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## May 2003

Issue Number 214

### DEADLINE

Monday 26th

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



Last  
Month  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Average - last 10 years - 5 1/4"

High - 2000 - 7"

Low - 1997 - 1/4"

Rainfall - Fiona Batten

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

*The fact that 10 candidates stood for seven seats certainly stimulated interest in the Parish. More than 50% turned out to vote in the election which is better than respectable; it is very high for a Parish election when there is no poll for the District. The elected members are listed below. Congratulations to them and commiserations to those who were unsuccessful.*

*The Millennium Clock ticks on but the hands are close to 23:59. Guy Eddy has written the latest instalment in which he asks for donations from those who said they would support it. Remember???*

*Ringmore fought keenly but vainly against Brixton in the semi-final of the Inter-Parish Quiz. If we reach as far again perhaps the team should go into intense training or are the members looking for Grade 2 celebrity status to take part in 'I'm a quiz team member - get me out of here'?*

*What's is on this month? Not a lot by comparison with past months. On 7th there is the St Luke's Coffee Morning at Korniloff; on 14th the annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning will be held at Middle Manor and the highlight of the month for some will be the arrival of the annual skip on 24th!*

*All the societies meet for various reasons during the month - the RHS has an outing and the WI, the RBL and the Parish Council have monthly meetings. The latter will be the first for the newcomers to the council.*

*The Table Tennis has decided to continue playing throughout the summer - further information can be obtained from Phill Errett on 547.*

*Stop Press. A Bottle Bank will appear in the Journey's End Car Park within a few weeks and optimistic discussions will take place regarding the siting of a Paper Bank there.*

## Your New Parish Council

As the result of the elections the Parish Council for the next 4 years will comprise:

**Rob Batten (81), Geof Dykes (88), Colin Jackson (57),  
Alan McCarthy (59), Thelma Mann (72),  
Gillian Parkin (75), Jacqueline Patterson (56).**

Unsuccessful candidates were:

Mike Hammond, Julia Linzell, Jackie Tagent

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:

The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

Ringmore Vean, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL

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## Diary for the Month

**TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm**

1st Parish Council Election

7th St Luke's Coffee Morning Korniloff 10.30am

RHS visit to Paignton Church, Kirkham House  
and Compton Castle

RBL Meeting at Dolphin Inn 7.30pm

8th WI Meeting 'Resolutions' WI Hall 7.30pm

14th Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Middle Manor 10.30am

17th Fireworks in the evening

20th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm

24th Skip by the Bus Shelter - all day





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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## MAY SERVICES

### Ringmore: All Hallows

- 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00a.m. Family Service  
11<sup>th</sup> 9.00a.m. Communion  
18<sup>th</sup> 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer  
25<sup>th</sup> 9.00a.m. BCP Communion



Ahmed leaves his flock to find his lost sheep

### Other Local Services

#### St Lawrence's Bigbury

- 4<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Even. Prayer  
11<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. Family Service.  
18<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> 9.00 a.m. BCP Comm.  
25<sup>th</sup> 11.00 p.m. Family  
Communion

#### Kingston: St James

- 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00 a.m. Communion  
11<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. BCP Even. Prayer  
18<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
(with Children's Club)  
25<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Even. Prayer

## IS THE VICAR A SHEPHERD OR A CONSULTANT?

### “A MODERN DAY PARABLE”

A shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of the dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a Broni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the shepherd, “If I tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?”

The shepherd looked at the man, then looked at his peacefully-grazing flock and calmly answered, “Sure.”

The man parked his car, whipped out his laptop computer and connected it to a cell phone, then he surfed to a NASA page on the internet where he called up a GPS satellite navigation system, scanned the area, and then opened up a database and an Excel spreadsheet with complex formulas. He sent an email, after a few minutes, received a response. Finally, he prints out a 150 page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized printer then turns to the shepherd and says, “You have exactly 1586 sheep.”

“That is correct; take one of the sheep.” said the shepherd. He watches the young man select one of the animals and bundle it into his car. Then the shepherd says: “If I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?”

“OK, why not.” answered the young man.

“Clearly, you are a consultant.” said the shepherd.

“That’s correct,” says the yuppie, “but how did you guess that?”

“No guessing required.” answers the shepherd. “You turned up here although nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked, and you know absolutely nothing about my business. Now give me back my dog.”



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# Journey's End Journal

Hello again! Well it has been a very busy month at the JE for us in April, the Wine Tasting evening was a great success as were the curries that followed. We hope everyone enjoyed the new wine list, which is now up and running.

The Beer Festival proved to be a fantastic weekend and was well supported. It was great to see the pub so busy and especially to see so many locals in the bar, some for the first time since we have taken over.

The beer garden has been very popular with the good weather so come along and

soak up some rays.

We hope everyone had a great Easter over the last weekend; we look forward to seeing you all at our special evenings. Don't forget about Steak night on Fridays, as it is a great opportunity to catch up with some friendly faces and enjoy a good meal. Meet the neighbours at 'Early Doors' on Friday at 6.00pm

The menus will be changing for the summer in the first week of May; keep an eye out for exciting fresh ideas!

Andrew & Emily



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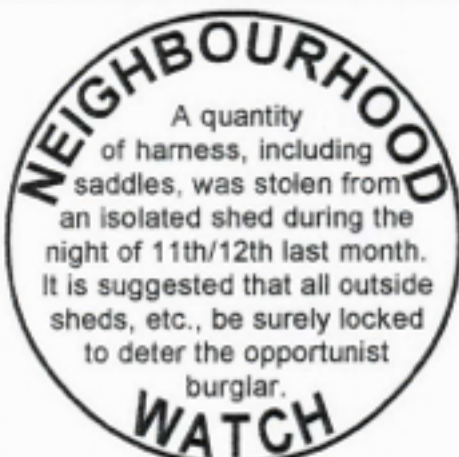


## Ringmore WI EASTER FAIR

A huge thank-you to all the cake bakers and sellers, plant growers and vendors, book sellers, door keepers, raffle sellers, games organisers, tea makers and food purveyors, scone spreaders, ice cream sellers and not least, "washer-uppers"!

A great afternoon and an excellent outcome!

Gill Tomlin



## ◀ FIFTY WORDS ▶

The contenders were published, the votes are in and the excitement is mounting. Well, not quite. There were fewer votes than stories which was disappointing particularly as several of the voters did not enter a story.

The word plagiarism was heard in alcoholic circles but as it was not specifically excluded in the rules (it will be in future) there will be no disqualifications.

There is little point in doing this in the traditions of Miss World as there was a six-way tie for fourth place, a tie for the runner-up spot and a clear margin of two votes for the winning story which obviously spilt a tear or two. They should have talked to each other!! They being Thomas and Chloe who starred in Love Story.

Anon - claim your prize. The password is a copy of your story, in the same typeface or some other convincing identification. No protests please. There has to be some way of eliminating the dozens of false claims which land on the desk whenever there is such a magnificent prize on offer. If you were unlucky this time, do not despair; there might be other opportunities.

## INTER-PARISH QUIZ

Ringmore's brush with the elite teams in this competition has come to an end for another year. This year our Nemesis was Brixton.

We started well enough. After rounds covering Current News, Words and those Signs-on-the-rear-of-lorries-which-we-never-read, the scores were level. The competition was keen up to the end of round 8 when we were a mere 4 points adrift.

Missing words lost us two more points but questions from the infamous 'Millionaire' programme were answered without a cough. Then, as once we were 'Harry Potterred', we were 'Daffodilled'! What types of daffodils are these? In black and white! It was the same for both teams but Brixton obviously don't see the world in colour. Suddenly we were twelve points behind. The gradual increase in the score difference continued through subjects such as Music, Identifying Faces and Numbers, until by the end of round 17 we were 16 points down. A superhuman effort in round 18 meant that we pulled back 5 points but we lost 100-89.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the team during the matches.

## TEN YEARS AGO ...

Guy Eddy, as Chairman of the Parish Council, wrote a note about the Annual Parish Meeting. One thing which has not changed is the name of our County Councillor, Simon Day, although he has since been knighted.

The Inter-Parish Quiz team lost a three-cornered semi-final in the Plate competition.

The RHS planned a picnic lunch followed by a visit to Exeter Cathedral.

There was a plea from Jim Freeman to 'Keep Ringmore Tidy' ..... an appropriate request at any time!



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When Stan Brunskill informed the meeting in April he had been born in the shadow of 'The Tower' we all had visions of Traitor's Gate, the Bloody Tower, Ravens and Beefeaters, but it turned out to be a much more important Tower than that - Blackpool Tower, in fact. He gave us a brief resume of his early life in the area, mainly because he had no real recollection of school days. However, he did go on to recount his adventures on small naval vessels during the war, which did not suit his stomach or temperament and his much more interesting adventures of his shore visits. He had very good memories of those!

Stan kept the Branch entertained in his usual style of wit and wisdom and we thank him for sharing this part of his life with us.

100 Club for April -

£20 Hilary Vanstone, £5 Charlie Toms.

Robbie McCarthy  
Hon Secretary

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## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Meeting: Tuesday 22nd April 2003  
Present: Five councillors; the Clerk;  
Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee  
Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch  
Mr Alan McCarthy, Footpath Warden  
Mrs Jane Guy, Parish Tree Warden  
One member of the public

### Annual Skip

This will be sited near the bus shelter on Saturday, 24th May.

### National Trust Car Park

Repair work has been commenced and will be completed soon.

### Planning

The conservatory at No 3 Coastguard Cottages has been approved.

An amended plan for Avglen Fell was opposed by the Council for the following reasons:-

- 1 Potential damage to tree roots
- 2 Although marked as 'amended plans' it appears that they are completely different.
- 3 The new design was considered to be unsuitable for the area.

### Town Well

A request will be made to have the area around Town Well strimmed and a quotation will be sought for having the whole area strimmed.

### District Council Matters

Mr Carson reported that beach cleaning by private groups will be supported by SHDC with the supply of bags gloves, etc.

### Millennium Clock

The Clock has been ordered and it is hoped that it will be in place by Whitsun. More information can be found elsewhere in this issue.

### Footpaths

Mr McCarthy requested the purchase of a Brush Cutter and a guard for the Hedge Trimmer. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th May at 7.00 in WI Hall  
Thelma Mann

## BEWARE!

*Beware of opportunities to make a lot of money in the time it takes to read this paragraph! Letters drop on to the mat giving you the chance to buy Lottery Tickets which are bound to win - ignore them, you didn't come down in the last shower! If all you have to do is phone a premium rated number - don't do it. You won't win and someone else profits from the phone call. Don't send money or cheques; don't give bank account details or any information which could be misused. If you are concerned by any approach by post, by telephone or in person, contact the local Trading Standards Office on 01392 382818.*

As a finale to our wedding celebrations we have organised a firework display. It is scheduled for 11pm, and will last for approximately 10 minutes. We apologise in advance for the noise, and any inconvenience it may cause. We hope that it will be quite a spectacle!



If you want to catch a glimpse of the bride, she will be walking up to church at approximately 2.30 pm.

Many thanks for your kind understanding.

Andrew and Sarah  
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## Christian Aid Coffee Morning



Wednesday 14th May  
10.30 a.m.

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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The April meeting provided an excellent talk on the history of Sundials, given by Ann Born who has obviously made an in-depth study of the subject. She showed members a collection of fine examples of all periods of sundials since their inception which she has photographed. Devon is very rich in examples of ecclesiastical sundials.

The next meeting, on 8th May, will be the Resolutions Meeting. Details are not yet to hand but bring open minds to the meeting!

Naomi Warne





#### ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

We are spoilt these days with all the electrical gizmos around. You don't have to get out of your chair to change channels or leave the house to do the shopping (computers & the internet), the washing can wash and dry itself in one go.

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Did you know that each year there are over **6,500 fires** caused by electrical appliances & that's excluding electric blankets and heaters.

#### ELECTRICS AND FUSES

How many electrical appliances in your home are fitted with the wrong size fuse?

Do you know what size fuse should be fitted?

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- Manufacturers instruction books will tell what size fuse must be used in their appliance.

If you have not got this book then the general rule is:

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Wiring of plugs: (colour coding)

- ◆ live - brown
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- ROUND PIN PLUGS (if you have any of these get them changed by a qualified electrician)
- LIGHTS FLICKERING
- BROWN SCORCH MARKS ON SOCKETS & PLUGS
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## THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

We are now entering the final phase towards getting our Millennium clock. The order has been placed and a 30% deposit has been paid and acknowledged. The clock will take some time to build but we are hoping that completion will be about Whitsun.

In anticipation of having a final bill to pay, we are now asking for donations to make good the shortfall. It will be approximately £2000, so that we can re-imburse the Parish Council as well as for expenses that they have covered. Many of you said that you would be prepared to assist, some £50, some £100, some more.

**PLEASE DO THIS NOW  
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Also, we would love to hear from anyone else who would like to donate. This is a Ringmore Millenium project which, because it has been so long and difficult to achieve, will be that much more appreciated.

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To those of you who have already donated, please accept our grateful thanks.

Guy Eddy  
Millennium Committee

### Annual Parish Meeting

Twenty parishioners gathered for the Annual Parish Meeting to hear several speakers talk on a wide range of topics.

After the minutes of the last meeting, Rob Batten gave an account of the past year which he announced would be his last as Chairman. If re-elected, he would not seek the position again.

Rob then introduced Tony Eden from SHDC, who spoke on the problems of retrieving and recycling rubbish (this includes, we learned, putrescible materials). We were suprised to hear that SH sends all bottles to Yorkshire and Waste Paper to Kent. In a year or two Chelson Meadow in Plymouth will close creating a severe disposal problem for this part of the County.

Simon Garner recounted the activities of the NT around the parish, promising to tidy up the lane to the NT Car Park.

Brian Carson, returned unopposed this year, suffered friendly banter in his attempts to extol the virtues of SHDC.





# The Royal Oak Bigbury

Telephone: (01548) 810313



Enjoy good homemade food in our cosy bar area or sit in the Lounge or Restaurant areas and choose from either the bar menu or our a la carte specials board.

**We provide only the best quality food - all freshly cooked on the premises and at reasonable prices.**

Open for meals 7 days a week, lunchtimes and evenings. Choice of 3 real ales, all served direct from the cask. Full range of keg lagers and bitters. Refurbished en-suite accommodation. Large car park and garden.



## DIARY FOR MAY

**Sat 3rd May** Point to Point - Flete - Outside bar by The Royal Oak

**Mon 5th/12th** Euchre Drive - 8pm

**& 19th May** (Jimbo Cup Euchre Competition will be held on Mondays in June)

**Sat 28th Jun** Bigbury Fun Run

Help required for stewarding etc. Please contact Craig, Roy, Martin or Tony, if you can help with the setting up of this event



## Message In A Bottle

Greetings from the sun-drenched isle in the bay. What a month it has been! Brilliant sunshine, fierce winds, chimney fires, new-look sea tractor, thousands of tourists and one of our busiest trading days to date.

Yes, the month started with a red glow emanating from the Pilchard chimney and burning particles cascading into the bar. Our first thought was Burgh Island being mistaken for Baghdad but closer inspection revealed soot on fire in the chimney. Peter Brown (resident Fire Chief) was summoned and we quickly carried burning logs, from the fire, outside. Peter extended the fire extinguisher hose up the chimney and gave it a good squirt. This put out the fire but caused an avalanche of soot to descend. Two customers entering the pub at the time took one look at Peter and thought we were putting on a revival of the Black & White Minstrel show!

Luckily, no permanent damage was done and we had the chimney swept the following day.

We held our second Sushi night during April and we have decided that on the first Saturday night of each month, the Pilchard Inn menu will feature a Sushi Platter. Not frightening, not too challenging, just a new taste for your tongue. Sample Prawns with Somen noodles, Teriyaki pork fillets, Pauko scallops, Tuna and Wasabi Sushi roll . . . next experience, Saturday 3rd May - bookings now being taken.

The Easter Bank Holiday, despite fierce winds on Saturday and Sunday was a record breaker, with Good Friday being one of our busiest trading days ever. Music from Matthew on Friday evening went down brilliantly to a packed house but Saturday's music had to be cancelled due to high tides and winds. We will re-schedule a date for Nick the Fish to play. Please check our notice boards for details.

The Pilchard Inn celebrated May Day on Wednesday 30th April. In the evening we

Enjoyable

## Last Month SOLUTION

Seven correct entries this month!! Taurus, Sue Brickay, New Dawn, The Beginners, The Opals, Gemini and Champion Matchman. It seems that the concealed word puzzle is no longer a challenge. One competitor implied that a twelve-letter word was wasting their time! That is a challenge to be met! The answer . . . PRODUCTIVELY

## This Month

Find 9 X 9-letter words. Each will be found in the grid, one letter on each horizontal line, in order. Each letter is used once. Clues:-

- Bee's store
- Journey cost calculator
- Frenzy
- Occuring every ninth year
- To set aside
- Standing out
- Three months
- Contemplated
- A card game

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christened (in pagan fashion) our new Sea Tractor which has been fully restored to it's 1969 glory. A big thank you goes to all those who have worked so hard on her. This was followed by a Falconry display, Morris Dancing and Folk Singing, accompanied by an appropriate supper, mead and real ale.

At 5.30am (yes, 5.30am!) Morris Men danced in the dawn on the Island's summit. The tractor ran from 5.15am to get all the early birds on board. These valiant efforts were rewarded by a huge breakfast.

We are still serving meals on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings but with the tourist crush now on, we would hate our locals to miss out so please give us a call and reserve your table.

Our Real Ale selection is increasing each month with six ales featured in April alongside our very popular Pilchard Ale and Bass. Why not pop over and check out what is on this month.

Steve