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DEADLINE

Sat 26th

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



Last
Month **4 1/4"**

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Low - 1996 - 1"

Rainfall - Fiona Batten

RINGMORE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

If there was any doubt about the arrival of summer, its advent is surely confirmed by the presence of roadworks on the A379.

The longest day is done and the evenings are drawing in. Depressing isn't it? Fortunately it will be some time before we notice the effect of the passing of the summer solstice.

Before then we have Cream Teas this month and Fêtes next month. It won't be long before slips of paper drop on to the mat with a request to bake a prize-winning cake or to search out that priceless antique for the Tombola. Perhaps it will ask for a mere bottle of wine. Whatever, it will be in a good cause.

Somewhere in the Newsletter we are promised a Taste of Australia; we are led to believe that a clock will appear on the church tower before the next deadline; Dan at the

Royal Oak forsook alcohol during June ostensibly for charity and another message has floated in from the island in the bay. The July Newsletter in 1993 was modest in size but it contained a wealth of social news.

Spare a thought for Emily at the JE. First she played a doughty game of football for Ringmore and then had a nasty encounter with a knife in the kitchen (nothing to do with Andrew). We wish her a speedy recovery.

John Symes has intimated that there might be a game of cricket towards the end of July. No promises but perhaps those who like a little bit of leather on willow should start limbering up. Keep popping into the JE to find out and if the match does not come to pass, at least it will have been enjoyable checking.

What a coup! Spot the new FT advert.

Remember 1923?

Margaret Lock does. Well, maybe not quite but it was a significant year for her as, on 30th June, Margaret celebrated her eightieth birthday. Like others who have passed that milestone, she has lived through momentous times and is still smiling.

Congratulations Margaret, from everyone in Ringmore.

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Diary for the Month

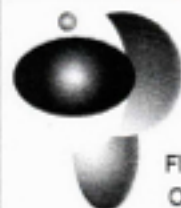
TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

2nd RBL meeting Journey's End 7.30pm
Speaker Guy Eddy - all welcome
10th WI Meeting & Talk 'Royal Brides' 8.00pm
20th Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15pm - 5.30pm
22nd Parish Council meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

26th DEADLINE

27th Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15pm - 5.30pm
August

7th WI Summer Fête WI Gardens 2.00pm
25th Church Fête Margaret's field 2.30pm



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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

JULY SERVICES

Ringmore

- 6th 11.00a.m. Family Service
13th 9.00a.m. Communion
20th 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer
27th 9.00a.m. BCP
Communion



Open Air Services had their drawbacks at the Seaside

Other Local Services

Bigbury

- 6th 11.00 a.m. Morning Service
13th 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
16th 2.30 p.m. Korniloff
Communion
20th 9.00a.m. Communion
27th 11.00a.m. Family Comm.

St James's Kingston

- 6th 9.00 a.m. Communion
13th 6.00 p.m. BCP Even
Prayer
20th 11.00 a.m. Family Service
(with Children's Club)
27th 6.00 p.m. Even. Prayer

HOLIDAY RE-CREATION !

Packing and unpacking are good glimpses into personality. I write just after our holiday when a family difference was highlighted. I am deeply grateful for Pam's careful planned approach and tidy cases, just, and only just, under the airline maximum allowance. You might guess that my approach would be to throw most of the bare minimum into a crumpled hold all, and then regret the omissions.

This is written before the school holidays and the summer influx of welcome guests, bringing much of what they need with them. I would love to hear what our visitors would like as a supplement from the local Church whilst on holiday. It has been said that if we cancel, as we have, the "Summer Songs of Praise Singalong", then we do nothing for our visitors. My response points to a warm welcome, the three Sunday Services clearly publicized on each Church notice board; and the monthly poster in each camp and caravan site listing the Services in the Modbury Team area.

The word 'holidays' stems from *holy days*, and the root of 'recreation' is *re-creation*. A space to get back into good working harmony with family, to get new energy for the daily grind and even to reflect on the God who loves each one of us whether we acknowledge him or not.

This is an era when hypermarkets seek to replace the wider and richer services offered by our local store. Well done our local shops and pubs who give such great service, not just in the produce sold. It is in personal relationship that problems are best shared and solved with collective wisdom. "Would you like to unpack that for me?" said by the cool and professional trained counsellor does not work for me. A walk with a friend is better, on holiday that friend can be the local person who goes out of their own way to welcome and guide the visitor, and who takes time to offer an ear or even two. After all we were created with two ears to one mouth, a fact not always evident in committee meetings! The time has gone when a Church endowed with wealth from the past could put a Vicar down in each small rural community where he walked and strolled in comfortable leisurely availability. We are back to the community reality of the Bible in the book of Exodus at the time when the 10 commandments were given: "You (*plural*) will be for me a kingdom of priests". I hope that all of you, residents and visitors, are met and served by a local "priest" who unpacks some of God's love and care for you.

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Journey's End Journal

G'day everyone!

June has been a busy month for us at the pub. We had a great reaction to our wine and food evening on the 13th, everyone who attended had a fantastic time and all agreed how much value-for-money the night was. It was good to get positive feedback from those outwith the Ringmore area; it is pleasing to know we are making waves throughout the county!!

Due to the success of the evening we are planning a few more in the autumn and winter months, and an Australian themed barbeque at the end of summer with some authentic Aussie tucker - Barra,

Croc, roo, emu and lots more (even witchetty grubs if I can get them!).

Thanks to all who represented the J.E. in the local football match against Bigbury Boozers. The score will remain a secret and well done to the ref (I didn't realise it was going to be that serious a game!!).

We hope everyone enjoyed the weekend of the Bigbury Fun Run, congratulations to all who took part and raised money for charity. The summer period is nearly upon us so make sure you book in advance for meals and don't forget about our Take Away pizzas.

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THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

As with everything we have tried to achieve regarding the installation of the clock, nothing has gone smoothly. The parts being produced in Belgium had not arrived in Ashbourne, Derbyshire when expected but it was hoped they would be delivered by the end of June. The clockmaker is giving himself a few days leeway to assemble and test and he plans to start installation in our tower on Wednesday 9th July. Fingers crossed might help!

So far, nineteen households in the parish have made donations towards the cost of the clock, which is just over £5,000, and we are most grateful to them. The gap between cost and funds is narrowing; it is now down to £600. If anyone would still like to help, please do. Please make your cheque payable to the Ringmore Parish Council (Clock) and send it to:

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Thank you for all your support.

Guy Eddy
Millennium Committee

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

All telephone numbers begin 810 . . .

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|----------------------|--------|
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| Stan Brunskill | 654 |
| Rob Batten | 680 |
| Denis Collinson | 286 |
| Ken Dann | - |
| Anne Lambell | 530 |
| Peter Major | 729 |
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Royal British Legion

Bigbury Kingston Ringmore

Dates for the diary: As John Elliott has been chosen for the Diocesan Golf Team for a match on 2nd July he will not be able to speak at the Royal British Legion meeting. He will, however, be our speaker at the October meeting at the JE. Guy Eddy has stepped into the breach and will talk about the Berlin Air Lift. All are welcome. There will not be a meeting in August.

The meeting in September will be at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston on Wednesday 3rd at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Rob Batten. All are welcome.

100 CLUB

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| May | £20 | Jim McGinley |
| | £5 | Phill Errett |
| June | £20 | Myra Eddy |
| | £5 | John Brunel-Chen |

Chris Roberts reminded us all at the June meeting of the Royal British Legion, how important wood is to our everyday lives and how much we rely on it. The enthusiasm for forestry was very evident to those of us who were lucky enough to hear him. He has a passion for both silviculture - growing trees as a crop and arboriculture - growing trees as specimens. Many of the trees we think of as native are in fact, imports and we have the Romans to thank for sweet chestnut. I wonder who we can blame for sycamore? We learnt just how long it takes to ensure a viable crop and the methods used to protect our trees from predators. Many of us were glad to be given some advice about rabbit proof fencing! Forestry is a long term project and sadly as a profession it is declining. Wood is our only sustainable commodity and yet we still import 80% of our national requirements. Less than 10% of our countryside is planted as forestry, a figure which has not substantially increased since 1900. Forests not only produce a very valuable crop but it sustains a richness of wildlife which we are lucky to have around us in this area.

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Meeting: Tuesday 20th May 2003
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Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee;
Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch;
and two members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr Parkin and Cllr Batten.

NT Access Road

Repairs should be completed by the end of the month.

Millennium Clock

The clockmaker is awaiting the delivery of some parts which are being imported from Belgium.

Planning

Approval
Erection of conservatory at Wyncroft.
Application - retrospective
Summer house at The Barn. By a majority vote this was not opposed by the Council but it asked for suitable screening/landscaping as a condition, should it be passed.

The Beautiful Game?

Bigbury Boozers 13 The Journey's End 2

Celtic and Rangers. Liverpool and Everton. AC and Inter Milan. These giants of club football know a thing or two about local rivalry and the nerve jangling expectancy of the local derby. In its own small way this meeting of the two local exponents of "total football" served up a similar heady mix of passion, commitment and the odd ounce of skill at the St Ann's Chapel ground.

Despite only having been formed literally minutes before kick-off - some of the team members having never met each other. The JE settled down to some stout defending and intricate approach play resulting in a number of shots on goal (all unfortunately missing by the narrowest margin). Emily, The JE kitchen supremo, played a stoical game against some aggressive Boozers defending whilst John Freeman and Ben Turner didn't flinch from any challenge. The blend of youth and experience of the Boozers team finally began to show mid-way through the opening half though as they edged into a two goal lead. Undeterred the Journey's End fought back and a slick move down the left flank put Jim McGinley through to crash home the goal of the game (possibly the season!) off the underside of the crossbar. Liam (the JE's wine merchant) slotted home another goal for Ringmore but the JE still found themselves 4-2 down at half time.

Finance

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|-------------------------------|---------|
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Countryside and Rights of Way

The government will shortly be designating areas of land, to be known as Open Country, where people will have the right to roam. One area within the Parish, at Challaborough, has been incorrectly marked. The Council agreed to point out the error to the relevant authority. No other area of the parish is affected.

Matters raised by Parishioners

Human Waste is being dumped in an easily-accessible field off Renton Lane at Marwell. Residents want it removed to a more isolated area because of the smell. As the resident are dealing with matter adequately, the council decided not to become involved at this stage but offered its help, should it be needed.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd July in the WI Hall at 7.00pm.

Thelma Mann



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The Barbecue on 12th June took the place of the usual monthly meeting and a great success it was! Perfect weather, a wonderful attendance - almost a full house - plenty of burgers and bangers and, best of all, good fellowship!

Among the many raffles for assorted goodies was the raffle for a Chicken Dinner which, unbelievably, was won by Mr Chicken of Ringmore. This must be a one-in-a-million chance but also a somewhat belated chance to welcome Peter and Debbie to the village.

Thanks to all our helpers who made sure everything went well and enabled an excellent donation to be made to the Devon Air Ambulance.

Naomi Warne

The second half proved to be more than decisive as The JE had to play into an increasingly strong wind. A further nine goals were conceded in a torrid 35 minute spell that could have been worse but for the efforts of goalkeeper Andy King. The final whistle was a mighty relief for the weary legged JE team but a few hearty drinks later (at both the Royal Oak and the JE) revived spirits. Most popular post match comments included "let's have a rematch" and "that thirteenth goal was offside".

Peter Chicken

The Yellow Peril

Almost every year a plea comes to rid the countryside of Ragwort. This plant is a scourge because its powerful poison can cause animals a very painful death and because the toxins have been known to enter the human food chain. It is incumbent on all of us to try to reduce this potential hazard whether by direct action or by notifying the authorities. For anyone unaware of the problem, the following notes might help.

Common Ragwort is the most common form of poisoning in livestock; animals can die in great pain. It also damages our environment by smothering rare wild flowers and worrying research reveals that its poisonous alkaloids have been found in eggs, grain, milk and honey.

It is easy to identify. A rosette of green ragged-edged leaves appears in early summer and makes a three-foot, upright plant with a woody reddish stem with a large head of bright yellow daisy-like flowers. Because it is so poisonous, it is a listed plant under the Weeds Act 1959, so to allow it to grow and flower on your land, whether you are the landlord or the tenant, is a contravention of the law. It can be killed easily before flowering, with a 2.4D herbicide or a natural, environmentally-friendly spray called Barrier H. No animals must be allowed to graze on sprayed land until the plants have rotted into the ground. Mature ragwort can be pulled up easily but must be burned. Always wear gloves when handling ragwort. Each mature plant can produce up to 150,000 seeds which can be spread over a radius of ten miles.

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Message In A Bottle

Greetings from the hot and getting-hotter island in the bay. Has August arrived? Driving along the lanes, you'd certainly think so!

With the flaming June weather, the beach has been full on most days. If it carries on like this the staff will be burnt out before the start of the season proper.

The 'Prohibition Ball' was great fun. The Pilchard rivalled the big 'ouse as 'Fat Sam's Speakeasy' with Blues and heaps of meatballs. If Bruce and Shane, who were on security, looked more like the Blues Brothers than Al Capone, no one was brave enough to comment. Our running gun battle, staged by Sonic Fireworks outside the hotel, was a great climax to the evening. The Hotel had a Charleston Exhibition Dance which got everyone onto the floor and reminded them of the moves they had learned at that morning's class. The Pilchard has Hans and Rosie treating us to a super display of dancing the light fantastic - well done to you both.

July's Theme Night at the Pilchard will have a Spanish flavour, so dust off your maracas, brush up your flamenco and book your table - Friday 24th from 7.00pm.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Julie and Dennis Linzell were married in Greece . . . Shaun Bracey married Carol . . . Louise Lubbock gained a First-class degree in Architecture. . . The Shop and Post Office at Cross Park had been open for one year . . . Rebecca Dodds was twenty-one (*she married last month in Madrid and became Senora Alphonso Berrocal ... Congratulacion Rebecca!*) . . . Eileen Noakes left Ringmore to live in Kingsbridge.

The Parish Council discussed traffic calming measures . . . concern was expressed about the threat to the Post Office . . . volunteers were sought for a simulated disaster on board a Brittany Ferry. It was called Exercise Eddystone.

The Annual Rally of the Trojan Owners' Club, hosted by Sir Douglas Hall and held at Barnford, was memorable if for no other reason than the fact that Alice Mason was a passenger in the sidecar of a 1933 Russian motor cycle. Sir Douglas wrote that he had ensured that Alice was heavily sedated!

August Diary Dates:
8th Playing live - Nick the Fish

14th Tom Crocker Day
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27th Any Which Way Around the Island Race
Categories for Sail, Paddle, Board and the famous Swim around the Island. Starts at 6.30pm - live music and food afterwards.

It is always nice to see a friendly face amongst a sea of strangers so a big thanks to all of you who have battled through the throngs to come across the beach and raise a glass or two in the Pilchard. We hope to see more of you during the summer.

Finally, a plea to our regulars to help us in keeping the Island peaceful and tidy this summer. As always, we are besieged by casual tourists who do not respect the wildlife (including our staff) or stay on the public path. Please join us in protecting this fragile environment.

Well, I'm off to get some ideas for our Spanish night from source. Adios amigos!

Steve

Ringmore W.I.

SUMMER FETE
Wednesday 6th August 2002
2 p.m.
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DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST



- Sat 19th Jul** BARN DANCE at Folly Farm in aid of Dame Hannah Rogers School
- Sat 26th Jul** FUN RUN PRESENTATION NIGHT in the marquee at The Royal Oak
- Wed 13th Aug** LIVE JAZZ MUSIC with Brian Masters & Paula



THE OAK FILES !!

Summer has arrived!!!! Well the weather has been fantastic, there seems to be a lot of holidaymakers around and the Oak has been bursting at the seams so it must be summer.

Daniel has been on a no alcohol diet for the whole of June and has even been sponsored for this in aid of the Bigbury Fun Run. I will keep you posted on this one with the total amount raised if his efforts are successful. Obviously this is going to print over the Fun Run Weekend so we will give you all the results etc in August. Don't forget that on Saturday 26th July we have the Fun Run Presentation night, which this year will be held in the Marquee in the garden of The Royal Oak.

Our football team has started playing matches in their new kit sponsored by the Royal Oak. The first match was against Modbury which we lost and our second

was against the Journeys End with yours truly playing in goal! Well now what can I say except that I only had to pick the ball out of the back of the net twice and we won 13-2. You must also remember that I am used to catching an oval ball, not a round one. Well done guys.

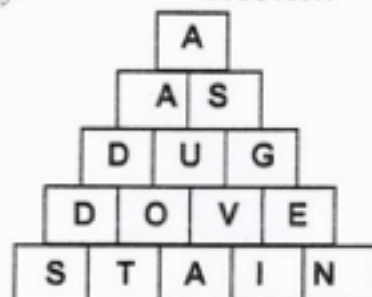
On Wednesday 13th August we have a jazz night in the Oak with Paula Jackman's Jazzmen. This should be a terrific evening for all you jazz lovers and if you have not heard them play here before, come along and appreciate just how good they are! There will be other events lined up for July and August so look out for the posters.

Well it's now 4.30am on Fun Run Saturday so I must sign off and start setting up for the biggest day of the Bigbury year.

Marts (trying to stay awake)
and Tina (Duracell)

Enigma

Last Month SOLUTION



DISADVANTAGEOUS

Six correct entries this month!! Taurus, New Dawn, The Beginners, The Opals, Yapping Dogs and Champion Matchman. Some thought this to be a more challenging problem but they triumphed nevertheless.

This Month

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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 40 | |
| 45 | | | | 30 | 15 | 5 |
| | | | 25 | | | |
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| | 35 | | | 20 | | |
| 10 | 49 | 48 | 47 | | | |

A numbers puzzle for a change, three magic circles in fact. The remaining numbers in the sequence 1-49 must be placed so that the horizontal, vertical and two diagonal lines total 175. In addition, similar lines in the 5 x 5 square total 125 and in the 3 x 3 they total 75.

This puzzle is rated as difficult but Enigma knows it will not defeat the brains of Ringmore!

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