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## September 2003

Issue Number 219

### DEADLINE

Sun 21st

Editor: Geof Dykes 810123



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# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

*Hickory dickory dock; the mouse ran up the clock. The clock struck six; . . . what comes next? Oh yes. Wasn't it a lovely evening for the Clock ceremony? It was good to see so many villagers around the church; the largest gathering since the Jubilee. We made it an occasion to remember. This brings to an end the longest running millennium project in our history. The clock is paid for and there is a small contingency fund. For the last time the Millennium Committee can enjoy the fruits of their labours and the thanks of the village.*

*The August fêtes were similarly blessed with splendid weather. The WI fête has the air of a country garden party, almost genteel, to which everyone is invited and which everyone enjoys. The Church fête is more of a country fair, ever more so this year with the Tug-'o-war, the children's races and the music from Park Bench Aristocrats. Both were great fun and both were very successful.*

*The Jubilee has come to the fore once more in the form of a published record of celebrations held throughout the South Hams, produced by the Kingsbridge Historical*

*Society. Ringmore's contribution, like many others, comprises an account of the event containing as many names of those attending as could be recalled and photographs of a dozen or more helpers and party-goers. It costs less than £5 and there is an order slip elsewhere. Send your order to the Editor and we will all save on the postage.*

*Due to editorial staff being away on assignments, the Newsletter for October will be published early. Please note the deadline this month is Sunday 21st. The closing date for the Country quiz is Saturday 20th. This seems to be causing the usual frustration. Some have admitted already to having discovered countries they did not know existed. Have a go. An entry form is included this month - send it in with £1.*

*Finally, we bade farewell to Sue and Adrian Muller who have left for France. During their time in Ringmore they made a full contribution to village life and they will be missed. We wish them luck in their adventure. Stephanie and Gerry Rayner also left the village and they go with our good wishes.*

## Heartfelt Thanks

*I would like to thank everyone for all their 'Get Well' wishes during my present heart problem. Thank you too for the support you gave Julie while I was in hospital and for all the cards (I've lost count). I have to walk the village as directed by my physio, so I have tested the long journey down to the JE. I am well on the road to a full recovery!*

*Denis Linzell*

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

**The Editor**

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*or put them through the letter box in the garage door*

*email: news@ringmore.com*

## Diary for the Month

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

1st-6th St Luke's House-to-House collection  
8th,9th,12th Final work on Millennium Hedge  
Exact dates from Alan McCarthy

11th WI Meeting 8.00pm Exotic Fruits

19th Live music at the JE

**21st DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE**

23rd Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm

December

6th Christmas Party Parish Room Details later

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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES

### All Hallow's Ringmore

- 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00a.m. Family Service  
14<sup>th</sup> 9.00a.m. Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> 6.00p.m. BCP Even Prayer  
28<sup>th</sup> 9.00a.m. Communion



### Other Local Services

#### Bigbury

- 7<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Harvest Festival  
14<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. Family Service  
17<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. Korniloff  
Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> 9.00a.m. Communion  
28<sup>th</sup> 11.00a.m. Family Comm.

#### St James's Kingston

- 7<sup>th</sup> 9.00 a.m. Communion  
14<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. BCP Even  
Prayer  
21<sup>st</sup> 11.00a.m. Harvest Festival  
28<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m. Even. Prayer

## **Reconciliation**

It has been a strange summer in the Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore peninsula, a mix of joy and sadness locally. We have had the sadness of illnesses, hospital visits and also funerals, but there has also been joy at weddings and Christenings. Single events have been reflecting the reality of life mixing the sadness with the joy. The serious illness of a beautiful bride discovered just after the honeymoon highlighted that we can never be certain that happiness will not be marred by bad news. We have also seen rifts in families and communities swept under carpets for the day of celebration or the day of the funeral, but that is no long term solution. It was in Ringmore village that I was shown the framed body of a dead mouse, which had proved to be the unpleasantness under one particular carpet.

For the two of us in Church House it was August that brought the death of a very dear friend in Aylesbury. We returned to our previous Church, for the funeral, and the first time in two years. Emotions ran high, rightly so because Liz was a good friend, but also because we returned to the place where we had shared joys and sorrows for 25 years. We remembered a particularly stressful time when we had fallen out with Liz and her husband Peter. We had become reconciled with effort and hard work on both sides, and that time of pain led to a deepening and strengthening of our relationship. Peter is a very tall chap, and within that big frame he has a big heart. Many years ago it had been a struggle to work through the things that had caused the rift, but we did it. The way to handle conflict is to face it and solve it, dead mice under the carpet stink and can trip people up.

'Who is he getting at?' you might ask, and indeed as I write this piece various family and community minor spats and major relationship breakdowns come to mind. As the local Church Minister in this politically correct world, I am not allowed to bang heads together or to publish names of offenders on the Church notice boards. I am tempted, boy, am I tempted! Needless to say I am getting at everybody, including myself. In my framework of belief it was Jesus who stretched out his arms with love alone holding him on that cross as he reconciled us back into the love of God. So my appeal is anonymously addressed, but it is also universal; forgive one another, seek reconciliation; and love as God first loved you.

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

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# Journey's End Journal

G'day Everyone. Well, has summer been and gone? We shall soon see; the weather has been great, not like a good Australian summer but at least Andrew has been able to wear a pair of shorts every day. The pub has been very busy with a lot of the passing trade coming through to have a look and sample some great beers on a hot day - Amstel or a San Miguel both are very refreshing. The food has been very busy with different specials every day, as well as the pizzas which have been exceptionally popular.

## MILLENNIUM EXEUNT OMNES


'All actors leave the stage' or so it seems.

The Millennium Committee's work is done and what a way to finish. The handover of the clock by the Parish Council to the Parochial Church Council in front of a large gathering of parishioners was a great finale.

The David Knightly trust have sent their cheque for £1350 as their grant towards the project. All bills, adding up to about £5,500, have been paid, leaving a little left over for contingencies. After trying to get funding from all over the country during these last four years with little response, we came back home. The response has been incredible - over £4,000 has been donated within the Ringmore area in the last 5 months.

Thank you all for your wonderful support - the end result has made it all worthwhile.  
Guy Eddy  
Millennium Committee

Music  
at  
The Paddock  
with  
Frank & Drina



Oct	13th
Nov	10th
Dec	8th
Jan	12th
Feb	9th
Mar	8th

Our entertainment, Highly Strung, proved to be a great success and everyone that night had a fantastic time as they danced the night away. They proved so popular that we have arranged them to play at the pub again on the weekend 24th, 25th and 26th of October. This weekend is the date of our next Beer Festival, our "Oktoberfest", The last one was our first and it proved to be an overwhelming success. This one will be bigger and better with some very weird and wonderful beers and this time some up in the higher percentage, as all of the winter beers will be on the market. There will be food served all day and entertainment for everyone once again. It should be great.

On the night of September 19th we have Wendy Jamieson a local vocalist will be playing at the pub and on past nights when she has played here before it has been a fantastic night. She will be starting at 9.00pm and finishing right on 11.00pm, so please come along and enjoy the night.

You might have noticed a few new faces behind the bar over the last month. We are looking for a couple to be Assistant Managers, so please bear with us until we find the right pair.

The J.E crew

## TEN YEARS AGO ...

A parliamentary commission, no less, recommended that Ringmore be part of the South West Devon constituency. The Parish Council agreed to seek to be included in the Totnes constituency - obviously to no avail.

The weekly programme for the JE was  
Sunday - 3 course lunch for £5.95  
Tuesday - Darts competition for locals  
Wednesday - Euchre  
Thursday - Quiz  
Friday - Live music

Advertisers included Rosemary, Hiram Bowden, Nigel Frost, Julie, Fare Deals Travel, Rob Batten, A M King & Sons.

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## RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

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Recipe tips: This recipe will provide much enjoyment, as well as raising over £1,700 to help run All Hallows Church. However, do not attempt this confection without generous support from the local community, including the physical work of setting up beforehand and dismantling afterwards. Thank you to all our helpers

Michael Tagent

## Oscar

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness, sympathy, support and understanding at the sudden and totally unexpected death of our lovely dog Oscar. He was such a good friend and is sadly missed.

We are both very, very grateful to everyone.  
Sally & Phillip

## St Luke's Hospice

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Once again may I call on you during the week for contributions. Your support will be so much appreciated.

Drina Williams

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Meeting: Tuesday 19th August 2003  
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 Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee;  
 Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch;  
 and three members of the public.  
 Apologies: Cllr Patterson.

## Footpaths

Cllr McCarthy attended a Parish Paths Partnership (P3) workshop where there was discussion on Public Rights of Way meeting certain criteria and how to improve footpaths, stiles, etc.. The Parish footpaths have been trimmed and the new brushcutter is working well.

## Millennium Clock

Guy Eddy congratulated the Chairman of the Council on the handing-over ceremony of the clock on Saturday 9th August. Park Dean has promised a donation of £200 towards the clock fund.

## Planning applications

The Summer House at The Barn has been passed by SHDC.

The Captain's House, Challaborough - application for internal alterations and an extension - the Parish Council had no objection.

## Register of Electors 2004

South Hams District Council will soon despatch forms to every household in the District which when completed and returned, will be used to compile the Register of Electors for next year.

Completion and returning the form is a legal requirement and failure to comply could result in a fine of £1,000. Furthermore people who are not on the register will be unable to vote.

Another consideration is the option to be on the full or the edited version of the register. The edited version is sold to any Tom, Dick or Harry prepared to buy it and is then used, in the main, to ensure that you receive a steady supply of junk mail. If you tick the relevant box on the form your name will be omitted from the edited version.

## YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

## MILLENNIUM HEDGE

The Millennium Hedge weeding went very well with 75% of the hedge cleared.

Many thanks to Ann and John Bracey, Phill Errett, Colin Jackson, Robbie McCarthy, Maureen Goulden and Drina Williams plus, of course, the National Trust Warden, Simon Garner and his volunteers Lorna, Kim and Tom.

The remaining 25% of the hedge could be cleared in a morning with sufficient strong

Old School Cottage - application to create a vehicular access - no objection.  
 Old School Cottage - application to fell a sycamore tree - no objection.  
 Smugglers Cottage - application to lop overhanging branches on trees opposite - no objection.  
 Pleasant Cottage - application to fell two sycamore trees - no objection.  
 In the case of tree-felling, the council requested South Hams to consider replacement planting.

## Finance

Millennium Clock final payment £3,517.15.  
 Brushcutter harness £19.00  
 Grass cutting £32.

## Any Other Business

It has come to the Council's attention that Park Dean has imposed a complete ban on dogs on the beach at Challaborough between 1st March and 30th November.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September in the WI Hall at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann



## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

We were blessed this year with fine weather and a good crowd of holidaymakers intent on enjoying themselves as they were well able to do thanks to the many and varied stalls, sideshows and competitions on offer, to say nothing of the scrumptious teas and refreshments!

It's hard work but very rewarding - this year we raised over £850 - when staggering homeward after folding up your stall to experience the warm glow of a job well done, in a good cause.

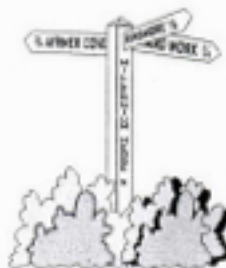
Thanks to all who helped in so many ways to carry on the WI tradition - it's part of the summer scene.

Naomi Warne

arms and sharp clippers, shears or sickles.

Possible dates are 8th, 9th or 12th September. If you can help on any or all of these days, please call me on 810738 so the most suitable day can be chosen.

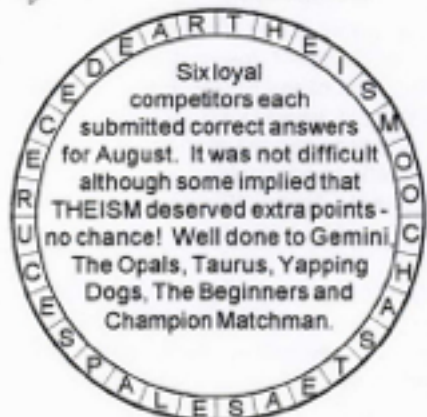
Alan McCarthy



Enigma

## Last Month

### SOLUTION



Six loyal competitors each submitted correct answers for August. It was not difficult although some implied that THEISM deserved extra points - no chance! Well done to Gemini, The Opals, Taurus, Yapping Dogs, The Beginners and Champion Matchman.

## This Month

### The 'U' Word

Each horizontal line and each vertical line contains the consonants of a word, not necessarily in the correct order. Each word can be completed by the addition of the vowels, all 'U's. The number at the end of each line represents the number of consonants and the number of vowels, eg. 63 would mean six consonants and three vowels or 'U's. Each letter in the grid can be used 'only wernce' and all the letters must be used.

Each word has a clue.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Across             | Down                  |
| 1 African warrior  | 1 Animal              |
| 2 Smash            | 2 Hide                |
| 3 Trick            | 3 Untidy woman        |
| 4 Guttural sound   | 4 Fool                |
| 5 Dirty brown      | 5 Bunch of vegetation |
| 6 Boring           | 6 Crumples            |
| 7 Scent            | 7 Ancient dead person |
| 8 Part of elephant | 8 Nervous             |

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Prebendary Francis Hingeston-Randolph, Rector at All Hallows' from 1860-1910, left us an interesting story about the second bell:

... the last time the bells were rung it was for a wedding - the clapper of the second bell fell out and the "peal" came to a sudden end. But the ringers were not to be done out of their ringing and the expected fee, if they could help it; so they sent across the road and called the blacksmith to the rescue. This worthy sat on a beam over against the tongueless bell, armed with his hammer, and the ringers began to chime, Master Vulcan coming in with a heavy blow on the poor bell when its turn came round. Alas, after a few rounds of this rough and ready sort, a terrible crash was heard: the bell lay in fragments on the belfry floor, and there it was suffered to lie until the day of my first heart-rending visit to our antient bellchamber.

That second bell has been recast twice, first in 1692 by Morcedal Cockey of Totnes, then in 1869, after its fragmentation by the blacksmith, by Mears and Stainbank of London. A small mystery attaches to this recasting. The bell is ornately marked 'RS', the initials of Robin Stainbank, but, curiously and inexplicably, the foundry has no record of this mark, nor has it been observed on any other bell.

The third and largest bell, the tenor, was recast in 1740 by Ambrose Gooding of Plymouth. It bears the inscription 'James Gilbert Warden A Gooding 1740'. It is this bell which chimes when the clock strikes the hour.

In 1960 the bells were restored, rehung, and fixed for chiming as we now hear them on Sundays, by Mr William Aggett of Chagford.

Ringmore Historical Society

## The Clock, The Clock ...

At 5.45p.m. on Saturday 9th August 2003, a beautiful summer's evening, a large and happy crowd of villagers and friends gathered in the churchyard of All Hallows to celebrate the ceremony of "Handing Over the Clock".

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In his speech Geof Dykes thanked all those who had contributed time, effort and money to bring about this lasting reminder of the Millennium before, officially, handing over the clock from the Parish Council to the Church.

John Elliott gratefully received the original mock-up as a symbolic gesture and thanked the Parish Council for their undertaking to maintain and care for the clock.

The speeches finished to the mellow chimes of 6.00 p.m. and glasses were raised in a toast to the Millenniums Clock.

James Parkin





# £1 2003 - COUNTRY QUIZ - 2003 £1

*This year's fundraiser for the Newsletter is about countries and global locations. The whole of the Newsletter staff, from the chief pencil sharpener down to the editor, has combined to produce this annual mind-bender! As ever, the answers are a mixture of phonetics, some humour, puns, imagination stretching and a heavy groan factor; cheap at the price! Return your answer sheet by 20th September to:*

*The Editor, Ringmore Parish Newsletter, Ringmore Vaan, Ringmore, Devon TQ7 4HL.*

A prize of £10 will be awarded to the winner and £5 will go to the runner-up, provided that £15 is equal to 25% or less of the funds raised. If it is less, then 25% will be awarded pro rata, to the 1st and 2nd. In the event of a tie, the prize will be shared.

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1 Verify this non-monarchy	26 Mother is far less active than Father
2 This country is but a novice	27 The Egyptian sun-god follows a conjunction of conjunctions
3 An old coin used in middle earth?	28 Cool expression of relief or dismay?
4 Express disgust at precipitation	29 Ecuadorian headgear
5 A very good friend, in a manner of speaking	30 You would not believe that it could be so hot here
6 The sound of a continent follows this bird	31 Source of an Italian river?
7 A ship on the shore	32 Even more silly according to the Japanese
8 Is this where kings of ancient Egypt holidayed?	33 The Duke of Edinburgh grieves
9 Is this where fish are killed out?	34 Abbreviation of the country precedes euphoria
10 Always on my mind	35 'urry the distaff
11 A haunt of vice before a merit award	36 Consequence of rhinal inflammation
12 Sounds like a number of beer guts	37 No yellow birds here
13 Ask if a District Attorney is allowed to?	38 No one wins or loses here
14 Sounds as if it is where they gather and store	39 Leave after careful study
15 A common element in the reduction of friction	40 A country take away
16 Has an eager desire	41 When cold it is the plain truth
17 Source of rocks for the scotch	42 Repeat after me; 'Conch, Periwinkle, 16mm ...'
18 A Geordie refusal	43 An offer to request information from 'er
19 How I competed in the race	44 When abbreviated it sounds like a tentative effort
20 The first person returns by boat or plane	45 An acceptable hoist
21 An entreaty to purchase	46 Is it hell living here?
22 A question of coercion	47 Sounds how the Scottish wean their young
23 A twitchy, nervous condition	48 Where the wisest of kings lives
24 Someone said to be worthy of contempt	49 Tell the line of people not to proceed yet
25 Brought about Al Gore's downfall	50 Sounds as though the first person adds up the numbers

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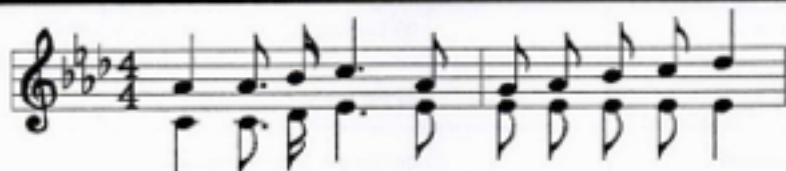
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**Wed 3rd Sept** DARTS LEAGUE MEETING

**Fri 5th Sept** LIVE MUSIC with 'RISKY BUSINESS'. They were here on Fun Run Saturday. Come along and enjoy their music again!!

**Wed 10th Sept** ROYAL OAK DARTS TEAM MEETING

**Fri 12th Sept** 1st DARTS LEAGUE MATCH OF THE NEW SEASON

