

RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



A HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. The partying during the festive season was tempered by sad local news and the disaster in the Indian Ocean. So we start 2005 in a slightly uncertain mood.

The first thing to note is that twenty years ago, Stan Brunskill started the Ringmore Parish Newsletter. That it is still 'going strong' is down to Stan and the subsequent editors who have laboured in the sweat shop of a print room, to bring out each month's thrilling edition . . . or something like that! It is up to us all to keep it going. How long will it be before everyone receives their copy via email? Just a thought.

We all enjoyed the Christmas Tree at All Hallows which was kindly donated by Dane and Hilary of Holywell Stores. Of course some work had to be done and thanks are due to Stan Brunskill, Phill Errett and Alan McCarthy. Other decorations around the village added greatly to the occasion - thank you to all who brightened our Christmas.

There was a bumper congregation for the Carol Service at All Hallows. This is not the place for deep thoughts but it was a good 'villagy' occasion. All that was missing was some snow.

On 15th there will be a 'Beach Clean' starting at approximately 10.00am. Spies report a collection of rubbish which would be better removed so an interim session has been arranged. It will not supplant the Spring Clean which will take place just before Easter - date to be announced.

Bookworms will know that the times of the Mobile Library have been changed and in addition, Ringmore has reverted to having twenty minutes in which to choose the fortnight's best read.

On 28th there will be the bi-ennial Ps & Qs in the Parish Room, in aid of funds for the hall. There will be Soup and Pasties and a few questions . . . fabulous prizes for the winners and consolations for the losers. It should be good fun so there aren't really any losers and the hall will benefit from the evening. Tickets can be bought from the Editor. Reservations can be made by calling 810123. Please make up teams of eight or as near as you can get. Smaller groups will be asked to join others so you could end up sitting next to a genius! The tables take eight and there will be plenty of question papers on each table. If you want a Veggie pasty, please mention it when buying a ticket.

Annabel

It is with great sadness and some shock that we learned of the death of Annabel Major. She had lived and worked in Ringmore for a large part of her life, such that she was one of the fixtures. Annabel served on the Parish Council, at one time being Vice Chairman. Annabel will be missed by everyone and village life will no longer be the same.

Our thoughts are with Peter at this sad time and we send our sincere condolences to him and to the family.

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

13th WI meeting WI Hall 7.30pm Talk on Upholstery at 8.00
 14th Draw at the JE
 15th Beach Clean 10.00am Bring gloves and a rake
 Jazz at the JE
 16th Bar Billiards competition at JE 7.00pm
 18th Parish Council meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
 19th Historical Society meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
 21st WI Whist Drive WI Hall 7.30pm
 22nd Folsy/Country evening at the JE
 28th Ps & Qs Parish Room 7.30pm sharp please!
 29th Jazz at the JE

February
 2nd Royal British Legion Dolphin Inn Kingston 7.30pm
 19th 'Calendar Girls' at the WI Hall - definitely on - see elsewhere

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DEADLINE

Wednesday
 26th

Editor:
 Geof Dykes
 810123

RAINFALL

Fiona Batten

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

JANUARY SERVICES

Ringmore

- 2nd 9.00 a.m. Communion
9th 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
16th 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
19th 4.00 p.m. Wednesday
Communion
23rd 9.00a.m. BCP Communion

30th 11.00 a.m.

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Other Local Services

Bigbury

- 2nd 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9th 11.00 a.m. Family Service.
16th 9.00 a.m. BCP Comm.
19th 2.30 p.m. Korniloff
Communion
23rd 11.00 a.m. Family
Communion

St James's Kingston

- 2nd 9.00 a.m. Communion
9th 6.00 p.m. Even Prayer
16th 11.00 a.m. Family Service
(with Children's Club)
23rd 6.00 p.m. Even. Prayer

What have you done?

Those with good memories will recall my current focus on the questions that God asks us rather than those we aim towards our maker. The third question asked (Genesis 3:13) was "What is this you have done?" This is an essential moral question addressed to us all. Life is a gift from God. Is what have we done with it good in the eyes of the one who loves us so much that he gave us free will? Remember though He also holds us responsible for our actions. We are not specks of dust floating in space, nor automated parts of a divine clockwork. Making decisions is part of our high holy and human dignity. Facing up to our own wrongdoing and allowing God to change us is part of the true ethical basis of living.*

What are you doing ?

It has been suggested that this page might occasionally be used to let folk know what your Parochial Church Council [PCC] is doing, or even what it is meant to do. Many years ago the "Parish" Council of the Church also carried civic responsibilities, but today the Church body is not directly involved in street cleaning and house planning matters. Instead the PCC body looks after Church business.

Obviously in a village with a beautiful historic building that means trying against all odds to keep the building open and staffed. This enables the wider community to come to their local Church for those important rites of passage their family christenings, weddings and funerals.

Locally the present heavy expense on the building is the repair and restoration of our bell tower, and other essential roof and weatherproofing maintenance. We are grateful for all your donations, but hard and time consuming work is being done to obtain grant money without which this project would be vitually impossible.

The wider PCC role has been under rigorous audit and encouragement across the Diocese and recently we have been working with the Bishop and his Team examining an initiative called "Fresh Start". This has highlighted the awesome fact that it costs in the region of £7.50 per person per week on the Church Electoral Roll [a sort of paid up membership list] to keep us operational. 70% approx. of this money goes to keep the clergy paid and housed. The figure does not include the cost of maintenance and repairs to our Church building. We have been asked to look very hard at how we "encourage" giving from our congregations and our wider community of occasional visitors, users and attenders. The Bishop and his team have also looked hard at Head Office costs and taken the pruning knife to all sensible areas, there have been job cuts.

We are also looking hard at a programme called "Moving On In Mission and Ministry". To an extent Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore started down this path by accepting a part time Minister who is not paid a full "wage" [the Church calls it a stipend, for theological, and to some people important reasons]. Nevertheless locally there is still a heavy housing cost, and a small honorarium for which I am grateful. We look to encourage more local folk authorised for Christian ministry.

The PCC always faces the question "How can we serve God and thereby our community better?". We are looking to provide specific working groups for Pastoral care and making sure that our Worship is meaningful whilst being accessible to all. Any other ideas on a postcard please. It seems likely that across the nation, Church membership and Church work will be done more and more by volunteers and amateurs. That is perhaps a comfort when we recall that the Ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic by professionals.

(John Elliott, Church House 810565)

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Journey's End Journal

HelloFolks,
That's it! Christmas and New Year over and done in what seems like no time at all.

Although overshadowed by events in Asia we want to thank you all very much for your wonderful support during the festive season.

In particular the raffle on New Year's Eve for the tsunami appeal. You contributed over £272, and money is still being thrown into the bucket near the bar. Thank you all again.

We also enjoyed a surprise visit from Lawrence Dallaglio, (Lol to me!) late last month. We got him to autograph 2 bottles of Bells whisky, (full, and donated by yours truly!). We shall arrange to auction them both off during January, (anyone know a celebrity auctioneer??) one on behalf of Royal British Legion and the other for St Luke's Hospice. Please watch the notice board for details of when etc.

Further dates for your diary should include Jazz on 15th and 29th a NEW "Folksy Country" night on the 22nd. Also Pete James will be entertaining you all, diners and non-diners on Sunday lunch times commencing on Sunday 16th.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The Christmas gathering brought full turnout of members and other halves. Fun and laughter, fuelled by festive spirit, ensured a good start to the party season.

We have produced a full and interesting programme for the coming year and non-members might like to make a note of some of the talks we have in store.

We start on 13th January when Jean Curtis will talk on Upholstery. In February, Jan Roberts will draw on her experiences with 'Living with Epilepsy'. March brings Ann and John Bracey who will describe their Travels in India. In April we will learn of Life as an Officer on the QE2. If all of that is not sufficient, the later part of the year has evenings covering the Association of Country Women of the World, Working at Buckingham Palace and Four Seasons on the River Dart. Non-members are welcome at these talks which usually begin at 8.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you at one or other of our meetings.

We shall be celebrating Burns night, Elaine has plans for special "Meal Deals" in Jan and Feb and we are already planning Valentine's night. James has lots to do organizing Bar Billiards and Darts KO's commencing on Sunday 16th with Bar Billiards and a challenge for his championship! At an informal meeting we decided to adopt St Luke's as our Sports Soc. Charity. So, rest assured that half of all monies raised as a result of our activities is going to a very worthy cause.

I have always enjoyed supporting the Children in Need appeal. So, during the year, and in addition to whatever else we do, I am keen to support and organize any event you feel inclined to have a go at. So, there you go! A challenge to all you funsters! Come up with some ideas. We have the team here to make it happen!!

Finally, "The JE Draw" will commence on Friday 14th Jan. A fantastic way to take money from your Landlord! Free to enter. No more details now, BUT. Be sure to be here on 14th when all will be revealed...



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Food served 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Pizza Night menu 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Finally please note that we have made some adjustment to our opening hours. We would not want you to turn up only to find the door bolted.

Thanks again. Look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Ken.

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The first Enigma puzzle appeared.

The JE ran a January 'Fair Game' Food Feature . . . some draw prizes remained unclaimed (*probably too late now*).

Bill Warne wrote about the dismantling of the Signal Box at Wrangaton, originally called Kingsbridge Road Station. It fell into disuse once the Kingsbridge branch line was opened. (*The Proofreader's grandfather was the signalman at Kingsbridge*)

Winter Beach Clean

Ayrmer Cove has collected a great deal of plastic over the past few months. Therefore a Beach Clean will take place on Saturday 15th January at approximately 10.00am.

We have plenty of black sacks but a rake might be useful to collect the small pieces and perhaps, save your back.

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Ps & Qs TICKETS

Naturally it is hoped that as many folk as possible will attend the evening. Numbers are limited to ten tables of eight. We could not cope with more tables or even more pasties.

Advance questions have appeared in the November, December and January editions. All are repeated in this edition. A fourth will appear on the ticket.

Please bring your own wine and beer. Glasses will be provided for everyone. It will be fun with good food and good company.

Tickets (£6.50) are ready - call 810123 today.

Geoff Ellis

Many of you will know that Geoff Ellis died early in December after a heart attack. He and Viv had Spring Cottage as a holiday home for a number of years. Geoff will be remembered, by all who knew him, for his bravery and humour in the face of unenviable health problems which ultimately overwhelmed him. Our thoughts are with Viv who supported Geoff with her fortitude and her ready smile.

A Big Cuddly Dog Eats Friends Gleefully . . .

A number of entertaining entries have been received but more would be welcome. The rules are simple. You must write a coherent story, a description or comment, etc. of twenty-four words beginning with twenty-four sequential letters. You can omit which two letters you wish but you must have one beginning with Q, X or Z: subject matter is unlimited but good taste must prevail. Some are pushing the boundaries but so far, no one has disqualified themselves.

There is plenty of time, final entries are not required until the January deadline. So, get pen and paper and write: 'A Balaclava covered Daphne's elfin features . . .'. Good luck.

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JANUARY 10th

FEBRUARY 7th

MARCH 7th



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Ps & Qs

Friday 28th January 2005

7.30pm Parish Room

Q. Does an Astronomical unit measure
length, pressure or temperature?

The Royal British Legion

100 CLUB

December:

£20 Brian Stark

£ 5 Brian McCabe

Christmas Draw:

£300 Jenny Jackson

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, 21st December 2004

Present - Seven councillors, the Clerk,
Jane Guy - Tree Warden.
Mr Carson - District Councillor

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Young sent word that there had been a theft of Towels, bed linen, etc., from an hotel in the area. Be aware should anyone try to sell such items.

Beach Clean, Ayrmer Cove

Alan McCarthy will hold a beach cleaning morning on Saturday 15th January. Please contact Alan if you are willing to volunteer.

District Council

Cllr Carson gave a brief outline on proposed new initiatives for housing the homeless. The council will consider renting Second Homes, from willing owners, to alleviate the problem.

Planning

Approvals:

Extension to 8 Crossway

Erection of cattle shed at Renton Farm

Application:

Dwelling at Marwell Gardens - no objection (revised plans)

Finance

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Date of next meeting

18th January, WI Hall 7.00pm.

Thelma Mann



RINGMORE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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*Club nights are held every Tuesday
evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Room
and resume on 4th January.*

*If you are not already a member and
wish to try something different or
would like to lose a few of those
extra pounds put on over the last
week or so, you would be most
welcome to come along to any
of our Club nights.*

*Phill Errett
Chairman 810547*

Occasional Thoughts from a Ringmore dog.

Hello everyone, I think you all know me by now. I have been living here for nearly 6 years (doesn't time fly when you're having fun) with my very good friends Robbie and Alan. What you might not know, however, is, I am from Wales and I have travelled many miles to be with you. I love living here and I have got some lovely friends both four and two legged.

But you don't really want to know all about me I am sure you will remember my very best chum Oscar who sadly is no longer with us. He used to stay with us when his 'Mum and Dad' went away. He wrote a diary (well he called it a dairy) whenever he was with us and I would like to share some of those lovely moments with you.

Dear Mum and Dad

I have had a super time this weekend with my chum Chocy and his friends. Chocy has been teachin me to rite. He says I am havin a bit of Trooble with my speling but I an geting the hang of it. He says it is my breeding wot is againt me, do you now what he means?

We have bin doing lovely stuff. I can practis my speling by telling you all about it.....

On Saturday Alan took Chocy beating (that didn't sound very nice and I hope it didn't hurt) and I took Robbie into Kingston via Westcombe and up the tracks. She didn't seem to now the way very well cos she couldn't always keep up with me. I had to have my stupid lead on up the cliffs and down the other side - I saw lots of birds up there and I tried to chase them but I couldn't cos Robbie said I couldn't fly. Anyway we had a good time. I was very tired when I got back and had a long sleep. Then Chocy and Alan came home and Chocy had to go in the bath cos he was very dirty. When he jumped out he went into the hall and shook all over the wallpaper and carpets. Then we had our dinner and another sleep.

It is very hard work all this riting and speling. I'm told you are coming home on Sunday. I'm not sure what day that is but I don't think I have got to walk long.

Love
Oscar

Hope you enjoyed it... see you again soon.
Chocy McCarthy

Ps & Qs

Friday 28th January 2005
7.30pm Parish Room

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

The Royal British Legion

At our AGM held on Wednesday 1 December, the following officers were elected:

President - Mr B Stark, Chairman - Mr D Young, Vice Chairman - Mr C Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer - Mrs Robbie McCarthy, Standard Bearer - Mr B Lambell, Standard Bearer's Escort - Mr B McCabe. We do not have a service committee but the following members all act as a focal point in each village covered by our Branch: Ringmore - Mr S Brunskill, Bigbury and Bigbury on Sea - Mr A Walters, Kingston - Mr V Freeman. The Branch Case Worker is Mr M Hammond who can be contacted on 01548 810572.

Viv Freeman entertained us with some naughty but nice stories and jokes following the meeting, in a style which is unique to Viv, made all the more worthy of mention as he did not refer to his notes once! The story (printed left) which springs to mind as suitable for the newsletters is one which I am sure we have all heard before, but is always worth repeating:

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2 February 2005 at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston at 7.30pm where there speaker will be Robbie McCarthy.

In the meantime have a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

Dear Sir, I write to tell you of my plight,
For at the time of writing, I am not a pretty sight
My body is all black and blue, my face a deathly grey
And I wrote this note to tell you why I'm not at work today
While working on the 14th floor, some bricks I had to clear
But to toss them down from such a height was not a good idea
The foreman wasn't very pleased, he is an awkward ***,
He said I'd have to cart them down the ladders in my hod.
Now shifting all those bricks by hand was so very slow
So I hoisted up a barrel and secured a rope below.
But in my haste to do the job I was too blind to see
That a barrel full of building bricks was heavier than me.
And so when I untied the rope, the barrel fell like lead
And clinging tightly to the rope, I started up instead.
I shot up like a rocket, till to my dismay I found
That half way up I met the barrel coming down.
Now the barrel broke my shoulder, as to the ground it sped
And when I reached the top, I banged the pulley with my head
I clung on tightly numb with shock from this almighty blow
And the barrel spilled out half the bricks some 14 floors below.
Now! when these bricks had fallen from the barrel to the floor
I then outweighed the barrel and so started down once more.
Still clinging tightly to the rope, my body wracked with pain
And half way down I met the ***** barrel once again.
The force of this collision half way down the office block
Caused multiple abrasions and a nasty state of shock.
Still clinging tightly to the rope, I fell towards the ground
I landed on the broken bricks scattered all around.
I lay there groaning on the ground, I thought I'd passed the worst
But the barrel hit the pulley wheel and then the bottom burst
A shower of bricks rained down on me, I didn't have a hope
As I lay there bleeding on the ground I let go of the ***** rope.
Now the barrel being heavier, it started down once more
It landed right across me as I lay there on the floor
It broke three ribs and my left arm and I can only say
I hope you will understand why I'm not at work today.

This is an entertaining story which, in this format, is derived from the song, 'Murphy and the bricks'. Gerard Hoffnung's hilarious version, delivered in his address to the Oxford Union on 4th December 1958, is the Editor's favourite version.

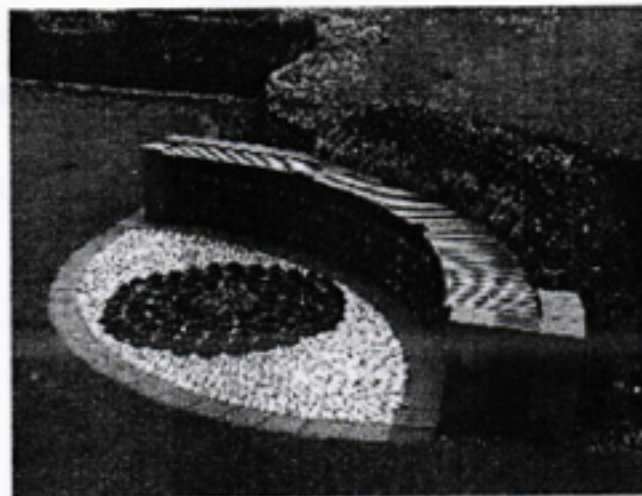
THE RINGMORE EYE

I would like to thank all those people that contributed blue bottles for the Ringmore eye at Scypen. Not quite as grand as the London one but large enough for our garden. In the end I was unable to obtain sufficient Harveys Bristol Cream

bottles, that would have been the most suitable, and I eventually used blue water bottles from the First and Last Bistro at Ermington. The good news is that the eye is finished but I now have to think of another project to use up all the others.

Happy New Year to everyone,

John Bracey



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM MARTIN & TINA

Diary for January

Sunday 2nd 18th BIRTHDAY PARTY for Martyn Troup
 Friday 7th OAK TEAM DARTS K.O. COMPETITION
 Saturday 22nd 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY for Tanya Reeve



January meeting

Come along to the W.I. Hall on Thursday 13th January and enjoy our first meeting of the year. Jeanne Curtis from Kingston will be giving an upholstery demonstration - this will definitely be a cut above the average. Got any tired chairs (as opposed to their occupants!)? Find out how to give them new life. We meet at 7.30 p.m. for W.I. business, with Jeanne speaking at 8.15 p.m.

Calendar Girls

A date for everyone - not just the ladies! On Saturday 19th February at 7 p.m. we have a private showing of the film which has caused so much interest. This will be followed by a buffet supper (including wine), and tickets for the evening are £6.50, available (first come, first served!) from Jane Stevenson (810151) or Jackie Tagent (810520).

Embroidered

Last Month

The final puzzle appears to have defeated all but one competitor.

The puzzle details were:-

149 workers;

6 had been there for less than one year;

19 were under thirty years of age;

78 wore glasses;

102 were men.

The task was to find the smallest number of workers who had been there for one year or more, were at least 30 years of age, wore glasses and were men.

To find the solution you had to remove the largest numbers possible in the various categories. There were 47 women; if they all wore glasses then only 31 men wore glasses. If the 19 workers under 30 were men and are removed, there are 12 men left, all wearing glasses. If the 6 workers who had been there for less than one year were men who wore glasses, then only SIX (the smallest number *possible*) men remained who wore glasses, were at least 30 years of age and had been there for more than a year.

So, well done The Beginners.

Unfortunately this concluding triumph was not enough to overhaul the champion who is the Matchman, pipping The Opals, the Beginners and Taurus. Congratulations to Champion Matchman who has regained the crown. Please get in touch to claim your prize or arrange a go-between to protect your identity

This Month

We will start the New Year with a simple word puzzle, the format of which is well known to regular entrants. For newcomers, the task is to find the longest word. You can move horizontally, vertically and diagonally but the letters must be contiguous.

B	X	H	Q	M
W	O	P	U	A
D	S	L	C	I
V	T	Y	K	N
J	F	E	R	G

Ps & Qs

Friday 28th January 2005
7.30pm Parish Room

Q. In which city would you find the Burrell Collection of art?