

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 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

3rd Royal British Legion Journey's End 7.30pm

14th Ringmore Open Gardens 2.00pm - 5.00pm

21st First of the Sunday Holiday Songs of Praise

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This continues every Sunday until the end of August

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Rainfall - Fiona Batten



Last Month **3 3/4"**

Average - last 10 years - 1 1/2"  
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The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

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Dear Editor,

May we through the medium of the Newsletter, thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Jubilee Celebrations such a success.

Too many people played a part to be named individually but we send our appreciation to them all.

James & Gillian

For once the month started with a great burst of activity which culminated with a splendid Jubilee Party. Ringmore should be delighted with the result. As is mentioned in an unrelated item elsewhere, Ringmore can rise to the occasion when needs be. Royalists and Republicans rubbed shoulders to mark a notable moment in our history and Ringmore's enthusiasm was reflected around the country!

Following the celebrations an accident occurred which caused one of our number much discomfort and inconvenience. Jane Guy was on the way home when she encountered cows in the road (as one does). Being a good country girl, Jane sought to return them to safety and in doing so, fell and severely broke her arm. It seems hardly the reward for doing a good turn. Jane has written a note about her tribulations.

The Parish Council is back to full strength after just two meetings since 'losing' Annabel Major. Mike Hammond of Chartilly in Cockle Lane, was unanimously co-opted at the June meeting. Whether congratulations are in order is for Mike to determine but he should earn the gratitude of everyone who kept a low profile, hoping that someone would step forward. Cometh the hour, cometh Mike Hammond.

The gentleman who strims Town Well, keeping it an attractive area for everyone to enjoy, has requested that dog owners stop their pets from fouling the grass there. Strimmers are adept at spreading this muck far and wide, over anyone within range. Any dogs seen on Town Well will be under suspicion so, if you are an owner who walks a dog in this area, please tell it that 'entry is free - no deposit is required'!

Sunday 14th will be a garden marathon in the village. This horticultural extravaganza is being run to raise much-needed funds for the restoration of the fabric of All Hallows. Some will enjoy the gardens for their beauty and interest; others will enjoy nosing around someone else's garden but most of us will enjoy a beautiful garden, knowing that we did not have to do the work!

Neighbourhood Watch celebrates its 20th anniversary nationally this year. Ringmore has had its own NW for more than half this period and David Young has been the Co-ordinator for the whole time. On behalf of everyone, David, 'Thank you'.

Plans for a Post Office at Holywell Stores are on schedule and Dane and Hilary hope to sell their first stamp either at the end of August or the beginning of September.

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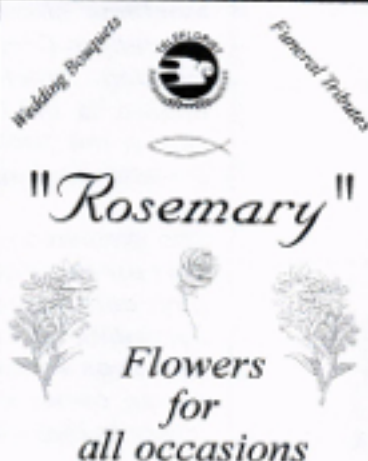
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# News From All Hallows Church



## It's All Over!

What is he talking about, the Jubilee, the World Cup or the Cabinet career of Stephen Byers? Well none actually, it is the funeral of the late Barbara Drabble. The final act played on Bigbury Beach almost in the style of the cartoon appearing above. One nervous Resident Minister dressed somewhat unusually for a formal rite of passage in a wet-suit, had some ashes to lay to rest at the request of Barbara's family. The best time and place was the rip tide at the mouth of the Avon, with two hours outgoing to low tide, so the last resting place would be deep in the bay she loved. With a group of Barbara's friends gathered to say a prayer, the lifeguards might well have wondered what a tubby cleric was doing entering the water with a rope attached for safety right at the most dangerous part of the beach ("Viewers are warned: don't try this...etc."), so I went and told them. Their response was magnificent: "Let's do it properly and in style", the 'Rib' rescue boat was called over from Bantham with, for them, the bonus of good training in a moderate surf. We bounced out and the deed was done in the middle of the bay by a soaking minister; but with immense goodwill generated for the already respected life savers who serve us so well. We retired to the Bay Cafe and then some to the Royal Oak where a cup and glass or two were raised to the memory of a lady who "would have loved that", "and I bet she's smiling down on us". There was also a good discussion on the meaning of life and death.

It all brought to mind an old friend's adage that coffins were like those yellow boxes at traffic lights and road junctions, needing the sign "Don't enter the box unless your exit is clear". Well don't enter the sea or the box unless your exit is assured: come to Church or give me a ring if you want to know how!

[Revd John Elliott

Church House, Ringmore 810565]

## Local Church Services

JULY

### at RINGMORE

- 7th 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
14th 9.00 a.m. Communion  
6.00 p.m. Open Garden Service  
( Middle Manor)  
21st 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
28th 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

### at Kingston

- 7th 9.00 a.m. Communion  
14th 18.00 a.m. BCP Evening Prayer  
21st 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
28th 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### at Bigbury

- 7th 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
14th 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
21st 9.00 a.m. Communion  
28th 11.00 a.m. Family Communion

## Churchyard Grass!

*A point of view has been expressed in the Bigbury News "Wild Things" article that Churchyard grass should be less frequently mown or strimmed. This is opposite to the frequent comments from visitors and parish residents that they really appreciate the care and respect shown for the deceased and mourners in the caring approach we show to the upkeep of our local burial grounds. I have enthusiasm for an environmental and nature conservancy approach to God's creation, but feel caught in the pincers. After three interments last month when we did not have to wade through knee deep hay and flowers, I also see the other side of the coin. Do let me know if you have strong views either way.*

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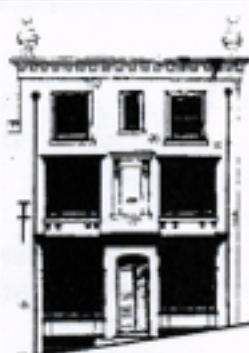
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# Journey's End Journal

Well didn't June start with a rush, but for a very enjoyable Jubilee event. I even won a raffle prize, and that's almost unheard of for me.

We are of course now selling Carling and Grolsch Lagers, and will soon have Pepsi and R. Whites lemonade on the 'gun'.

Our curry night proved very successful with the spiced cabbage being voted the hottest dish, if you happened to catch some of the Scotch bonnet chillies sliced into it.

I collected my raffle prize as well last weekend, it being Sunday lunch at the Royal Oak. I enjoyed lunch and it was an interesting visit.

Throughout July we are back to our weekly

music slot. We start with "HogWash" on the Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, they are new to us and do English and Irish folk music. I am still looking for a group for Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, and we have Johnny Wurr who will be giving us his usual first class Jazz performance on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. Our only Saturday night musical group this month will be the well known local rock band TQ7. Then finally on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> we have a duo that are also new to us, they are Sture and Nolden, and will be playing traditional folk music from across the British Isles.

Finally the last of our new lagers 'Staropramen' will be installed in July. It is a full bodied premium lager, brewed in Prague in the Czech Republic, that has lots of flavour.

Debbie & Grahame

## Some 'armless' Advice

Having had a few weeks' experience at being a one-armed bandit, I thought I would offer a few hints and tips to anyone else unfortunate enough to be so incapacitated in the future.

After the essential washing machine and dish washer, pre-requisites are a good set of teeth, some non-slip mats obtainable from Pickles and a large, sharp pair of scissors, remembering to wash well in between cutting up the dog's meat and your own.

Diet, cooking and food preparation are unorthodox but you will survive, especially when supplemented by gifts and meals from kind friends. A tin opener is quite impossible but fortunately most tins now have ring pulls, which is lucky for the cat. Grip the tin firmly between your feet before applying the u-shaped opener. Also a bottle opener is out of the question but can be remedied by a fairly urgent purchase of Chateau cardboard box.

After clothes have been washed in the machine, drying presents a few problems. Shake garments well with good hand, grip one end in your teeth, offer up to the line before applying the peg with good hand.

Personal hygiene takes some practise. A bath is a no-no but a shower is possible provided you have a garter and a plastic bag to place over the injured arm. For size and shape, consult John Elliott; for self-esteem obtain preferably from the National Trust or Harrods.

For hair washing remember to pour shampoo into egg cup before starting. Drying is achieved by wrapping yourself in an extra large warm bath towel. Using the



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Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

## A Helping Hand

*I have been absolutely overwhelmed by the extreme kindness and wonderful support I have had since breaking my arm on Jubilee Night. Thank you everyone for your good wishes and help, particularly to Brian and Ann for their diligent dog walking. My next visit to Derriford is on 8th July, after which I am hoping to be more comfortable.*

Jane Guy

long ends of the towel, dry your front half, although 100% efficiency under the good arm is difficult to achieve. Meanwhile gyrate slowly within your cocoon to dry your back until you think you are ready to hatch out.

Dressing is time-consuming - forget tights and close-fitting. Shoe laces can be tied, albeit slowly, by standing on one end of the lace, moving the other foot to one side to draw tight. The bow will come undone shortly but just hope someone will turn up before too long.

Don't panic if your garden is opening to the public in a few weeks. Just weed where you can with your good hand and be prepared to present the world with a rather grubby paw, trusting to everyone's goodwill in the circumstances.

Just one last thing; if you are going to have an accident, make sure you do it in Ringmore.

Jane Guy

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## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The June meeting was in the form of our Annual Barbecue in the WI garden and Hall. It was very successful in spite of the wretched weather: fog and drizzle were the order of the day but people turned up in good numbers determined to enjoy the evening, which they did!

Excellent food and drink - the Erretts performed bravely on the barbecue, providing hot sausages, notwithstanding the all-pervading damp! This occasion gives everyone the chance to catch up on gossip and is a valued village get-together.

Next month's activity is, as yet, unknown but don't forget the WI Fête on 7th August - always very good value!

Naomi Warne

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The elimination of the South Hams parliamentary constituency was under consideration.

The Shop was fully operational; the opening ceremony was performed by Guy Eddy, the then Chairman of the Parish Council.

The big news was the purchase, by the National Trust, of land at Higher and Lower Manor Farms.

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Jubilee Celebrations



Photo: Sebastian Sheppard

Visiting Royals maintain dignity while discussing the horror of being removed from the Civil List (King Michael, Queen Jacqueline and Princesses Natasha and Natalie; Queen Ann and Queen Mo; King John and King James)

Thanks to an enormous amount of hard work, a lot of creativity coupled with a determination to have a good time and the surprising but welcome change in the weather, the Jubilee Celebrations were deemed to be a great success.

The Jubilee Committee, essentially the Parish Room Committee, worked long and hard to create the structure on which the success was based.

The Oscars have taught us the lesson of giving thanks when there are so many who should be included but there are some names which should be mentioned.

The marquees, the music, the fireworks, the food, the use of the WI Hall and the games all contributed to the enjoyment. Yvonne Sheppard had proposed the idea of the Royal Games and she liaised with the various organisations and persuaded them to devise a game and sponsor a prize for the winner. What creativity was revealed! Perhaps the RHS's Crowning Glory provided the widest entertainment but one or two of the other games might re-appear at the Summer Fêtes.

Most of the Draw prizes were donated which gave us our first Raffle-free zone for some while. Thanks are due to the Journey's End, the Royal Oak, The Pilchard Inn, the Burgh Island Hotel as well as the Eden Project, the National Marine Aquarium and the Theatre Royal. Their generosity gave us a splendid array of prizes and Grahame's face was a picture as he drew Sunday Lunch at the Oak!

Jackie Tagent, Drina Williams and Yvonne Sheppard devised the menu and

encouraged more than many to provide the wonderful variety and quality which comprised the Jubilee Supper.

Michael Tagent worked tirelessly in obtaining and erecting (with many others) the marquees and on the evening, he was busy in the background supporting the catering crew. With the help of daughter Catherine, the Tagent family provided the Jubilee Cake; appropriate, artistic and delicious!

The fireworks provided a colourful, symbolic end to the evening thanks to Alan McCarthy who also assumed responsibility for the electrics for the band and the lighting.

Dennis Collinson is the only one of us who knows exactly who came to the party as he counted them all in at the gate. Barry Old was more than willing to be a relief gatekeeper but Dennis' dedication prevailed.

Park Bench Aristocrats kept us entertained throughout the evening and many were encouraged by the persuasive caller to demonstrate their Barn Dancing skills. Yet none of that would have happened but for a saving gesture by Alan King. The grass became so wet due to the overnight rain, that the conditions were dangerous for the band with the electrical equipment. Not for the first time Alan came to the rescue and without hesitation he provided planks to make a floor.

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap . . . and so it was with our Jubilee Celebrations, a real team effort.

Geof Dykes



Photo: Sebastian Sheppard

The other King James . . . in search of a throne?

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## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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Steve Millechip bravely brought a team to the mainland to take on a Boozers side rising in confidence, following some coaching from a former Argyle coach and physio. The game was only a few moments old when the Boozers' captain, Craig Worthington, notched the first of his four goal tally. Unfortunately for the Pilchard boys ( and Sky ) they had gone into the game a little over confident, having seen the assorted beer bellies they faced, and before the game was much older they found themselves further behind, and in danger of facing a similar scoreline to that which Saudi Arabians suffered at the hands of the Germans, in that other football contest in Japan and Korea.

With further goals from Kevin Light, Roy Parnell, Kieran Vanstone, Terry Bent and

two apiece for Jeremy Gilbert and Robbie Williams (no not that one), the Boozers went on to win in style with 'keeper Dane Vanstone barely troubled, before going back to the Oak, trophy in hand, to celebrate with free food kindly provided by Martin & Tina.

On behalf of the Boozers we would like to thank Steve and all of the Pilchard team for the game, and despite the scoreline, we look forward to the promised return fixture, and expect a much tougher game next time.

So come on Tony at The Pickwick and Grahame at The Journey's End, we are still waiting for you to rise to the challenge of getting at least 7 semi-fit and able bodies together to play us. You have our number!!!!!!!

Boozers team Dane Vanstone, Robbie Williams, Martin Troup, Terry Bent, Craig Worthington (capt), Kevin Light, Roy Parnell, Keiran Vanstone, Jeremy Gilbert.  
Terry Bent

Meeting: Tuesday 18th June 2002  
Present: Five councillors; the Clerk; Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee; Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch.

### Casual Vacancy

Mr Michael Hammond has applied to fill the vacancy. He was co-opted unanimously.

### Jubilee Celebrations

The Council awarded a donation of £135 towards the Jubilee Celebrations and a Vote of Thanks to members of the Parish Room Committee for their excellent efforts in making the Jubilee Party so successful.

### Planning Application

An application by Mr R Batten of Little Barn for a single storey, two-bedroom extension - no objections.

### Finance

In future there will be a five-yearly external audit with an annual internal audit in the intervening years.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd July 2002 in the WI Hall at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann



## Message In A Bottle

Greetings from the sun-dappled terrace on the white (and green) palace in the bay. Has summer finally arrived we ask or, like England supporters, will our hopes be dashed again?

What a month June was, despite the ups and downs in the weather; what fantastic Jubilee Celebrations; what fantastic firework displays. I hope you all managed to see the procession of vintage military vehicles that came across the beach on Jubilee Sunday; it certainly helped to create a superb atmosphere on the island. All the staff joined in and dressed up in a variety of military attire with a brilliant bevy of Land Army girls serving in the Pilchard where beer was selling for 50p per pint and Spam sandwiches were the order of the day. In the evening there was a magnificent Ball in the hotel. The military vehicles had stayed on and transported out guests, in the vehicle of their choice, across the beach to the hotel. At the end of Dinner, an air raid siren was heard and the island 'came under attack' in a simulated air raid. There were incredible pyrotechnics and audio sound that left the guests holding their ears and gasping in amazement. All in all, it was a truly memorable day. Check out Devon Life Magazine for a picture of our Fireworks Display.

The Military Vehicle Society enjoyed themselves so much they want to come

back next year - and bring more vehicles! Watch this space.

On Jubilee Monday we lit our beacon and managed to burn a considerable amount of material that had begun to look a bit of an eyesore. Skips are still coming over to the island to remove all the excess rubbish - no that is not a band of travellers rummaging around to skips but our own Tony Egg who has enlisted the help of all his family in sorting the rubbish to ensure that the best use is made of the skip collection. The whole area is now showing immense improvement - well done, Tony.

The island was challenged to a football match by the Bigbury Boozers (a false name for an elite premiership side, really) and promised a friendly gentle kick-around on a Monday evening of our choice. We accepted the challenge and set about raising a team of international stature, Finns and Spaniards featuring prominently in our front line. Unfortunately the demands of the business and the vagaries of the rota system meant that on our allotted evening, our star players had to work and staff that were off, all seemed to have prior appointments. So it was a very scratch but determined team that set off for St Anne's Chapel. Our team benefitted from rejects from the Bigbury Boozers and the odd spectator dragged on to the pitch to replace an exhausted player. It was a fast-moving, hard-fought match and in the end, we managed to hold the BBs to a 12-0 defeat! Still, better luck next time - the island seeks revenge - watch this space! Special mention to Rob, Sky, John and James - well played!!

The filming of Poirot that took place on the island is due to be screened very soon. We hope you manage to catch it, enjoy it and recognise the various locations.

Now, I would like to give advance warning of two important dates for your diary: Wednesday 14th August is Tom Crocker Day. This is being planned as a fantastic, fund-raising, Fun Day for all the family. There will be live music, Morris Dancers, Storytelling, Face-painting, a visit from Salcombe Lifeboat (subject to operational requirements), a Coast Guard demonstration, Stalls, Air Ambulance Fly-past, Cream Teas, Lucky Dips and lots more. Watch out for Tom Crocker. If you spot him you must report him to the Excise Man who will be in the Pilchard Inn and claim your reward. Will he escape or will he meet his demise - be there and find out.

The second diary date is the following Wednesday, 21st August, when we shall have our 'any which way Around-the-Island race'. No motor power allowed. Prizes galore - see posters for further details.

I hope you all enjoy the summer, be it here or elsewhere. We are all geared up and ready on the island, so if you are staying around, please pop over and say 'hello'.

Steve





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## DIARY FOR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

### FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY

**28/29/30th JUNE**

### BIGBURY FUN RUN WEEKEND

Live music Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday afternoon. Saturday Fun Run starts at 12 noon, Sunday football match starts at 10am. See program for full details

Tues 2nd July & Tues 6th August - 'Folk at The Oak'  
Folk singing with Martin & Co from Malboro

**THERE WILL BE OTHER EVENTS, MUSICAL EVENINGS etc DURING JULY & AUGUST - SO WATCH OUT FOR POSTERS DISPLAYED IN THE OAK & LOCAL SHOPS.**



## Holiday Songs of Praise

Sunday 21st July  
thereafter  
every Sunday Evening  
until the end of  
August

**ALL HALLOWS' CHURCH  
RINGMORE**

Refreshments 7.45pm  
Finishing at 9.00pm

## Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

Co-ordinator		
David Young	389	
Stan Brunskil	654	
Rob Batten	680	
Dennis Collinson	286	
Ken Dann	-	
Pat King	359	
Anne Lamble	530	
Peter Major	729	
Thelma Mann	673	
Barry Old	359	
James Parkin	303	
Mike Pitt	633	
Tracy Rimmer	658	
Barbara Taylor	366	
Frank Williams	621	

There is nothing significant to report this month.

## June SOLUTION

No serious complaints this month; infact no complaints at all unless the Beginners lament about intractable puzzles comes in this category. They will kick themselves when they see how easy the June puzzle was.

Is the reduction in entries a direct result of the problems of the past two months or is it just that there are better things to do? Real Sleuth, Opals and Champion Matchman submitted correct solutions.

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## July

When the sums of the alternate digits of a number are equal, then that number is divisible by 11, exactly. eg. 6325  $6+2=3+5$ . Simple!

Bearing this in mind, place the digits into the grid such that each horizontal, vertical and corner-to-corner line is divisible by 11 exactly when read forwards or backwards. No multiplication or division is needed; just ensure that the sums of alternate digits are equal.

1		6	
2	2	7	
3	3	8	8
4	4	9	
5	5		


## THE OPEN GARDENS

Ringmore

**Sunday 14th July  
12 noon to 5.00pm**

*followed by open-air service  
at 6 p.m.*

**£5.00 per adult (children free)  
covers entry to all gardens  
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Children's Quiz*