead, 13-11, with a round on Word Definitions. Knowledge on Assassins and American State Capitals enabled us to increase our lead to 25-20 by the end of Round 4. We held this advantage through Real Names of Actors & Writers and Stars & Planets to win 37-32.

Kingston then played Bigbury who, after trailing only 11-13 after two rounds, found it very hard going especially when tested on Bones in the Body and on Birds, losing by 19-47!

Arithmetic came into play at this point because if Bigbury won the match against Ringmore, which would have meant each team having won once, cumulative totals would decide the result. This meant that Ringmore had to win or score 43 points in defeat.

Any thoughts of a easy win, after Bigbury's disappointing result in their first match, were soon dispelled when they took the lead showing superior knowledge on Science Fiction and on Defining Words beginning with Q. However our knowledge of World Geography and of the Symbols for Elements such as Tin, Silver and Sodium gave us a narrow lead at the end of Round Four, 26-24. Questions on Fact or Fiction about certain Schools and our ability to add numbers posed as 'the

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number of steps in John Buchan's book plus the number of ounces in a pound' caused us a bit of a headache. By the end of the contest we knew the result was close and how close it was! Bigbury 36 Ringmore 37!. We had won!!

We shall now play against Wembury and Cornwood at Ivybridge College on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm. If you would like a bit of fun, please come along and support the team.

Geof Dykes

The Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Branch of The Royal British Legion

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May at the JE, Ringmore. The venue of the June meeting will be discussed at the May meeting.

The Royal British Legion were once again held enthralled with Mr McCabe's tales of his experiences in the Navy. This time he took us from brothels to Benbecula via the Balkans and the Bahamas. Sadly, this is the last episode of the HMS Whitesands Bay adventure but we hope Brian will be able to dig deep into his memory to find stories equally amusing.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

Royal British Legion

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APRIL

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The Ringmore Short Mat Bowls Club has met for the last time before the summer. There will be the usual summer break and we hope to see everyone back on Monday 7th October suitably refreshed and ready to roll some bowls.

Have a very happy (and sunny) summer.
Alan McCarthy
Chairman

APRIL FOOL?

So, was it an April Fool? If it were, it fooled no-one and, again, if it were, it was not very funny! Also, it was not the right topic with which to jest. The April Newsletter was Issue No. 200, a moment we should not overlook. With support from many sources and because of the advance in technology (computers, photocopying), the RPN has moved on somewhat from Stan Brunskill's Roneo evenings in Bigbury on Sea (ask him) to what it is today.

Just as we query the noise made by a falling tree when no-one is around, so we can ask if words have meaning if they are unread. So, if you did not notice the 'April Fool' it does not matter but you might have missed the joke. . . or did you?

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Monday 22nd April
Present: Chairman, 4 Councillors, The Clerk; Neighbourhood Watch: David Young; Millennium Committee: Guy Eddy

Following the reading of the minutes, the Chairman welcomed Mrs Thelma Mann on her return to the Council, following her co-option at the March meeting.

Matters Arising

Local Bus Service: Chairman advised us that following the survey, there were only about 4 people who might use a local bus regularly. Alternatives to a bus are being investigated for the 3 parishes. Cllr Mann pointed out that there was no bus stop or timetable at Challaborough, so neither parishioner or visitors were aware of the few buses that do run.

Parish Road Sweeping: Colin Miller is doing a satisfactory job and, now that the autumn leaf fall has finished, has time to sweep some of the more outlying areas.

Matters raised by Parishioners

The main concern is for the return of the bottle bank. The clerk will write to South Hams Council requesting its return as soon as possible.

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Young said that there was nothing to report within the parish. There will be 4 seminars in Totnes concerning the importance of advising people living alone, eg., about possible bogus callers. See the Neighbourhood Watch column.

Code of Conduct

Councillor Major was not prepared to sign the required declaration and, therefore, would resign, as from the end of this meeting. All other members had signed, with some reluctance. Council hopes to co-opt a replacement, should anyone come forward.

Millennium Clock

Mr Eddy reported that he had received 26 forms back, 25 in favour, 1 against. He is now confident that we will be able to raise the required funds. £1350 is already in place, through 2 charities, and the rest will

The London Marathon

Derek Crookes, whose parents Linda and Clifford live at Challaborough, successfully completed the recent London Marathon. Derek's time was 4 hours 28 minutes and he was competitor number 19,104 at the finish. Anyone who has done the Bigbury Fun Run might know the effort involved and Derek deserves our congratulations. Linda says that locally they have raised £320 for the Little Haven Children's Hospice in Essex where Derek now lives. Further contributions will gratefully received and you can call Linda on 810439.

be forthcoming from various parishioners. The Council agreed unanimously to fund the cost of the planning application, £110.00. The clock will be non-striking. The best type of mechanism is still to be confirmed.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Room Committee requested a donation from the Council so that the ticket price could be kept at £8.00. After discussion, the Council agreed to underwrite any loss up to a fixed figure, this ceiling to be decided.

Footpaths

The Footpath Warden had sent apologies.

Finance - Clerk's salary and expenses £114.22. Chairman's expenses £20.00. Donation of £100.00 to the National Trust with regard to the considerable help they give with footpaths, etc.

The 2001 balance sheet was presented. Total expenditure £1578.21. Total receipts, including balance carried forward, £3449.71. Balance to be carried forward to 2002 is £1871.50.

Planning - An application to remove 3 lower boughs from an ash on the Chairman's property, which overhang gardens at Cumberland Cottages, was approved.

A similar application to lop and/or remove crowns of overhanging sycamores around the Journey's End car park, which are causing the rock to become unstable, was also approved.

The Journey's End application to demolish buildings and create a car park has been refused.

Alterations to Melika have been approved.

Any Other Business - Councillor Mann requested that the Challaborough notice board, missing for some time, be replaced. Councillor Freeman will attend to this. The date for a skip will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 21st May at 7.00pm in WI Hall.

Annabel Major

A PROBLEM SHARED . . .

RICOMPUS

Next Meeting
Tuesday 7th May
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Across the country enthusiasm to mark the Jubilee is growing and so it is in Ringmore. It does seem that the death of the Queen Mother has focused thoughts on the Monarchy. Whatever view is held, there is nothing like a good excuse for a party and we shall have a good one in Ringmore. Plans for our Celebrations are well under way. The order for the evening has been decided and attention is now turning to the detail.

Groups in the village have agreed to run games, some with a 'royal' theme, to entertain us at the start of the evening and the winner of each game will receive a prize which will be presented at the appointed time. There will be the opportunity to purchase an entry for the Helium Balloon Race with a prize for the winner and for the finder of the winning balloon.

After the games comes the food which will comprise Jubilee Chicken and Sovereign Salmon complemented by a variety of quiches, ham, sausages, etc., and a range of salads. This will be followed by a selection of delicious Ringmore deserts. Food will be served in the WI Hall. Wine, beer and Soft Drinks will be available from the Bar which is being run by Grahame and Debbie.

As the evening progresses we shall have some Golden Jubilee cake with a glass of something sparkling at the time of the Loyal Toast. The Raffle will be drawn and the prizes presented. Keep your ticket, the number could be lucky! This will be followed by a short but spectacular burst of fireworks, a symbolic end to the programme. The music, by Park Bench Aristocrats will commence at 8.00pm and will continue until about 11.30pm.

If you have an idea for inclusion, it is not too late to make a proposal to any one of the Parish Room Committee.

Alan McCarthy, Barry Old, Michael Tagent and Geof Dykes have tickets for sale (£6 adults, £2 children) and they are being snapped up eagerly. We hope that we do not have to turn people away but there must be a limit so don't delay. Generally, the event is for residents of the parish of Ringmore (which includes Challaborough!) but if you have friends or family staying with you, tickets are available for them.

Some groups have indicated that they will offer financial support should it prove necessary but the Table Tennis Club has donated £100 and their generosity is greatly appreciated.



TABLE TENNIS

Another successful season slips by, the long hot summer evenings are now upon us once again.

The club has now closed for the summer recess after an extremely good season. The standard of play has certainly increased this year with every player showing improvement as well as having good fun.

Although we have now broken up for the Summer, if the weather turns bad or if anyone feels they want a game, we could have the odd session if the Parish Room is free. Just give me a ring and I will see what can be arranged.

We are still looking for another full-size Table Tennis table so if anyone spots one for sale I would be obliged if they would contact me.

The club will start up again in the Autumn, so please watch out for the date in the September newsletter.

The Club was pleased to be able to contribute to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in June and wish the Organising Committee the very best for what I am sure will be a very successful village event.

I hope you all have a god Summer.

Phillip Errett
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Geof Dykes
PR Committee

Alice Mason

Organist to the Church of All Hallows

Ringmore PCC warmly invite you to a church service on Sunday 5th May at 3pm at the Church of All Hallows, Ringmore to celebrate the great contribution Mrs Alice Mason has provided as church organist. As this is a very special occasion, and there will be folk travelling some distances to attend, this 3.00pm Service will be our only act of worship in Ringmore on this Sunday: 5th May. If, sadly, you are unable to attend there will still be a 9.00am Communion at Kingston, and a 6.00pm BCP Evening Prayer at Bigbury.

We are grateful to Dr Di Collinson for research from the archives of the Diocesan Record Office in Exeter which shows Alice has been playing the organ in Ringmore for 60 years, from 1942 to 2002. Alice confirms this is true, subject to being deputy organist to Mrs Nellie Chapman for a few years, and taking a few months off when Nora, her daughter, was young.

The Bevington organ was installed in the church at Christmas 1863. Previously various musicians provided musical accompaniment. Alice has been playing on this church organ for nearly half its own life. To celebrate this splendid achievement everyone is invited to a public church service at which Alice will be playing her favourite hymns, on Sunday 5th May at 3pm, to be followed by tea and cakes at Ringmore WI Hall.

Yvonne Sheppard



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The April meeting was held in our newly refurbished hall and we were glad to be home! It was, to many of us, a pure delight to walk up the ramp and arrive without gasping for breath and falling into the doorway with heart thumping!

We were shown the dangers, expertise and variety of work of our Coastguards and members were fascinated by demonstrations by video and verbally by three Coastguards who gave the presentation. We knew the importance and the hazards of their work but they gave an immediacy to the descriptions by their own experiences. All volunteers welcomed apparently.

The Village Jubilee was discussed and arrangements were made for next month's Resolutions meeting (May 9th) and the annual barbecue on 13th June - more details later.

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Message In A Bottle

Greetings and apologies from this sun-kissed jewel in the bay - well, almost!

Last month, again, my message was washed ashore elsewhere. If it fails to reach you this month, I'll have to invest in a pigeon or a book on 'Waveology: tides, currents and the effects of!'

OK, enough wittering, I'll bring you up to date.

What a fantastic Easter. The sun was shining, the holidaymakers and locals abounded, the tides were kind and the Sea Tractor behaved itself! A great start to the season.

Unfortunately, it was not to last. The following weekend the wind blew, the Tractor was grounded and the tides were all wrong for the lunchtime business. Still I suppose you can't have everything right all the time.

Generally, the weather has been kind to us over the last month and the business has gone from strength to strength.

A couple of days before Easter we took delivery of our new Ice Cream Conservator from Langage Farm. Eager to try our hand at selling ice cream cornets we set up our

pitch. Unfortunately in our haste to bring ice creams to the public we ignored the overcast and slightly squally weather conditions. It took 3 strong lads to open up our huge umbrella, tie it to a table and weight it down but as soon as they let go it took on the characteristics of a hang-glider and headed off in the direction of Challaborough taking the aluminium table with it! Quick thinking and a fierce rugby tackle saved the day. However the broly was returned to its protective cover and has not seen the light of day since. Meanwhile, it was so cold that the young lady who had been employed to sell the ice cream had become frozen to the Conservator and had to be chipped off, wheeled inside and put beside our roaring fire to thaw out. It was at this point that we decided to give up selling ice cream for that day.

Having learned our lesson we now only sell ice cream on hot, sunny, wind-free days. Our selection of Langage Farm Clotted Cream Ice Creams is absolutely super and it's well worth popping over to try one but check the weather first!

We tried our Evening Supper menu over the Easter period with great success but due to inclement weather and Tractor trouble we have had to postpone further evening meals for the moment. We hope to resume them on Friday and Saturday evenings, with a re-vamped menu very shortly. Please check our Notice Boards or give us a ring for further details.

Works carry on apace at the hotel. A new suite, the Amy Johnson Suite, is taking shape and work has started on converting the flat above the Pilchard into further Guest Accommodation. Our new Burgh Island Hotel sign is now in place over the entrance and looks stunning... that's the green glow you can see at night from the mainland. Why not check it out next time you are on the island after dark?

The 'Big Burn', our huge Bonfire on the island will take place as part of our Jubilee Celebrations. Please check nearer the date for the timing of this event. We still have some availability for our Jubilee Ball in the hotel. If you are interested please phone reception for all the details. It promises to be an exciting and memorable evening.

We apologise, again, for the sea Tractor being laid up during the latter part of April. It was not our fault this time - honest - and it should be up and running normally as this goes to press.

The hotel has taken on an international air with staff coming from all over Europe to work here. So if you are going abroad this year and your French, Spanish or even Finnish is a little rusty why not pop over to The Pilchard one evening and I am sure we will be able to help you out.

So, it's adios from him and adieu from me.
Steve



With the holiday season well on its way, it is expected that there will be a number of strangers around the village, legitimate walkers, etc.. However there is always the possibility of a visit by strangers offering to do odd jobs. DO NOT let them in without proper identification and if in any doubt, call the police - 08705 777444

David Young

On our recent visit to Scotland, Anne and I had lunch with Sir Douglas Hall and Marion and John at their farmhouse in Derbyshire. Parwich is a pretty village of Derbyshire stone and Douglas seems well settled there. Those of you who thought you were his 'girlfriend' might well have been superseded by some 'local lasses' as Douglas seems to have lost none of his predilections! He is certainly looking very well, a direct consequence of the TLC he receives. He is very keen to have visitors from Ringmore so if you are travelling in that area do not hesitate to make contact.

Geof D



Douglas almost convinced us that he was a fully paid-up member of the Bondi Surf Club!

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DIARY FOR MAY / EARLY JUNE

- Sat 4th May - Point to Point at Flete - Bar supplied by The Royal Oak
- Tue 7th May - 'Folk at The Oak'
- Fri 10th May - Darts home vs The Anchor
- Sat 11th May - Race Night - in aid of Bigbury Fun Run
- Fri 24th May - Darts away vs Miners
- Sat 25th May - 2nd Anniversary Party
- Mon 3rd Jun - Celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee at The Oak - watch out for posters

**FRI/SAT/SUN 28/29/30th JUNE
BIGBURY FUN RUN WEEKEND**

CHRISTIAN AID

COFFEE MORNING



**Wednesday 15th May
10.30am
Middle Manor**

**CAKES - PLANTS
RAFFLE**

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Completion of the purchase of land at Lower Manor Farm, by the National Trust, was due in mid-May.

The Parish Council made representations against the proposal to break-up the South Hams Parliamentary Constituency.

The establishment of Neighbourhood Watch in Ringmore was confirmed when the list of co-ordinators was published . . . names such as Batten, Lambell, Mann, Taylor and Brunskill are familiar.

Recycling information published suggests that orange peel takes 1 year to decay, aluminium cans and plastic bottles take 500 years whilst styrofoam and radioactive waste have an indefinite lifetime.

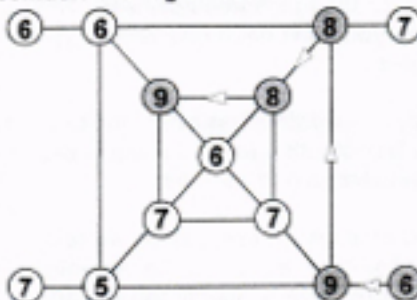
Question: When did Quiz Night begin at the Journey's End?

Answer: Ten years ago.

Enigma

April SOLUTION

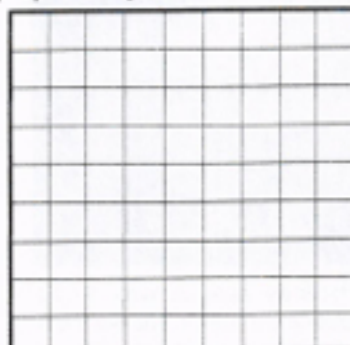
Problems with this puzzle have been referred to Enigma who is baffled and who cannot dismiss the thought that there has been some over-complicating of the plot! After careful consideration, Enigma, bruised and weary, passed the problem back to the Editor, saying that his middle name is not Solomon. Enigma's simple mind says there can be only 4 corners although some competitors suggest that every right angle is/should be a corner. It is assumed that reference the use or otherwise of the centre number was intended to be helpful. The Editor, similarly unblessed regarding the middle name, has been left to resolve the issue, a problem which is simplified by the fact that some correct solutions are based on the four corners. 40 is the answer, which can be reached, only once, as shown. Nevertheless, the confusion is regretted.



Correct entries were received from Champion Matchman and Opals (thank you for the thesis). All other entries receive 2 points - the tormented Beginners, Easter Bunny, New Dawn, Real Sleuth, Gemini and Taurus (welcome back). This is meant to be fun but perspiration is pouring off the backroom staff!

May

Complete the crossword by placing the sets of letters and blanks in the appropriate squares.



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