

# RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



*March was one of the less eventful months. Winter left with barely a protest and Spring is beginning to show its presence.*

*What have we on the horizon to excite us? There is probably something for everyone on the calendar.*

*Somewhat later than usual will be the John Bracey Table Tennis tournament at the Journey's End which is an entertaining way of raising money for charity.*

*The Beach Clean, mentioned last month, might not take place as the seas have deposited little of note on the shore over the weeks since the clean-up in January. Alan McCarthy has written a note outlining his plan to cancel the morning if necessary.*

*The result of the ABC stories is published, a little later than originally planned. It was worth waiting as the number of stories increased considerably. The competition was enjoyed by many, probably by more than took the trouble to vote. Nevertheless*

*a result has been reached and the winner is recorded elsewhere. Another competition of sorts will follow.*

*The Annual Parish Assembly meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th April as stated elsewhere. There will be a number of speakers on topics of importance and interest to the village and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will attend.*

*The AGM of the Table Tennis Club has taken place and the AGM of the Parochial Church Council is scheduled for 5th April.*

*Debbie Chicken has a problem with white van drivers because too many do not know where they are going! Next month the Newsletter will offer a map of the village, at a modest price for funds, which could help towards resolving the problem.*

*Both the WI and the Historical Society have interesting talks this month and on 25th Ringmore will entertain Diptford in the Inter-Parish Quiz at the Journey's End.*

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This year's Meeting will take place in the WI Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th April. The Development Control Manager at SHDC has agreed to address the meeting and it is hoped that Sir Simon Day, our County Councillor, will make a valedictory visit to Ringmore before he moves to a new constituency in May. This is **YOUR** chance to quiz the Council on its performance over the past year. Please come and help make it an interesting meeting.

## 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

5th Annual Meeting of Parishioners St James Kingston 7.30pm  
 6th Royal British Legion Royal Oak 7.30pm  
 14th WI talk 'Life as an Officer on QE2' 8.00pm WI Hall  
 16th Beach Clean 10.30am Check Notice Board  
 17th John Bracey TT Tournament Journey's End Noon  
 20th RHS talk 'Mine Sites in the Tamar Valley' 7.30pm WI Hall  
 19th Parish Council WI Hall 7.00pm  
 24th DEADLINE  
 25th Inter-Parish Quiz Ringmore v Diptford Journey's End 8.00pm  
 27th Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall  
 May  
 2nd WI May Fair WI Hall 2.00pm  
 June  
 26th Village Group Photograph - make a note in your diary

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Friday: 8th & 22nd

Ringmore Church  
12.20 - 12.40

Challaborough  
12.50 - 1.00

St Ann's Chapel  
3.30 - 3.45

Kingston Fire Stn  
4.00 - 4.30

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## DEADLINE

Sunday  
24th

Editor:  
Geof Dykes  
810123

## RAINFALL

Fiona Batten

Last Month  
1"

Ten Year Average  
3¾"

Ten Year High  
2001 5½"

Ten Year Low  
1998 ¼"

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## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
April 3rd	11.00am Family Service	9.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Family Service
10th	11.00am Family Service	6.00 pm Evening Prayer	9.00am CW Communion
17th	9.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Family Service	6.00 pm Evening Prayer
24th	11.00am Family Service	6.00pm Evening Prayer	9.00am BCP Communion
May 1st	11.00 a.m. Rogation Farmers' Service	9.00am Communion	11.00am Family Service

## MIRACLE ?

On the same Sunday that the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead was read in Church, a football commentator likened a missed shot at goal to this miracle narrative in the Bible. He echoed a radio comment from the Arsenal versus Southampton match "The vast crowd was stunned. To miss from the centre of the goal, and only two feet from the line with no keeper or defender near him was a miracle. The crowd would have been no more amazed than if they had seen Lazarus raised from the dead". Vivid reporting, but absolute tosh. To this day there is a village in Israel called El Azariah by Jew, Muslim and Christian: the reputed location of the amazing restoration to life of Jesus friend, a trailer and prologue in some respects to the resurrection of Jesus himself from the dead that we have just celebrated at our Easter Services.

Marvin Gay and I believe in miracles, to quote the words of his song but my yardstick is sterner than the sporting excellence of a long putt, athletic catch or other sublime moment. Stronger even than when the Resident Minister arrives on time and misses nothing in the Service or Notices. The Concise Oxford Dictionary says a miracle is a 'marvelous event due to some supernatural agency', not in other words an inept miss-kick by a professional footballer.

We educated westerners have all been through a rational upbringing that tries to deny these superstitious happenings, unless during that education the dog miraculously ate our homework as some claimed! Christianity is a belief in the supernatural, the good supernatural not the wacky. That God loves us sinners, and I speak for myself, so much that he sent his son to die for each one of us that is a miracle. It would be a 'proper job' miracle if the Church was full this coming Sunday as we all celebrated that love!

*Rev. John Elliott, Church House, Ringmore (810565)*



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# Journey's End Journal

Hello Folks,

Hope you all had a good Easter – April brings showers – so the saying goes, but more importantly the John Bracey Table Tennis Tournament! This year the knock out will be on Sunday 17th April, at 12.00pm. There are plenty of spaces left on the sheet, so if you fancy a bit of exercise and some fun, then sign up now! I believe it is the FA Cup Semi Final or Quarter Final, or something on that day so I have promised Peter Chicken I will have the TV set up in the bar.

Quiz Nights remain popular, but there are not many to go now before the summer recess.

Friday Night is draw night, this month's winning numbers were

No 30  
No 77  
No 33  
No 83

Not allocated  
James Parkin  
John Millichip  
Andrea Young

Only John Millichip was in the pub at the time of the draw and so he collected £180.00.

This Friday the prize fund is 40.00.

Jazz nights this month are on 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, but don't forget Pete James plays piano every Sunday lunchtime from 12.30 until 3.30pm.

The Darts Competition was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the winner was Alan McCarthy. He has won it twice now. The next competition will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, so if you have a good aim why not put your name down. The prize pot is very small, but we do contribute to St Luke's Hospice.

The next Bar Billiards Competition will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, again come along and have some fun

Elaine & Ken



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6.30pm - 11.00pm

**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

Noon - 4.00pm 7.00pm - 10.30pm

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**Food service times**



## INTER-PARISH QUIZ

As Ringmore's interest in the main competition was ended by Yealmpton we are left with the Ken West Plate. In the first round of this contest for first round losers we were pitted against Cornwood.

Ringmore went into an early but far from decisive lead and although we never felt that we were firing on all cylinders, we steadily increased our lead by a point here and there. By the end of Round 14 on the English Country Garden we were nine points to the good. Suddenly with the help of Sports & Games and Inventors we surged ahead such that with two rounds to go we had established a lead of twenty one points. We managed to maintain the margin through the final rounds, on the UK and medicine, to run out winners by 112 - 91.

This means that we shall entertain Diptford in the semi-final at the Journey's End on Monday 25th April starting at 8.00pm. The team would be delighted if anyone wishes to come to support them. If the questions do not excite you, you would not want to miss Elaine's refreshments!

**Ringmore Historical Society**  
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
**Sunday 26th June**  
at Noon  
for a  
**Group Photograph**  
of the Village  
Details will appear in the May Newsletter

## BEACH CLEAN

A beach clean has been scheduled for 16th April but at the moment nature is not co-operating as the prevailing winds have refused to deposit rubbish on the beach!

If the situation continues there will be no need for a spring clean so to save a walk to the beach with equipment, I will post a cancellation notice in the bus shelter notice board on Friday 15 April if necessary. Alternatively, please ring me on 810738 to make doubly sure. If you don't see the notice please turn up. Black sacks will be provided and back massage can be arranged with an excellent physiotherapist at special rates!

Alan McCarthy



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

In March, the WI paid a visit to India without leaving the village! John and Ann Bracey took us on a journey through this fascinating country, with slides of market stalls followed by visits to mosques at dawn and not forgetting the Taj Mahal.

There were wonderful photos of animals in the wild, ranging from snakes to elephants and concluding with a spectacular sunset.

It was lovely to welcome visitors and husbands; the President's husband won the raffle - must be a fix!

Next month we have a visit from Janis Denis who will give us an insight into life as an officer on the QE2. Book the date - 14th April.

Five members attended the County Chairman's Tea Party at Blackawton Village Hall in early March. This was very enjoyable, with a large gathering of members from many Devon branches able to mingle and exchange views over the superb tea provided!

The high spot was a fashion show put on by the Edinburgh Woollen Mills. It was a most professional presentation of very attractive clothes for Spring and Summer, in which the County Chairman took part as a model and most impressive she was. A lovely afternoon.

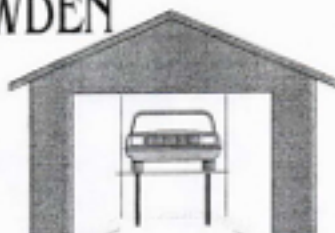
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## The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion and guests were offered verbal vignettes of a brewer and wine merchant by our President, Brian Stark following our March meeting. Sadly there were no samples! Brian divulged the wheeling and dealing of large brewery mergers and the difficulties of managing tied houses and hotels with only 3 months training. He gave us details of the high life in London and the first themed pubs in the country which he had the dubious honour of initiating. In his own 'laid back' style Brian gave us a good idea of how hard life was being the MD of licenced houses for Bass Worthington with the sample cellar on the opposite side of the street to his office which he had to visit at least twice a week. He also had the pleasure of organising Bass' bi-centenary celebrations which culminated in a cricket match between the Lords Taverners and the England Ladies XI. The match ended in an honourable draw. I am sure there are many more stories which Brian has kept up his sleeve for future entertainment and we look forward to hearing them.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 April at the Royal Oak, Bigbury at 7.30pm.

Robbie McCarthy  
Hon Secretary

# 100 CLUB

Mar £20 J Bracey  
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## Ringmore Historical Society Talk

Wednesday  
20th April  
WI Hall  
7.30pm

Mine Sites  
in the  
Tamar Valley

Colin Buck  
Everyone welcome

Entrance: Members £1.50 Non-members £2.00  
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This will be an illustrated talk on the preservation work done on Cornish mines at Gunnislake Clitters and Okel Tor. There will be reference to plans for work on the Devon side of the Tamar Valley as well as a look at recent archaeological assessments at other sites.

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, 22nd March 2005

Present - Seven councillors, the Clerk, Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch; Mr Bryan Carson - District Councillor; Mr John Simes and Dr Malcolm Finlay, Challaborough Residents Association; Mr Matt Horton and Mr Patrick Renaud, RNLI.

### Challaborough Residents Assn

Mr Simes and Dr Finlay gave a presentation on their perspectives of Challaborough and proposals for future enhancement of the area. It was agreed that a meeting of all interested parties would be convened.

### RNLI

Mr Horton gave reasons for the need to site a Porta Cabin on the car park at Challaborough. Due to delays in the building of new premises, this appeared to be the only solution to providing accommodation for the life guards this year.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report but Mr Young stressed the need for everyone to be vigilant at all times.

### Footpaths

Work will commence on the trees at the Town Well at the beginning of April.

### Planning

Applications  
Porta Cabin at Challaborough - the Parish Council objected because a more permanent solution needs to be thought out.

Marwell Cross Gardens, re-submission - no objection.

Approvals

Decking at Orchard house.

Planning approvals continued  
Alterations at 2 Crossways.

The retrospective application for the tree house at Lower Manor farm was refused.

### Finance

Expenditure

Clerk's salary for last quarter: £158.81

Newsletter - Parish Council notes: £30

Revenue

Grant under the Parish Paths partnership: £605

### Next meeting

19th April, 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Thelma Mann

REMINDER: Annual Parish Assembly, Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday  
27th April  
7.30pm WI Hall  
Speakers

**Sir Simon Day**  
Devon County Councillor

**Mr Stephen Munday**  
Development & Control Manager SHDC

**Mr Stephen Radford**  
Manager, Park Dean, Challaborough

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# AS EASY AS ABC...

For some it was but for others less so. The creativity stories printed last month deserved a much wider appraisal than they received. If the turnout for the May election (assuming one is called... how coy can you get?) is less than the number who sent in their verdicts, there will be more MPs than voters.

However... thank you to those who took the trouble to pore over these far-fetched scribbling to determine a winner. Several were one or another's favourite and in third place was Di Collinson's 'A Success Story', which extolled the virtue 'Keep It Short and Simple', known as the KISS principle. Second was 'A Winter Warmer', written by an embarrassed editor, the story about the soporific effect of warmth when 'Baby, it's cold outside'.

Our winner, by a margin, is the unlikely tale of the Caribbean adventure of his neighbour and his close encounter with a dusky maiden, 'The Adventures of my neighbour, Justin Kingcup'. The winning author was none other than James Stevenson who wins the prize. Well done, James. Editorial cupboards will be raided to find a suitable trophy.

# THAT WAY

Dear Neighbours

A plea from a harassed, acting Information Centre in Ringmore.

In one week during March, I advised eight different delivery men/van drivers on eight different addresses in the village. Whilst I am happy to be neighbourly and assist wherever possible, the number of times I am interrupted by delivery people is increasing weekly.

It all came to a head this week when, in my work as a Medical Secretary, I had to interrupt a tricky phone call to deal with an insistent doorbell. The patient was not best pleased when I returned

I'm sure many of you already do, but for those of you who don't, could you please give clear land marks when making any orders for deliveries? More and more companies are happy to take directions and put them on their orders.

None of us want road names.....!!

Very many thanks.

Debbie Chicken

# TOWN WELL



The sycamores on Town Well have reached a stage in their growth where active management is required.

Therefore the Parish Council, after consultation with the Tree Conservation Officer, have applied for, and received, planning permission to fell three medium sized trees and crown reduce a fourth. This will allow the remainder of the trees to achieve their full growth potential.

Also, one of the two large trees adjacent to the bench has to be felled due to dangerous hollowing of the trunk and damage to the root buttresses caused by honey fungus.

The work will commence early in April and whilst the majority of the wood will be removed the small branches and leaves will be shredded and left on the well to benefit the soil and wildlife.

Alan McCarthy  
P3 Co-ordinator

## NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

### RINGMORE WITH KINGSTON

The Parish of Ringmore with Kingston will hold the meeting of the parishioners to elect churchwardens on **Tuesday 5th April 2005 at 7.30pm in the Church of St James the Less, Kingston**. The Minister must receive the Nomination and Consent-to-serve forms before the meeting.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April 2005. This will be immediately after the annual meeting of parishioners, in the **Church of St James the Less, Kingston**. Election of the following will be held:- Deanery Synod representatives, Ringmore with Kingston Parochial Church Council representatives, Ringmore and Kingston District Church Council representatives together with sidesmen and the independent examiners.

## TABLE TENNIS

Following our AGM held on the 15th February the following officers were elected:

Chairman - Phill Errett 810547,  
Secretary- Jimmy McCabe 810538,  
Treasurer - Frank Williams 810405.

Jinny will also be the Club's representative on the Parish Room Committee. It was agreed that the membership of the Club is still flourishing, standards improving and that the format of the Christmas Social was such a successful evening that it should be repeated this year.

With the John Bracey tournament approaching on Sunday April 17th, details elsewhere, anyone is more than welcome to come along on a club night for a little practice to fine tune their skills.

Come along on Tuesday evenings, exercise in good company and have good time, all standards (except the very highest!!!) catered for.

Please note as the Parish Room is not available on Tuesday 5th April there will be no Table Tennis that evening. An alternative day may be arranged for that week only.

Phill Errett  
Chairman 810547

## JB TT TOURNAMENT

Yes, it is happening again, a little later than last year (17th April), so please put your name on the Entry Form at the JE without delay. It is hoped that we can again reach the easy-to-manage number of 32. It is about time someone took the trophy away from our current champion, Jim McGinley, and returned it to the village.

The afternoon is intended for a good time and the entrance fee of one pound sterling is for charity, so please put your name down to join in the fun or get someone to do it for you or just come along to enjoy watching.

For those who would like to practise before the event, you will be welcome as a guest at the Table Tennis Club night in the Parish Room from 7.30pm on a Tuesday.

John Bracey

## Casey waltzed on with the strawberry blonde And the Band played on

As most of you already know, Alan is 60 this year and to celebrate we will be having a party on Saturday 7 May and as he doesn't feel it we will be having some music to bop the night away. We apologise in advance for any disturbance this may cause and we will try to keep the noise down but they do say hearing gets worse with age!!!

Robbie McCarthy





# The Royal Oak Bigbury

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Enjoy good homemade food in our cosy bar area or sit in the Lounge or Restaurant areas and choose from either the bar menu or our a la carte specials board. We provide only the best quality food all freshly cooked on the premises and at reasonable prices.

Open for meals 7 days a week, lunchtimes and evenings.

Choice of 3 real ales, all served direct from the cask.

Full range of keg lagers and bitters.

Refurbished en-suite accommodation. Large car park and garden.

Please remember that we are very busy during the evenings - so it is always advisable to book your table in advance

## BAR OPEN ALL DAY EVERY DAY

### DIARY FOR APRIL / MAY

- EVERY MON** EUCHRE DRIVE - 8.00pm  
**Wed 6th Apr** R.B.L. Meeting 7.30pm  
**Sat 23rd Apr** POINT TO POINT MEETING at Flete Estate  
 Bar supplied by The Royal Oak  
**Sat 23rd Apr** ST GEORGE'S DAY PARTY TIME AT THE OAK  
 Music by 'Nick the Fish' - loads of 'giveaways' etc  
**Sat 7th May** POINT TO POINT MEETING at Flete Estate  
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**BAY CAFE NOW OPEN OVER THE EASTER PERIOD  
 RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROYAL OAK**



## A Life on the Ocean Waves

At our next meeting on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, Janis Denis is coming to tell us something about life as an officer aboard the QE2.

For those of us who only see the "passenger" side of ships, this promises to be an entertaining eye opener to what goes on behind the scenes. Janis's talk begins at 8.15 p.m. and visitors (men too!) are invited to join members for this event.

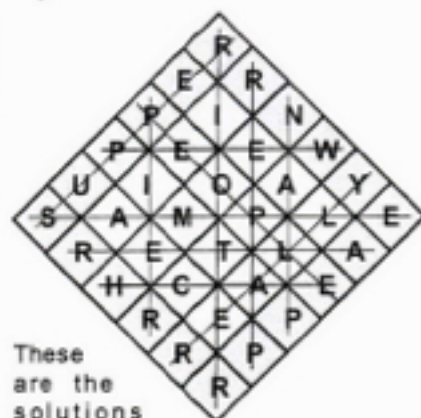
## Come to our May Fair

- When? Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Where? W.I. Hall and grounds  
 When? from 2 p.m.

Entrance only 50p (children 20p), with cream teas, ices, cake and plant stalls, books, bric-a-brac, games and a raffle all for your enjoyment! (Items for the stalls welcome; please contact Jackie Tagent on 810520.)

Enigma

## Last Month



These are the solutions to the two puzzles given last month, both of which appear to have been a problem.

8	1	7	2	9	
6	7	8	9	1	2
2	1	7	6	6	9
9	7	8	3	1	0

Matchman was undaunted and was right on both counts but almost everyone else admitted defeat. Gemini made a valiant attempt and gains 1 point for the Word game and 2 points for the Numbers.

## This Month

Recently I did promise a variation and this month's requires patience but it could be that these are the puzzles you do in your sleep!

This is, apparently, a famous puzzle published in Japan in 1631. It has been translated.

Imagine that you have three containers of different sizes. The first container holds ten units or *Sho*, as the Japanese say. The second holds seven sho and the third, three sho. The two smaller containers are empty but the largest container is full . . . of oil . . . so it will make a mess if you spill it. The task is to divide the ten sho into two equal parts. The solution will show each step in the process. You will start with

	10 sho	7 sho	3 sho
Step 1	10	0	0
2			
etc			

The winner(s) will take the least number of steps.  
 Guddorakku!

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Journey's End had had a Beer Festival . . . Ivybridge defeated Ringmore in a two-legged Inter-Parish Quiz match . . . the Parish Council was concerned about the high level of chlorination in our water (*is it any better?*) . . . Mary Smallwood addressed the WI on Famous Painters.



