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March 2003

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DEADLINE

→ Sunday 25th ←

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



Last
Month $2\frac{3}{4}$ "

Average - last 10 years - 5¼"

High - 2001 - 5¼"

Low - 1997 - ¼"

Rainfall - Fiona Batten

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Most of the village will know of the sad death of Barbara Taylor. Barbara never recovered from the death of husband John but now her torment is over. She will be missed.

March promises to be a busy month with something for everyone. The annual Beach Clean will take place on Saturday 22nd at 10.00am. Alan McCarthy says that all you need is 'stout gloves, an understanding back and good will'. The NT will provide a trailer for the rubbish.

The Women's Institute and the Ringmore Historical Society have talks this month with a nautical flavour. The WI will hear about Night Traders, a wonderful euphemism for... smugglers; the RHS will learn about the Bantham Dig which may have revealed a lot of what could have been smuggled had it not ended up on the bottom!

It will be a busy month at the JE. They will be marking St David's Day, Pancake Day

and St Patrick's Day... on 23rd the annual Table Tennis Tournament will take place - hurry - get you name on the Entry List... on 26th an innovative Wooden Table Top Games Night will take place also at the JE. Play a variety of games - some are familiar and some are unheard of!! It is in aid of nothing but fun, details elsewhere... if it is fund-raising that you want, don't miss the All Hallows' Coffee (and Pancakes) Morning in the Parish Room on 4th

Try this month's new competition. If you have always imagined that you could write a story now is your chance - details are on the puzzle page.

A list of Who-Does-What is included - doubtless it will have changed before it is read!

Finally, the second round of the Inter-Parish Quiz takes place this month at the Journey's End on 19th. Ringmore v South Brent. Support would be welcome.

Barbara Taylor

A big 'Thank You' to all those kind people in Ringmore who offered their sympathies to me on the sad death of my sister, Barbara; thanks also, to those who attended her funeral. I must give a special 'thank you' to Alice for playing the organ and to John for the lovely funeral service that he gave for her.

Anne

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:

The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

Ringmore Veian, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL

or put them through the letter box in the garage door

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Diary for the Month

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Parish Room

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

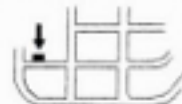
THURSDAYS: Quiz Night 9.00pm Journey's End

- 1st St David's Day at the JE
- 4th Pancake Day!
All Hallows' Coffee Morning Parish Room 10.30am
- 5th RBL meeting at the Royal Oak 7.30pm
- 10th South Hams Police Liaison meeting Ivybridge Town Hall 7.30pm
- 13th WI Talk WI Hall 8.00pm 'Night Traders' Sir Geoffrey Newman
Non-members will be most welcome.
- 17th St Patrick's Day at the JE
- 18th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- 19th Ringmore Historical Society Open meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
Inter-Parish Quiz Ringmore V South Brent at the JE 8.00pm
- 23rd JB Table Tennis Tournament at the JE starting at 12.00 noon
- 26th Wooden Table-top Games Night at the JE 7.30pm
- April
- 3rd RBL meeting at the Journey's End 7.30pm
- 5th RHS viewing of the Tithe Map at the JE
- 21st WI Easter Fair WI Hall 2.00pm

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

MARCH SERVICES

Ringmore

- 2nd 11.00a.m. Family Service
9th 9.00a.m. Communion
16th 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer
23rd 9.00a.m. BCP Communion
30th 11.00 Mothering Sunday Special

Other Local Services

Bigbury

- 2nd 6.00 p.m. Praise & Prayer
9th 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
19th 2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion
16th 9.00a.m. BCP Comm.
23rd 11.00p.m. Family Communion
30th 11.00 Mothering Sunday Special

St James's Kingston

- 2nd 9.00 a.m. Communion
9th 6.00 p.m. BCP Even Prayer
16th 11.00 a.m. Family Service
(with Children's Club)
23rd 6.00 p.m. Even. Prayer

Special Events

*March 4th Pancake Day Fun
Morning at*

*Ringmore Parish Hall starts at
10.30 a.m.*

*(raffle and cake stall all contributions
welcome to Drina on 810405)*

*March 30th Team Service
6.30p.m. Aveton Gifford*

We've Been Inspected and Visited

Many years ago I was part of a Bank Inspection team, and one subject for audit was the Bank building. It was called the "Premises Report", a special form was provided and we went around the buildings looking at the obvious things like security and safety, stopping raiders from getting in to the money; but also looking for good publicity displays in the customer areas.

We have just had the Church version of that visit, as the Rural Dean, Ron Owen, from Salcombe came to Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore. His focus was on the condition of the Churchyard and the degree of welcome and attractiveness in our buildings. We were asked "Is the Church or Parish Magazine available in the Church for visitors who want one?" This asks an important question "Is the Church alive and aware to local issues, and is the Church committed outside the building to the needs of the Parish?"

It was easy to indulge in a little constructive criticism of big doors, dark buildings and uncomfortable pews: we looked back together at the recent time when there were no pews. (Victorian era and slightly earlier, but recent in 2,000 years of Church history terms). These were times when the Church building was the centre of Parish life. Folk came to Church on weekdays for business and social reasons, not just to pray though some did that as well. We talked a little of radical schemes where folk are recapturing that community focus with more than coffee mornings.

I have heard some good suggestions in each of the local Churches, they range from concerts, plays, socials and talent auctions at the simple end of the scale, and through to making alterations to the building to make it more adaptable for wider community use. There was even the suggestion in one Church "Consider taking out the pews, and make it a dual purpose Parish Hall and Church". I dared mention that to the Rural Dean expecting to be told that it was impossible and irresponsible. I anticipated "Don't be silly": instead he said "Great idea, radical, but been done elsewhere and worth exploring". That was the local bosses view; but more importantly what do you think, are there better ideas out there? Answers welcomed, especially from those who are not regular attenders but who care about having a local church. It is easy to get the P.C.C. views, but surprise, surprise they don't know everything.

(John Elliott, Church House Ringmore 01548-810565)



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Journey's End Journal

G'day everyone! It has been a month now since we arrived here in Ringmore and we have all been working hard to get things up and running. We had a fantastic night on Valentine's Day, thank you all who came and enjoyed the food and drink, and for those who can remember the evening! It was our first challenge at the pub and we were very pleased with the event, look out for many more to come.

Our A la Carte restaurant is now open with a menu boasting various game and seafood dishes, running up to Easter the restaurant will be closed on Sundays and Mondays but open every other day for lunch and dinner.

March at the Journey's End will be a busy affair. We begin with St David's Day (1st March) and a special Welsh menu. Pancake Day follows on 4th March and then St Patrick's Day, 17th March, with Green Beer & Guinness, promotional giveaways and traditional Irish stew & oysters! John Bracey's Annual Table Tennis Tournament is looking very popular with only a few more names needed to fill the spaces. It is being held on 23rd March at 12 midday... get practising your table tennis and drinking as it will be interesting to see who will last the day! There will also be an opportunity to try your skills at some table top games such as Shove Ha'penny, Table Skittles, Quoits and many more to enjoy on the night of Wednesday 26th. We finish the month off with Mother's Day and we are offering a set menu; look out for details in the pub.

Throughout March we are offering 10 different types of sausages with mash at an introductory price of £4.95, we are also doing a lunchtime offer of soup and a sandwich for £3.95 which should shake off those winter blues and get you ready for spring!

If you are still thirsting for more, every Tuesday night in March will be a Curry Night!



TINTINNABULATION

Living next door to the church I would like to express my appreciation of the music that came from the bell on Sunday evening, 16th February. Congratulations to the composer and ringer, the performance was excellent and a nice change from three blind mice!

John Bracey

Restaurant Menu

Starters

Soup of the Day

please ask your waiting staff for details
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Chicken Caesar Salad

*with bacon & egg tossed through
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£4.25

Rabbit Terrine with Prunes

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Prawn Cocktail

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Mains

Rich Game Casserole

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in a creamy satay sauce and basmati rice
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Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who has made us feel most welcome since we arrived here in Ringmore, it has made a big impact on us and given us a real taste of the community spirit. Please keep up the support!!

Emily & Andrew



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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The WI had a talk by a Mr German on the Devon Dialect.

Approval was given for Parascending to take place at Challaborough.

A scratch Darts Team from the JE defeated the 'crack' league team from the Royal Oak.

The Inter-Parish Quiz team met Wembury in a two-legged first round match. It was Adrian Muller's debut and he excelled in a round on love songs! Reg Trant showed his knowledge of European geography, helping the team to maximum points in the round. Alas it was to no avail as Wembury won 158 - 113, overall.



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The dates for the diary are: the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 March 2003 at the Royal Oak, Bigbury, the speaker will be Dane Vanstone who will talk about 'What your local Post Office can do for you' and the April meeting will be on 3 April 2003 at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore where the speaker will be Stan Brunskill, both at 7.30pm.

100 Club: £20 D Young, £5 F Jarvis

The Branch were welcomed back to the Dolphin Inn, Kingston where we were richly entertained by John Bracey following the February meeting. He gave a fully illustrated talk about his travels to Dubai and Petra and just for good measure threw in some slides of the Alps in New Zealand, just to bring the temperature down.

Being particularly interested in architecture, John showed us some slides of fascinating buildings both ancient and modern. His talk was very interesting and we all left the meeting with itchy feet.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

W.I let loose!

On Thursday, 20th of February, the W.I., with group members from Aveton Gifford and Loddiswell, took themselves off to the Holiday on Ice show at Westpoint, Exeter, although it has to be said, when we got to St Ann's Chapel, it was questionable as to whether we would go any further! The driver's skills triumphed and we were off to collect the other group members complete with snacks, thermos flasks and other necessities for the evening.

After driving through torrential rain we arrived at the dry showground. The seats were well placed in front rows - allowing members, family and friends a good view, whilst giving ample opportunity to concentrate on the business of consuming popcorn, chocolates and ice-creams!!!

The show itself was excellent - talented skaters, musicians and singers added to the kaleidoscope of colour from the wonderful costumes. The evening finished with a dimmed arena filled with starry lit costumes and a rain of sparklers from on high.

Needless to say, the journey home was more subdued, and it took the driver even more 'goes' to get round the Pickwick!! I think you could say a good time was had by all.

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 18th February 2003
Present: Six councillors; the Clerk;
Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee
Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch

Millennium Clock

Mr Eddy is still awaiting a decision of the Diocesan Advisory Committee before he can proceed.

Environment

Mr Mark Genders of the Journey's End has requested a Bottle Bank and a Paper Bank to be placed in the Journey's End Car Park.

Planning

The application to extend The Nook has been withdrawn.

District Council

Mr Carson reported that:

- 1 Council Tax will be increased by 8½%
- 2 56 people have registered with the Car Fare scheme
- 3 The proposal to levy an overnight car parking charge at Bigbury-on-Sea has been withdrawn for the present.

Finance

Cleaning of Bus Shelter £36
External Certification of Audit £58.75

Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th March at 7.00pm
Thelma Mann



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The title of February's talk was 'Devon & Cornwall's Walking Policemen' - rather intriguing, as we rarely see policemen on foot at all these days! However, our particular policeman, Eric Wallis, has, over the years, made a habit of walking for charity. The walk he chose to describe for us, with lovely country and coastal pictures, took in very hazardous yet very beautiful terrain in Devon and Cornwall. He started from Plymouth, covering the coastline into Cornwall, toiling inland and across Bodmin Moor, meeting innumerable difficulties en route - we all felt his exhaustion by the time he made a safe return home!

At the March meeting on 13th, we have Sir Geoffrey Newman talking on 'Night Traders'

Naomi Warne

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 19th March

7.30pm

WI Hall

The Bantham Dig

Talk by

Mr Stephen Reed

Project Manager, Exeter Archaeology

The subject will be the excavations undertaken at Bantham Ham on the Roman and Dark Ages trading sites along with the recent archaeological recording at Meadowsfoot Beach, Mothecombe. The excavations on the Dark Ages sites have recovered huge amounts of imported 6-7th century AD amphorae, rivalling the collections at Tintagel in terms of quality and state of preservation. In addition, dietary evidence, in the form of bone and charred food remains, has been recovered from the buried soils associated with these sites.

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Parochial Church Council

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Yvonne Sheppard (Church Warden) 341
Phill Errett 547
Alice Mason 467
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Gill Tomlin 028
Jackie Tagent 520
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Parish Room Committee

Geof Dykes Chairman 123
(Short Mat Bowls)
Michael Tagent - Treasurer 520
(Parochial Church Council)
Ginny McCabe (Table Tennis Club) 538
Yvonne Sheppard (Co-opted) 341
Jackie Tagent (Parish Council) 520
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Ringmore Women's Institute

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Michael Patterson (Treasurer) 311
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Dennis Collinson 286
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ADVANCE NOTICE

Easter Fair

Easter Monday

21st April

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RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADVANCE NOTICE

Members and non-members
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Journey's End
to see
the newly-restored
Tithe Map
which will be on display on
Saturday 5th April.
Other historical records
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will also be on view.

THANK YOU

Phoebe Brice would like to say 'Thank you' for all the kindnesses shown to her during the inconvenience of her injured wrist.



Message In A Bottle

Greetings from the once more, windswept but well-lit Jewel in the Bay. Yes, the lamp posts on the front of the Island, outside the Pilchard Inn, now light up the night sky again. What a difference it makes to our silhouette after dark.

February has been a very steady month trade-wise. The Valentine's Ball at the hotel was a huge success; the Pilchard played host to several couples who enjoyed a delightful dinner in an intimate atmosphere.

The hotel continues to be busy and it appears that the wedding season is well under way.

The colour for March is definitely green. Yes, St Patrick's Day is with us again. The Pilchard will celebrate with a St Patrick's weekend. Starting on Friday 14th with live music from Janet & John and friends; plus, there will be a Limerick competition. Please bring your Limericks along on the night or post them to reach me by 14th. There will be Prizes, Raffles, Offers and Promotions (see posters nearer the date). Caffreys and Guinness will feature strongly along with a range of Irish whiskeys. Our very own leprechaun will work magic in the kitchen to produce an array of mouthwatering Irish themed dishes which will be available throughout

the weekend. Begorrah!! It is an event not to be missed.

March closes with Mothering Sunday on 30th. We will be doing something special. Booking is advisable. Again, please see posters nearer the date for full details.

We end with a reminder . . . although the hotel is open to non-residents between 11.00am and 5.00pm, this is only on a prior booking basis.

If you fancy a Cream Tea, Lunch or Dinner, please phone ahead and talk to Sam, Amanda or Sharon, our three ace receptionists, who will be more than happy to help you with menus, prices and availability.

Well I'm off to France for a long weekend to stock up the ancestral wine cellar before I spend a week decorating. I shall be back just in time for the St Patrick's extravaganza - hope I see you there!

Steve

TABLE TOP GAMES

Wednesday 29th

7.30pm at the
Journey's End

*Tavil + Carrom + Mancars
Jenga + Shove H'appenny + Ring
Quoits + Bagatelle + Table Skittles
Shut the Box + Sjoelen + Table Football*

Come and have an evening of
fun trying new games and
remembering old ones.

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MARCH MADNESS

Starting Mon 3rd March - Thurs 27th March

BAR BONANZA

ALL DAY - EVERY DAY

DRAUGHT / KEG BEERS - Bigbury Best £1.80 pt, Bass £2.00 pt, Guinness £2.10 pt, Carling or Worthington £1.80 pt, Tolly or Castlemaine £1.80 pt, Adlestones or Blackthorn £2.00 pt

BOTTLED BEERS ETC - Holsten Pils, Manns Brown & FCUK - ALL AT £1.00 Bottle

Stella, Budweiser & Beets - ALL AT £1.30 Bottle

SPIRITS ETC - Grouse, Gordons, Bacardi or Smirnoff - ALL AT £2.50 Double

(That's 2 X 35ml measures not 25ml!)

Jack Daniels, Malibu or Archers Peach Schnapps - ALL AT £3.00 Double (2 X 35ml)

MEAL DEALS

EVERY LUNCHTIME & EVENING EXCEPT SAT EVENING & SUN LUNCHTIME

8 oz Rump or Gammon Steak, Breaded Plaice or Battered Cod, Homemade Lasagne, Chicken Goujons or Vegetable Kiev - all served with chips and peas or salad

ALL PRICED AT £4.95 - ALL OFFERS APPLICABLE WHILE STOCKS LAST

MARCH DIARY

SAT 1ST MAR BIRTHDAY PARTY for Tina & Roy - Music and Comedy
by Paul Race

WED 5TH MAR R.B.L. MEETING 7.30pm

MON 17TH MAR ST PATRICKS DAY - Promotions on everything Irish

SUN 30TH MAR MOTHERS DAY - Book your table early

Saturdays & Sundays throughout March - Watch the Six Nations Rugby Union live on TV in the Family Room

TABLE TENNIS

Sunday 23rd March
12.00 noon.

Our AGM, held on 18th February, was extremely well attended by existing members and a couple of new faces. Perhaps the numbers were up in anticipation of the forthcoming John Bracey Tournament to be held in the JE. Jinny McCabe was voted on to the committee as our new Secretary and Parish Room representative, replacing Barry Old who had held the post for the last couple of years. Jim McGinley has had the onerous task of Treasurer but agreed to continue for another year, as did the Chairman!!

It was good to see so many people there and a good, fun, if somewhat tiring evening was had by one and all. New faces are always most welcome so do come along on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm.

Phill Errett
Chairman 810547

This year the Charity fun-tournament is a little later in the year than usual and will take place over one day only. There are already many names on the list that is posted in the JE and it is hoped that we can reach the easy-to-manage number of 32. Arrangements are being made to improve the lighting so that the finalists will not have to put up with the double whammy of too much beer and bad light. For those who would like to practise before the event there will be a table in the Journey's End earlier in the week.

John Bracey

THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED Church Clock

An application for a faculty (permission to proceed) is with the Diocesan Advisory Board in Exeter. Once this has been granted, matters can proceed.

Guy Eddy
Millennium Committee

Autogramme

February SOLUTION

A bumper entry this month!! Taurus is a past master at email; Sue Brickay has a new font on the computer; Real Sleuth has been to Scotland; New Dawn and the Beginners have colour pencils; the Opals have a colour printer; Easter Bunny has returned; Yapping Dogs could not agree, so submitted alternative answers and finally, Trainee, a welcome new entrant, has submitted a correct solution as has everyone else. Well done!

March

A word puzzle this month. Below are eight 12-letter words divided into four segments somewhere in the grid. Match them up to produce the answer.

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EDE	CAR	ESS	ACY

A New Competition

In the past the Sunday Telegraph has run a Mini Saga competition I am sure they won't mind if we 'borrow' it.

Write a story of 50 words, no more, no less. Mills & Boon or Shakespeare; shallow or deep; fact or fantasy - you choose but there must be a beginning, a middle and an end. The best will win a staggering prize! The decision of the editorial staff could be final!

Music
at the
Paddock

frank & rina

Monday at 7.30pm

Mar 17th