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By the time most people have read the Newsletter, there will be only three weeks to go before the evenings begin to lengthen; a cheering thought.

Before then, there is much merrymaking to be done, not least at the Journey's End where Ken and Elaine await your pleasure but check the opening hours on the Notice Board. There will be Carols on the Green again at Bigbury and there might be a similar evening at the JE.

The Royal British Legion has had another very successful 'campaign' and although the record was not broken this year, the sum raised £4,600, is a total of which all members involved should be justly proud. The present team will be a hard act to follow.

A review of the year reveals

January - Mobile Library time was halved did that cause any problems?

February - that Evening of Entertainment - what a wealth of talent was revealed.

March - Emma and Jim packed their wagon and left for Galmpton . . . the last Message in a Bottle, describing a sometimes chaotic life on an island, arrived Jan Roberts trekked in the Northern Cape of South Africa

in aid of funds for epilepsy Jim returned from Galmpton to win the Table Tennis Tournament Phoebe, Fiona's mum, died.

April - Sir Douglas Hall died.

May - rabbits gambolled in multiplying numbers Ken and Elaine assumed the helm at the JE.

June - the garden at Scypen was opened, not for the first time, for charity Mark and Mikaela moved into Dulce Domum in Chalchaborough.

July - Rose, Ann Bracey's mum, died the RHS visited Bowringsleigh, a manor house outside Kingsbridge.

August - the village's fêteful month; success is relative but a good time was had by all.

September - Malcolm and Ruth arrived at Maple Bank Charlie King arrived at No 8 Crossways.

October - Fare Deals did its final fair deal the JE and the play Journey's End came as close as perhaps they have ever done Terry and Vicki were last heard singing 'We're going to Barbados'.

November - Derek Crookes, once of Chalchaborough, married Natasha Margaret Wood's dad died.

Finally, everyone who fell down the stairs, fell off a ladder, encountered a power tool, suffered an excessive nose bleed or had another reason to visit Derriford, is, thankfully none the worse for their experience.

News from the Antipodes

Everyone will be delighted to learn that Sara Eastway (Douglas Hall's granddaughter) has given birth to Tom in Sydney. This is a good excuse to raise a glass.

Congratulations to Sara and Derek.

Diary for the Month

MONDAY: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm
 TUESDAY: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
 WEDNESDAY: Steak Night at Journey's End
 THURSDAY: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm
 SUNDAY: Pizza Night at Journey's End

1st RBL AGM Journey's End 7.30pm
 21st Children's Party Memorial Hall St Ann's 5.00pm - 7.00pm
 Parish Council meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
 24th Carols on the Green, Bigbury 6.45pm
 29th DEADLINE

The Newsletter for January will be a few days late due to the printer's holidays

January
 RBL No meeting this month
 21st Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm
 28th Ps & Qs in aid of funds for the Parish Room
 February
 2nd Royal British Legion Dolphin Inn, Kingston 7.30pm
 19th 'Calendar Girls' at the WI Hall

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Chalchaborough
 12.30 - 12.40

St Ann's Chapel
 1.15 - 1.30

Kingston Fire Stn
 3.45 - 4.30

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DEADLINE

Wednesday
 29th

Editor:
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 810123

RAINFALL

Fiona Batten

Last Month

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

DECEMBER SERVICES

Ringmore

5th	11.00a.m.	Family Service
12th	9.00a.m.	Communion
15th	4.00p.m.	Communion
19th	6.00p.m.	Carol Service
24th	11.30p.m.	Christmas Midnight Communion
26th	10.00a.m.	BCP Communion

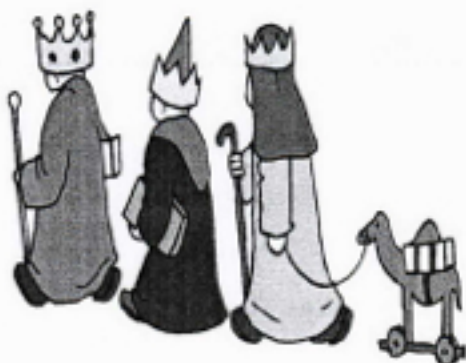
Other Local Services

Bigbury

5th	11.00a.m.	Morning Prayer
12th	11.00 a.m.	Carol Service
15th	2.30 p.m.	Korniloff Carols
19th	9.00a.m.	Communion.
22nd	6.30.p.m.	Carols at Mencap
24th	7.00 p.m.	Carols on theGreen
26th		No Service: see Ringmore

St James's Kingston

5th	9.00a.m.	Communion
12th	6.00 p.m.	BCP Evening Prayer
19th	11.00a.m.	Family with Christingles & Crib
24th	6.00p.m	Carol Service
26th		No Service: See Ringmore



Christmas Shopping

After the dangerous book recommendation last Christmas I intend to play it safe this year, and cover a subject that causes no controversy. The season of Christmas comes around and we all know what that means ... Shopping! There can be no danger here, after all there cannot be anyone out there who does not love shopping! I jest, of course, it is a more dangerous occupation than crossing the surf bar on the Avon.

Once upon a time a shop assistant came and measured the relevant areas and made sure that the goods presented had at least a chance of fitting. Sadly I still cling to the myth of my 36 inch waist, and this has led to some blood constricting circulation problems in fitting rooms recently. I gather that in some shops they now have communal changing rooms: how demeaning, but at least there is someone else around to help you escape the body hugging lycra!

The toys for children get more and more complex, a computer sciences degree is required to avoid humiliation in front of a shop assistant anorak barely old enough to take the common entrance exam (if that still exists).

Then there is that carefully constructed separation to buy each others "surprise", with the arrangement to meet up at the car, or often in our case the M&S food hall. I am amazed that there are not more Christmas altercations caused by this than anything else, for inevitably one of us does not get there (on time!). How did we manage before the mobile phone? Well perhaps it saved the row about who had not switched theirs on, or the row that follows the smarty pants comment "Well it does help reception if you re-charge the battery occasionally"

Let us hope that on the more important aspect of Christmas we have enough charge in our own internal batteries, just a flicker of life, to remember the reason for the season. The call comes every year, a reminder that it is not about shopping and spending. We hope that a glimpse of the better eternity will be with all our friends for this season when we remember Jesus who stepped out of eternity into the times and trials of this world. He came on the ultimate rescue mission that none of us fully understand. Fully God, yet vulnerable as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes! Fully man, yet without the taint of sin and selfishness that afflicts all of us. It is some message! A very good reason to celebrate and give thanks. We wish you a really wonderful and joyful Christmas, and a New Year full of wholeness and peace.

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Journey's End Journal

Hello folks,

Here we are, nearly Christmas again. Elaine, busy making Christmas puds and cakes, keeps on asking people to stir the mix and make a wish. Elaine is happy to take bookings from anyone wanting Christmas lunch or dinner during December. I keep on looking around for all this time we were meant to have now the "season" is over.

Christmas Day menus are on the bar, bookings are being taken now, space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment. New Years Eve Party night will consist of a buffet plus live music and games, raffles etc.. It promises to be a fun night so, again, book early. There is a list of opening times over the festive season available from the bar.

Most of you will have seen, and some will have heard, our latest acquisition. (Hope you enjoyed it!) We have confirmed live music for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Elaine is very keen to arrange a night of Christmas Music and Carols, so, keep your eyes open for dates on the Notice Board.

James C. (Hon Sec & Treas., JE Sports Soc., with reserved parking!) did a great job organising the first darts K.O. and when you read this, will have completed the second Bar Billiards K.O. We will arrange something a little bit special for Christmas, Darts and Bar Billiards, so, once again, keep an eye on the notice board. Jenny is organising the Christmas Quiz which will be held on 9th December. Do come along and have some fun!

Matt has e-mailed us with news of 'gator hunting and fishing for piranhal Strange man! Goodness only knows what will be "Catch of the day" when he returns. It appears he and Caroline are happy, having an exciting time and not missing any of us at all. Good stuff.

The "JE Christmas Post Box" will be installed again very soon. So, get writing those cards!

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ken & Elaine

St Luke's Hospice Plymouth

Thank you everyone for again generously responding to our annual house-to-house appeal. Kingston and Ringmore, between them, raised £265.45p, a very worthwhile donation towards Hospice funds.

Drina Williams
Collection Organizer

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Newsletter distributors were Fiona Batten, Stan Brunskill, Thelma Mann, Natalie Hilton and Ardene Bennett.

Pam Brunskill and Margaret Wood were elected joint Presidents of the WI.

The RBL raised £1870. Brian McCabe wrote of his visit to the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall

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The AGM was very well attended and the President and officers were elected with the minimum of effort.

Jackie Tagent remains as President, Sally Errett and Jane Stevenson were re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Other familiar members will continue to give the Committee invaluable help in many different ways to enable our branch to function successfully throughout the year.

It has been a good year, with many achievements in the field of fund-raising and entertainment; a lovely eightieth birthday lunch party, group meeting visits, the summer fête, various outings; in fact a great deal of enjoyment. As our President, Jackie has worked long and hard and we appreciate the efforts of all committee members and helpers.

After the business of the meeting, a lavish table of wonderful cheeses and good wines was unveiled which was greatly enjoyed, topped off with a super birthday cake. Altogether an excellent evening, although we could do with some new and enthusiastic members to swell our numbers. It really is a very worthwhile Institute to join. The next meeting will be on 13th January.

Naomi Warne



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Carols on the Green

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Ps & Qs

Friday 28th January 2005
7.30pm Parish Room

Q. What is the political status of the Channel Islands?

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TREES MATTER

Thanks to all who came to the well-attended Tree meeting on 24th. It is good to know that the subject has the attention of the village. Jan Roberts and Jane Guy have put in a lot of hard work surveying the trees in the village. Throughout the year they have walked the village, taking photographs of the trees as the seasons changed. From their collection, they presented a short slideshow which gave the meeting the scale of the potential problem. It is not surprising that the variety of tree which abounds in the village is that which is best suited to the coastal climate, the sycamore being the most common. These are regarded as weeds but are an important source of nutrition for a number of insects, including bees. There is no case for eliminating them.

It is not the trees themselves which are the problem but rather a lack of care in maintaining trees and no thought for the future when planting them. A large number of trees in the village is growing from the tops of walls and when the inevitable damage begins to show, owners wish to remove them.

There have been thirteen applications to lop or fell trees in the past eighteen months, not all for the same reason, and a walk around Ringmore will quickly reveal others which need or will need attention before too long. It is not reasonable for the Parish Council to oppose applications

to remove trees growing from walls, so a gradual clearing will occur. Few wish the colour, shade or shape, which trees bring to the village scene, to be removed but practicalities will prevail.

The administration for dealing with trees is not a precise science. Any trees within the Conservation Area can be dealt with only after application to SHDC. The relevant department's response is to say that unless the applicant has heard to the contrary within six weeks, the work can be done, i.e., by default. There is no positive, written decision and no powers to enforce replacement planting.

The meeting was of a mind to endorse the Parish Council's preference for a policy of voluntary replacement planting. If everyone at the meeting follows such a practice, and it is hoped that those who were unable to attend will support this approach, it should be possible to ensure that Ringmore stays relatively green. The Parish Council is prepared to advise anyone, who so wishes, on what might be an appropriate choice of tree. There is a number of different trees which will bring variety and which, because they do not reach a great height, are less likely to suffer wind burn. It is not trite to say that trees are our legacy to the future of Ringmore.

Geof Dykes
Chairman, Ringmore PC

In all winds and weather

It is that time of year for remembering all the good deeds which are done without thought of reward and much good is done in our community, without fanfare. We are all grateful to our distributors, Pam, Fiona, Linda, Phill, Frank and Stan, not forgetting those who deputise occasionally, Sandi, Gillian and Robbie & Alan.

Thanks also, to Thelma Mann who retired this year after many years as a distributor in Challaborough

APPRECIATION

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all my Ringmore friends for their concern and best wishes following my recent holiday in Derriford and for their support for Drina during my absence. It was quite overwhelming and once again proved how fortunate we are to live in such a caring village. Recovery is painfully slow but heading in the right direction!

Frank

CONTRIBUTIONS

No, not money but written contributions for the Newsletter. Let us make 2005 a year in which the village writes more of the content. A review of past issues shows some contributions but also a similarity which lacks variety. Let's change that. Get out the pen and start writing.

Ed.



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This year the Auction was held at the Royal Oak, Bigbury by kind permission of Martin Uren. It was held on Friday 29th October and was organised by Alan McCarthy who also acted as auctioneer, to great effect, raising £1502 on the night. He was ably supported by Colin Jackson, Chris Roberts, Phill Errett and Robbie McCarthy.

The following Friday, on 5th November, a raffle was held again at the Oak alongside the bonfire. This raised £250.

Saturday 6th November was draw night at the Journey's End, Ringmore by kind permission of Ken Blease. A good evening realised a further £230 for the Poppy Appeal.

On Thursday 11th, a small gathering of parishioners observed 11-11-11 outside the church gates at Ringmore.

Saturday 13th, a Coffee Morning was held at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury on Sea by kind invitation of Mrs. Joan Smith, and

organised by Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson. A hectic 1½ hours selling by the men and women of the Legion, with 3 raffles, 2 cake stalls and a Bring and Buy stall, produced an all-time record £444 for the Appeal.

The Remembrance Service this year was held at Ringmore church and conducted by Rev. John Elliott. An excellent service was highlighted by a thought-provoking sermon taking remembering and values as its theme. The collection added a further £200 to the total.

The fortnight's activities finished with a Whist Drive in the W.I.Hall, Ringmore on the evening of Monday 15th. Organised by the Women's branch, this added a further £80 to the Appeal.

From Saturday 30th October to Saturday 13th November, our lady collectors had been out and about in our three parishes doing house to house calls. In a very successful year they collected £1441, a new record sum.

Once again this has been a very successful year and you have shown that the Poppy Appeal is still a cause that means a great deal to a great many in our parishes.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT

Guy Eddy
Poppy Appeal Organiser

The Royal British Legion

Brian McCabe entertained us with some startling revelations about a secret mission undertaken by HMS Whitesand Bay in the Caribbean. The details are still covered by the Official Secrets Act so unfortunately I am unable to divulge the information. Needless to say, in his own inimitable way, Brian spun out the story with great gusto. I can reveal, however that the ship's painter who was a 'screaming alcoholic' had his own still in his shed on the deck and was able to distil alcohol from most of his materials. He obviously got the mixture wrong one day as he decided to take a short walk from the depth charge racks straight into the sea with all his worldly goods wrapped up and tied around his waist. He thought he could swim to Cuba (which he had failed to realise was some 4000 miles away). You may be pleased to know he was recovered and sent back to England where nothing was ever heard from him again.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

100 CLUB

November:
£20 Charlie Young
£ 5 Colin Jackson

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, 23rd November 2004

Present - Seven councillors, the clerk, Mr. Young - Neighbourhood Watch, Jan Roberts - Tree Warden. Apologies from Mr Carson - District Councillor

Neighbourhood Watch
Mr Young had nothing to report.

Town Well
A number of trees need to come down and others require trimming. Arborfor Tree Management was invited to do a survey and quoted the sum of £320 for the work. This includes equipment, labour and the removal of the timber. The council agreed to the cost but approval is required from the S.H.D.C before the project can be started.

Planning
Applications
Alterations to No.8 Crossways. The council had no objections.

Replacement of UPVC windows and construction of a Juliet verandah outside an existing door opening at Maple Bank - no objections.

Approval
The work on Smugglers Cottage.

Finance
The council agreed to grant £150 towards the maintenance of the church grounds. The council also agreed to make a special payment of £250 towards the PCC's recent costs incurred for the work on the trees around the church.

Inter Parish Quiz - £15 donation.

Cutting of grass around Town Well - £32.

Precept - The council will request £3,200 for next year, 2005-2006

Date of next meeting
21st December, WI Hall 7.00pm.
Thelma Mann

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Gillian
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Whist Drive

This a note for your diary . . .

The WI is organizing a Whist Drive on Friday 21st January in the WI Hall at 7.30pm and we would like you to be there.
Pam Brunskill

MUSIC at The Paddock

with

Frank & Drina

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JANUARY 10th

FEBRUARY 7th

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Diary for December/January

- Every Monday** EUCHRE DRIVE - 8pm
- Mon 13th Dec** XMAS EUCHRE - 8pm
- Tue 14th Dec** PENSIONERS XMAS LUNCH - 12pm
- Sun 19th Dec** XMAS DRAW - 8.30pm
- Sat 25th Dec** CHRISTMAS DAY- OPEN 11.30am-3pm
- Mon 27th Dec** DARTS K.O. OPEN COMPETITION
- Wed 29th Dec** POOL K.O. OPEN COMPETITION
- Fri 31st Dec** NEW YEAR'S EVE - Fancy Dress with music by Krunchy Carrot - 60's/70s Fancy Dress
- Sun 2nd Jan** 18th BIRTHDAY PARTY for Martyn Troup
- Fri 7th Jan** OAK TEAM DARTS K.O. COMPETITION
- Sat 22nd Jan** 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY - TANYA REEVE



Happy Christmas!

The President, Committee
and members of
Ringmore W.I.

wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

*We look forward to
welcoming you
to our monthly meetings
in 2005*

Enigma

This Month

Aficionados will know who is in the lead but in an attempt, perhaps mistaken, to build the tension, the current placings will remain under wraps.

Good luck with the final challenge of the year.

There are 149 workers in the factory - don't worry about whether they are blue or white collar workers, or management even (the descriptions are probably proscribed in some government regulation anyway), they are workers and they all work as hard as each other, of course.

However, there are some categories into which they can be indisputably placed. Of the 149, six have been there for less than one year. Nineteen are less than thirty years old. Seventy-eight need and wear glasses. Finally, as usual most of the work is done by men; of the 149 workers, only 47 are women.

Your task is to determine what is the smallest number of workers who have been there for more than one year, who are at least thirty years old, wear glasses and are men. Simplicity itself.

Last Month

Last month's puzzle did not defeat any of the regulars but it probably took a moment or two to get started. The placing of the words was reversible and some started from the bottom right and others from the top left. Ultimately, all arrived at the same solution.

Full marks to Gemini, New Dawn, The Matchman, Yapping Dogs (good to know they're still barking), The Beginners, Champion Taurus and Champion Opals. Who will be Champion this year will be revealed at a secret ceremony at the end of the year and published in the January Newsletter. Silly but that is how Enigma gets his kicks!

NEW COMPETITION

Alfred Believed Cakes Didn't Etc. . . .
Who can write the best, coherent story in twenty-four words (title excluded), using twenty-four consecutive but not contiguous, letters of the alphabet? Which ones are omitted is your choice but obviously you must use one of Q, X or Z. Punctuation is permitted but no hyphenation. You will choose the winner. Entries must be submitted by the end of January.