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### August 2003

Issue Number 217

### DEADLINE

Sun 24th

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



Last Month **4 1/4"**

Average - last 10 years - 29"

High - 2002 - 39"

Low - 1996 - 14"

Rainfall - Fiona Batten

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

*Stands the Church clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea? Congratulations to the Millennium Committee, led by Guy Eddy, for bringing the 'clock project' to a successful conclusion. As promised last month, the clock has been installed and it does seem as if it has always been there. It has been a long slog for Guy and his team which began during the last century but the product of their labours is there for all to see and none of us has the excuse for missing a bus, providing we get the day right!*

*August is our fêteful month. Each year we do well as a small community to organise, set-up and run two very successful events at this time of year. The 'begging' letters land on the mat asking for support in one way or another. We think 'here we go again' but we all want to help and we do. We do, in spite of the urge to be on holiday in August, because the WI and the Church form a large part of life in the village whether we are members or not; they help to keep the community together.*

### Millennium Clock

*At 5.45pm on Saturday 9th August everyone is invited to attend the ancient ceremony of 'Handing over the Clock' from the Parish Council to the Parochial Church Council. This will be a brief, once-in-a-thousand years occasion but a significant moment in the passing of time in Ringmore. Please help us mark it.*

*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*

*Here are a few parish notices.*

*Refuse collection in Ringmore will be the usual one day later, in the week after the Bank Holiday, ie. Friday 29th.*

*... in their keenness to maintain a tidy garden, people sometimes light bonfires without thought of others. This is a gentle plea to be aware that neighbours could be sitting enjoying the sunshine or their washing could be on the line... in some parts of the village, Cockle Lane has been mentioned, dog-fouling has reached notable levels.*

*'Unacceptable levels' is the wrong description because it is always so. On behalf of all those who are concerned, would dog owners please note that whether or not it is legally acceptable to let your pooch poop, it is socially repugnant to leave the evidence lying where others walk. Phew! That's that done..*

*The cricket did not happen in July but it is planned for September!*

### Diary for the Month

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

- 3rd Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15 - 5.30pm
- 6th WI Summer Fête WI Gardens 2.00pm
- 9th Handing over the clock All Hallows 5.45pm
- 10th Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15 - 5.30pm
- 17th Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15 - 5.30pm
- 19th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- 19-20th Weeding Millennium Hedge from 9.30am
- 24th Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15 - 5.30pm
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- 25th Church Fête Margaret's field 2.00pm
- 31st Cream Tea WI Hall 3.15 - 5.30pm



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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## AUGUST SERVICES

### Ringmore

3rd 11.00a.m. Family Service  
10th 9.00a.m. BCP Communion  
17th 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer  
24th 9.00a.m. BCP Comm  
**31st 11.00 TEAM SERVICE**



"Have any of you seen Mary  
on the balloon stall?"

**DON'T FORGET  
KINGSTON FAIR ON  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and RINGMORE  
FETE on the 25th**

### Other Local Services

#### Bigbury

3rd 6.00 p.m. BCP Even Prayer  
10th 11.00 a.m. Family Service.  
17th 9.00 a.m. BCP  
Communion  
20th 2.30 p.m. Korniloff Comm  
24th 11.00a.m. Family Comm.

#### St James's Kingston

3rd 9.00 a.m. Communion  
10th 6.00 p.m. Even Prayer  
17th 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
(with Children's Club)  
24th 6.00 p.m. BCP Even.  
Prayer  
31st 9.00a.m. Spoken Communion

## **There's many a slip twixt cup and lip!**

There are many little sayings, and there has been a lot of talk recently. In Kingston there was a dark deed and a substantial burglary. Alan King caught out a would be burglar in Ringmore proving the truth of the amended proverb 'The darkest hours come just before the dawn, so if you're going to steal your neighbour's milk and newspaper that's the time to do it'. In fact Alan got up at 5.00 a.m. when light had just come and caught the miscreant beginning his crime, the burglar fled. Once again our security is threatened, and for a week or two we all double lock the doors to house and even the garage. When doors and windows are closed nothing can get in and nothing can get out.

Mouths have been opened over the last few weeks as folk have been giving their opinions on controversial subjects. We have heard from Bishops through to judicial reports on the Shipman case. I liked Archbishop Rowan Williams appeal for various factions in the Church to stop talking at each other through megaphones. It was someone else who said 'Generally speaking, you aren't learning much if your lips are moving'. Back to two ears and one mouth, use them in the proportion they were created.

Our houses and garages may need to be closed up, but our minds need to be as open as possible particularly to that which is good. A friend told me I was brainwashed when he learnt that I was getting a bit serious about Christianity. I told him that like me he needed his brain washing, for both of us had a past which included less than helpful input. In the early days of the new Post Office banking service then called GIRO they had very many computer accounting problems. The Banks quickly told people that the name GIRO was an acronym with the letters standing for Garbage In Rubbish Out.

It is the same with our minds, and the Church has not always helped. We need to see a robust and strong faith, presented in a relevant and clear manner in this age. People still ask "What is the meaning of my life? Where am I going? What choices are available to me? We need to grow up and mould and develop minds of our own. Recently we ate with some friends, and three times the meal or its' preparation were held up because the children rang on their mobile phones. One of my other friends feels that because his mother constantly phones him he feels that he has never really left home and been allowed to grow up. There is a vast difference between care and communication and being a control freak, but they say it takes one to know one!

So in closing my appeal is for open minds to be fed with that which is good, but I cannot resist ending in a politically incorrect manner. Apparently there are two theories about how to win an argument with a woman.....Neither one works!!

*(John Elliott, Resident Minister Bigbury, Kingston & Ringmore: Phone [01548] 810565)*



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# Journey's End Journal

G'day everyone,

July was another busy and eventful month behind us at the J.E. As you all must know Emily had a nasty accident with a knife in the kitchen at the start of last month so we have been coping as best as possible. She still has at least another month or so before she is back in the kitchen again. Thanks to everyone who sent their best wishes to Emily over the past few weeks.

We kick off August with a live band called Highly Strung which is a Sixties and Seventies band. They will be performing on Friday 1st August. Be sure to come down early and soak up the atmosphere. It is an 8.30 start. August is going to be a very hectic month so please bear with us over this period as we are trying our best to serve everyone and keep you happy at the same time! Thank you.

Andrew and Emily



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## NEWSLETTER

The time is nigh when a new banner will be needed as the stock of pre-printed sheets becomes depleted. Some have said that the format should be changed to A4 folded (fold the Newsletter in half to see what the size would be or see the Bigbury News). What advantages and disadvantages are there in such a change? Do you have an opinion? Please let the editor know.

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David Young 810389

## TEN YEARS AGO ...

August was the first anniversary of James and Gillian at the Journey's End.

The planned entertainment for a forthcoming WI Group Meeting at Bigbury Memorial Hall was 'The Case of the Headless Body!'

... it was a month of sparse news.

## THE MILLENNIUM CONCLUDED

There is light at the end of the tunnel. When it seemed as if it could go on for ever, the clock is there, sitting serenely as if it has been there for years. I'm glad to say that comments have been very favourable.

Money continues to be donated and we are now within £300 of clearing all our debts. If there are still some of you who would like to contribute, please do. Make your cheque payable to Ringmore Parish Council (Clock) and send it to: Mrs Margaret Wood, 2 Coastguard Cottages, Challaborough, Kingsbridge TQ7 4HT.

Thank you all for your magnificent support in helping to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

Guy Eddy  
Millennium Committee

## Flete House



## JAZZ

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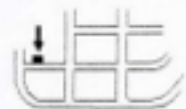
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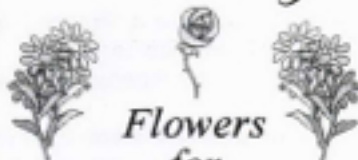
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There is no meeting in August. The September meeting will be at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston on Wednesday 3 September at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Rob Batten and all are welcome.

Once again Guy Eddy enthralled the Royal British Legion with his amazing adventures. This time we were treated to the Berlin Air Lift. Guy spoke without reference to notes and the amount of detail was staggering. He gave details of the types of aircraft used, the supplies lifted into Berlin and more importantly why the operation took place. During the operation the process of dehydrating foodstuffs was perfected which enabled the planes to carry significantly more supplies, especially potatoes as there was a daily requirement of 900 tons. The logistics were staggering and getting all the allies to agree on the use of air space was the most impressive feat of all. Some of the statistics Guy trotted out were truly amazing. They included 2,325,808 tons of supplies lifted in one year by the RAF and USAF, 35,000,000 gallons of aviation fuel used by the RAF, 30,000,000 miles flown in 200,000 flying hours by the RAF alone. Guy's personal contribution was 600 hours in 232 trips. The Berlin air lift changed the face of Europe. The exercise can be compared with the Sarajavo operation which air lifted 185,000 tons between 1992 and 1998. The Berlin Air Lift carried 176,000 tons in March 1949 alone. As an humanitarian exercise it has probably never been surpassed.

Thank you Guy for sharing your memories with us. We look forward to hearing about some more of your adventures in the New Year.

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## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 20th May 2003

Present: Seven councillors; the Clerk;  
Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee;  
Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch;  
Mr Bryan Carson, District Councillor and  
and four members of the public.

### Matters arising

The rumble strips will be painted grey in due course.

Cundy Farms have agreed not to store waste from South West Water at the present site at Marwell.

The direction sign at Bullhorn Cross has been ordered.

### Matters raised by parishioners

Some road-side hedges are in need of urgent attention. Residents who are responsible for such a hedge are asked to have it cut back.

Dog-fouling particularly in Cockle Lane has reached an unacceptable level.

### District Council

Mr Carson outlined the present Affordable Housing scheme in which one third new houses are intended for rent, one third for selling and one third for purchase in conjunction with a Housing Association. This would allow a purchaser to sell the house back to the Association but to retain any equity which would give them the basis for purchasing another house.

### Footpaths

Volunteers are requested for weeding the Millennium Hedge on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th and 20th August, from 9.30am. Please wear gloves and stout footwear. You may wish to bring a flask and sandwiches if you are planning a long weeding session.

Mr McCarthy proposed a rationalization of Council 'gardening' equipment. In order to obtain a Brushcutter which would keep the paths clear he suggested trading in the Hedgetrimmer with Alamac for £150 and selling the Strimmer for £50 leaving a balance of £50. This would obviate the need for heavy duty clothing. The Council approved this.

### Planning

40/0472/03/F The application for The Nook has been approved by SHDC.

40/1219/030/0 By a majority, the Council did not oppose the application for a new dwelling at The Captain's house at Challaborough.

The decision on the latest plan for Avglen Fell will not be considered by SHDC until September.

### Finance

Newsletter - 12months £30

Electrician's bill for installation of Millennium Clock £347.35

Two books on Council practice and procedures £12

Internal Audit 2002/03 £44

Balance on brushcutter £50

Certificate fee for training course for Mr McCarthy, in the use of relevant footpath equipment £18

### Millennium Clock

Mr Eddy was congratulated on achieving the installation of the clock as outlined last month. There is still a small shortfall in funds (see elsewhere) which it is hoped to cover in due course. The Council agreed to a short ceremony to hand over the clock to the PCC on 9th August.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th August in the WI Hall at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann

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## SUMMER FETE

Wednesday 6th August 2003

2 p.m.

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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The July meeting was poorly attended, although the subject of the talk should have interested many people, being entitled 'Royal Brides'.

The excellent speaker, Meg de Blanc, had obviously researched her subject in great detail. She ranged from the accession of Queen Victoria to the Royal Brides of today, giving historical backgrounds as well as describing incredible jewels. A truly fascinating history lesson in palatable form!

The forthcoming WI Fête on Wednesday 6th August was discussed and arranged to make maximum impact - don't forget it.  
Naomi Warne



## Ringmore & Bigbury Canaries, circa 1950.



Back Row L-R: Jim Pengelley (St Ann's), Ivor King, (Houghton), Frank Edgecombe (St Ann's), Admiral Chapman (Ringmore), Sam Penwell (Ringmore), Alan King (Houghton), Reg Brimmacombe (Combe), Bill Parent (Ringmore).  
Front Row L-R: Harry Lobb (St Ann's), Douglas Fear (Ringmore), Eddie Barrat (Bigbury), Melvin Fear (Yealampton), Len Hannaford (Challaborough), Bill Wakeham (Challaborough), Ken Dann (Challaborough), Harold Parent (Challaborough).

Photograph supplied by Alan King.

# DON'T FORGET RINGMORE CHURCH FÊTE

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Collections  
arranged.



Also may we take this opportunity to thank the grey-haired lady, wearing shorts, who delivered a bag of goodies last year and who we were unable to thank

## ESME STRUTS HER STUFF!

Esme W-P has become a mum at the age of eight. After many false pregnancies and nursing spiky balls etc, she is bringing up a litter of seven fast growing puppies, born on 3rd July. The father is believed to be a well-known black Labrador often seen around the village. Puppies are virtually all black with five of them having small white diamonds on the underside. They were not born in Ringmore as she was on holiday in Cornwall with her owners at the time, which added to the excitement (!). Thomas, with help from Daniel were excellent midwives, coping with the stream of new arrivals.

MW-P

## For Sale

On behalf of little old lady; a Power Devil 1800 watt garden shredder. Only 4 years old with one small hedge to it's credit. Never raced, rallied or abused. Red with black trim and sporty wheels (two). Contact Alan McCarthy on 810738. Special offer of the month at £55.00 inclusive of all tax.



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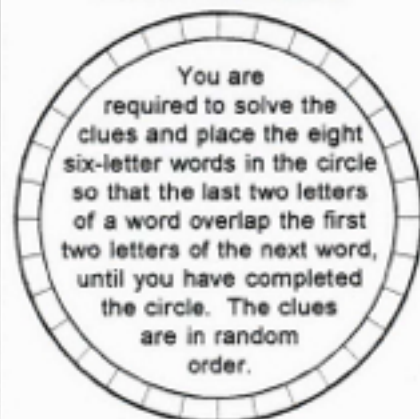
- Sat 19th Jul** BARN DANCE at Folly Farm in aid of Dame Hannah Rogers School
- Sat 26th Jul** FUN RUN PRESENTATION NIGHT in the marquee at The Royal Oak
- Wed 13th Aug** LIVE JAZZ MUSIC with Brian Masters & Paula

*Enigma*

## Last Month SOLUTION

Only four entries this month, all different and all correct. Gemini, Champion Matchman, Taurus and The Opals. One of you admitted that it was difficult as, it is to be assumed, did everyone who did not submit an entry. Well done to the four musketeers. There is no point in showing the answer as the possibilities are endless.

## This Month



- 1 The belief in one God as creator and ruler.
- 2 A plant with prickly leaves and head.
- 3 Scarcity
- 4 Pass by
- 5 Kiss and cuddle
- 6 Safe
- 7 Go back
- 8 Pure and decent

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The last of the millennium projects, the Church clock, has now been completed and looks very impressive, congratulations Guy.

However, one of the initial projects, the Millennium hedge, now requires some TLC. Whilst the majority of the whips are still alive, they are struggling against the weeds, and losing.

The National Trust have agreed to help clear the weeds on the 19th and 20th August but the Village needs to provide willing volunteers. Training will be given!

Those who like an early start can meet at the bridge over the stream beyond Lower Manor Farm

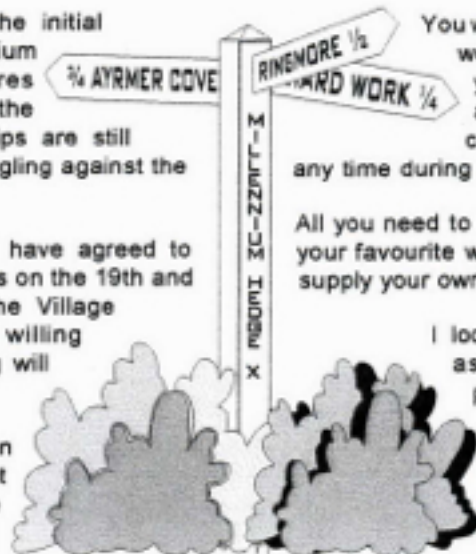
at 9.30am. If you prefer a later start there will be signposts to the hedge. Access will be through the fields off the footpath **NOT** through the woods.

You will not be expected to work all day. Any time you can give will be appreciated and you can start and finish at any time during the day.

All you need to bring are gloves and your favourite weeding tools. Please supply your own liniment and Radox.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Alan McCarthy  
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