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## April 2003

Issue Number 213

### DEADLINE

### Thursday 24th

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



Last  
Month **1 1/2"**

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# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

*Ringmore sweep into semi-final! Seems unlikely? Agreed but nevertheless, it has happened. Details are elsewhere but it should be mentioned that the Ringmore team gained an impressive victory over South Brent.*

*The Ringmore Historical Society's March talk had to be called off at the last moment due to the illness of the speaker. It is hoped that the evening will be rescheduled soon. A similar fate befell the WI but they were fortunate to find an able substitute,*

*The Beach Clean was well supported and the rubbish deposited by the Winter storms has been removed. It was a beautiful day, warm in the sun despite a stiff easterly wind which blew the smoke offshore. Robbie McCarthy provided some splendid cake which could be the reason for turning up next year!*

*In spite of the attempt to 'write him off', Alan McCarthy is still a valued member of the Parish Room Committee. Similarly, the PCC*

*gladly admits that Drina Williams is a long-standing member of the committee. Apologies for these omissions last month.*

*The Short Story competition attracted a splendid entry. There is an obvious well of talent in the village demonstrated by the quality and variety of the tales. The task of selecting a winner proved too onerous for the editorial staff so everyone is invited to make their selection. Please send your choice to the editor by the next deadline (which is correct), using your real name; no anonymity please.*

*Lastly, the Election. The timings have been wholly out of line with the Newsletter publication dates and not just in Ringmore. Comments have been made to South Hams and they have promised 'to do better' next time but that will be four years hence! If all the nomination papers known to have been requested are returned, there will be an election. Voting will take place on Thursday 1st May in WI Hall between 8.00am and 9.00pm.*

## Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Meeting will be held in the WI Hall on Wednesday 30th at 7.30pm and will be the last of the present council. Speakers include:

Sir Simon Day, Devon County Councillor  
Mr Brian Carson, South Hams District Councillor  
Verity Polk, South Hams Environmental Dept.  
Mr Simon Garner, National Trust.

Everyone is welcome to come and hear the speakers and to question the Parish Council on its record

*Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:*

**The Editor**

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

Ringmore Vean, 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

2nd RBL meeting at the Journey's End 7.30pm

5th RHS viewing of the Tithe Map at the JE

8th Wine Tasting at JE 6.30pm - 7.30pm

10th WI Talk on Sundials 8.00pm WI Hall

11th-13th Beer Festival at JE

16th RHS Talk on Agatha Christie 7.30pm WI Hall

21st WI Easter Fair WI Hall 2.00pm

22nd

Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall

23rd St George's Day celebrations at JE

28th Short Mat Bowls - last meeting before summer break

29th Table Tennis - last meeting before summer break

30th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall

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Inter-Parish Quiz Semi-final Brixton v Ringmore  
Venn Court, Brixton 8.00pm

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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## APRIL SERVICES

6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 p.m.	BCP Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	At Kingston See Below
20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Easter Day Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 p.m.	Communion

### Other Local Services

#### Bigbury

6 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Family Service
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	See Below
18 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 p.m.	Good Friday "Before the Cross"
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	Easter Day BCP Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion

#### Kingston

6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m.	BCP Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	See Below
20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Easter Day Family Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer

### Special Event

*Maundy Thursday  
April 17 : 7.00 p.m.*

**A Passover  
Communion Meal  
at the Dolphin, Kingston**  
See details and book your place  
on the list at the back of  
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## **A Parable from Switzerland**

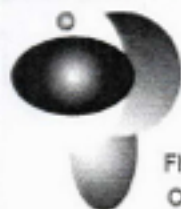
It was an unlikely place to experience a resurrection, a hill just outside a small town. I hung in mid air with an agonising sense that this was it: the end, kaput, finished, finito. The cross was present in the wrongful positioning of two long pieces of titanium alloy rather than wood. Eternity seemed to have arrived, for the split second in mid air felt like much longer. I knew that pain was imminent, it came quickly, not quite oblivion but an almighty bone jarring thump. A moment was spent lying on the ground, but then came a slow testing of limbs to see if they worked without agony. They did work, minor injuries only were sustained, I was winded with a bruised shin and hip

In theory it should have been within my capabilities, the red (intermediate) ski run from the Mannlichen station above Wengen down towards Grindewald. However I should not have followed my companion on the journey, who said we will just "bomb down this way". After a 12 year gap from the piste I should have started gently on to a blue run (easy).

The next day was much better, my temporary saviour was Allen a friendly Swiss ski instructor who watched my almost negligible technique. He said 'Follow me: I will only ski where you will be safe, then we will pause and you will do as I say and soon you will ski well'. By closely following a man who saw my weaknesses, allowed for them and showed me a better way I got down the mountain in one piece. The next day he was not there physically but I remembered his teaching and put it into practice. Hey folks, I can ski again. Not altogether *expert*: X being an unknown quantity and Spurt a drip under pressure.

In skiing the parallels are everyone's dream, skis in perfect line, certainly not crossed like mine on that first day. The parallel from my little story of life is a bit obvious. Easter comes soon; the message of the life instructor who came down to this earth to show that even we could do it better. His resurrection was from complete death and his rising three days later to bring life and the love of God to us all. Have a joyful Easter, but whatever you do don't cross your skis.

*(John Elliott, Church House Ringmore 01548-810565)*



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# Journey's End Journal

G'day everyone, well March has been a great month with plenty happening and lots more to come in April.

We began our regular Curry nights (every Tuesday) which proved a great success along with our Sausages and Mash which have been so successful we have decided to extend it into April!

The highlight of the month was the annual Table Tennis tournament where the locals turned out for another successful and enjoyable day. Congratulations to Jim who took the title from Phill this time in an enthralling 4-set final. Well done to all the other competitors who took part and a big thank you to John Bracey for organising it; see you all next year!

The table-top games evening towards the end of the month was most enjoyable and we are hoping to plan a few more towards the end of the year. Thank you to Geof

and Mike for providing the entertainment.

April holds a busy month for us as we gear up for summer. We start on Tuesday 8th with a Wine Tasting to launch our new Wine List. This will last from 6.30 - 7.30pm and as it is Curry Night why not stay and eat? Everyone will be welcome.

Next we have our Spring Beer Festival on the 11th, 12th and 13th which will be great fun, we have live entertainment every night and food served all day. And of course 20 different Real Ales to choose from straight from the cask!

On 23rd we will be celebrating St. George's Day with traditional Fish & Chips and more English dishes.

The Restaurant is starting to get busy over the weekends so book now and come down to try it out.

Andrew & Emily

## Beach Clean

The Beach Clean on 22nd March was a resounding success with approximately 30 people exercising their backs.

Help from St Ann's Chapel, Easton and Challaborough was especially welcome and after the majority of helpers had left, a couple from Totnes appeared with their own sacks. They did not know about the Beach Clean but had decided, after walking the on the beach recently, to clear a little of the litter by themselves. More walkers like them would be appreciated.

The National Trust has removed the trailer and we can look forward to a clean and tidy beach for a short while. Many thanks to all those who took part.

Alan McCarthy

## Inter-Parish Quiz

South Brent came to the Journey's End with the reputation of being one of the stronger teams in the competition and the knowledge that they defeated us by a few points at the same stage in the competition four years ago. We braced ourselves.

Our genial, idiosyncratic quizmaster was Tony Redfern from Diptford and Lindsey and Bob Knightly from Ermington were Scorer and Timekeeper respectively.

The early rounds were keenly fought. Subjects such as News from the Past Week, Elementary Maths, Formal Zodiacal Signs and Poetry saw Ringmore leading 32-28 by the end of Round 6. Race Card details were evenly interpreted but the whole match turned on the round entitled Body Parts. South Brent did not

know their derrière from their elbow whereas Ringmore knew them like the back of their hand. We led 46-35. From there we were never in trouble. We stormed our way through topics such as Acronyms, Laundry Symbols and History. The team 'allowed' Colin to answer the questions on Medical Matters and he did not let us down. We remembered most of the Magic Roundabout, we knew most of the long-distance footpaths and finally we showed our knowledge of the Monopoly Board. Our lead fluctuated a little in the second half but we ran out winners by 112-95. A very satisfying evening even if experience tells us that the questions fell our way.

The team is grateful for your support and for the hospitality provided by the JE, especially Emily's half-time refreshments. We will play Brixton in the semi-final on a date to be announced, probably in Brixton. It should be an entertaining evening and Ringmore will be delighted if any of our supporters make the journey.



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## TEN YEARS AGO ...

The Ringmore Historical Society charged members 30p and non-members 60p to attend their meetings.

One of the speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting will be speaking at this month's meeting!

Adrian Muller, Guy & Myra and the Editor were among quiz masters during the month.

The Beach Clean had to be re-scheduled due to bad weather!

The WI went to see Aspects of Love in Plymouth.



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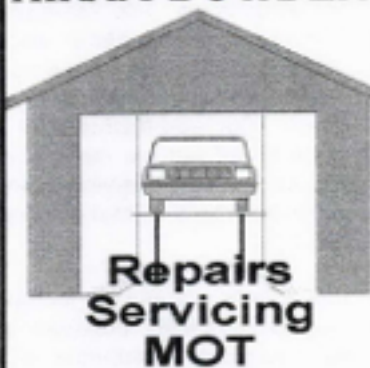
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RBL dates for the diary - the next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 April at the JE where with speaker will be Stan Brunskill talking about 'Navy Days', the May meeting will be at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston where James Parkin will be the speaker.

We all think we know what our local Post Office can do for us, but we were all sadly short of the mark when Dane Vanstone explained exactly what services really are available at St Ann's Chapel, following the March meeting. We are all aware of the marvellous service he and Hilary give the local community but were amazed at the facilities provided by the local Post Office, some which would never spring readily to mind, including travel insurance, foreign currency and flowers by post to name but a few. Now we know that we can no longer just expect a few stamps and the odd postal order from our local friendly sub Post Master and his happy band of helpers.

Robbie McCarthy  
Hon Secretary

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	£5	James Parkin
March	£20	Barry Old
	£5	James Stevenson

## CHANGES

### AT YOUR POST OFFICES

Many of you will have seen on the television and in the newspapers, that from April there are to be changes to how your benefits and pensions are paid through the Post Office.

These changes are being phased in gradually and may not affect you for a good many months yet.

Please do not worry, you will still be able to collect your money weekly from your Post Office as you do now and there are various ways you can do this.

When it is time for your benefit/pension to change you will receive a letter through the post from the government agency concerned. This is when it will be the best time to discuss with your Postmaster/mistress, which of the several ways to have your money paid will suit your individual needs best. It is quite important that you do not fill in the form or telephone the government office before you have spoken to your Postmaster/mistress.

We hope that this may dispel any anxieties or worries that you may have.

Carolyn Hunt, Bigbury-on-Sea PO  
Dane Vanstone, St Ann's Chapel PO

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 18th March 2003  
Present: Six councillors; the Clerk;  
Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee  
Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch  
Mr Alan McCarthy, Footpath Warden

### Parish Election

The election for membership to the Parish Council will take place on 1st May.

### Rumble Strips

Originally, when the rumble strips were laid down, it was agreed that they would be painted grey. Recently some have been repainted in yellow, against the Council's wishes. The Clerk is trying to resolve the situation.

### Items raised by Parishioners

Due to weather conditions, large pot holes have appeared in the track leading to the National Trust car park. Measures have been taken to have them filled in.

### Millennium Clock

Mr Eddy was able to announce that subject to the Diocese receiving a cheque for £111.00p for their work in reaching a decision, he would be able to go ahead with the installation of the clock. This cheque has been sent. After people have honoured their pledges, there will still be a shortfall of about £1,000, so donations will be very welcome. Cheques should be made payable to Ringmore Parish Council (Clock).

### Footpaths

Mr McCarthy reported that the footpaths are in good order.

### Finance

Clerk's salary and expenses £161.71p

### Planning

The Nook: A new set of plans has been received. The Council did not object to the overall design but it had reservations about the windows.

### Annual Skip

The skip for all unwanted rubbish will be here on Saturday 24th May.

### District Council

In order to save money the District Council has proposed that thirteen of the twenty-six beaches will not be cleaned because they do not have council-run car parks which offset the costs. This is a problem for beaches such as Challaborough and Ayrmer Cove which are privately owned. Discussions are taking place with the owners of all affected beaches with a view to negotiating a contribution. Park Dean have indicated a willingness to make a payment and Ayrmer Cove is maintained by the NT with the considerable help of the village.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd April at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann

## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 16th April

7.30pm

WI Hall

Agatha Christie

Literary Daughter of South Devon

Talk by

Mr John Risdon

John Risdon's illustrated talk will provide you with a fascinating insight into the varied life and loves of Agatha (née Miller) from her childhood upbringing in Victorian and Edwardian Torquay to her later years as mistress of Greenway and South Devon.

Everyone is welcome to come  
along to enjoy the evening.

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*The Society regrets that it had to cancel the March talk due to the illness of the speaker. It is hoped to rearrange the evening for a date in the Autumn.*

Jacqueline Patterson  
Chairman



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

As the advertised speaker was not able to attend on the night, Dane Vanstone of Holywell Stores valiantly stepped into the breach and gave members a most comprehensive and technical explanation of the work of the Post Office. He emphasised the great changes that have taken place in recent years. These changes have been more of a revolution especially in respect of the banking facilities now available in the Post Office. Many of us are comforted by Dane's competence and assurance that we could seek help in so many ways.

Members were asked to consider attending the Home Economics Area Luncheon on 1st May at the Cottage Hotel at Hope Cove. This is always a very popular event.

Naomi Warne

### BIGBURY FUN RUN

Details of this established  
annual event can be found on  
a new website

[www.terrybent.co.uk](http://www.terrybent.co.uk)

Not all pages are complete but no doubt, all  
relevant information will be available in time

# The John Bracey Annual Table Tennis Tournament

The 7th Annual Journey's End table tennis tournament took place on the 23rd March and saw an ideal number of entrants at 32, making it very easy for the organisers. The first round saw a few surprises with the dark horses, Ben Turner and John Elliott storming through the first and second rounds. In the next round John put Ann Bracey out and Jim McGinley beat Ben. Phill Errett and Mike Wynne Powell both put their spouses out of the tournament, Phill winning through to the next round and also Geof Dykes and Colin Jackson. Phill and Geof's game in

the quarter final was really close, as was the Mike and Colin match but I would vote the match of the tournament as being the Phill and Colin semi final which went right up to the wire on the third game at 27-25. Jim and John's semi final was exceptional because John won the second game 21-4. The final was also nail biting the fourth game going to 22-20 in Jim's favour, a fitting winner for the trophy. The table tennis provided some excellent entertainment for a very friendly and convivial afternoon. Thanks for all the participants and supporters and to the

Journey's End for hosting the event and donating a bottle of wine for the runner up. Thanks also to Phill for helping to organise the tournament, to Sandy Hammond for giving the table to the Pub for the event and also to Robbie for prompting the scores when the umpires strayed a little.

For some inexplicable reason the entrance fee of £1 per person netted a fantastic £78 for the air ambulance service. Thank you all.

John Bracey

Round 1	Round 2	Quarter-finals	Semi-Finals	Final
Jim McGinley 21-5 Debbie Chicken	Jim McGinley 21-2	<b>Best of Three</b> Jim McGinley 21-7 21-9	<b>Best of Three</b> Jim McGinley 21-15 4-21 21-14	<b>Best of Five</b>  Jim McGinley 15-21 21-17 21-17 22-20
Mark Gender Peter Chicken 24-22	Peter Chicken			
Ben Turner 21-14 Val Court	Ben Turner 21-7			
Ian Sheppard Yvonne Sheppard 21-14	Yvonne Sheppard			
Mike Turney 21-5 Billy Hammond	Mike Turney	<b>Best of Three</b> Ann Bracey	John Elliott 21-16 21-6	
James Parkin Ann Bracey 21-18	Ann Bracey 21-15			
Sandy Hammond 21-17 Jane Stevenson	Sandy Hammond			
James Stevenson John Elliott 21-10	John Elliott 21-2	<b>Best of Three</b> John Elliott 21-16 21-6		
Colin Jackson 21-15 John Bracey	Colin Jackson 21-4	<b>Best of Three</b> Colin Jackson 21-13 10-21 21-12	Colin Jackson	<b>Best of Five</b>  Phill Errett
Emily Duncan Annie Willis 21-19	Annie Willis			
Alison W-Powell 21-15 Terry Simons	Alison W-Powell	<b>Best of Three</b> Mike W-Powell	Colin Jackson	
Mo Richie Mike W-Powell 21-19	Mike W-Powell 21-14			
Frank Williams 21-4 Andy Krantz	Frank Williams	<b>Best of Three</b> Geof Dykes	Phill Errett 21-15 19-21 27-25	
Jinny McCabe Geof Dykes 21-10	Geof Dykes 21-13			
Sally Errett 21-9 Brain McCabe	Sally Errett			
Sue Muller Phill Errett 21-9	Phill Errett 21-6	<b>Best of Three</b> Phill Errett 22-20 18-21 21-19		

## TABLE TENNIS

Well done Jim. It was good to see our Treasurer retain the John Bracey Trophy within the Table Tennis Club. It was also very heartening and satisfying to see how much the standard of players has improved over the past couple of years. There were a few players taking part on the 23rd who are not members of the club but who would be very welcome if they wished to join us in the Parish Room on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm onwards.

With the clocks going forward on the 30th and the lighter evenings, and hopefully,

fine weather being with us over the next few months, please note that the last night for this season will be on Tuesday 29th April. However, if the weather turns bad or if a number of you wish to have a game during the months ahead, we could have the occasional session providing the Parish Room is free. The Club will start up again in the Autumn so please watch out for dates in the September Newsletter.

The Club is still on the lookout for a foldaway Table Tennis table, so if anyone spots one for sale please contact me. I hope everyone has a good Summer; see you in the Autumn.

Phillip Errett, Chairman



Jim McGinley



# In Fifty Words - No More - No Less

## The Scorpion and the Frog

by LORIENT

Scorpion asks Frog, 'Can you take me across the water?' Frog replies, 'No, you'll sting me, you're a scorpion'. Scorpion says, 'I promise I won't sting you'. Frog agrees.

Halfway across the water the scorpion stings the frog. 'Why?' says the frog, drowning. Because it's in my nature' replies Scorpion.

## DISAPPOINTMENT

by SERGEANT PEPPER

The tide came in and the tide went out. For three days he sat waiting, leaning against a rock. Her arrival surprised him when the sun flashed on her wet body. She silently crossed the beach towards him and, without a glance, continued up the hill and out of sight.

## Fings ain't wot they seem to be

by Said'n'Looney

She was the most beautiful creature. Graceful, blonde, airbrushed complexion. Their eyes met as she approached, shopping bags weighing her down. 'I'll offer to help - she's going to talk to me'; he panicked inside! Her glistening lips parted. 'Fer gawd's sake get aht'er mah why, I ain't got all die!'

## DISJUNCTION

by N de PLUME

A solitary walker plodded home across the moor in murky dusk.

A figure wielding a spade loomed up in the mist. A dark shape lay by the hole he was digging. The walker stopped. 'Why are you digging a grave, alone on the moor?' 'T'isn't a grave, it's a drainpipe.'

## MOMENTS LOST IN TIME

by HOROLOGIST

'Just a second!'. Stephan loved his golden watch. The seductive, sweeping hand marked the brief intervals. Uri Geller was on television. Stephan hurriedly covered his wrist. Too late; the hand was broken. 'Sorry we cannot service that make!' Even the second-hand shop had none. Now he says, 'Just a minute!'

## A Saint not Martyred

by Hagtologist

He came marching in; fatter of late but a saint to be cherished. The crowd roared for a miracle, yet tired of the adulation he left knowing that that perverse crowd could soon bay for his head who were now exultantly crying, 'Long live St Matthew, Great le Tissier'.

## A Railway Station gets its Name

by Morgan Le Ufan

Her employers had taken her holidaying in Anglesey. Paradoxically a joyful recurring dream gave the illiterate housemaid death premonitions.

An afternoon walk discovered a magical place; ancient churches, white hazels, the whirlpool of her dreams.

Walkers found her serene in death. Illiterate, she had written on her white bodice:

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwl  
llantysiliogogoch.

## LOVE STORY

Anon

Chloe and Thomas were very poor. Chloe had waist-long, chestnut hair. Thomas treasured his grandfather's gold fob watch. At Christmas Thomas sold his watch to buy silver combs for Chloe's hair. Chloe sold her hair to buy a gold chain for Thomas's watch.

They wept, smiled, loved all the more.

## Pancation

by GTB

Anticipation - of mouthwatering feast

Amalgamation - of eggs, milk, flour and a hint of melted butter

Introduction - of creamy liquid to hot pan

Attention - to minute surface bubbles forming

Concentration - as delicate, lacy edged disc is tossed

Salivation - when drenched with zesty lemon juice then sugar dusted

Degustation - divine

Appreciation - happiness

## Grand Defiance

by The Lady Lovers

The last boat left the island. The black crossed Junkers landed. The musician regretted most leaving his Baby Grand but half way to freedom he was smiling. The Doktor entered the music room of the commandeered house. On the piano was a musical score. 'There will always be an England'.

## NIGHT FRIGHT

by Ianrus

The duvet was still tucked under his chin when he awoke with a start.

Was that a noise? Ears straining, nothing. A creak on the stairs? Did he hear the door move? The duvet shifted. He hadn't moved, had he? Sudden rustling on the bed, pressure on his chest. Meow.

## The Tramp

by Archer Jeffrey

While the wind raged, he stumbled and slithered down the valley, his body miserably chilled through by slush and mud, the swirling snow masking his footprints. Would anyone notice he had gone? Would there be comment or merely a raised eyebrow, a dismissive shrug? Shouldering his burden, he trudged on.

## LIFE

by Dylane

Warm floating, pain, deep breath, crawl, toddle, play, walk, school, puberty, girls, adolescence, sex, university, student loan, hope, work, love, marriage, work, mortgage, children, pride, work, save, worry, work, holidays, work, grandchildren, babysitting. No student loan. Work, no mortgage, work, gold watch, freedom. Reflection, loss, loneliness, memories, pain, floating. Hot?

## THE AFFAIR

by Ann Bell

Wandsworth on a sunny day, Mozart on the radio, stuck in usual traffic jam, feelings of feminine content.

Alongside me, travelling in the opposite direction, sits a male driver. Our eyes lock, and speak of interest, desire and fun.

The traffic moves and reluctantly we part - goodbyes are never easy.

## Home-made Jam

by The Scribbler

Watson prepared tea, home made jam and when the doorbell rang, pocketed Hoto's reconciliatory letter. Shaking hands with his old adversary (little changed after sixty years) rekindled horrific scenes: starvation, torture.

Luckily, Hoto liked jam; he spread it thickly, took a bite and . . .

Watson's cabbages now feed on human remains.

## A GREEK PROVERB

BY ADRIANA OF SAMOS

This was the twelfth journey. The raging fires scorched him. The stench of the dark waters was overpowering. The fearsome canine slavered dribbling rottenness. He crept stealthily past the beast and threw an incapacitating chain around its neck. 'Cerberus: this proves that one head is better than two', gloated Hercules.

# District Council Elections

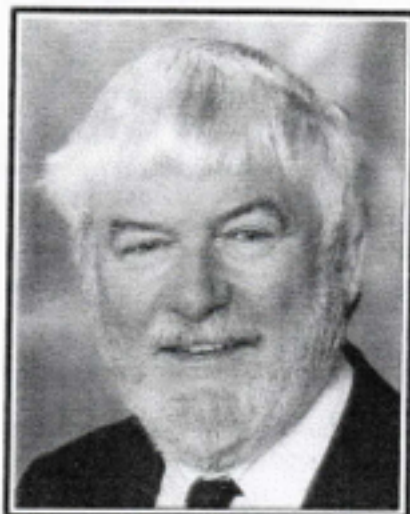
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## Conservative Representative

Many readers will know that I have been your local councillor at South Hams District Council for the last four years, and I am very pleased to have been asked to stand again at the forthcoming elections.

I have very much enjoyed representing you over the last four years; I have lived in Bigbury for very nearly forty years now, and it is nice to feel that I can do something to serve the community after having enjoyed all that it has to offer for such a long time.

I am aware that there are many new residents in the area, so for those of you who do not know my background, I came to live at Easton in 1964 and built up the hotel, which I ran until 1984. Alongside of this I worked throughout Devon as an agriculturalist for ICI until 1990. In 1986 we bought the Royal Oak Inn, which we ran until 2000. Over the years, therefore, I have acquired first hand knowledge of both the farming and the tourism industries in Devon.



**Bryan Carson**

At present I am semi-retired, and I have both the time and the enthusiasm to continue the work as council representative for another term.

Aside from my working background, I am very much a family man, with four children ranging in age from 40 to 17, and 10 grandchildren including one honorary one. Having brought my own children up here

means that I feel very much a part of the area, and can appreciate the problems of our young people - especially with regard to affordable housing.

I am also very aware that in the area generally there are important issues for example transport for those who do not drive, although we have had some success in solving this with the introduction of the Fare Cars.

I would be very pleased to have the opportunity to continue being your local district councillor, and I feel that my experience over the last four years would be invaluable should I be elected to a second term of office. If you have any queries or comments, or if I can be of any help, please do not hesitate to contact me on:

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The Byre, Easton, Bigbury TQ7 4AN

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting many of you in person before the election, and very much hope to have your support.

Bryan Carson

This article was written and paid for by Mr Carson

## MILLENNIUM CONTINUED Church Clock

The saga of the clock has been running for so long that it is hard to remember when it wasn't around. Families have come and gone in the interim so a brief resumé might be appropriate.

Five years ago a survey was undertaken on how best to commemorate the coming Millennium. As a result 1500 trees were planted, two seats were placed on paths, two notice boards with Parish maps were put in position and the Town Well was given a face-lift.

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

The quest for funding started with a application to the Millennium Festival 'Awards for All' for a grant towards the estimated cost of £5,000. This turned out not to be an 'Awards for All' - we were rejected. So began a tale of rejection over the next three years. English Heritage, Lottery, Millennium Commission, Local Heritage Initiative, Community Partnership Fund and at least a dozen Trust Funds were canvassed with the same result. The one bright spot in a gloomy picture was the David Knightley Trust who had offered us £1,350 towards the cost of the clock if we could complete installation before the end of 2002. This

we were unable to do and an extension was requested, and a six-months extension was granted.

Fresh costing were sought and in 2001 parishioners were again asked if they still wanted a clock. By a majority of 21-5, householders were in favour, many declaring a willingness to contribute to the shortfall.

The position now is that we have Planning Approval from South Hams District Council. We have also been granted a Faculty by the Diocesan Advisory Council at Exeter, though this has taken over three months because an inquiry into letters of objection which also incurred further expense.

We have recently had a visit from the clockmaker who has carried out a survey of the project. His report is that there are no problems envisaged with the installation. The details of the clock to be installed are as follows:

The skeleton dial will be in 12mm thick black acrylic with the hour and minute hands finished in 23½ carat gold leaf. The hands will be driven by a motor-driven slave movement controlled by a Tempus E quartz master clock. The master clock will also control an electromagnetic hour hammer striking the tenor bell.

The following facilities will be available:  
Quartz-controlled timekeeping  
Hands moving in 1 minute impulses  
Automatic summer time alterations  
Self-correction after power failure  
Brass hour and support tubes and stainless steel minute spindle  
Hour striking

Automatic night silencing  
Single blow bell tolling  
Automatic tolling (if required)  
Automatic Sunday silence (if required)

The whole installation process will take 4-6 weeks to complete, which realistically suggests mid-May for completion.

The cost of installation will be £5,025 + VAT, plus a small installation of electric wiring costing about £100 - a total cost of £5,125 +VAT. All payments will be through the Parish Council who are VAT registered and will be able to recover VAT payments. Money available at this time is £1,350 from the David Knightley Trust and £2,000 from a private donation.

This leaves us needing £1,775 to complete the installation of our Millennium Clock. Many of you offered sums of money when we did the survey, some £50 and some £100 or more. We didn't need the money then but we would like it now, so please consider this request. Also, anyone who would like to help make good the shortfall, please do. Please make cheques payable to the Ringmore Parish Council (Clock) and send them to:

Mrs Margaret Wood  
2 Coastguard Cottages  
Challaborough

Finally, may I say the expenses have been incurred by the Parish Council on behalf of the project. These have been, £55 for Planning Approval, £126 for the Application for the Faculty and £95 for expenses by the Enquiry into the objections. Any money left over will help to redress this balance.

Guy Eddy  
Millennium Committee

The Royal Oak



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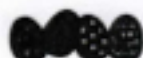
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## DIARY FOR APRIL



- Sat 5th Apr** Video HORSE RACING EVENING in aid of the Bigbury Fun Run
- Sat 12th Apr** Point to Point - Flete - Outside bar by The Royal Oak
- Wed 23rd Apr** St GEORGE'S DAY - Live music with JACK GRACE
- Sun 20th Apr** CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT in the garden - midday
- Sat 26th Apr** Live music with THE SILVER SPUR COUNTRYMEN
- Sat 3rd May** Point to Point - Flete - Outside bar by The Royal Oak



## TABLE TOP GAMES

Approximately 40 people turned up during the evening to have a go! The most popular were the old favourite Table Football and Carom and Sjoelen; the latter two were a novelty to most players.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed and will probably be repeated next winter which gives plenty of time for practice if you have the access!

## Short Mat Bowls

The last evening of bowls will be 28th April, with the fun and frolics recommencing on 6th October.

We look forward to the return of all existing members plus any new players who would like to try this game of skill.

Alan McCarthy

## Medic Malawi

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent coffee morning held in aid of Medic Malawi. A grand total of £273.61p was raised on the day and donations are still coming in. Special thanks to Paul and Gina at The Korniloff for providing the venue and coffee. Your generous support will be used to help the under 5s feeding programme in the village of Mtanthama.

We hope to put on more fund-raising events in the future; possibly a safari lunch and a Ceilidh. Watch this space for more details.

Pat Prior

Enigma

## February SOLUTION

Correct entries were received from Champion Matchman, Yapping Dogs, Gemini, Taurus, New Dawn, Easter Bunny, The Beginners and The Opals. Was it the extra challenge of the typo? Apologies for that and thanks to those who took the trouble to point it out. Greater thanks to those who didn't!!

## March

This month's puzzle is an old standard. Simply find the longest word concealed in the grid. You can move backwards or forwards, horizontally or vertically, even diagonally but letters can be used only once.

M	B	F	Y	S
R	O	L	Q	W
P	D	U	E	V
X	C	A	I	N
J	H	T	K	G

## Modbury TIC

The Tourist Office will open on Saturday 5th April, mornings only until the end of April. For your information, I shall no longer be involved after 30th April.

GDD

## Ringmore Historical Society

Come to see the newly restored

## Parish Tithe Map

at the

## Journey's End

Saturday 5th April  
between 11.30am & 2.00pm

Also on display

Historical Records  
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**SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
7.30PM W.I. HALL**

RINGMORE W I

# EASTER FAIR



## EASTER MONDAY

**21st April**

**2.00pm W I Hall**

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