

RINGMORE NEWSLETTER

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Summer has arrived but other seasons seem to think their time has come or is not yet over. The number of visitors has not been overwhelming but it is slowly increasing. There are one or two telltale piles of glass on the road to Modbury.

The season for Open Gardens is upon us but the weather has been unkind. It must make some wonder if the weeks of hard work have been worthwhile. It will not be long before the Fêtes are next in line to draw on the bottomless well of goodwill in Ringmore. Request for support appear elsewhere and doubtless, will be answered.

At the June Parish Council meeting it was suggested that a gentle reminder be given to residents....please cut back overhanging bushes and branches on the road side of your walls. Locals know how much growth there is and where the wall is but visitors do not. Sometimes they are so far out from the

side that it is difficult to know on which side it is best to pass them.

Elsewhere there is an article which appeared in the Newsletter ten years ago. One of the comments made then was that 'it is the very best of Parish involvement'. There is always the potential but there is a shortage of contributors. If you have something interesting, amusing or important which you would like to see in the Newsletter please submit it. If the editor refuses unreasonably to publish your work, you could write in protest and then we would have some letters too!

Where can you get a Cream Tea? Hardly anywhere in the county bar the WI Hall on Sundays at the end of July and throughout August.

The annual Town Quiz will be available at the Fêtes to raise funds for the Newsletter.

Rose Hazelby

There are many in the village who knew Ann's mum Rose Hazelby and we regret to say that she died, peacefully, at Kingsacre on the 17th June. She very much appreciated the friendliness of residents when she visited Ringmore.

Ann and John Bracey

Everyone will spare a thought for Ann and her family. Rose was a lovely lady.

Diary for the Month

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
FRIDAY: Steak Night at Journey's End

8th WI meeting 7.30pm WI Hall Talk on Genealogy
18th Cream Teas 3.15 - 5.30pm WI Hall & Garden
22nd Parish Council meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
25th Cream Teas 3.15 - 5.30pm WI Hall & Garden
August
4th WI Fête 2.00pm WI Hall & Garden

Royal British Legion - there will be no meetings during July and August

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**JULY
2004**

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DEADLINE

**Monday
26th**

Editor:
Geof Dykes
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Fiona Batten
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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

July Services

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- 4th 11.00a.m. Family Service
(with Ben & Joy)
11th 9.00a.m. BCP Communion
18th 6.00p.m. Evening Prayer
25th 9.00a.m. BCP Communion

Other Local Church Services

Bigbury

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

St James's Kingston

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

Our Visitors: Ben & Joy

By the time this hits your door mat you may well have seen our two welcome visitors from Uganda. Canon Benoni Mugarura-Mutana (often known as "Uncle Ben") has been the Anglican Chaplain at Makerere University, Kampala for around 15 years. During that time the congregation at St Francis Chapel has grown from around 50 to 5 services each Sunday, with around 500 at each!!! He was brought up in Kabale, South-West Uganda, where he was involved as a street gang leader, eventually sinking almost literally into the gutter before the Lord rescued him. So he has a real empathy with young people! His wife Joyie (pronounced Joy) Mugarura gave up her own career in medical work when she married Ben, they have 5 children. They will be at Church House until July 4th when they leave for the International Sharing of Ministries Abroad Conference at Canterbury. Do make them welcome.



*Phil's meals on wheels...
..was not a great success*

It is often said that the Church is a bit like a football match, where 40,000 people in need of exercise watch 22 folk flog themselves to a standstill by over-exercising. Sometimes the onlookers find the spectacle enjoyable and the result relevant; sometimes not! In Church the numbers locally are lower, and the number on the pitch is less. It is however much better to participate and thereby get fitter.

So the PCC's at Bigbury and Ringmore have agreed that we will form a couple of working groups, and at Kingston PCC we agreed that we would await their response before jumping ahead. Well now it has happened, as from now there is a "Pastoral Working Group" being formed, and also a "Worship Working Group". The folk who serve these groups will be serving their own local community, but meeting as a support and training group across the three Churches.

What does it mean for everyone else? Well those who come to Church will hopefully be helped by improvements to our Services, both old style and new. Those who don't come, and some that do, will we trust be helped by the visits, shopping help, befriending or whatever else that can be done. These are things that consume me with guilt because I cannot do them across three congregations and the associated diverse communities. This particular Resident Minister makes an awful one man band; in fact he didn't even pass Grade 1 piano, despite some expense by his Dad! So the hope is that the Church will become an active but broader servant of the local villages. In due time further notices will give names and contact numbers, but for the time being please pray for us as we seek the best way, under God, to be relevant to those he loves; and that is all of you!

John Elliott (Resident Minister 810565)

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Journey's End Journal

We continue to settle in and we are becoming more organized.

We have been busy preparing for the busy summer season, including re-fitting the kitchen, which we hope will result in a speedier service. Please bear in mind that all our food is freshly prepared and takes time to produce. We are pleased with the response to our menus and with the comments which have been made. We hope you enjoy the food as much as we enjoy preparing it.

What a sporting month we have had - football, rugby, cricket and tennis, not forgetting the Bigbury Fun Run! The results in the rugby, football and cricket have been disappointing but in tennis Tim is still flying the flag . . . let's hope he continues. Whoever is in the final, we will be serving Afternoon teas and strawberries during the match, so we hope to see you then.

We are sorry to tell you that both Roger and Amy have decided to travel during the

summer. I am sure we will miss them as we have appreciated their help during the past two months but we look forward to seeing them again in the autumn.

Please make a note of our revised times for opening and for serving food.

Elaine



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I love to go awandering

Ringmore Parish is very fortunate in having many interesting public and permissive footpaths especially from the village to Aymer Cover.

However, these do not seem to be sufficient as there is an increasing use of alternative routes by a small number of people.

The Landowners, National Trust, and their tenant farmers wish this use to cease as it causes them problems, such as stock wandering, not everyone closes gates, and encourages visitors to stray from the marked footpaths.

They have not given permission to anybody to stray from the marked footpaths and ask for co-operation from everybody to stay on the marked paths.

Alan McCarthy
P3 Co-ordinator

(That means he looks after our footpaths. Ed)

LANGUAGE

The written language never ceases to amaze . . . did you know . . . an anagram of GEORGE BUSH is HE BUGS GORE - probably true but no longer topical. What about DESPERATION = A ROPE ENDS IT.

Then there's A DECIMAL POINT = I'M A DOT IN PLACE.

How about ELEVEN PLUS TWO = TWELVE PLUS ONE, right in every sense. The piece to resistance has to be PRESIDENT CLINTON OF THE USA = TO COPULATE HE FINDS INTERNS. Could he have known ?

THE NEWSLETTER

Following some remarks made at the Parish Annual General Meeting about the newsletter and its origins it seemed an appropriate time to tell parishioners how it all came into being.

Up until 1983/84 there used to be the Exeter Diocesan monthly magazine which had a centre page insert for local church news. This and the notice board in the bus shelter were the only means of disseminating news. The Parish Council, under the chairmanship of Mr Ken Williams, were worried that news of discussions and decisions were not being passed on to the parishioners. The suggestion of a newsletter was thoroughly explored. We were fortunate in that Stan Brunskill, ably assisted by Pam, offered to produce a newsletter and the very first issue appeared in January 1985, with the following introductory paragraph.

"This, the first Ringmore Newsletter of recent times, as far as we are aware, will come to you, with a little luck, every month during 1985. Your Parish Council has agreed to cover the cost for 12 issues. We would welcome your suggestions, comments, small private advertisements and contributions for consideration to Cliff Path, Ringmore. We hope you will find the newsletter interesting and informative.

We think the newsletter has been a great success, and we are very grateful to Stan and Pam and their helpers, who kept producing it until the end of 1991. It was then taken on by Rosemary Tate and Rob Batten, who produced it for the next two years, when pressure of work forced them

to give up. We have been very fortunate that Andrea Stanesby and Yvonne Sheppard have offered to carry on.

The Parish Council's involvement in the production has been one of giving financial help at the beginning of the year, and making good any shortfall at the end of the year. In addition the Parish Council acts as a recognised authority who would accept responsibility, should any legal action be threatened, which has happened once.

In order to fulfil its original purpose, it is essential that the newsletter be circulated as soon as possible after each meeting of the Parish Council. That is why, in order to meet demands from some quarters that the Newsletter be circulated at the beginning of each month, it has been necessary to move the Parish Council meetings from the first Tuesday to the penultimate Tuesday in each month.

We look forward to many more years of Parish Newsletter, which represents the very best of Parish involvement".

Guy Eddy & Ardene Bennett

This article appeared in the July edition ten years ago and as some people lie awake at night wondering about the origins of the publication, it seems reasonable to reproduce it to put their mind at rest!

Three points:

*The Newsletter has a solid history on which we can continue to build.

*The finances are sound but our accountants have said that there is no room for complacency.

*The very best of Parish involvement . . . it could be better. If you would like to write something please submit it to the Editor.

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Guy Eddy - our Poppy Appeal Organiser - was asked to contribute a flag to the poignant memorial at Sword Beach on 6 June to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the D-Day landings. There was one flag for every British Serviceman who lost his life that day. His message, on behalf of us all, was "We will remember them with dignity and thanks".

Nigel Spence entertained members who attended the June meeting, which coincided with the 51st anniversary of Coronation Day, with his reminiscences of 'my part in the Coronation and how I managed to stab a member of the public'. His role started about fourteen days before. Ten days were spent drilling at Woolwich with the last four at Olympia. The day before the Coronation they were taken to St James' by a fearsome drill Sergeant. Nigel was one of the markers and was placed in front of James Fishing Tackle Shop and was told to remember it.

They were all given new tailor made uniforms, capes (just ground sheets with holes in) and more significantly new boots which had not been broken in! They were also issued with new rifles which had to be blackened with boot polish together with brand new white gloves.

At 7.00am they marched from Olympia to St James' via Half Moon Street in Piccadilly where they were told to take a comfort break. They were the first people the crowd had seen and subsequently given a loud cheer. During the night stands had been erected and all the shop fronts were obscured therefore Nigel had no idea where to stand. He made a best guess but unfortunately got it wrong to the annoyance of the Drill Sergeant. There they stood from 8.00am until the procession, about 6 hours, in the rain. The capes had been removed and the boot polish was doing its best to ruin the white gloves. Once the procession had passed they were allowed to fall out for another comfort break and were then given lunch by numbers. The Horse Guards were allowed to keep their great coats on and Nigel's abiding memory is of the smell of moth balls!

At the end of the day they were ordered to remove and sheath their bayonets and as Nigel went to put his away, a man in the crowd pushed forward and Nigel managed to stab his hand. In this day and age there would have been a compensation claim but the gentleman was told in no uncertain terms it was his own fault.

They were marched back to barracks via Piccadilly where a very enthusiastic American lady, so overwhelmed with the day, threw cigarettes to all the troops. She forgot, however, to take them out of

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VISIT TO BOWRINGSLEIGH

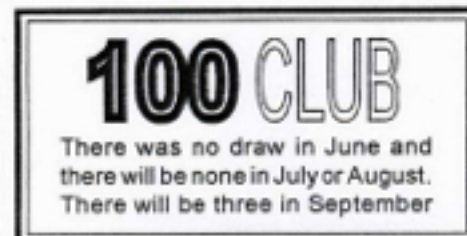
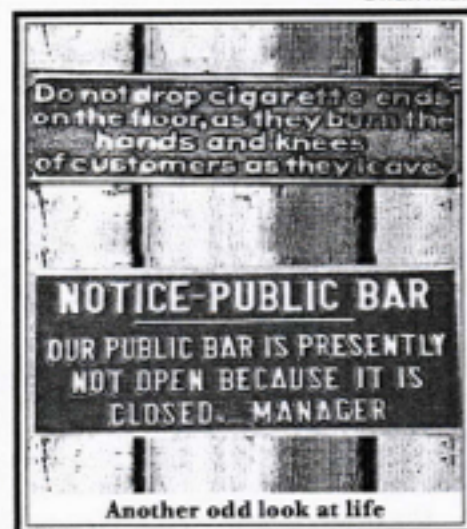
This is an ancient manor house just outside Kingsbridge of which perhaps some people are unaware.

Bowringsleigh House was acquired by William libert in 1696 and has been in continuous family ownership since that date.

The house was enlarged during the 18th Century and remodelled following a fire in the 19th Century. The family endured considerable hardship during the 20th Century, as a result of double death duties having to be paid in the 1930s, and much of the 5060 acre estate had to be sold to raise money. Since 1984 the family have undertaken a major restoration programme.

The house is only open to groups by appointment, however the gardens are open a couple of times a year and we recommend a visit. This manor house is approached by a long drive in the countryside just outside Kingsbridge. There is little remaining of the original garden except for a gazebo built in the 1600s.

Jacqueline Patterson
Chairman



the tins!

Our thanks to Nigel for sharing his memories with us and we look forward to the talk he was originally going to give.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

Meeting: Tuesday 22nd June 2004
Present: Cllrs G Dykes, C Jackson, T Mann, A McCarthy, G Parkin, J Patterson and The Clerk.

Apologies: Cllr R Batten, Dist Cllr B Carson and Mr D Young, Neighbourhood Watch.

There were no members of the public present.

Neighbourhood Watch

A report was received from Mr Young, that a boat had been stolen while moored at the Stakes and subsequently had been found minus its outboard motor. An attempt to steal a second boat had been foiled due to the timely arrival of the police. So, boat owners, watch out, there are thieves about.

Finance

Skip provided on 5th June: £176.25p

Planning

Siting of a Porta Cabin for the RNLI. Whilst the Council appreciated the need for Life Guards at Challaborough it did not support this retrospective application on the grounds of position on the site and the unsightly provision of services.

Next Meeting

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

Thelma Mann



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Following a misty afternoon, the annual WI Barbecue was held, in place of the usual monthly meeting, in the WI grounds on a fine sunny evening.

Over fifty people, members and visitors, attended and were treated to a splendid fare of chicken, burgers, bangers and mouth-watering sea bass. Wine and soft drinks flowed to provide an evening of good fellowship. The barbecue was rounded off by the raffle.

Thanks to all those attending and to the helpers who made sure everything ran smoothly, thus enabling an excellent donation to be made to the Devon Air Ambulance.

Our next meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th July in the WI Hall, when our speaker will be Mrs Meller, who will give a talk on Genealogy. Do please come along if you have an interest; you will be made most welcome.

Sally Errett
Hon Secretary

We have all sought and ~~not~~ found

Richard Searight, Naomi Warne's son-in-law, has developed a website which is a gateway to a great variety of information. A Gateway can save a lot of search time, if it has access to the information which you might require.

I promised to bring the site to your notice. Below, is Richard's soft sell. See what you think. The Gateway is www.2day.ws and it can be 'localized' for any local community by entering a postcode. Our address is www.ringmore2day.ws - try it. Please email any comments you might have about the design, content, ease-of-use, etc. to news@ringmore.com and they will be collated and passed to Richard for evaluation. Ed

We have all gone to an 'all-knowing computer' with a simple query, spent ages and found nothing! Even with a search engine it can take many time-consuming clicks, keying-in of details and searching of endless lists to get what you want.

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Richard Searight

CREAM TEAS

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TEN YEARS AGO ...

Alice played the organ at Exeter Cathedral, thereby fulfilling a dream, thanks to The Lions Club and a few friends.

The JE had a full programme of music ... GIN, what happened to him? ... Fair Play, they went away ... to Derbyshire.

Thirty five people attended the WI Barbecue which, then, was held in the garden at Middle Manor.

Bill Warne wrote an interesting account of his participation in the 1994 Gordon Bennett trophy, a prize put up in 1900 by a wealthy American publisher and sports sponsor, Gordon Bennett, the inspiration of the well known expression.

SCYPEN

John and Ann would like to thank the helpers, those who braved the weather to visit the garden at Scypen and those who assisted in raising £259 for the National Garden Scheme Charities and £56 for Sight Savers International.

? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? RECYCLING

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JULY MEETING

Mrs Meller from Aveton Gifford is the speaker at our monthly meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday July 8th, with the evocative title "Ventures into Family History" - or "Digging up my Roots". Come along for a genealogical evening with a difference!

THE ANNUAL FETE ...

... takes place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday August 4th in the W.I. Hall and grounds. Book the date NOW! There will be the usual stalls, and if you can help with manning them, or can supply items for the cake and produce stalls or tombola, this would be especially welcome. Please phone Sally Errett on 810547 if you are able to help at this key fund-raising event.

Jackie Tagent (810520)



Last Month SOLUTION

When you have an apology to make it is best to get it off your chest, to make it first, before raising any other issues such as the difficulties which a number of you had with the number puzzle in June. If it is not said straight away it is an invisible barrier between the mistaken and the aggrieved, even though they have continued as if nothing was untoward and like others, have submitted correct entries for June, as follows:

- 1 + 23 - 4 + 56 + 7 + 8 + 9
- 1 + 23 - 4 + 5 + 6 + 78 - 9
- 1 + 2 + 34 - 5 + 67 - 8 + 9
- 1 + 2 + 3 - 4 + 5 + 6 + 78 + 9
- 1 + 2 - 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 78 + 9
- 12 + 3 + 4 + 5 - 6 - 7 + 89
- 12 - 3 - 4 + 5 - 6 + 7 + 89
- 12 + 3 - 4 + 5 + 67 + 8 + 9
- 123 - 45 - 67 + 89
- 123 + 4 - 5 + 67 - 89
- 123 + 45 - 67 + 8 - 9
- 123 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 + 8 - 9 given

Congratulations to Matchman, Gemini, Taurus and to Champion Opals who were tortured until the eleventh hour. It is so rewarding when they suffer! Obviously The Beginners did, as they were unable to produce all eleven answers but nevertheless receive two points for an excellent effort.

This Month

Having caused such anguish with numbers last month, July has to be an alphabetical pain. You have all seen square word puzzles, an example of which is

B E A N
E A S E
A S P S
N E S T

The words read across, as well as down. Yes, that is this month's puzzle. The word across the top is

B I S H O P
I
S
H
O
P

All the words are in The Chambers Dictionary, 1998 and in the Compact Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary but apparently not in The New Oxford Dictionary of English. Strange, as the latter claims to be the foremost authority with the most comprehensive coverage of English.

So without further ado, apologies are due to The Beginners and to Gemini for omitting any reference to their entries for June, which were correct.