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Kingston Fire Stn
3.45 - 4.30

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DEADLINE

Monday 25th

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



Last
Month 3 1/2"

Average - last 10 years - 3.5"
High - 2000/01 - 4.5"
Low - 1994 - 1"

Rainfall - Fiona Batten

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

This is Royal British Legion month, at least a glance at the Diary for the month shows that hardly a moment passes without their presence. It is a necessary presence for this is the time when they ensure their ability to support their dependants through the year. It is sometimes forgotten that all Service personnel are eligible. Whether or not they have fought in a conflict is not a criteria, the important fact is that they are there to defend the country and paradoxically, carry out acts of human compassion around the world whenever it might be needed. Until that Utopian state of Global Peace is achieved the Legion will have work to do and that will be long after memories of WW II are consigned to the history books.

On a lighter note, it will not be long before children will be told that the Great War was a war which took place early in the last century. When some of us were young, the war which took place early in the last century was Wellington v Napoleon!!

On the subject of mayhem, it is Fancy Dress time again! The time when we dig out what we wore when we were young and adapt it to suit the theme. This year it is PIRATES & SEAFARERS!! More elsewhere.

The All Hallow's Christmas Fair takes place this month when we discover what talented people have been doing during the summer - creating a veritable knick-knackatory for our delight and purchase.

The Historical Society will hold its AGM this month and the meeting will be treated to a talk by Dennis Collinson about the Civil War.

If you cannot play whist, this is the month to learn. The Legion and the WI will give you the chance, both in the WI Hall. It is never serious, the causes are good and the evening is fun!

The Car Scheme to supplement the weekly buses will begin within a few weeks. More in due course.

Sixty years is a long time but to Maurice and Joyce Sandover, of Renton Farm, it might seem like only yesterday. Congratulations from those of us who were unaware that in October, 1942 they said 'I do'.

Finally, please read the Neighbourhood Watch warning.

Maurice and Joyce

would like to thank everyone at All Hallow's Church,
Ringmore who signed a card sending their
Best Wishes to us for our

60th Wedding Anniversary

on 6th October 2002

Thanks also to those who sent cards

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:
The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,
Ringmore Vein, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL
or put them through the letter box in the garage door
email: news@ringmore.com

Diary for the Month

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Parish Room
TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
THURSDAYS: Quiz Night 9.00pm Journey's End

- 1st Royal British Legion Auction 8.30pm Journey's End
- 6th Royal British Legion meeting 7.30pm Royal Oak
Royal British Legion Raffle Draw 9.00pm Royal Oak
- 9th RBL Coffee Morning 10.30am Reading Room Kingston
- 10th RBL Remembrance Service 10.50am Bigbury Church
- 11th 11-11-11 outside The Royal Oak
RBL Whist Drive 7.30pm WI Hall
- 13th Ringmore Historical Society AGM 7.30pm WI Hall
- 19th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
- 23rd All Hallow's Christmas Fair 10.30am Parish Room
- 27th Ringmore WI Whist Drive 7.30pm WI Hall
- December
- 4th Royal British Legion AGM 7.30pm Journey's End
- 7th SMB Pirates & Seafarers 7.00pm Parish Room

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If for long it's laid away;
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Death within your house shall be;
But ash new or ash old
Is fit for queen with crown of gold.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast,
Blaze up bright and do not last;
It is by the Irish said,
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread;
Elmwood burns like churchyard mould
E'en the very flames are cold;
But ash green or ash brown
Is fit for queen with golden crown

Poplar gives a better smoke,
Fills your eyes and make you choke;
Apple wood will scent your room
With an incense, like perfume;
Oaken logs, if dry and old,
Keep away the winter's cold;
But ash wet or ash dry
A king shall warm his slippers by.

Anon

Music
at the
Paddock

Frank & Marina

Monday at 7.30pm

Nov 11th

Dec 9th Jan 13th

Feb 17th Mar 17th

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 22nd October 2002
Present: Six councillors; the Clerk;
Mr Brian Carson, District Councillor
Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee
Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch

Boundary Hedges

A complaint has been received by the Council that some hedges bordering private property are very overgrown. In some cases brambles are hanging over the roads; would owners please cut them back soon.

Millennium Clock

Mr Eddy is still awaiting a decision from the Church Authorities. Hopefully, he will know something more definite by the next Council meeting.

Footpaths

Cllr Muller has painted the Coronation Seat at the Town Well. He will put a yellow cap on the footpath sign at the boathouse at Challaborough.

District Council Matters

Mr Carson informed us that the Modbury Car Scheme is to go ahead. The fare to Modbury will be £1.20 (single) and the journeys will be timed to connect with buses going to Kingsbridge and Plymouth. Prospective passengers will have to ring us the day before in order to book a seat. There will be more information in next month's Newsletter.

Next meeting

Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm in the WI Hall

Thelma Mann

Gleaned from the Internet

Everything you need to know about life can be learned from Noah's Ark!

- Stay fit . . . Noah was 600 years old when he was asked to build the 'big one'.
- Plan ahead . . . it was not raining when the Ark was built.
- Build your future on the high ground
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs
- Speed isn't everything, the snails were there with the cheetahs
- Be confident . . . amateurs built the Ark, the professionals built the Titanic
- Choose your travelling companions with care . . . don't invite the woodpeckers
- Stay alert . . . don't miss the boat

St Luke's Hospice Plymouth

It is a real pleasure to advise you that the House-to-House collection raised the splendid amount of £182.57, this year and I warmly thank everyone for their generous support.

May I give you early warning a Coffee Morning to be held next year on 7th May at The Korniloff, Bigbury on Sea. This will be an extra opportunity to support St Luke's.

We, the Folk at Little Barn, would like to apologise for any disruption or noise caused by our building work. Thank you to all those who have been understanding and supportive - it will be all over by Christmas!

Fiona, Phoebe and Rob

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News from All Hallow's

NOVEMBER SERVICES

SUNDAYS AT

Ringmore

3rd 11.00 a.m. Family Service

(including Baptism)

10th 9.00 p.m. Communion

17th 6.00 p.m. BCP Even. Prayer

24th 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

Plus on the 1st (Thursday)

6.00 p.m. All Saints



BRING A FRIEND

Other Local Services

Bigbury

3rd 6.00 p.m. BCP Even. Prayer

10th 10.50 a.m. Remembrance Service

17th 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

24th 11.00 a.m. Family Communion

Kingston

3rd 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

10th 6.00 p.m. BCP Even. Prayer

17th 11.00 a.m. Family Service

24th 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

DON'T FORGET



THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Parish Room, Ringmore

10.30 a.m. Sat: November 23rd

“More Tea/Champagne Vicar?”



Most often it is tea and very welcome too, but on a select few occasions it has been Champagne. The bubbly at Weddings, and sometimes wine at Christenings. Recently the wine courtesy of much loved baby Charlie Carson at Bigbury on Sea. He was a most enthusiastic participant in his own baptism; trying to dive in the font, and showing excellent good humour throughout. The wine followed with a very nice repast at the Pickwick, good humour and a welcome were much in evidence.

It is good when it is the same in Church, so for one Harvest Festival I used a champagne bottle and a very large lump of cork oak bark as visual aids. The talk was about that spark or bubble in the Christian life. Many will probably remember the bottle in the pulpit, or that the cork is the most expensive ingredient in champagne, but will the serious points be remembered?

No matter what the Church is like and no matter what individual Christians say or do for good or ill, no-one becomes a committed Christian, or even a half hearted one, without that spark of supernatural life within. Champagne is cared for over many months, with gentle handling in a quiet atmosphere. The life within, the yeast, is allowed to produce the bubbles that give life to the flat wine. At the same time the vinegar fly is kept out with a good solid stopper. We all need that type of care, the life within encouraged and nurtured, whilst Mr Vinegar himself is kept at bay.

The two main points were:-

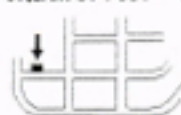
1. For those who wonder about God, let's encourage, treat gently and make sure we put good yeast and not vinegar into their lives.
2. If we are full of bubbles and life, let them be enjoyed in the right setting in God's time. Please don't spray them indiscriminately over the crowd like certain racing drivers.

So when someone says “God Bless” recognise that they are asking God to ferment your life to create joy and the best wine. Those tasks are two items in the Holy Spirit's job description!

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Food: 12.30pm - 2.30pm



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

A very good turn-out of members for the October meeting was augmented by several guests, no doubt attracted by the speakers for the evening, Frank and Drina Williams, who gave another of their popular travelogues, this time on India. They never let us down and with this one, we were taken on an enthralling tour of city and countryside with scenes of such colour and beauty as to take one's breath away- from the teeming streets of Delhi to the incredible Taj Mahal, not forgetting the holy Ganges - we could almost smell it!

November brings the General meeting with much business to discuss so, a good assembly please. Various committee changes are on the agenda which will need attention. Date: 14th November

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 13th November

7.30pm

WI Hall

AGM

Followed by an illustrated talk
Devon and the Civil War
(1642-1646)

by

Dennis Collinson

The major causes of the war are reflected
in Devon places and personalities
Everyone welcome
Refreshments

Ps and Qs

By popular demand this enervating evening of Pasties and Questions will be held again on Friday 24th January. It is some way hence but please put the date in your diaries. The evening will be a fund-raiser for the Parish Room.

Soup and Pasties will be served to ward off the winter cold and to stir the blood flow in the cerebral regions.

Questions will be easy, as always! Here is one which will appear in one of the classifications: Who was Prime Minister when the first prisoners arrived in Botany Bay?

Make up a team, with a maximum of eight, and reserve your tickets on 810123. If you wish to come along and make an ad hoc team with others then do so. We will accommodate as many as wish to come, up to a maximum of eighty. That could mean 10 teams - the Parish Council, History Society, Table Tennis Club, Short Mat Bowls, a JE Team, The PCC . . . hurry, there aren't many places left.

Quizzes might not be your bagatelle but come along anyway. It will be fun and it will raise funds for the Parish Room which will be needed to support developments.

Modbury TIC

The T.I.C. will close on Saturday 2nd November 2002 and will re-open again in April 2003 but throughout the winter it will be open for an hour or so every Saturday morning from 10.00 until at least 11.00. During the closed period someone will visit the office every few days to deal with requests left on the telephone answering service or sent by letter, fax or e-mail.

Although nearly all attractions, gardens and stately homes in this area are closed for the winter, we have information about local and national transport as well as accommodation for winter visitors. In addition we have details of inspected accommodation throughout the UK and a number of town and area guides which may be borrowed. If you have a question we will endeavour to answer it.

So if you need any of this type of information, leave a message on our answering service (830159), send a fax (831371), enquire in person on a Saturday morning or send us an e-mail

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Parish Council . . . it was reported that 419 trees had been provided for planting in the parish during the year . . . plans had been received for the National Trust Car Park - there were no recorded objections.

Fund-raising at the JE had been successful and there were several prizewinners at a Coffee Morning - Susan Freeman, Eileen Noakes, John Ackland, Trevor Downing, Beverley Barkham among others.



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Royal British Legion

Bigbury Kingston Ringmore

Following the October meeting, the Branch was entertained by Phill Errett who gave us an insight into the life of a civilian in a major tank exercise in Europe. Phill was involved in designing major battle tanks and felt so much more could be learned from first hand experience. The exercise started well when having caught his flight from Luton to Hanover he was left at the airport as he had been forgotten. He was taken to the base at Wolfenbutle close to the old East German border where his briefing began with dinner in the Officer's Mess, followed by a birthday party in the Sergeant's Mess and a very late night.

He found he was to be part of the crew in the troop leader's Scorpion - a tracked, lightly armoured, 8 tonne reconnaissance vehicle with a crew of 3. He was given the space as the original crew member had broken his back on a previous exercise. He was given a list of his duties which included map reading, operating the radio and manning the gun. This initial briefing was followed by a shopping trip to Brunswick, a visit to the local fair, more alcohol and another late night.

The next day brought him closer to the objective where after the Church Parade and a vehicle inspection he learnt just how little space there was in the Scorpion.

There was an early call on the next day when the vehicles in a troop of 4 had to leave at 7.00am for a 4 day exercise. At 7.30 the orders changed as they were to on many occasions during the exercise. After a long and difficult day only cold food was available at the camp as they had to avoid the enemy (being played on this occasion by the Belgian Army) whilst moving quickly and quietly. There was some sleep to be had on the ground but the temperature did nothing for a bad

At the end of day 2 ankles, knees and thighs were the size of melons. The many hardships suffered by the crews were indeed experienced first hand and Phill took back with him many good ideas for adaptations to the vehicles but sadly the MoD did not agree with him and the crews had to continue to struggle with all the problems. It takes very special people to shut themselves into metal boxes with no comfort or relief for days on end and it is a memory Phill was able to share with us all.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 November at the Royal Oak Bigbury at 7.30pm which will be followed by a raffle in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Notice is hereby given of the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Bigbury Ringmore and Kingston
Branch
of the
Royal British Legion
at the
Journey's End Inn, Ringmore
Wednesday 4th December
7.30pm

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POPPY APPEAL

The annual Poppy Appeal is with us again, and our dedicated band of helpers are getting ready hoping to make it another successful year.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the battle of El Alamein which can reasonably be considered to be the turning point of the Second World War. On the night of 23rd October 1942 the artillery bombardment started and went on non-stop until, days later, the armoured divisions and infantry broke out and began the advance that eventually would throw the German forces out of North Africa. As Winston Churchill said, "Before Alamein we never had a victory; after Alamein we never had a defeat!" But there was a price to pay; over 35,000 British and Commonwealth Servicemen lost their lives in the three years of the North Africa campaign. The Royal British Legion has set itself the task of helping the survivors and dependants, of this and many other campaigns down the years, to live as normal a life as possible. Without your generous help the Royal British Legion cannot meet these commitments. Last year the Poppy Appeal raised over £21 millions, of which we in our three small parishes raised £4156 in the appeal fortnight.

**ONCE AGAIN WE ASK FOR YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

As in the past we are running a number of fund raising activities during the period. Diary of Events

Saturday 26th October to Saturday 9th November: House to House collections.

Friday 1st November.
RBL Auction night at Journey's End Inn, Ringmore. Start at 8:30pm. Items for sale and pledges wanted. Whisky raffle at end of evening.

Wednesday 6th November.
RBL Draw at Royal Oak Inn, Bigbury. Start at 9.00pm.

Friday 8th November.
Whist drive at Loddiswell. Starting at 7:30 for 7:45pm. Good prizes and raffle.

Saturday 9th November. RBL Coffee Morning at Reading Room, Kingston. Starting at 10:30am. Cake stall, Bring and Buy stall and 3 Raffles.

Sunday 10th November.
Remembrance Service at Bigbury Church. Starting at 10:50m

Monday 11th November.
An 11 - 11 - 11 gathering will take place outside Royal Oak at Bigbury. All invited.

Monday 11th November.
Whist Drive at W.I.Hall, Ringmore. Starting 7:30 for 7:45pm. Good prizes and Raffle.

Guy Eddy
Poppy Appeal Organiser.

**Ringmore Church
Christmas
Fair**

**Ringmore Parish Room
Saturday November 23rd
10.30 a.m.**

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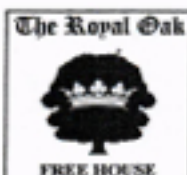
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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Fri 1st Nov** Darts - Home to Modbury
- Sat 2nd Nov** Modbury Harriers meeting 11am
- Tue 5th Nov** Bonfire Night & Fireworks with music from Kieron
- Wed 6th Nov** RFL meeting & raffle in aid of Poppy Appeal
- Thu 7th Nov** Folk at the 'Oak'
- Fri 8th Nov** Darts away to 'The Miners'
- Fri 15th Nov** Darts away to 'The London'
- Tue 19th Nov** Computers for learning - Adult Education in the Family Room 10.30am
- Fri 22nd Nov** Darts home to 'The Post-Office'
- Fri 29th Nov** Darts away to 'Cons Club A'
- Sun 1st Dec** Lunch meeting of The Devon Vintage Car Club - come along and see some of their vintage & classic cars in the car park

This year's New Year's Eve theme will be Disney Characters - Get your fancy dress costumes ready

TOWN QUIZ INQUEST

There has been a considerable inquest in the wake of the results. Of course there will always be alternative answers but some do demand a stretching of the imagination.

There has been a surprising number of 'my answer is better than your answer' claims. The surprise is not that there could be better answers but surprise that presumably there is a number of budding quizzers just waiting to set themselves up to be knocked down by every passing competitor!

The Town Quiz is old hat now but two things should be mentioned. First, Pat and Barry were rightly miffed to find their creditable total of 36 omitted from the final placings and second, David and Andrea, whilst not appearing in the top half of the table, were the only ones to get Henry's first motorcar - Thetford.

On the subject of the Picture Quiz, Matchman has claimed victory. An entry was received stating the correct answer with the rider 'but I don't think it is that. That is not the usual, confidant response

from our Champion. Nonetheless, the Jury of Appeal, in a controversial moment of weakness, has conceded that the answer merits a prize, so one will be wending its way along the lanes. You will not be surprised to know that this jury's performance is under close scrutiny. Future appellants might not find it such a pushover if the right influence can be brought to bear on its independence!

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Embroidery

October SOLUTION

Backscratching and Reconciliation were the two words in last month's puzzle. Judging by the rapidity of the response from some quarters, it could not have been too difficult.

New Dawn, Champion Matchman, The Beginners, and The Opals were all correct. Just two laps to go and the Champion is pulling out all the stops to retain the title. However if there is the slightest faltering by the front runner, others could sweep past. There have been ten different entrants during the year but stamina seems to be a problem for most. Not long to go now but there is still time to move up the table.

November

Let's have a numerical puzzle this month. It is just a question of substituting numbers for letters in the following division sum.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{SAD} \overline{) \text{GLUMGG}} \\ \underline{\text{GUM}} \\ \text{GUM} \\ \underline{\text{GUM}} \end{array}$$

Usually a numerical puzzle generates some complaints along the genteel lines of, 'I prefer word puzzles'. This month is for those who think numbers are a doddle.

AVAST BEHIND!

Ringmore Short Mat Bowls Club will be holding their 2002 fancy dress party in the Parish Room on Saturday 7th December 2002 at 7.00pm.

This year's theme will be Pirates and Seafarers offering an opportunity to dress up, or down. There will be a prize for the best Fancy Dress.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the well respected group 'Hanging Johnny' who specialise in sea shanties.

Dinner will be a nautically inspired fisherman's pie followed by dessert. A vegetarian option and a pie without shellfish will be available provided the requirement is stated when purchasing tickets. The Parish Room is a smoke free zone.

A complimentary glass of wine or beer is included in the ticket price of £7.00. Further supplies of beer, wine and soft drinks will be available at the cash bar. Tickets from Colin Jackson 292, Adrian Muller 542 or Alan McCarthy 738.

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