

# RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



Ringmore does well to keep the beach free from plastics and other rubbish which accumulates over the Winter. January's clean-up is still apparent so the next organized clean will be the traditional 'spit and polish' on Saturday 16th April. Everyone will be welcome. A reminder will appear in the April Newsletter.

The WI showed Calendar Girls during February and it has been suggested that the spirit of the WI branch shown in the film, is paralleled in our own WI. Can we expect to see any other similarities?

The Inter-Parish Quiz was a case of a question too far, or several questions too far. Ringmore entertained (Ken did too) Yealmlton, champions on a number of occasions, yet at one point we were ten points ahead. Sadly this did not last and eventually we lost 98-91. Good but not good enough.

If you have lived an exemplary life and have not felt a 'eavy' and on the shoulder, your knowledge of Dartmoor Prison is probably scant. The Historical Society has arranged a talk for you to become more familiar with the institution, on 16th in the WI Hall

Guys & Dolls will be performed in the Village Hall, Marlborough in the second week of March and among those treading the boards will be our very own luvvie, James Stevenson. Break a leg, James, we shall be rooting for you.

Gillian Parkin has submitted a recipe for her Breakfast Bake as several people have requested it. Anyone who has sampled this delight will agree that it is worth taking the trouble but it is so much better when someone else does.

The competition to write a coherent 'story' using 24 letters of the alphabet, in sequence, was extended so the results are not yet available. Even if you did not enter, you can make your selection and send it to the Editor. We could go for a higher turnout than we get at a General Election!

Ringmore has played its part in the astonishing national response for aid for tsunami victims. The JE donated funds in January and in February, the Pancake Morning raised more than £300.

Finally, don't forget - the clocks go forward at 2.00am on Sunday 27th March.

## CLIFF FALL

But for the dog-walkers, news of the cliff fall might have taken some time to reach the village. A significant chunk of the cliff, to the right of the beach, just at the entrance to the smaller cove, crashed down sometime during the last week of February. Ayrmer is constantly changing but large though some falls are, it will be a while before Ringmore has beachfront properties.

## 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 Old Chapel Inn, St Ann's Chapel 7.30pm  
5th Historical Day in Dartmouth 810303 for details  
6th Mothers' Day lunch Journey's End  
7th-12th Guys & Dolls Marlborough Village Hall  
10th WI talk on India by 'The Braceys' 8.00pm WI Hall  
16th Historical Society talk on Dartmoor Prison 7.30pm WI Hall  
22nd Parish Council WI Hall 7.00pm  
26th DEADLINE

April  
6th Royal British Legion Royal Oak 7.30pm

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DEADLINE

Saturday  
26th

Editor:  
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## RAINFALL

Fiona Batten

Last Month

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Ten Year Average

3¼"

Ten Year High

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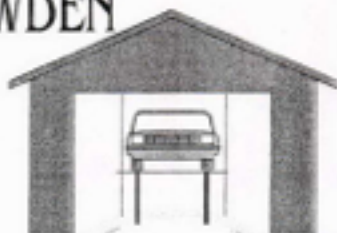
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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>No Service see below</u>	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion SPECIAL SEE BELOW	11.00 a.m. Family Service SPECIAL SEE BELOW
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Communion
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Communion at the Korniloff		4.00 p.m. Spoken BCP Communion
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m. Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer
Good Friday			6.00 p.m. At The Foot of The Cross
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Easter Day	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer with short form Communion	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

## Where is your brother?

"I have a dream", said Martin Luther King "that one day ... the sons of former slaves will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream". His passion and eloquence brought that dream alive, and segregation began to die in the USA, but the problems had started long before that when the first brothers quarrelled and Cain murdered Abel. The first question in this brief series of five on the questions God asks us was theological. "Where are you?" asks God. Where are you in relation the creator who made you? This last question is social rather than theological, but the two are linked. The first commandment is "Love God" from which hangs the second "Love your neighbour". This is not a cosy 'me and my religion' asked at the altar of personal piety, but a tough question asked out in the field; or in our case the supermarket, the school, the Parish Council.

The Bible knows nothing of spiritual salvation divorced from a concern for social justice. We may protest that we have never heard a direct question from God about our relationship with him. Yet most of us have that inner voice, of conscience or God "Where is your brother?". Hopefully not the person we killed but the family member, friend or neighbour we gossiped about unkindly, ignored, slighted, patronised, disregarded or generally passed by on the other side! The flip response "Am I my brothers keeper"; no of course not for this is not a zoo. We are called to be moral and ethical in our dealings, to live in honest relationship with one another. Not always easy; especially for the nearby councillor who allegedly signed an enforcement order on a property which her son wishes to buy, or for an ex-cabinet minister who used travel vouchers for friends, but now expects to return to high office after the election.

(John Elliott, Church House 810565)

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# Journey's End Journal

Hello again folks,

February nearly over. Can't come soon enough! Evenings getting a little lighter and soon, a little warmer, we hope.

We enjoyed Valentine's weekend very much. Elaine was pleased with the enthusiastic response to her menus and we look forward to further "special" evenings in the future.

The next such event being Mothers' Day on March 6th. So, come along, get your tables booked for what will be a very pleasant occasion.

Uptake of the "JE Draw" has been slower than I anticipated. Still only some 30

numbers allocated. It has been 6 weeks since I started, so the prize was £120.00 last night (25th Feb). Someone will be delighted to take this money from me but, remember, "You must be in it to win it!"

Our Jazz nights continue to attract a good audience. Every other Saturday and soon with occasional "guest" vocalist or musician. So, book early to avoid disappointment. Peter is now confirmed for every Sunday lunch so, again, book a table, have lunch and make it a special occasion.

No more to say for now. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Elaine & Ken



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**Monday - Friday**

6.30pm - 11.00pm

**Saturday**

Noon - 3.00pm 6.30pm - 11.00pm

**Sunday**

Noon - 4.00pm 7.00pm - 10.30pm

**See Notice Board for  
Exceptions to opening hours for  
Six-Nations Matches  
and for  
Food service times**



## BREAKFAST BAKE

Make up the night before. Pop in oven the next morning and take the dog for a walk or go back to bed!

6 Slices white bread, crusts removed  
50g/2oz mature cheddar, coarsely grated  
450g/1lb good quality sausages, cut into chunks.

6 eggs  
1 pint milk  
Salt & Pepper  
1 tsp mustard powder  
4 rashers bacon, chopped

Lightly oil a large baking dish/tin. Tear bread into bite-size pieces & scatter over the base. Sprinkle over the cheese, bacon and sausages. Lightly beat eggs with milk, add mustard powder, salt & pepper to taste. Pour over bread mixture. Cover with cling film and put in fridge overnight. Preheat oven to 180C/Gas 4/ Fan Oven 160C. Remove cling film and cook for 50 mins, until risen, set & golden.

(Can cut bacon rashers in half and put on top of bake - nice and crisp. May prefer to brown sausages before chopping)

Gillian Parkin



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

A large gathering met at the WI Hall on 19th Feb to see the film 'Calendar Girls', with great enthusiasm and enjoyment. What a marvellous film; very moving and yet hilariously funny at the same time, showing the deep friendships and affections that can be forged and the fun and sorrow shared in a small community - such as our own perhaps? There was wonderful acting from all the cast; and full marks and appreciation to all concerned in putting it on for us.

As for the lavish supper provided afterwards, what can one say? It was amazing!

In fact a jolly good village get-together in every way. We should do it more often!

Naomi Warne

## WI Report

In spite of a wet and windy night, members turned out in force to listen to Jan Roberts, who gave us a very informative talk on Epilepsy. How she became involved with it, showing illustrations of what happens when a person has a seizure and telling us the basic help we can give someone.

These days, with the help of drugs, people are able to keep it under control and lead a reasonably normal life. Jan also showed slides of her visit to Africa which she went on last year with people from the Centre in Gerrards Cross, Bucks. Members certainly went home having learnt some interesting facts about Epilepsy.

Our next meeting, on 10th March takes us to India with John and Ann Bracey. We look forward to welcome everyone.

Jackie Tagent

## PANCAKE DAY



## THANK YOU

A big 'thank you' to all of you who made the Pancake Coffee Morning such a successful and enjoyable event.

The grand sum of £320 was raised by you during the morning in aid of the Tsunami Relief in Sri Lanka.

Many thanks once again from the All Hallows PCC.

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

How many of us who received the Neighbourhood Watch form 'Early Warning Scheme', enabling witnesses to note details of incidents seen, still have it, at the ready?

The JE's Beer Festival offered twelve Real Ales to wash down Beef any which way.

The late Bill Bennett, Mr Totnes, spoke to the Historical Society about his beloved town.

The Parish Council had a preliminary meeting with DCC regarding the installation of the rumble strips.

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The speaker at the February meeting of the RBL at the Dolphin Inn, was the Secretary who gave the members a little of the background on Exercise Tiger which took place some 60 years ago at various locations along the South Coast, directly affecting over 3000 acres and 750 families in the South Hams, who had to be evacuated in 6 weeks. This particular area around Slapton and Torcross was chosen because of its similarity to the beaches we now know as Omaha and Utah.

We are now all aware of the terrible disaster, thanks mainly to the late Ken Small (a hotelier in Torcross) who spent a great deal of time, effort and his own money to raise public interest. One of the local myths was a German U boat had attacked the D-Day Landing practice at Slapton Sands but it is now clear many hundred of troops, mainly American, were killed by what we now term 'friendly fire'. The major cause was a typing error in the radio frequencies resulting in the inability of all the sections of the exercise to talk to each other. Nearly 1000 lives were lost in Lyme Bay due again to a mistake in the radio frequencies and an accident to one of the escort vessels. A further stroke of bad luck occurred when nine German E boats slipped out of Cherbourg undetected and found themselves in the middle of a convoy of LST's (Landing Ship Tanks) trying to recreate the conditions the troops would encounter on the real D-Day Landings. Although nearly 1200 troops lost their lives in a matter of forty-eight hours, imagine how disastrous this would have been had it happened on 6th June 1944. As a result of this tragedy, the D-Day Landings proceeded well and although 200 men lost their lives on Omaha and Utah beaches, many were saved as a result of the training during Exercise Tiger and the hard lessons learnt. Our thanks too, go to Miss Ann Irish who researched much of the material to enable all the BRNC Guides to extend the tours of the College to include Exercise Tiger and the Sherman Tank Memorial at Torcross.

The next meeting will be at The Old Chapel Inn, St Ann's Chapel on Wednesday 2nd March where the speaker will be Brian Stark. His subject is 'Verbal vignettes on life as a brewer, and possibly a wine merchant'.

Robbie McCarthy  
Hon Secretary

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February

£20 Ken Blease  
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## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, 15th February 2005

Present - Five councillors,  
Bryan Carson - District Councillor  
Apologies: Cllrs McCarthy and Patterson  
and the Clerk.

### District Council Matters.

Mr Carson informed the Council that the new recycling scheme had now really started with recycling 'wheelie' bins having been delivered to 2000 properties in the Dartmouth area.  
SHDC has increased Council Tax by 4.4% for 2005/2006/

### Planning

The Council had no objection to the following applications:  
No 2 Crossways - erection of conservatory and garage.

Orchard House - a small area of decking to facilitate hedge maintenance.  
Town Well - Felling and maintaining trees.

The Council objected to the retrospective application for the Tree House at Lower Manor Farm. It is considered to large for its prominent position.

### Approvals

Captain's House, Challaborough. The revised plan for decking.

The revised plans for a house at Marwell cross gardens have been withdrawn.

### Next meeting

22nd March, 7.00pm in the WI Hall.  
Thelma Mann

## Ringmore Historical Society

### Talk

Wednesday  
16th March

WI Hall  
7.30pm

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### DIARY FOR MARCH / EARLY APRIL

- Sat 5th Mar** AIR AMBULANCE PRESENTATION in memory of  
"SLIPPERY" PETER DAVIS - Live music & comedy  
with JASON DEAN
- Sun 6th Mar** MOTHERS DAY - Treat Mother to Sunday Lunch or  
evening meal
- Thur 10th Mar** Aune Valley Lunch - 12.30pm
- Sun 13th Mar** Darts Team annual knockout competition - 8pm
- Thur 17th Mar** St PATRICK'S DAY - Special promotions on  
Guinness & Jamesons
- Sun 27th Mar** Easter Egg Hunt in the garden, starting at 12.30pm
- Wed 6th Apr** R.B.L. Meeting - 7.30pm



## Travels in India

This is the title of our meeting on Thursday March 10th. This month we welcome Ann and John Bracey, who will be telling us about their trip to this fascinating and exciting country. As usual, we are in the W.I. Hall at 7.30 p.m. for W.I. business, with Ann and John speaking at 8.15 p.m. All are very welcome to hear them: it promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

## Where the money goes

What happens to the funds raised by Ringmore W.I.? An agreed proportion of the subscriptions paid by members goes to the National Federation and County W.I. The lion's share, plus all our fund-raising, keeps our hall in good repair (for example, painting the outside and, most recent, removing part of the stage to make a safe walkway to the kitchen). Our next task is a new kitchen roof! Then there are, of course, bills like insurance, electricity and water rates. We also support a local charity, which we change each year.

Enigma

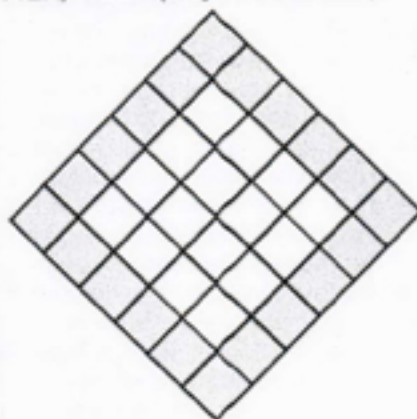
## Last Month

Apologies for last month's debacle. It would have helped if the right instructions had been given although 'word-of-mouth' and intuition appears to have enabled most of you to have a good stab at the problem. Many thanks to those who struggled against the odds. However to be fair to everyone, the puzzle has been declared a non-runner and to compensate, two puzzles have been set for this month.

## This Month

### Puzzle One

Place the words listed below into the grid. Each word follows the direction of a compass point (eight-point compass) in a straight line. Each word starts and finishes in a shaded square. I can hear you asking! No, the shaded squares do NOT contain a word. Words will follow a line NW-SE, SW-NE, N-S, S-N, E-W etc. Some words follow the same direction. If you get it right, at least one word will appear which is not in the original puzzle.  
SUPPER, PEOPLE, REALLY, SAMPLE, RIOTER, ALTER, PAPER, EACH, PLAN, PIER, WEEP (maybe we all will!).



### Puzzle two

There has not been a numerical puzzle for some while so try this one. It is a simple case of substituting figures for letters.

WE A R Y  
L A W Y E R  
R E A L L Y

Y A W N E D

Good luck everyone.



# AGNOSTICS BELIEVE CHRISTIANITY DOESN'T ENTIRELY FULFIL . . .

## 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."

## 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.

## 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

## 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".

## *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.

## 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

## COUNTRYPURSITS

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

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## Any Blender Can Damage - Er - Fingers . . .

These fruits have multiplied during the month of February such that there is a multitude from which to choose.

As stated on the front page, this competition has been extended to allow all those who wanted to enter to submit their entries on time! An additional twelve stories have been received, so granting the leeway proved worthwhile. There are now twenty-six examples of ingenuity to judge. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their verdict. These will be kept on file but should you wish to choose from the wider selection (see next page), please do so.

## CALAMITY AT SEA

Angela's boat crashed dramatically, engendering further girlish hysteria. Inspector James's ketch left mooring, neatly passing Queen's Reach, straight to underwater volcano where yacht zigzagged.

## 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!!!

Enjoy reading the stories 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 anyone whose selection matches that of the local Editorial Literary Sub-committee. This group has dispersed temporarily but will reconvene, at some expense, in order to present a facade of independent judging.

Points will be scored as follows: Any story placed first will gain three points. Second place will receive two points and third place will be awarded one point. This method is fairer than determining the result based on first places only.

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

# A Benthamite Could Divert Everyone's Fancies...

## solemn sayings and proverbs

A big cockerel dignifieth every farmyard.

Growing hollyhocks in January killeth lillies next October.

Personal questioning reviveth sour tempers.

Unbridled vanity wasteth youthful zeal.

## SKOOL DAZE

All brite children dezerve education: formal grownding in jeography, kemistry, latin makes nice observant pyoopils. Quite ritely, speling takes up vital weeks & xacting years!

## DROOPY

At best, constructing diabolical exercises for gain hurts. I'm just keeping life manageable -not organized - postponing really significant tasks, underestimating vital work. Yours, Zenia

## THE SECRET REPORT TO M

As benevolent concern dominates every foreign government, Henry is judiciously keeping low, making no protests, quietly radioing signals, then unloading videotapes within your zone.

## A MATTER OF OPINION

A beautiful courtesan delivered exquisite favours, giving her ineffable jousiance, knowingly. Leading, manipulative, nonesuch, often playful. Quaker reaction spoke tomes, using vituperative words: x-rated zelotypia!

## A Success Story

As biblical concordances didn't easily find good homes in junior libraries, my next official promotion quickly reinstated simple tales, utilizing versification with youthful zaniness.

## A NEWLY-DISCOVERED VERSE FROM THE HINGESTON-RANDOLPH ARCHIVE

Arise, be calm, dismiss each fear. Go hence in joyful kindness. Let modest needs or prayerful quest, render sad travail valiant with your zest

## Her New Year Resolutions

Alter black cocktail dress  
Eat fresh ginseng  
Halve intake jellybeans  
Keep looking marvellous  
New Purchase: quality running shorts  
Take up ventriloquism  
Wash  
Yoga?  
Zen?

## CONTENTMENT... DISTURBED

A black cat dozes easily, fireside, giving him immense joy, knowing looming midday nibbles outside porch. Quietly rising, shaking tail. Unforeseen vile weather. Yikes!

## 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?

## TODAY'S SHOPPING LIST

A bagga chips  
dozen eggs  
Fifty Gauloises  
Holiday information (Jamaica)  
Kippers (large)  
Morning News  
Organic potatoes  
Report smell to undertaker  
Vitamins  
Weightwatcher's Yearbook  
Zip

## Mrs Beeton's Festive Menu

A boiled capon  
Dressed eels  
Fricasséed goose hock  
.....  
Jellied kumquats  
Lemon mousse  
.....  
Noisettes of pork  
Quenelles royales  
Sautéed terrapin  
.....  
Unkrainian veal waffles  
Yoghurt  
Zabaglione

## SALIVATION

A brilliant chef devised excitingly flavoured garnishes, hors-d'hoerues, ices, jellies, kugelhupf. Luscious meals... Nuits-St-Georges, Orvieto, Pomerol, Quincy. Ravishing, sumptuous tastes, using variety with zest.

## 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!