

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



So far we have escaped the arctic conditions with which we have been threatened recently. There are even early signs of spring. However we have much to do before we can expect to see any bikinis at Aymer Cove.

The Evening of Entertainment is a 'Sell Out'. It is unlikely that there will be any 'returns' but ring 810123 if you wish to be placed on the 'wait list' which is beginning to fill already. Dedicated, serious rehearsing is in progress! PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE ON THE NIGHT.

Trees continue to be topical and our Tree Wardens have written a summary of the regulations relating to the process of dealing with trees in a Conservation Area.

Dogs continue to cause a social problem. Most people know that a serious disease can be caught from dog faeces and it is children who, because of ignorance and curiosity, are at most risk. It took some time for smokers to accept that cigarette smoke

was not socially acceptable and it might take time for all dog owners to accept the need to clear up. Sadly, there will always be someone who delights in 'blowing smoke in your face'.

Ringmore triumphed in the Inter-Parish Quiz against Cornwood. After a slow start we forged ahead and we won by 122 - 84. It was a good team effort. Round two will be entirely different. Our opponents and venue will be announced by posters, later.

On 24th February the PCC will be holding a Pancake Coffee Morning in the Parish Room at 10.30am

Challaborough, Challaborough, wherefore art thou, etc. Delivery could stop unless someone can spare half an hour each month. Please contact the Editor or Thelma.

Finally, does no-one wish to be Mayor of Ringmore? - new deadline, end of February. If no one enters, G Khan will be Mayor.

Tumbling Down the Stairs

Roofy and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of all our friends and neighbours.

We could not have managed without your help, especially Roofy. He thoroughly enjoyed rushing off with different friends, mostly in appalling weather, returning tired and happy.

Thank you everyone.

Pam

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
- 4th Royal British Legion Royal Oak 7.30pm
7th An Evening of Entertainment Parish Room 7.30pm
10th Table Tennis Club AGM
12th WI Talk Curative Medicine WI Hall 8.00pm
14th St Valentine's Day at the Journey's End
17th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
18th Ringmore Historical Society talk WI Hall 7.30pm
21st Winter Tree Identification morning
22nd DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE
24th Pancake Coffee Morning Parish Room 10.30am
25th WI Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm
28th RBL Women's Section Spring Sale Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel 2.00pm

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St Ann's Chapel
1.15 - 1.30

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3.45 - 4.30

FEBRUARY 2004

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DEADLINE

Sunday
22nd

Editor:
Geof Dykes
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Fiona Batten

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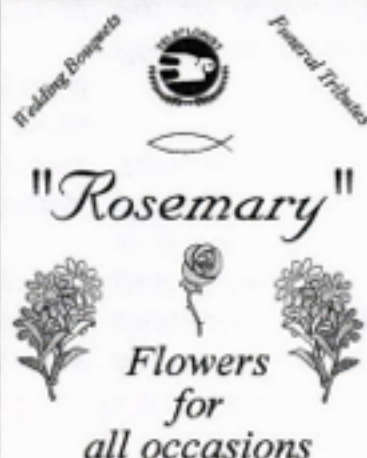
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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

ALL HALLOWS

SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Ringmore

- 1st 11.00a.m. Family Service
8th 9.00a.m. BCP Comm'n
15th 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer
22nd 9.00a.m. CW Communion
25th 6.00p.m. ASH Wednesday
Spoken Communion
29th No Service: See Team

Other Local Services

Bigbury

- 1st 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
8th 11.00a.m. Family Service.
15th 9.00a.m. BCP Communion
18th 2.30p.m. Korniloff Com'n
22nd 11.00a.m. Family Comm
29th No Service: See Team

PLEASE NOTE

*CHANGED PATTERN IN BIGBURY
WITH 3 11.00a.m. SERVICES AS A
WINTER EXPERIMENT*

St James Kingston

- 1st 9.00am Communion
8th 6.00pm BCP Even Prayer
15th 11.00am Family Service
(with Children's
Club)
22nd 6.00pm Even Prayer
29th 6.00pm Spoken BCP
Communion

TEAM SERVICE

January 29th

Family Communion

10.30am WOODLEIGH

Best Christmas Riddle this Year!

Q: Why do you never play golf with an undertaker?

A: Because they always end up on top at the last hole

"The Sound of Silence"

A line from a Simon and Garfunkel song I believe, but rarely do we experience true silence even in this beautiful part of the world. Friends have raised their eyebrows when I compare the sound heard through our windows in Ringmore on a stormy night to the noise of the distant rumble of traffic on the ever busy M25. We know it is the surf breaking on the beach and rocks so it seems a more pleasant sound, but would a blind identification of recordings be accurate?

It is only when things are really quiet that we realise just how loud the smallest movement can be. I sat by the staked road and wonderfully not only saw a kingfisher but heard the beat of his wings as he alighted on one of the stakes. One of the Psalms, the songs of Praise in the Bible, suggests that we be still and know that God is God. Hard to do in a busy and noisy world, we even fill silence when it comes. Recently I have noticed that nerves can lead to jokes and chatter even around a death bed, and that a new born babe in arms still and asleep provokes baby talk from proud grandparents

As we explore the subject of prayer in our sermons we come to the prayers of rest and meditation. It has been noticeable that some in our Church are just not comfortable unless words fill the air, not just those of the preacher often their own. We all need time to reflect, and after the risky book recommendation for Christmas here is a safer one. "Tuesdays With Morrie" (Mitch Albom) which contains these lines "He enters the classroom, sits down, doesn't say anything. He looks at us, we look at him. At first there are a few giggles, but Morrie only shrugs, and eventually a deep silence falls and we begin to notice the smallest sounds, the radiator humming in the corner of the room, the nasal breathing of one of the fat students. Some of us are agitated. When is he going to say something? We squirm, check our watches. A few students look out of the window, trying to be above it all. This goes on for a good fifteen minutes, before Morrie finally breaks in with a whisper. "What is happening here?" he asks. And slowly the discussion begins about the effect of silence on human relations."

In silence some are not troubled because the last thing they want to do is talk about their fears and feelings, some of us are like that. We often fill the silence, which can be creative, with our own verbal junk. So here's to peaceful silences.

(John Elliott: 810565)

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Chris Roberts,

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BIGBURY FAYRE CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Well the weather was not to unkind this year for our annual Carol's on the green. We think it was one of the largest crowds ever, we would like to thank you all for turning up and making it an enjoyable start to Christmas.

There are a lot of people we have to thank: Jeremy & Elaine for the use of their electricity: the Parish Council for paying for this: Dane & Hilary for supplying and cooking of the mince pies and sausage rolls: Ted & Paula Woodhead for donating and making (with a little help from Jim Owen) the Mulled Wine: John Ramsden for donating a bottle of Whisky and a box of crisps, and our musicians - Denise, Angie, Claire, Jenny, Kate, Rosemary. Also, for the first time this year, Kate Carson's music teacher Paulette, with her daughters Kate, Emily and Hannah. Also, Bryan Carson for compèring and, for those who couldn't hear him last year, this year he will have a microphone.

Last year Rev John Elliot was unable to attend, (so sorry to hear about your sad news) so Peter Cook said a few words, which we thank him for. It seems that we did not have enough lights for people to read the Carol Sheets but we hope to rectify that problem for this year. With your generosity this year we will be in a position to make a few donations to local causes (watch this space for details).

Once again thank you to all of you who took part and helped in this now familiar Christmas Eve tradition.

Chris, Jim, Ken, Martyn and Linda
Bigbury Fayre Committee.

Journey's End Journal

Thank you to all those that came to support our Wine and Dine evening, which went very well. The food was fantastic and the wine well chosen, all in all a great night. Ralph excelled himself again, and the evening took us further forward in firmly establishing our position as the best food and ale pub in the area. The Burns' Night had a poor turnout, which was sad as we had Matt Campbell on bagpipes and James Stevenson, who did a marvellous job of addressing the Haggis, and a specials board filled with the tastes of Scotland, and at very keen prices. We should have been filled with Scotsmen.

The inter-parish quiz went well and was well supported, with congratulations to the victorious home side. We are looking for volunteer quiz masters, please let Liz know if you are available. Also it is nice to see a few more coming in to eat before the quiz; it's also a good way of getting the best tables.

Don't forget Valentine's Day on the 14th February. We already have a number of bookings and as it falls on a Saturday this year we will be full very soon. The menu is posted in the pub.

On the 24th February we have the Modbury Harriers at the pub.

The JE Crew

Public Footpaths Update

The Government has entered into a Public Service Agreement with the Devon County Council to ensure that 90% of the 3000 miles of public rights of way in Devon are easy to use by March 2005.

Ringmore Parish has been inspected by the Area Warden and whilst our Rights of Way have met previous requirements, some changes have been made to meet new PSA specifications. The majority of the changes are minor, extra steps for some stiles, conversion to V stiles and new signposts being typical.

Those who walk the footpath to Bigbury village, starting at the end of Cackle Lane by End House will notice the position of the stile in the fence running down the hill has changed. Instead of being in the centre of the fence the stile is now located at the top end, close to the farm gate and hedge. The new stile is much lower than the one it replaces and it has dog access. The change was made to bring the footpath back to the definitive line shown on the County's master map.

Any comments on the condition of the paths, signing, stiles etc are welcome and will be acted upon where possible.

Alan McCarthy

Co-ordinator, Parish Path Partnership



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Monday - Friday

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Pizzas in the evening

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Tuesday - Saturday:

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6.00 - 9.00pm

We were saddened to learn that a complaint was made on New Years Eve to South Hams District Council about the noise levels. We shall continue to offer a range of facilities at the pub and can only hope not to offend.

The JE Crew



TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis Club has now been running for three very successful years since its Constitution was formed. Our third Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday 10th February, during the playing session refreshment break. It is hoped that all members can attend.

New members will be most welcome and of course, it is especially beneficial to those proposing to enter the John Bracey Trophy. This will be held next month in the Journey's End. Come along on Tuesday evenings, exercise in good company and have good fun: all standards catered for (except the very highest!).

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 16th December 2003
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District Cllr; Mr David Young, N'hood
Watch; Mr Guy Eddy, Millennium
Committee; Mrs Jan Roberts, Tree
Warden; three members of the public.

Dog Fouling

Further action will be taken by the council as the matter is not improving.

Overgrown Hedges

Some hedges in Rectory Lane urgently need cutting back. They are covering the verges and making it dangerous for pedestrians. Landowners are requested to attend to cutting before the nesting season. Eventually, the Council can request the County Council to do the cutting at the landowners' expense.

District Council Matters

Mr Carson discussed the 2004/05 budget. He explained that the extra £2m revenue, derived from the increase in tax on second homes, will be allocated according to current rules, ie. 10% SHDC, 10% D&C Police Authority, 80% DCC.

Footpaths

Details of changes and improvements can be found elsewhere.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be on 28th April. Guest speakers will be Ruth Bagley, Chief Executive SHDC, Sir Simon Day, DCC Councillor and Simon Garner, National Trust. The Council hopes that electors will support the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Finance

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Next Meeting

17th February, WI Hall, 7.00pm.

Thelma Mann

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Royal British Legion
Women's Section
SPRING SALE
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Saturday 28th Feb. 2.00pm



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Members who turned out for the January meeting had a surprise as our scheduled speaker was unable to come due to flu. The impromptu evening gave us all the chance for social chit-chat, laughter and friendship. We did have an informative session on discussing how we could encourage new ladies to join and some of the ideas will be taken forward by the Committee.

Last minute planning did enable us to have a quiz, set by the President, on the theme of film titles which was good fun and enjoyed by one and all.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February, 7.30pm in the WI Hall - please see further details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sally Errett

Royal British Legion

We did not have a meeting in January but our next meeting will be at the Royal Oak, Bigbury on Wednesday 4 February at 7.30pm. The speaker will be James Stevenson who will be talking about the Portuguese Civil War. All are welcome.

The Royal British Legion enjoyed an impromptu entertainment following the AGM and monthly meeting in December. Viv Freeman again amazed and delighted us all with his jokes and stories told in his own inimitable style. I don't know how he remembers them all. We look forward to the next installment.

At the AGM the following officers were elected.

President: Brian Stark 810324
Chairman: David Young 810389
Vice-Chairman: Colin Jackson 810292
Secretary: Robbie McCarthy 810738
Robbie McCarthy
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RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 18th February
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NEW YEAR - NEW ROOF

The south end of the church roof of All Hallows has been causing concern for a few years because slates were becoming loose on a regular basis. Following appointment of our new church architect in April, the PCC took up our architect's recommendation to investigate.

An inspection by a local roofing firm revealed nail rot and it was agreed to re-slate the South Chancel Roof re-using the original slates where possible, augmented with re-claimed tiles. Scaffolding was put in place in early November and work started, but it was discovered a rafter at the south east gable end was badly affected with wet rot and had to be removed and replaced. The reason for the wet rot was insufficient weatherproofing over the gable end. Our architect recommended we protect the north side of the gable end with lead sheets at the same time, which necessitated more scaffolding, and temporarily removing the cross for access. All this additional work meant the scaffolding was in place until Christmas week and the job took several weeks instead of just one. We were fortunate that most of the ornate ridge tiles were salvageable, and we have only one damaged tile to replace in due course.

The good news is that as well as the work being completed satisfactorily, our architect has been able to examine the roof in detail and the roof timbers appear to be in reasonable order. The church is due its quinquennial survey this year after which the PCC will be able to prioritise work needed, in more detail.

Yvonne Sheppard
Church Warden

Savannah Trek

In mid-March I will take part in a six day trek in the Northern Cape to help raise money for the National Society for Epilepsy. This is a cause close to my heart as I lived with the difficulties of my sister's epilepsy for forty years until she died suddenly and unexpectedly from a seizure several years ago.

In order to take part in this expedition I need to raise a minimum of £2500. All the monies raised go to the charity and does not fund the trip itself. While being mindful of the various fund-raising events in the village, and the need to forever dip into the pocket, I am planning one or two fund-raising events that I hope will be different, be informative and most of all enjoyable, so that you may feel you can support me. The first one is on Winter Tree Identification, details of which appear elsewhere in the newsletter. There is something else for April but I will leave that to next month!

Many thanks, Jan Roberts

TEN YEARS AGO ...

Reference was made to the 'awful' weather in January - presumably the heavy snowfall recorded in the photographs at the JE.

David Maunder joined the JE as Chef.

Ringmore lost the first leg of the Inter-Parish Quiz against Diptford by 79 - 52.

The Parish Council reported that the glass on the Notice Board at the Bus Shelter, the seat in the shelter and the glass in the WI Notice Board had all been broken. *It was suggested that it might have happened as the result of someone acting irresponsibly - what restraint!*

PHOTOGRAPHS

OF

RINGMORE MOMENTS

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Church Fêtes

Harvest Supper '02/'03

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TREE CONSIDERATIONS

We feel that perhaps now is the time to clarify the requirements of S.H.D.C in relation to trees in and outside Conservation Areas. A map showing the Conservation Area in Ringmore is attached in this newsletter.

Sites within a Conservation Area The Need to notify

Under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, anyone proposing to cut down, top, lop, uproot, or carry out works liable to damage or destroy a tree in a Conservation Area is required to give six weeks notice of their intention to the Council before starting work.

Exemptions do apply in the following circumstances:-

1. Trees which are dead, dying or have become dangerous.
2. Trees which do not exceed 8cm (3in) in diameter at 1.5m above ground level.
3. Trees where the works are necessary for the prevention or abatement of a nuisance (a legal nuisance not a mere inconvenience).

Except in an emergency, exemptions as above still require the notification form to be completed and the box labelled exemption must be ticked. The S.H.D.C. must be allowed five days to respond, to allow if necessary the situation to be verified on site.

Replanting

If a tree in a Conservation Area is removed, uprooted or destroyed in contravention of Section 211, the landowner is placed

under a duty to plant another tree as soon as possible. The same duty also applies if a tree is removed or destroyed or dies at a time when work on the tree is authorised because it is dead, dying or dangerous, or because it is causing a nuisance. A more appropriate siting to the original tree would be considered.

Forms for tree work to be notified can be obtained from Jane Guy, 810318 or Jan Roberts, 810730.

If you would like to seek advice before giving notice please contact Ross Kennerley, the Tree Officer for S.H.D.C., tel.01803 861234 ext.525.

Outside the Conservation Area

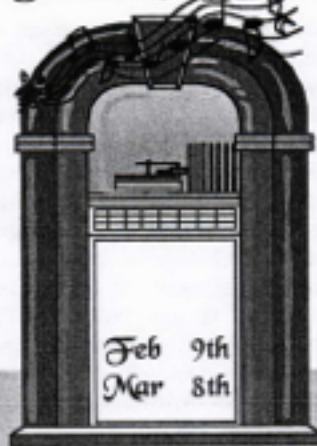
In any calendar quarter ie Jan to March, you may fell up to 5 cubic metres, approx. 5 tons, on your property without permission. Some exceptions are allowed. Contact the tree wardens for further guidance.

House/landholders are reminded that if they have trees adjacent to the roadside they have an obligation in law to maintain a clearance height of 5.2 metres. If the trees are within the Conservation Area the relevant forms still need to be completed; the trees will be treated as if within the exempt category. If the proposed work exceeds 5.2 metres the exemption category no longer applies and the full six week period must be allowed.

We hope this information will be useful to everybody.

Jan Roberts and Jane Guy,
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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

- EVERY MON** EUCHRE DRIVE - 8.00pm
- Wed 4th Feb** R.B.L. Meeting 7.30pm
- Fri 6th Feb** TOMMY'S 60th birthday with music by 'CRUNCHY CARROT'
- Sat 14th Feb** VALENTINE DAY MENU
- Sat 6th Mar** Combined 83rd birthday party for TINA and ROY - music by 'DJ BUMPKIN'



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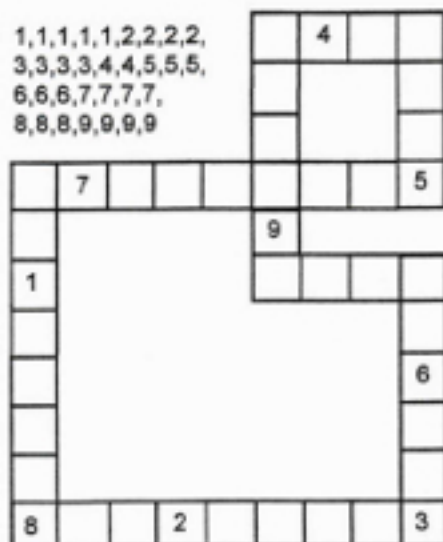
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Last Month SOLUTION

Nothing seems to phase some intrepid contestants. It is a well-known misquotation. Without the word 'rather' there would be no 'e', the most commonly used letter in the language. Answer: JFK's exhortation from his inaugural address. A winning start for Champion Taurus, Champion Opals (thank you for the donation), Matchman and New Dawn. Some confessed to being beaten - don't give up.

This Month

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6,6,6,7,7,7,7,
8,8,8,9,9,9,9



Place the spare numbers into the grid such that the sum of any three numbers which follow each other round the track is divisible by 3.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS



The next W.I. meeting is on Thursday 12th February, with the business meeting starting at 7.30 p.m. and the speaker at 8 p.m.

This month our speaker is Dr Edward Hamlyn, who will speak on "Curative Medicine" - or, perhaps better, "Natural" medicine, which seeks to heal by discovering the cause of ailments and removing them. Come along to find out more!

Then on Wednesday 25th February we have an evening of light-hearted fun with our regular WHIST DRIVE, again starting at 7.30 p.m.

Don't worry if you don't know how to play (many of us have forgotten from last time!); it's dead easy really. Entrance is £2.50, which includes eats and your first glass of wine.

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