

RINGMORE NEWSLETTER

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The Evening of Entertainment was widely hailed for more than one reason. First, the talent displayed by everyone who took part merited the showcase. Second, it was an evening enjoyed as much by the cast as by the audience. The third reason is every bit as important: it was seen by many as a revival of past occasions, evenings which personify the cosier images of village life. For whatever reason it is deemed a success, it was also one of the least painful ways of raising much-needed funds for the Parish Room.

March is the herald of Spring but before we reach that uplifting moment, there is a busy calendar.

The WI has arranged a talk on ESP but you probably knew that already - The Journey's End will hold its Spring Beer Festival - All Hallows will be cleaned by volunteers yet to be told - Ringmore will attempt to defeat Brixton in the Inter-Parish Quiz - the annual Table Tennis Tournament will take place at

the Journey's End on the last Sunday in the month. In addition there are Coffee Mornings, Talks and Meetings.

Jim & Emma left for Galmpton and were given a great send-off at the Journey's End . . . the bottle which periodically floated over from the Island has sunk and Steve has written the final message.

There will be a Charity Tour of Britannia Royal Naval College on 4th April. This will be an afternoon which the Editor and the Proofreader thoroughly recommend.

Challaborough will not be without it's monthly delivery after all. Doreen Crookes has kindly offered to take over delivery from this month.

Not many wish to be Mayor of Ringmore. Only a few candidates have applied and their manifestos are included for you to make your choice. Please let the editor know of your selection by the Deadline.

SO FAR SO GOOD

The ladies who broke bones or had ops recently are recovering at differing speeds but all are heading towards good health. There is no room for complacency as Ardenne Bennett, Reg Trant and Stan Brunskill suffered a blip in their health this month. It is natural to assume more serious consequences but fortunately none has suffered unduly.

When health fails we do not hesitate to put ourselves in the hands of others, not all of whom are medical experts. Some are friends and neighbours.

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

3rd RBL Meeting The Dolphin Inn Kingston 7.30pm
11th WI Meeting Talk: Extra Sensory Perception 8.00pm
12/13/14th Beer Festival Journey's End
13th All Hallows annual clean-up starting at 9.00am
16th Inter-Parish Quiz v Brixton Journey's End 8.00pm
17th Nat Soc Epilepsy Coffee Morning WI Hall 10.30am
17th Ringmore Historical Society talk WI Hall 7.30pm
21st Mother's Day Lunch at the Journey's End
23rd Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
26th DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE
28th JB TT Tournament Journey's End 2.00pm
31st Annual Parochial Church Meeting Parish Room 6.30pm

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12.30 - 12.40

St Ann's Chapel
1.15 - 1.30

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3.45 - 4.30

MARCH 2004

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DEADLINE

Friday
26th

Editor:
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RAINFALL

Fiona Batten

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2¼"

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

The Burning Hut

March Services

Ringmore

- 7th 11.00a.m. Family Service
14th 9.00a.m. CW Communion
21st 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer
28th 9.00a.m. BCP Communion



"Well, Harris - I told him." I said, "Mr
Wiseman, that's no star but would he listen?"

Other Local Services

Bigbury

- 7th 11.00a.m. Praise & Prayer
14th 11.00 a.m. Family Service
17th 2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion
21st 9.00a.m. Communion
28th 11.00a.m. Family Communion

St James's Kingston

- 7th 9.00 a.m. Communion
14th 6.00p.m. BCP Evening Prayer
21st 11.00a.m. Family Service
with Childrens Club
28th 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Your Resident Minister is officially
an unpaid Part-timer working
Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
It would be appreciated if only social
or emergency phone calls came
outside these days**

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky.

The worst had happened - everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your hut is burning, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say, "It's impossible". God says: "All things are possible". (Luke 18:27)

You say, "I'm too tired." God says: "I will give you rest". (Matt 11:28-20)

You say, "Nobody really loves me". God says: "I love you". (John 3:16 - John 13:34)

You say, "I can't go on." God says: "My grace is sufficient." (II Cor. 12:9 Psalm 91:15)

You say, "I can't do it." God says: "You can do all things in Me." (Phil 4:13)

You say, "I can't forgive myself." God says: "I forgive you." (I John 1:9 - Romans 8:1)

You say, "I can't manage." God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Phil 4:19)

You say, "I'm afraid." God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear." (II Tim. 1:7)

You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated". God says: "Cast all your cares on Me (I Peter 5:7)

You say, "I don't have enough faith." God says: "I've given everyone a measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

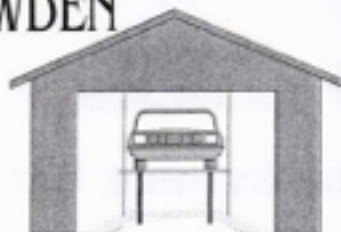
You say, "I feel all alone." God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)

There are some weeks (and days) that we ALL feel our huts are burning.

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Journey's End Journal

We have had a busy February with our excellent Valentines Day Celebration, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our thoughts were sadly with last year's entertainer Spatz who is sorely missed and would have a memorable day even better.

The Modbury Harriers came by, sadly with only one rider but the hounds made a good spectacle. Our Irish evening went down a storm with everybody concerned, except one who complained about the noise, (a week before hand! Of which more later).

Could we have some volunteers for Quiz Night quizmasters please? We are in need of at least two for March, so please let Liz know when you are available. If you haven't done it before give it a go, it is a worthwhile exercise, and good fun to compile a quiz too.

The Inter-Parish quiz will be at the JE on the 16th so please come and support the Ringmore team.

Beer festival time is here again, 12th-13th-14th March. We have a superb selection of West County ales from some

VALEDICTION

A very big thank you for our lovely send-off in the pub the other Thursday. We were quite overwhelmed by how many of you turned out to see us - must have been the thought of a beer or two and Felicity's fantastic quiz, or just to make sure we were definitely going!! But seriously, we have made so many wonderful friends in Ringmore over the last nine years (yes nine years!), and we will be more sorry than you know to leave the village and all of you.

However, before I start crying again, don't forget we are not emigrating far - only Galmpton, so we expect to see lots of you regularly there. There will of course be an official opening party once the weather improves and you aren't completely rid of us - there is the beer festival and the rugby to come not to mention Jim's defence of the Table Tennis Championship! Get the beers lined up Mark! We also have our official Labrador passports to Independent Ringmore and would like to register our vote - El Generalissimo for Mayor!

Here is our address so that you can all keep in touch or visit - 2 Above Down Cottages, Galmpton, Nr Kingsbridge, TQ7 3EU - Tel no: 01548 562083.

In the immortal words of Hollywood's bard - 'We'll be back!'.....
Jim & Emma

of the smaller and less well tried breweries, so come and sample some of the West's finest beers and some of excellent food from Devon, along with some excellent music, including our Irish friends Hogwash on Sunday, and the superb Risky Business on Friday, a blues duo, with our old friends TQ7 from Kingston on Saturday, slimmed down to a two piece band, but as good as ever.

Don't forget it's Mother's Day on the 21st so book early as we are going to be fully booked for Lunch. Menu in bar.

Table tennis is again on the agenda for the 28 March. If you haven't put your name down please do so, even if like me, you have two left bats (and that's not a euphemism) come and have a go in the first round and watch the "experts" in the later rounds.

You can please all of the people some of the time; you can please some of the people all of the time. Unfortunately, in spite of our best efforts we do not seem to be able to please all of the people all of the time. We shall continue to strive to achieve this objective but we shall find it difficult if people do not come to us with their complaint. Complaining to South Hams, sometimes ahead of an event, is not the 'village' way of doing things.

We are looking forward to another busy month as Spring approaches and we hope to see you all here. Mark

CHURCH CLEAN-UP

Saturday 13th March

Help is needed for the annual clean-up of the Church and the Churchyard.

Attention, please, all able-bodied people who would like to help in any way to spruce up our village church, inside and out, in time for Easter. You will appreciate that the recent repairs and the activities of the resident bats and birds means there is a need for a thorough clean-up. We hope that our regular team can come as well as the faithful group who, every year, brush down the walls and window frames. We would welcome any new volunteers who can manage an hour or so. A drink and a biscuit will be available to sustain you.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you.
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A MAYOR FOR RINGMORE

In the end only five candidates submitted a manifesto for the election of the new Mayor of Ringmore.

Initially it was thought that apathy would be the enemy of the democratic process but this proved to be wrong. Skeletons were the downfall of many a potential candidate who chose not to stand rather than reveal something so much more interesting than a policy. Perhaps others thought the task might be too arduous.

However the following candidates survived the inquisition and await your votes, in volume, by Friday 26th March

RINGMORE for RINGMORONS

For far too long Ringmore has been overshadowed by St Ann's Chapel with its newly-named pub and megastore and by Challaborough with its gourmet fish restaurant. We must regain our superiority and I will achieve the following by compulsory purchase if necessary.

- The Journey's End to be extended into Hillside Cottage and Cumberland Cottages with linked accommodation through Little Barn, Orchard House, Maple Bank and Ringmore Vean.
- Ivy Cottage and Cross Manor to form a Sports Centre.
- Wychwood, Rock Cottage, The Nook, Cross Park and Crossways linked into a shopping mall with parking on Chartilly and End House.

A Tilla

A THEME for RINGMORE

The South Hams needs tourism and I will ensure Ringmore leads the way in providing excellent facilities to promote the village as the number one local destination. Self-financing will be achieved by doubling full-time residents' Council Tax.

- A multi-storey car park situated under Town Well with lifts to the start of Smugglers' Walk.
- A mechanised Pirate Ship ride down the path to the pirates' hide out (known as Aymer Cove)
- Globally-franchised Amusements and Refreshment outlets to be staffed on a compulsory basis by full-time Ringmore residents in period costume.

C R O'Magnon (Mr)

CASH BACK

Taxes are too high and the value-for-money is too low. The balance must be redressed.

- ✦ If you can find a parking space in Ringmore, SHDC to pay you £1 per hour.
- ✦ Parish precept to be raised to £1000 per house and £975 to be returned to each household to be spent as they wish.
- ✦ All home owners to be paid to stay in their homes, to discourage their selling and becoming homeless.
- ✦ Candidates to receive £1000 for each word their manifesto is below 100.

Benny Factor

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✦ All residents must keep ferrets to keep rabbit population down.

✦ Dogs licences £40 per animal, present dogs excepted.

✦ Parish Council members will pay me, to be members and I will ratify all decisions.

Api L Lock

RINGMORE STRICTURE 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

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 17th February 2004
Present: Five councillors, Mr Brian Carson, District Cllr; Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch; Mrs Jane Guy, Tree Warden; PC Paul Morrell, our Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

Dog Fouling

New signs have been placed around the parish. The matter will be discussed again in three months by which time it is hoped the situation will have improved and further action may be avoided.

Hedge Cutting in Rectory Lane
Work should commence shortly.

Police

PC Morrell introduced himself to the meeting as our new Neighbourhood Beat Manager. He is not a 'local bobby'. His beat extends as far as Salcombe and he has few resources but he is a friendly face with Ringmore as part of his responsibility. If possible he will attend the Annual parish meeting. The number to be used to contact the policies 08452 777 444.

District Council

Mr Carson reported that the budget had been raised by 4.9%. SHDC has decided that the money raised by the increase in the Council Tax levied on second homes would be used to build affordable housing. The council has decided to purchase fifteen houses to increase resources available to help the homeless.

Town Well

In his absence, Mr McCarthy submitted notes on the planned eradication of the weed, Butterburr.

- 1 The area will be strimmed.
 - 2 The strimmed area will be treated with Round Up.
 - 3 The area will be re-treated later in the year.
 - 4 If successful, the area will be seeded with grass in October.
- Any help needed to prepare the area will be sought at the appropriate time.

Planning

Application to crown reduce a sycamore and two further trees at Smugglers Cottage. No objection.

Appeal result

The application to amend the approved plans for a replacement dwelling at Avglan Fell has been dismissed by the Secretary of State.

Finance

Purchase of Extending Loppers for use on Footpaths - £15

Next Meeting
23rd March, WI Hall, 7.00pm.

Thelma Mann

TABLE TENNIS

Following our AGM held on the 10th February the following officers were elected:

Chairman - Phil Errett 810547,
Secretary- Jinny McCabe 810538,
Treasurer - Frank Williams 810405.
Jinny will also be the Club's representative on the Parish Room Committee.
Thanks were given to Jim McGinley, who has moved to pastures new, for his duties as Treasurer since the club's formation in 2000. Jim, the club's star player, will be missed on club nights but hopefully will return occasionally to keep us on our toes.

With the John Bracey tournament approaching us, details below, anyone is more than welcome to come along on a club night for a little practice.

Come along on Tuesday evenings, exercise in good company and have good fun, all standards (except the very highest!!!) catered for.

Phil Errett
Chairman 810547

THE TOURNAMENT

Following the success of last year, the tournament this year will take place, again, over one day only, Sunday 28th March. There is an entry list posted in the Nelson Bar and it is hoped that we can again reach the easy-to-manage number of 32.


The present champion sadly no longer lives in the village so I am hoping that someone in the village can take the cup from him this year. Jim has the excuse of no drink-driving to help him this year.

The afternoon is intended to be for fun and the entrance fee of one pound is for charity so please put your name down, or get someone to do it for you, to join in the fun or just come and enjoy watching it.

There will be a table in the Conservatory earlier in the week for practice.

John Bracey

Music
at
The Paddock
with
Frank & Drina



Mar 8th



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Our speaker for the February meeting was Dr Edward Hamlyn who gave a talk on curative medicine. He was fascinating to listen to and encouraged questions as he spoke. When he looked you full in the face with his penetrative stare, it was quite possible to believe he could see right inside his patient and know exactly what was wrong! He has a flourishing homeopathic surgery in Ivybridge and from the interest shown by his audience I think it quite likely that numbers at his practice will swell!

All agreed it had been a jolly good evening.

Sally Errett

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday 17th March
7.30pm
WI Hall

Archaeological
History of Dartmoor

Talk by
Paul Rendell
Local Historian
and
Dartmoor Guide

Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age
and how these people lived on
The Moors and how man worked
in the mines in 18th century

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along to enjoy the evening.
Members £1.50 Non-members £2.00
Refreshments included



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Royal British Legion

Hands up everyone who knew there had been a revolution in Portugal. That includes most of the Royal British Legion members. That was until the Royal Oak welcomed the Branch for its monthly meeting and several guests to hear James Stevenson's fascinating talk, illustrated with some informative pictures. The revolution took place on 25 April 1974 and James was only aware of it because he had come back to England briefly on his own. He had left his family in Portugal where he had been living and working since October 1962.

Now, are you sitting comfortably, then I'll begin. Portugal had an empire 23 times its own area. They had 120,000 troops in Africa which was taking over 40% of the national budget. It had the largest army per capita in the world with the exception of Israel. No-one in Portugal was aware of the size of the problem as the Internal Police for the Defence of the State did not want anyone to know what was going on. It was a country of spies, agents, repression and secrecy. Newspapers were censored and there was no international news. Portugal was a member of NATO and was using this money to fund their fighting in Africa. The leader of Portugal in the 60's was Salazar who also kept the native Africans poorly educated and repressed. There could be no military solution for Portugal in Africa as there were many guerillas fighting on their own territory. In 1973 The Times reported a massacre in Mozambique but the Portuguese were still unaware of the problems. Salazar had died in 1968 of a stroke, and had been replaced by Catano who was the first Prime Minister to have been to an African colony. The atmosphere of mutiny in the ranks was beginning to take hold and the army finally revolted in April 1974. It eventually, after a very shaky start, took over Lisbon and other strategic strongholds. It was a peaceful revolution but became far too left wing for the people of Portugal and they have evolved politically into the country we know today. All of the African colonies became independent after the revolution and many fled, especially those who had sided with the Portuguese troops, to Portugal. There were over 1m refugees. We thank James very much for his time and detailed research into this subject and I have promised not to ask him to talk to the Branch, and guests, again until 2005!

Next meeting: 3rd April The Dolphin
Kingston 7.30pm

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

100 CLUB

January £20 Phil Jolly
£5 Jill Jolly

If you have not renewed your membership,
Colin Jackson will be talking to you soon!!!

TEN YEARS AGO

There was an impressive entry for the photographic competition at the journey's End. The competition will be judged by Pete Allan from the South Hams Gazette

A Beach Clean-up was planned for 26th March.

Beach Clean

A Beach Clean-up is planned for Saturday 3rd April, in time for Easter.

This will be confirmed in the April Newsletter. Please set the date aside.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RINGMORE MOMENTS

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Harvest Supper '02/'03

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A Successful EVENING of ENTERTAINMENT

There was a buzz of excitement as almost eighty villagers, and a few from further afield, gathered in the Parish Room on Saturday 7th February 2004.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Geof, introduced the evening and began the entertainment with an amusing poem on the game of golf and we continued to be treated to a wealth of Ringmore talent including the RATS' (Ringmore Amateur Theatrical Society) polished performance of *Albert and the Lion*, instrumental and vocal offerings from Naomi, Anna and Terry and poems from Anne and both the Janes. The first half ended to rapturous applause for Alice's entertaining story of her parents eventful first ever visit to London.

We were then served with delicious refreshments and a glass or two of wine. This seemed to remove any inhibitions and the second half, which was opened by Naomi again tickling the ivories, was a much noisier affair with heckling, cheering and enthusiastic clapping. There were further performances from Anna, James S., Terry and Anne, a story from Sara, a reading from Phill, Uncle Tom Cobley from The Minstrels and a "Mellow Village Drama" where the props and the puns came thick and fast and caused great merriment. The evening ended with an encore of "Song for Ringmore", written by Di and sung beautifully by Pam with the audience joining in the chorus time and again. Congratulations and thanks to Geof for organising the event; to all who took part; to the ladies who provided the food and to Alan for his excellent work as Stage Manager. You will be pleased to know that £415.00 was raised towards essential work on the Parish Room.

James Parkin

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Anne Dykes and Gillian Parkin for their culinary expertise and organisational skills on the night of the Evening of Entertainment and to thank Anne Lambie and Jane Guy for their kind donations of the sandwiches!

Debbie Chicken

I commend everyone who played a part in the evening, I thought they were brilliant. Thanks too, to two people so far unthanked - James for serving the wine and Anna for lending her keyboard.

Geof Dykes

Message In A Bottle

Greetings from the sunny side of the bay. By the time that you read this most of you will know already that I am no longer associated with the Pilchard Inn or Burgh Island.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has popped over in the past couple of years to take part in an event, to have lunch or just enjoyed a quick pint - THANK YOU.

For me it's been a very busy and challenging two-plus years and until recently, extremely enjoyable.

I would like to thank the loyal staff team that we had in the Pilchard, now dispersed around the country, as well as Rod & Kate, John & Jo, Hans & Rosie and everyone who supported me and helped me cope with the thousands of holidaymakers, inebriated Morris men and women, Racing Waiters, Cups and Trophies, swimming around the island, collapsing marquees, sand castle competitions and military vehicle enthusiasts.

There is a lot to remember and a little to forget.

Tractor rides to work on gloriously sunny days and returning during magnificent sunsets; a deserted beach at the end of a busy day; sand castles and sculptures as far as the eye could see on Tom Crocker Day; the aroma from the Barbecue wafting on the evening breeze; tales about Archie Nettlefold, Myths & Legends. It was a lovely island to work on.

I hope I don't lose touch with you all. There are some super pubs in the parish and no doubt, I shall bump (not literally I hope) into one or two of you in these establishments over time.

It's too early to say whether or not I'll carry on in the pub trade or try my hand at something completely different.

So I'll not say Goodbye - just Au'voir.

Steve

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Savannah Trek

National Society for Epilepsy
Fund Raising Activities

As I wrote in last month's Newsletter, I am raising funds for the Society, the main event being a self-funded Trek in the Northern Cape, South Africa during the second half of March. To this end, several fund-raising events have been organised. These include a Coffee Morning and during April a Belgian Beer tasting evening at the Journey's End. The first of these activities was a Winter Tree identification morning.

Despite the bitterly cold wind an intrepid group of tree enthusiasts enjoyed a morning learning the basics of tree identification. Such was the response that we may extend to another session when the trees have leaves, surely that will be easier! Many thanks to Chris and all who came and those who gave donations.

Marc Stroobandt is the Belgian Beer Ambassador in Britain, the UK representative of a trade which leads the world in developing, brewing and selling a huge variety of specialised beers. He will be hosting an evening at the Journey's End Inn on **Thursday 15 April 2004**, when guests will have the opportunity to taste a wide variety of Belgian beers and to hear the fascinating history of brewing in Belgium. The evening will begin at 6.30pm and all proceeds will go to the charity. The Journey's End will include typical Belgian dishes on their menu and it is hoped that this will tempt you to stay for supper, especially as it has been agreed that a percentage of each meal purchased will be donated to the charity.

Tickets for the tasting will cost £5.00 and may be purchased from James Parkin, 810303, or Jan Roberts, 810730.

On **Wednesday 17 March**, in the W.I. Hall, I am holding a Coffee Morning where I shall be introducing the work of the charity. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Jan Roberts

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is in fact two meetings. The first meeting is the 'Meeting of the Parishioners' previously called the Vestry meeting. These meetings were established, post-Reformation, in 1589. Originally attended only by members of the Church. Qualification was broadened in the late seventeenth century to include members of the laity. Nowadays we would not get the PCC easily into the vestry, let alone the whole parish.

The purpose of the first meeting, which can be attended by all on both the church and parish electoral roll, is to elect the churchwarden for the next year - all on either roll can vote, as a churchwarden is elected for the parish. Nominations for the position should be handed to the Minister at least two days before the meeting. As Ringmore and Kingston are one parish from the church perspective - joined together in the 1950s when Kingston left Ermington, each church normally elects a warden each.

Reassuring Words

Our Scout leader has told us all to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on the news and were worried. We are all OK. Only one of our tents was washed away. Luckily, none of us was drowned because we were all up in the mountains looking for Billy at the time. Oh yes, please call Billy's mother and tell her he's OK. He can't write because of the plaster cast. I had a ride in one of the search and rescue cars! It was great fun, we never would have found him in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightning.

Scout Leader Webb got angry with Billy for going on a hike alone without telling anyone. Billy said he did tell him but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know that if you put a gas canister on the campfire it will blow up? Jimmy is going to look really weird until his hair grows back.

We will be home on Saturday if Scout Leader Webb can get the car fixed; it wasn't his fault about the accident. The brakes worked OK when we left. Scout Leader Webb said with a car that old you have to expect something to break down, that's probably why he can't get insurance for it. It's a great car, he doesn't mind if we get it dirty, and if it's hot, he lets us ride on the roof. It gets pretty hot with ten people in a car.

Scout Leader Webb is a great driver, he can even steer with his knees when he's rolling one of his special cigarettes.

The second meeting is the annual meeting for the church council at which only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote. This meeting is a time to review the past year and may also suggest a vision for the future. At the meeting, PCC members may be re-elected (generally stand by rotation for three years), and various reports will be made on finances, church building and a chance to hear some thoughts from our Minister, John Elliott. We do have a Grade II* building to look after on a shoestring budget and part-time staff, and which before too long, will celebrate its 800th birthday. Fortunately we also have a very knowledgeable church architect who specialises in conservation which is helping enormously.

The Team Rector, Bob Campbell-Smith, resigned from 31 January, so there could be a time of change ahead for those who want to get involved. We will be serving refreshments in the Parish Room for all who attend. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 31st at 6.30pm in the Parish Room.

Yvonne Sheppard
Churchwarden

Inter-Parish Quiz

Tuesday 16th March

Ringmore

v

Brixton

8.00pm

Journey's End

Please come and support
the team - everyone is welcome

In fact, he is teaching Terry how to drive. He only lets him drive on the mountain roads though, where there isn't any traffic. All we ever see up there is logging trucks.

Guess what? We have all passed our first aid badge. When Dave dived into the lake and cut his arm on the old bike, we were able to see how a tourniquet works.

Also Wayne and I threw up. Scout Leader Webb said it was probably just food poisoning from the leftover chicken. He said they sometimes got sick that way with the food they ate in prison. I'm so glad he got out and became our scout leader. He said he's really worked out how to get things done while he was inside.

Anyway, I have to go now, we are going into town to post our letters and buy some bullets. Don't worry about anything, We

Love

Johnny



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MARCH MADNESS

STARTING MON 1st MARCH - THURS 25th MARCH

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Carling £1.80pt, Worthington £1.80 pt, Addiestones & Dry Blackthorn £2.20 pt

BOTTLED BEERS etc - W.K.B., Smirnoff Ice, Coors Lite - ALL AT £1.50 Bottle

SPIRITS etc - Grouse, Gordons, Bacardi or Smirnoff - ALL AT £2.50 Double
(That's 2 X 35ml measures not 25ml!)

Jack Daniels, Malibu or Archers Peach Schnapps - ALL AT £3.00 Double (2 X 35ml)

DIARY FOR MARCH / EARLY APRIL

- Sat 6th Mar** MUSIC WITH 'DJ BUMPKIN' - Combined 118th
Birthday party for TINA, ROY, Kylie & Gareth! 8pm
Free Buffet etc. Also MUTZIG WEEKEND!!!!
- Mon 8th Mar** DO DO Cup Golf Dinner
- Wed 17th Mar** St PATRICK'S DAY - Special promotions on
Guinness & Jamesons - T-Shirts etc to be given away
- Sun 21st Mar** MOTHER'S DAY - Treat Mother to Sunday lunch or
evening meal - 2 sittings at lunchtime.
- Wed 3rd Apr** R.B.L. Meeting - 7.30pm

Don't forget that the Rugby 6 Nations Internationals are all
shown live at the Oak on 6th, 20th, & 27th March

Embarrassed

Last Month SOLUTION

There were no right angles in last month's puzzle, only 90° curves. There were four responses, all correct and all different. One from the Beginners requires me to assure them that they did indeed identify JFK's remark.

It is too early yet to forecast a winner but it is certain that you have to be 'in it to win it'. To those who have yet to enter, 'Don't get too far behind'.

This Month

March's test appears to be easy and it probably is. All it needs is patience. There can't be a formula, can there?

The task is to place the letters of the word PROBLEM in each horizontal line in such an order so that no letter appears twice in the same horizontal, vertical or diagonal line. From the solution it seems that all diagonal lines are included.

P	R	O	B	L	E	M

South West Devon Conservative Association

Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston

The Annual General Meeting of the above Branch will be held at Bigbury Golf Club on Tuesday March 30th at 7.00p.m. All members are welcome to attend and the names of any members wishing to stand for the Committee, should be forwarded to the acting Secretary by Friday March 26th.

The Annual Dinner will follow the A.G.M. and is scheduled to start at 8.00p.m. Tickets will be on sale from Helen Smith 01548-810386 from March 4th, £12.50 per person.

A Luncheon will be held at The Old Rectory, Bigbury on Saturday May 1st and tickets should be on sale at the A.G.M.

A date for your diary, the Christmas Social and Supper will be held on Friday November 26th and further details will be issued later.

Helen Smith
Acting Secretary



MARCH MEETING

The next W.I. meeting is on Thursday 11th March, with the business meeting starting at 7.30 p.m. and the speaker at 8 p.m.

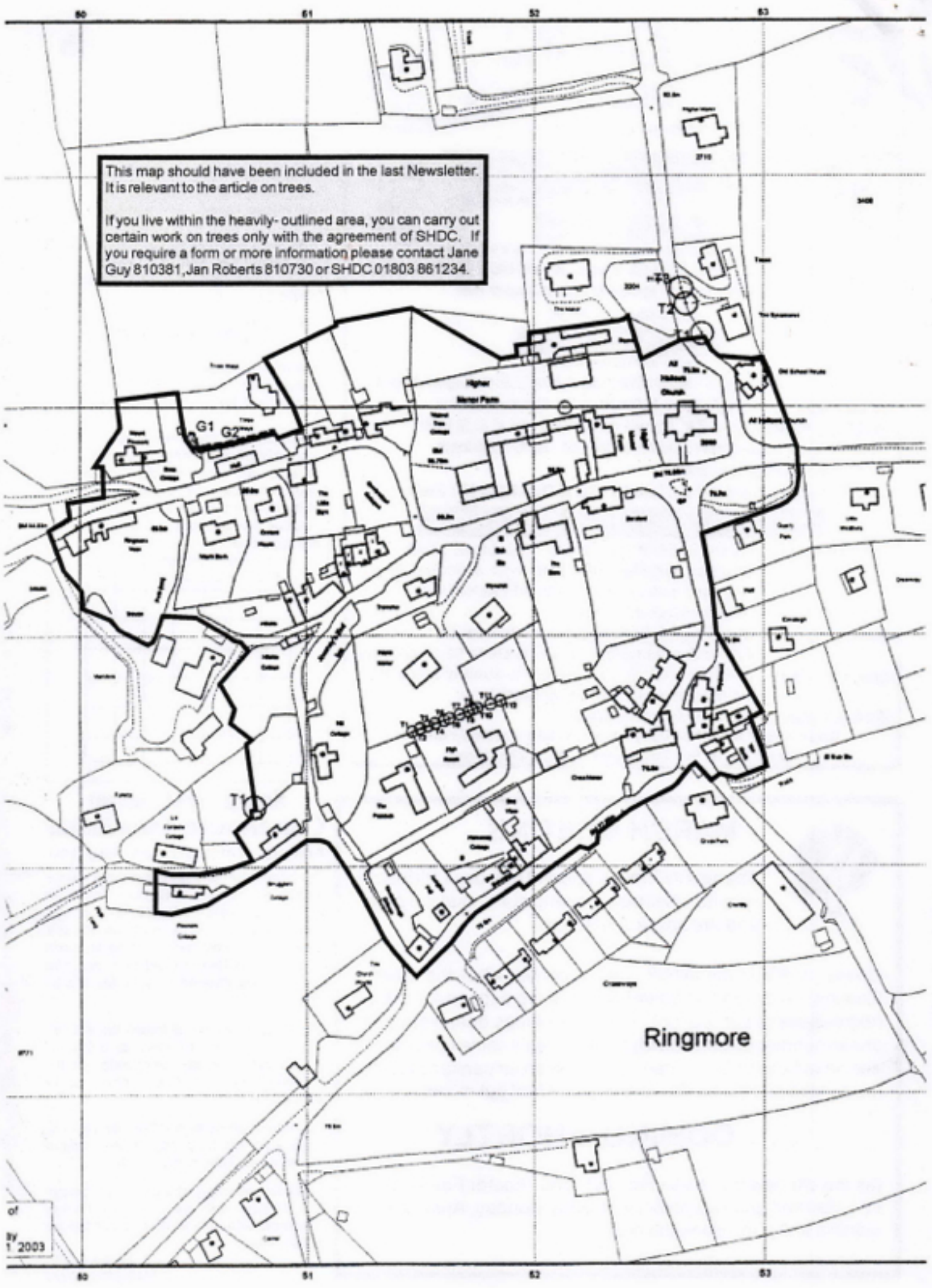
Guess what's in my mind? Can twins tell what the other is thinking? Alan Dark is one of Britain's top exponents of ESP (extra-sensory perception). His talk includes demonstrations and experiments (don't be frightened; you'll come to no harm!) and he will show how we can use all five of our senses to create the illusion of a sixth. Come along and find out more!

... COMING SHORTLY

(as the old newsreels used to say) is our Easter Fair in the W.I. Hall and grounds on Bank Holiday Monday, April 12th, starting at 2 p.m. Book the date!

This map should have been included in the last Newsletter.
It is relevant to the article on trees.

If you live within the heavily- outlined area, you can carry out
certain work on trees only with the agreement of SHDC. If
you require a form or more information please contact Jane
Guy 810381, Jan Roberts 810730 or SHDC 01803 861234.



Ringmore