

# RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



January is a month which does not engender motivation to do all those jobs which we failed to complete last year. Perhaps February will provide greater inspiration.

This month sees the beginning of Ringmore's annual quest for glory in the Inter-Parish Quiz. Our opponents will be Yealmpton, a team which has won the competition often enough for us not to look too far ahead. Perhaps 2005 will be our year and if not, at least we can enjoy ourselves. Why not come to support the team at the JE on Wednesday 9th at 8.00pm.

The Ps and Qs evening was a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the competition, keen though it was, never threatened to deteriorate into anything unseemly! Six teams competed tooth and nail for the scintillating prizes. The lead changed hands several times but in the end the result was clear and the winning team was BYPASID. Don't ask. Barry, Yvonne, Pat, Andrew, Sarah, Ian and Dennis had distinguished themselves. The team bringing up the rear was Wild Indians. Their anonymity will be preserved as far as any wild Indian could remain anonymous in Ringmore. Sincere thanks to everyone who

took part and to those who made generous donations. Our collective efforts raised over £260 for Hall funds.

The competition to write a coherent account of anything using at least twenty-four letters of the alphabet in sequence, produced a healthy response. Subjects covered Gold Digging, Politics, Indulgence, Fox Hunting, Fantasy and other unlikely tales. Now it is up to you to select the winner and perhaps, qualify for a prize in the process. Thanks to all scribes; another test of your skills will be offered before too long

February has a number of events for the calendar. On 8th, Pancake Tuesday will be celebrated in the Parish Room. The WI will have a talk on Living with Epilepsy, a subject of interest to many people. The Historical Society has a meeting on 16th, the subject of their talk being Slate Quarrying in the South Hams. The old crafts are dwindling but anyone who has visited the Delabole Quarry will know that slate is still in great demand. Before the RBL Spring Sale at the end of the month we have the delectation of the film Calendar Girls in the WI Hall. Rumour has it that the back row is sold out.

## Inter-Parish Quiz

Wednesday 9th February

Ringmore v Yealmpton

8.00pm

Journey's End

Support will be welcome

## 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

2nd Royal British Legion Dolphin Inn Kingston 7.30pm  
 8th Pancake Tuesday Parish Room 10.30am  
 9th Inter Parish Quiz Journey's End 8.00pm  
 10th WI meeting WI Hall 7.30pm: Talk 'Living with Epilepsy' 8.15pm  
 15th Parish Council meeting WI Hall 7.00pm  
 16th Historical Society meeting WI Hall 7.30pm *see advert*  
 19th 'Calendar Girls' at the WI Hall 7.00pm  
 26th RBL Women's Section Spring Sale Memorial Hall  
 St Ann's Chapel 2.00pm

March  
 2nd Royal British Legion Old Chapel Inn, St Ann's Chapel 7.30pm

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 4.00 - 4.30

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 2005

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DEADLINE

Wednesday  
 23rd

Editor:  
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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Sun. 6th	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
Wed 9th	6.00 p.m. BCP Communion		
Sun 13th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Communion
Wed 16th	2.30 p.m. Communion at the Korniloff	4.00 p.m. Spoken BCP Communion	
Sun 20th	9.00 a.m. Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer
Sun 27th	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

### Why are you angry?

"Anger is passionate againstness" says one definition, and I am sure we have all met it. In my case the lady who thought it was bordering on reckless and probably illegal to tow a small boat down to the stake road when she was coming up the slope just past the Oyster Shack entrance. Her response was passionate, and even when I accepted that her vehicle had not got reverse gear capable of doing the ten yards to the gap, and explained that it might take me a few minutes to back 100 yards with a trailer on and three cars behind me!

C.S. Lewis had another definition "Anger is the fluid love bleeds when you cut it", I like that one better, it gets closer to what we too easily call "righteous anger". Anger can have a good side and we should be passionately against sin and injustice: such as the anger we might feel, when the Tsunami hits the headlines as it should, but the press virtually ignore the 30,000 children dying daily world wide from preventable hunger and disease. The war in Sudan has killed many more and made more homeless than the earthquake and tsunami. An uneasy peace has come, but the west ignored that war for many years. In a similar fashion millions of dollars and pounds are being poured into research to combat Aids, but malaria and leprosy eradication no longer get sufficient funding, after all they are rarely experienced in the affluent nations..

In this brief series about the five questions God asks us, "Why are you angry?" is the fourth. He first asked it of Cain after Cain had murdered his brother, it was a brutally kind but psychologically penetrating question. Asked of each one of us, it probes our emotional state and health. In Church circles I have occasionally met it when someone over-reacts to a reasonable question, as if a painful boil has been touched. The poison within causes pain, and the receiver lashes out. Beuchner said "Of the seven deadly sins, anger is the most fun. To lick our wounds, to smack our lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savour to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back – in many ways is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you"

We need to listen to what our emotions are telling us, not about others, but about ourselves. So next time road rage looms, or the temptation to retaliate harshly comes: resist it.

(John Elliott, Church House 810565)

### DON'T MISS

## Probably the Worlds Greatest Pancake Event

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# Journey's End Journal

The month of February brings us more new challenges,

On the 9th we are hosting the Inter Parish Quiz, I hope you will come along and support the village quizzers.

On the subject of quizzes, our Thursday quiz needs some volunteer quizmasters or mistresses. If you have done this before, why not try again. If it is new to you, don't be shy, come and try. Don't forget, the quizmaster is always right. Please add your name to the list on the wall in the hall.

The 14th is of course Valentine's Day, when all you old romantics make your loved one's day special. This year Valentine's Day falls on a Monday, not a very convenient day for most of you so we have decided to host a Valentine's weekend, with a special menu, with sparkling wine, chocolate and strawberries: are we tempting you? If so ring and book your table for either Saturday, Sunday or Monday evening, and we will endeavour to make your evening special.



## CAROLS ON THE GREEN

We were so lucky again this year, it was raining and blowing a gale when we were preparing the stalls in the afternoon. They nearly took off in the wind, but by six the wind had dropped, the rain had eased and our musicians turned up as did all of you and a big thank you for your continued support and making the start of our Christmas that little bit more special. We would like to thank Jeremy & Elaine for allowing us to plug into their mains, the Parish Council for paying for the electric & tree costs, Dane & Hilary for cooking and supplying mince pies and sausage rolls, Paula for the making of that superb mulled wine, and all of our musicians who played well. Thank you to Mr Bryan Carson for compering and last but not least John Elliott for saying a few words. Thank you all once again for supporting Carols on the Green and we hope to see you all again this December 24th

Bigbury Fayre

The 12th and 26th are dates for your diary if you enjoy our Jazz Evenings. They are becoming more popular so we suggest if you want to eat, you should book ahead.

The 6th is our next Bar Billiards Competition, the winners are now getting predictable, and so any fresh blood is most welcome to give the "hustlers" a run for their money!

The 20th is a date for your diary if you are keen on darts. A fun evening, with no competitive spirit in evidence, but lots of laughter. Come along!

The JE Draw kicked off in January; as yet we have not had a winner so the prize money for this week, 4th February will be £60. If you want a chance to pick up this prize be at the JE on Friday 8.00pm - don't be late, you may miss out.

A reminder for March

Mothers' Day is on the 6<sup>th</sup> this year, so go on spoil her, book for lunch at the JE. Pete James our pianist will be playing for your entertainment. Special menus will be posted around the pub in due course.

Elaine & Ken

Have a fun month.

## TSUNAMI

Thank you, to everyone who contributed. As a result of the Whist Drive, held in the WI Hall, and donations received, £100 has been sent to the Helston Tsunami Shelter Box Appeal.

**PANCAKE DAY**  
Tuesday  
8th Feb

This year's proceeds from the Pancake Coffee Morning in the Parish Room at 10.30am, will go towards the Tsunami Appeal.

There is FREE Entrance to the morning's event which will include freshly made Pancakes. In addition there will be Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Pancake Tossing Competitions, a Book Stall, Bring & Buy, Raffles and some Quizzes to keep everyone entertained. Now is your chance to pass on any unwanted Christmas gifts. Donations to any of the stalls will be most welcome.

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**Sunday**

Noon - 4.00pm 7.00pm - 10.30pm

Food served 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Pizza Night menu 7.30pm - 9.00pm



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The January meeting could not be said to be very well attended (too close to Christmas, perhaps) but those members who came were well rewarded by the fascinating talk on Furniture Restoration and Upholstery, given by Jeanne Curtis and her colleague.

Their demonstrations were outstanding. They brought with them what appeared to be a complete workshop of tools, materials and actual pieces of furniture and by the end, members felt inspired to start work on their own furniture immediately! First class entertainment and instruction.

A busy time lies ahead, including a showing of 'Calendar Girls' on 19th February at 7.30pm in the WI Hall; the Spring Fair in early May and various meetings with other branches.

Join now to share in all the activities.

Naomi Warne

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Exmoor was £1.50 per pint at the JE.

The Parish Council precept was 'only' £1200.

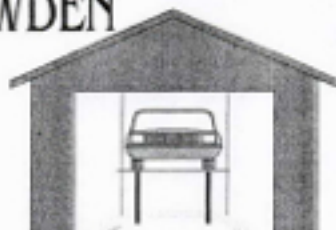
The Parish Council 'visited' its Boundary Stones.

The Historical Society was seeking information on WWII . . . the Ringmore Rascals were very active.

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# GUYS & DOLLS

A world-famous musical is coming to the South Hams in March 2005. Fifty-five years is a long time from when this show first opened on Broadway, but here it is at last - Guys and Dolls is now in final rehearsal at a village hall near you.

Guys and Dolls is an urban fable set in downtown New York, played by a motley crew of Salvation Army do-gooders, illegal gamblers and some attractive late-night entertainers. When Sky Masterson, a streetwise dice-thrower with hidden emotions, meets straight-laced Salvation Army lass Sergeant Sarah Brown - sparks fly and hearts soften. Don't blush when the Hot Spot Night Club dancers do their stuff. Don't weep when Sky pursues Sarah merely to win a bet - and then falls for her big-time. How does it end? Buy a ticket, come along, see what made low-life New Yorkers tick in the days when gambling was against the law.

Miss the total eclipse, miss a quiz at the Journey's End (if you must) but please don't miss this show and all those catchy tunes (you might know them already) that will drive you mad as you drive home from Marlborough after the show and bug you for months to come.

Kingsbridge Amateur Theatrical Society (KATS) will be presenting six performances of Guys and Dolls at Marlborough Village Hall. Every seat provides a first-class view of the action; this massive hall will be fitted with extensive raked seating for the event. Make up a party and come along, you will be glad you did. Hurry, hurry, hurry - tickets are selling fast.

PERFORMANCE TIMES, March 2005.  
**Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th.**  
7.30 pm. Tickets £8.  
**Thursday 10th and Friday the 11th.**  
7.30 pm. Tickets £9.  
**Saturday 12th**  
Matinee 2.30 pm £6.50.  
Evening performance 7.30 pm £9.

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James Stevenson

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## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### HISTORY DAY - DARTMOUTH

We have been invited, by the Dartmouth History Research Group, to a local history day to take place in the Dartmouth Guildhall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2005. It will feature four topics each presented by speakers with experience in that field:

#### Reading Old Documents

Jill Drysdale

#### Parish History - Maps & Air Photos

Trevor Miles

#### Interpreting Old Photographs

Ray Freeman & Moira Mellor

#### Researching the History of a House

Irene O'Shea

There will be displays and time for questions and discussions on each topic.

There will be no charge. Refreshments will be served. There is easy parking nearby.

A number of us are going; if you would like to attend please let me know.

James Parkin

## Ringmore Historical Society

Talk

Wednesday  
16th February

WI Hall

7.30pm

History of Slate Quarrying  
in the South Hams

Ann Born

Everyone welcome

Entrance: Members £1.50 Non-members £2.00  
Includes refreshment

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, 18th January 2005

Present - Five councillors, the Clerk, Jane Guy - Tree Warden.  
Bryan Carson - District Councillor  
Apologies: Cllrs Parkin and Patterson

#### Footpaths

Nothing to report on footpaths. A successful, volunteer beach clean at Aymer Cove, was held on Saturday 14th January.

#### Town Well

A Notification of Proposed works concerning the work to be carried out on the trees, has been signed and sent to the Tree and Wildlife Officer at Follaton House.

#### District Council Matters

Cllr Carson reported on the budget and the considered cuts in certain areas in order to save money. For example, only cleaning beaches between May and September; the cessation of all cleaning of privately owned beaches; renting space at Devon shows; reducing Village Hall grants and other measures together with proposed increases in car parking charges and in the granting of licences in the new licensing laws.

#### Planning

##### Approvals

The construction of a Juliet Balcony and placing of new window in existing door-opening at Maple Bank - granted with restrictions on the window pattern.

Proposed construction of garage and greenhouse at the Coach House - approved by the Development Control committee against the advice of the planning officer.

The decking at the Captains House, Challaborough. The Parish Council had no objection to the retrospective, revised planning application. It was a majority decision.

#### Finance

The clerk's salary was reviewed in line with the national standards which are measured against job content, responsibilities and hours worked. The salary was increased to £720 per annum, to take effect from 1st April next. This was agreed unanimously.

WI Hall rent for 12 months - £98.88

#### Next meeting

15th February, 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Thelma Mann

# Artificial Begonias Can Deceive Even Famous Gardeners . . .

## SPOT ON

"A bird can drop excrement from great heights," I joked. Ken laughed: "My new overcoat, purchased quite recently, suffered terribly under vile waterfowl - yesterday."

## THE ADVENTURES OF WENDY

A big company director, enjoying four grand houses in Jamaica (Kingston), loved my niece. Older people, quite reasonably, saw trouble. Understandably vexed, Wendy yielded.

## THE ADVENTURES OF MY NEIGHBOUR, JUSTIN KINGCUP Part I

"A beautiful Caribbean dancer enticingly flaunted gyrating hips in Justin Kingcup's lap. My neighbour (obviously pleased) quite reasonably suffering tight underwear, very willingly yielded.

## POLITICS?

A bigoted Conservative doesn't even follow guidelines - how infantile! Justly keen Labourites may never obtain party quiescence! Rebels sometimes take unexpected votes! We're yoked zombies!

## PROTECT AFRICAN WILDLIFE

All big cats detest Europeans for going hunting in jungles. Kenyans like maintaining native overwrought predators, quite rightly saying tourists underestimate vital wildlife - yes?

## LIFE ON BOARD SHIP?

At Britannia College Dartmouth, every Flagship Guide had instructions. Just keeping latecomers mainly near others proved quite ridiculous, since the unruly visitors were zonked.

## TEMPTATIONS

Assorted Belgian chocolates - dark; enticing; famously giving highly intense joy, kept Lavinia munching noisily on peaceful, quiet, relaxing, sailing trips upon Van Wengem's yacht "Zodiac".

## EASY SLIMMING

Although blokes continually do exercises for greater health, I just keep lissome. Method: never overdo physicals (running, skateboarding, training unduly). Very wise, you zealots!

## ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Archie barked constantly during Evensong, for growling histrionics is just keeping laryngitis minimised. "No!" ordered Phill. Quiet restored sanity. "Thoroughly unbelievable." Vicar wailed yonder.

## WINTER WARMER

A bitterly cold day, everything frozen. Glistening hedges, icicles jingling. Kindling lit. Made nutritious oxtail pot roast supper. Tasty . . . umm . . . very warming . . . yawn . . .  
Zzzzz

## THAT BEE DAISY

A bee called Daisy, entering flower gardens, high in July, keep low mid noon, on pollen questing, realised sadly the utmost vulnerability whilst X-raying yellow zinnias

## COUNTRY PURSUITS

A brown creature dodged every foxhound. Great horses jumped impressively. Kings Lynn made nothing of quaint people running swiftly through undergrowth. Vixen watched. Yoicks!!

## NIGHTMARES

A bloke can dream erotic fantasies. Goodness, how I just know! Lately my nocturnal, "other persona", quite relished seducing ten ugly, vindictive whores. YUK!!!

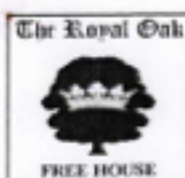
## Art Begets Cerebral Debates Enduring Fiercely . . .

These are the fruits of your labours. There is a breadth of imagination not readily perceived in daily life . . . some of it just as well!

Please enjoy reading them and select the ones which you prefer. Send in your choice for the first three (don't forget to number them). There will be prizes for those which come out on top. There will also be a modest prize for those whose selection matches that of the local Editorial Literary Sub-committee, a group often consulted by the committee which selects the Whitbread Prize. Believe that and . . .

Please send your selection to the Editor, in time to beat the deadline.





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## Diary for February / March

- Every Monday** EUCHRE DRIVE - 8pm  
**Tue 8th Feb** FUND RAISING EUCHRE DRIVE in aid of 'NO LIMITS BATON TWIRLERS' - 8pm  
**Fri 18th Feb** VALENTINE'S DANCE in the Memorial Hall  
 Tickets on sale NOW! - £5  
**Sun 6th Mar** MOTHERS DAY - BOOKINGS BEING TAKEN  
**Thu 10th Mar** AUNE VALLEY LUNCH  
**Sun 13th Mar** OAK TEAM DARTS K.O. COMPETITION  
 8pm start



Martyn and Linda would like to thank everybody who came to see their Christmas display and donated money to their collection. Thanks to your efforts, a cheque for £225 has been sent to Little Bridge House Childrens' Hospice Southwest. Once again, thank you all very much



## February meeting

Our meeting this month looks at some of the problems other people face, and is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Entitled "Living with Epilepsy" we give a warm welcome to Jan Roberts who helps support sufferers both in this country and abroad. As usual, we are in the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m. for W.I. business, with Jan speaking at 8.15 p.m. All are very welcome to hear Jan on what promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

## Calendar Girls

A date for everyone - not just the ladies! On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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). Tickets are £6.50 each, and are selling fast; it's first come, first served! Contact Jane Stevenson (810151) or Jackie Tagent (810520).

Enigma

## Last Month

A good start to the New Year. Five entrants, some with furrowed brow, poured over the puzzle and came up with three different answers. This is a low success rate for this type of puzzle. Perhaps there is still a post-festive haze obscuring the solution.

Taurus came up with Plucking while Opals discovered Quacking. Obviously some connection here as the first would produce a lot of the second. Ultimately both might produce the stuffing for UPHOLSTERY. Champion Matchman, New Dawn and The Beginners gain maximum points while the others have one for trying.

## This Month

Concealed in this grid are the names of twenty-four fruits, none especially exotic but that is a matter of taste. As usual, all letters are to be used only once. They can be tracked horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

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

This is the one hundred and twenty second Enigma puzzle that you have solved since the first appeared in January 1995. Not surprisingly, we have all developed some familiarity with the various types of puzzles so an attempt will be made to introduce brain-teasers from a different source. It is possible that you might not spot the join, so I won't tell you when it will happen or if it has occurred already.

## TO ALL USERS OF THE W I HALL

We have been advised by SWEB that our electricity price per kilowatt has been increased. It would be appreciated if users of the Hall switch on the heating no more than 1 hour before the start of their meeting.