

RINGMORE NEWSLETTER

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Read out aloud, 'A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN RINGMORE'. That's good - everyone being nice to each other. Make that this year's resolution, in addition to the usual giving up of all the pleasures in life.

For most of us, Christmas is a time of family gatherings, reflection and merry-making. This year was not entirely jolly for Pam Denis Noel Meribah Stark and Felicity Godwin all of whom suffered the inconvenience and discomfort of a broken bone. Let us hope that 2004 brings them a speedy, complete recovery.

Thank you to Stan Brunskill, Phill Errett and Alan McCarthy, for 'planting' and lighting the Christmas Tree.

Enter the new competition for Mayor of Ringmore. Everyone says 'If I were in charge ...'. Now is your chance to have your say, tell us how you would organise us all. Find the details inside.

The plans for the Evening of Entertainment in February are taking shape and the performers are hard at work rehearsing tunes, sketches, songs and poems for your delectation. Tickets, which are selling fast, are available from 810123 or 810286. The cost will be £5 per head or seat, according to your view, a charge which includes wine and nibbles. Come and watch your friends and neighbours entertain you. Don't miss out!

The time available to select your 'Book at Bedtime' from the Mobile Library, has been reduced from 20 minutes to 10 minutes. Presumably they will offer speed reading courses.

Times are a changing at the JE... read inside ... don't forget the WI's uplifting talk on Thursday 8th, the 'A, B, C or even D of it...'. ... catch up on the history of Burgh Island with Tony Porter at the RHS meeting ... wash each course down with a fine wine at the JE. ... support Ringmore at the Inter-parish Quiz.

HOLYWELL STORES

It is said that hard work brings its own reward. If that is so then Dane and Hilary are due much bounty as a consequence of their hard work. Holywell is OUR Village Shop and Post Office and we should do all we can to ensure its permanence. Well done, Dane and Hilary. Thank you, too, for the Christmas Tree which has shone brightly outside All Hallows during the festive season.

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
FRIDAY: Steak Night at Journey's End

8th WI talk The History of the Bra WI Hall 8.00pm
 20th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
 21st RHS talk Restoration of Burgh Island Hotel
 Tony Porter WI Hall 7.30pm
25th DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE
 27th Fine Wines Dinner at JE
 28th Inter Parish Quiz v Cornwood JE 8.00pm
 Feb
 1st Royal British Legion 7.30pm Royal Oak
 7th A Evening of Entertainment

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Monday 26th

Editor:
Geof Dykes
 810123

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JANUARY SERVICES

Ringmore

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



(Risky including cartoons about bell ringers, but our volunteers do have senses of humour!)

Other Local Services

Bigbury

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

St James's Kingston

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

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Look out for Rocks"

My desk always has something on it that should have been done yesterday or earlier, then comes the urgent, "Kingston magazine dead-line for January is December 15th". Suddenly that age old problem arises, does one do the important before the urgent and the difficult task rather than the many little jobs.

The first time I was on a big boat that ran aground it was because the charts did not show the sand bank where it had been moved by the winter gales. The second time it was our joint faults for a host of little things that left us stuck on the putty just by Portsmouth harbour entrance with the Isle of Wight ferry passengers amused spectators. On both occasions sand, not rocks, fortunately!

We all have rocks, some visible and some not. One illustration I recall was the lecturer who put a one gallon jar on the table. He then produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone answered, "Yes." He replied "Really?", and reached under the table to pull out a bucket of gravel, he shook the jar as he inserted gravel allowing the pieces to work themselves down into the spaces between the rocks. He then asked the group again, "Is the jar full now?" One fellow was on to him. "Probably not," he answered. "Good!" he replied, and reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He poured sand in the jar and it went into the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked, "Is this jar full now?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a jug of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "No matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!" "No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Time with your loved ones, your faith, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, creating, building, teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all." So, tonight, or in the New Year, when you're reflecting on this story, ask "What are the 'big rocks' in my life?" Then, put those in your jar first. (John Elliott, Church House 810565)

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Journey's End Journal

Happy New Year Ringmore, it has started well for us at the JE. New Year's Eve went very well and Ralf's food received some excellent plaudits, and deservedly so. The whole evening went well, and for a pleasant change noise was not a problem and people were enjoying themselves.

December was a good month with plenty of people about, so things were kept ticking over nicely, and I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Ralf and Liz Nuttall to the JE, Ralf's cooking has been received very well as has Liz, behind the bar.

Thursday the 8th sees the return of Quiz night, question masters please get in touch, and extra teams are of course always welcome.

Fridays is our ever popular Steak Night, and although we were forced to increase the price by £1 a steak, I'm sure you will agree it still represents fantastic value. Please book, it will guarantee you a table, and it does make our lives a little easier.

Although Curry Nights were discontinued as a regular feature we would be happy to arrange them to order. You have only to ask at the bar for details.

On Tuesday 27th January we will be having a wine and dinner evening with wines chosen by one of the leading vintners Liam Steevenson, of Steevenson Wines, who will be on hand during the evening to discuss the chosen wines, or any other wine related questions. Space is very limited for this event so please book early, we will have the menu and wine selection displayed in the pub so call in and have a look.

As many of you have heard, the Journey's End has been on the market now for a month or two. I have been told of at least three versions of what is happening, so

here is the correct one. We will continue to own the freehold but we have created a new 10-year lease. This will allow the incoming tenants the flexibility to run their own business, as they would like. We have had three offers on the lease so far and it is still, as of today, on the open market because we have, at present, not accepted any of the offers, due to various considerations that we have had with the various prospective tenants. It is in both our interest and that of the village as a whole, that we find the correct tenants for the JE. Also I have offered, as part of the lease package, to be involved with the new tenants on a consultancy basis while the tenants find their feet, so it may be that I would still be around a day or two a week.

The JE would struggle to survive without the continued patronage of so many of you, and the village would be a worse place if the pub sunk back to its not-so-glorious days of yesteryear. The search continues.

Changing times ahead, but certainly no change for a few weeks yet. We have found our next venture, in North Devon, and are gearing up for what will be an exciting year ahead.

The JE Crew

TIDE TABLES

All Ringmore Newsletter Tide Tables have been sold. If you still need one you can buy Journey's End Tables at . . . guess where?

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 21st January

7.30pm

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RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

CALLING CHALLABOROUGH

This note is for Challaborough eyes only. As most of you know, Thelma Mann has expressed a wish to be relieved of the task of delivering the Newsletter, after many years of trudging through snow, sloshing in rain, glowing in heatwaves, all without a word of complaint.

Is there anyone down the hill who is willing to step in or at least, is willing to help in your part of the parish? If so, please contact the Editor or Thelma.

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 16th December 2003
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Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch;
Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium Committee,
three members of the public and two well-behaved children.

Dog fouling

Notices concerning dog fouling will be posted in the New Year. As the problem does not appear to be improving, further action might have to be considered.

Bullhorn Cross

The absence of the junction name on the new signpost has been reported to Bigbury Parish Council.

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Young reported on nuisance telephone calls. Elsewhere is information on how to reduce this intrusion.

Footpaths

Cllr McCarthy reported on a recent Parish Paths Partnership course.

Millennium Clock

Mr Eddy produced a framed photograph of the church, showing the new clock, which now has been presented to Col George Grimshaw. The Chairman thanked Mr Eddy on behalf of the Council for his efforts in seeing the project through during the five years since its started in 1998.

A similar photograph has been sent to the David Knightly Trust whose donation enabled the project to get off the ground.

Finance

Clerks salary & expenses	£159.30
Picture framing (clock)	22.87
Photocopying	5.00
Donation Modbury Caring	20.00



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

There is little to report for December as there was no meeting. Traditionally its place is taken by the Christmas Party which was held at the Journey's End on 11th December. This was voted a great success, with good food and drink; the sound of animated conversation rose steadily throughout the evening as members 'loosened up'!

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th January when our speaker Mrs Alison Atkinson will be talking on the 'History of the Bra'. Visitors and new members are most welcome to join us — why not give us a try?

Sally Errett

Notification has been received of the costs of last April's election. An invoice for £767.00 will be sent to us in April 2004.

The precept for 2004/2005 was agreed at £3000.

District Council

Mr Carson reported that the Fare Deal Car Scheme could be better supported. Information regarding this service will be included in the Welcome Pack to be given to new residents.

Planning

Applications
Crown surgery to Sycamore at Hillside Cottage - no objection
Renewal of permission to rebuild Dolphin Café at Challaborough - no objection but concern was expressed at the possible consequence of the removal of the existing parking spaces.

Approvals

Erection of a conservatory at The Lodge
Erection of a Greenhouse at Orchard House.

Next meeting

Tuesday 20th January at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Thelma Mann

TABLE TENNIS

What a shame that the December Dance had to be cancelled due to the lack of ticket sales. Originally any profit made was going to charity but the Table Tennis Club has decided that as we have sufficient funds we would still donate £50 each to "Breast Cancer" and the Radio Devon "Chestnut Appeal". If anyone wishes to make an additional contribution to either charity please forward your donation to Phill Errett by 31st January

After all the indulgencies over the festive season now is the time to try and knock oneself into shape with a bit of gentle exercise.

Adult players of any standard will be most welcome for what has become an enjoyable, but not too energetic evening. So come along to the Parish Room on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 and give it a go!!

The Table Tennis Club wish you all a most Happy and Prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evenings. We start again on the 6th January.

Phill Errett
Chairman 810547



Miss Jamieson
regrets . . .

As many of you will know, my gig at the "Journeys End" on Friday 5th December was cancelled at extremely short notice (and without apology), along with the six dates I had contracted to play there in 2004. Although I made every effort to contact those of you who regularly turn out to support me, please accept my apologies if you were not amongst them. I myself, only found out about the cancellation by pure chance, hence the lack of warning.

With the help and co-operation of Paul and Brit Clements, the gig went ahead at The Pickwick Inn instead. Despite having only two days to re-advertise the event, we had a brilliant turnout and a truly memorable night. My sincere thanks to the many familiar faces from Challaborough and Ringmore who made the effort to come along, and especially to Paul and Brit for their support and hospitality.

For further news on local gigs, please check the notice boards outside "Lindrick Dell" or see my website, www.wendyjameson.co.uk. I look forward to seeing you all in 2004.

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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

January '94 was the debut edition for Andrea Stanesby and Yvonne Sheppard as joint editors.

The Journey's End had a new kitchen . . . the Modbury Harriers met at the JE . . . a mixed grill was £3.50p.

The Parish Council precept for 1994/5 was £1200.

NEW COMPETITION

If the government has its way elected mayors will filter down to local levels and one day we could be voting for a Mayor of Ringmore. What would you want to do given such power?

Write your election manifesto - an overview three bullet statements and the candidate's name - 100 words maximum. Below is a possibility, which could be fun.


Ringmore Structure Plan

I will introduce much more discipline into village life by ensuring that those who do not care for the community have less chance to influence the lives of others. One man's freedom is another man's chains. Those who think they can get away with anything will have to think again.

- * I will introduce Street Lighting to stop any hanky panky
- * I will introduce double yellow lines to prevent parking where it might be too convenient
- * The Journey's End will be closed for half an hour each evening so that we can all learn the social values of Eastenders. G Khan

Manifestos will be published in February, the best will be chosen by you and the winners published in March.

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Jan 12th
Feb 9th
Mar 8th

Sowing Seeds for the Future

Some months ago the Parish Council considered an application to remove sycamore trees which were damaging a wall. We know that this type of tree grows at the drop of a hat and that we cut down hundreds in the spring grass mowing. We had no grounds for opposing this application and we knew that if the SHDC approved the request there was a strong likelihood that other, similar applications would follow. This has proved to be so even if it has so far not reached avalanche proportions.

Following discussion, Mr Ross Kennerley who is the 'tree man' for SHDC, accepted an invitation to address the Parish Council at its November meeting. Perhaps the principal point which came from the talk and ensuing discussion was the fact that this process is far from being an exact science. In keeping with all decisions by the District Council in what the public might perceive is the 'planning area', decisions must be seen to be fair. If they are not, it is likely that an aggrieved applicant will appeal.

What the Parish Council was seeking was a way in which a possible spate of applications could be managed, not just administratively but also from the environmental aspect. As Ringmore has many sycamores and ash there is a potential problem. Individually each tree is of low significance but together or in groups, their removal could leave a large gap in the landscape.

Mr Kennerley said that Ringmore does not have many trees. The Council did not agree wholly with this comment but such assessments are relative. However the

trees we do have are important to the appearance of the village and perhaps some attempt should be made to retain or replace those which we have.

SHDC does not have any powers to enforce replacement of trees removed once permission has been given. What would be good would be a collective, voluntary approach to Tree Management in Ringmore. Could we engender one in the community?

No one likes to see a tree removed for no apparent reason but there are many places where trees are growing from walls and ultimately damage will occur. Of course it would be wrong to expect replacement to be precise - how silly to plant them back in a wall - but it should be possible to plant nearby, perhaps with more interesting species, to ensure that future generations are not denied the pleasures which we have from seeing trees around the village.

The Tree Wardens, Jane Guy and Jan Roberts, will complete a survey of the trees in the built-up part of the village over the next few months. From that it might be possible to 'manage' the removal and replacement of particular trees. Such a programme would depend heavily on the willing co-operation of residents.

The subject is up for discussion and the Parish Council would like to hear your views. Write a note or come to a Council meeting. Constructive thoughts will help in future decisions. Help the Council to maintain an environment which will be pleasing to residents and visitors alike.

Geof Dykes, Chairman
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Last Month SOLUTION

FRAGILE IN THE FLESH

This proved to be a teaser, at least initially and not everyone was successful. Obviously minor blips in the past have created a sense of mass uncertainty leading to a need by many to confirm every dot and comma. Enigma was buttonholed in dark alleys. 'Are you sure that Christmas will be on December 25th?' typified the close questioning. How competitive can you get? Ultimately sanity prevailed and you set about finding the answer instead of the question.

It was bound to be a close finish after such a long, tense struggle and so it was. Champion Matchman made a valiant effort to retain the title. The Beginners positioned themselves in case the leaders faltered but they didn't. Both Taurus and the Opals also found the correct solution. The answer was 17 which was reasoned by all successful competitors. Gemini were on the right track but the answer merits only 1 point. So the final standings are as follows:

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Tot
The Opals	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	36
Taurus	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	36
Champ Match	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	35
The Beginners	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33
Gemini	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	2	28
New Dawn	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			27
Yapping Dogs	3	3		3	3	3	3	3					24

Other totals: Sue Brickay 9, Easter Bunny 8, Real Sleuth 3, Trainee 3, Blue Heaven 3, Blue Moon 3.

Congratulations to our new joint champions, Taurus and The Opals. There will be no play-off, each will receive a prize but the Opals must tell Enigma how the prize is to be delivered. Thank you all for your support - onwards and upwards for 2004.

This Month

Off we go again. Try this cryptic conundrum, compiled by the editor - I can hear the groans.



The symbols are a happy reminder of the passing festive season. The puzzle is a standard substitution but to add a frisson, the quotation is wholly in reverse order. Be kind enough to give your solution in the correct order.

Martin & Tina
wish you all a
Happy New Year
and look forward
to seeing you at
The Oak
before the year is
very much older



CALLING ALL LADIES!

Have you thought about joining us on the second Thursday evening of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall?

We are a friendly bunch and our meetings are lively and interesting. Our speakers cover a wide range of subjects, and we also have an Easter Fair, and a barbecue and a Fête in the summer.

For more information, or if you would like someone to call with a programme, please contact Jackie Tagent (President) at Challaborough Cottage (810520).

The first meeting in 2004 is on Thursday 8th January, starting at 7.30 p.m. and followed, after refreshments, by our speaker Alison Atkinson at 8.00 p.m. Alison will be enlightening us on "The History of the Bra". She is giving her time free, but has asked for a donation to Breast Cancer Care, which the Committee have agreed very willingly.

So come along for an enjoyable evening.