

RINGMORE NEWSLETTER

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May saw a number of changes in the village with some leaving others coming and yet others moving within the parish although, in fact, it was from outside the parish.

Canon Bob Campbell Smith has finally been replaced as Team Rector and the induction of the Revd Neil Barker takes place in Modbury this month.

Geof Dykes was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council at the council's Annual Meeting in May. Rob Batten stood down as vice Chairman, pending his departure from the village but there were no nominations for a replacement.

Once again Ann and John Bracey will open their garden in aid of charity during the month. June's edition of 'Devon Country Gardener', claims Ringmore is 'blasted by winds and scorched by the sun', not to mention rain, so Ann and John have problems. Anyone who has been before will know that it is worth visiting again to see the changes and to enjoy a cup of tea and some cake. Don't miss it.

The WI meeting in June is, by tradition, a Barbecue which will be held in the Hall and Gardens. This year it is being held in aid of that most vital of services, the Devon Air Ambulance. All they need is good weather and lots of people.

The Women's Section of the local branch of Royal British Legion will be offering a Ploughman's Lunch at the WI Hall in June. It is in aid of the Legion's Benevolent Fund which needs constant topping up.

On 26th there will be the Village Photograph and for those who wish, a picnic at Ayrmer Cove. The idea behind the photograph is to record the village for posterity and the cove is an ideal location as it provides the photographer with the elevation needed to get everyone in the picture. The Picnic is to make it a 'fun' day and it is hoped that as many people as possible will come to Ayrmer to make it a great occasion. Anyone who cannot walk to the cove will be given a lift there and back. Don't miss an event that could be talked about for years to come. Do you remem . . .

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

As many of you will know by now, Ringmore triumphed, at the third attempt, in the Final of the Ken West Plate competition. The team beat Ermington by 104 - 64

CONGRATULATIONS RINGMORE

Diary for the Month

MONDAY: Short Mat Bowls resumes September
TUESDAY: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
THURSDAY: Restarts in the Autumn
SUNDAY: Pizza Night at Journey's End

1st Royal British Legion Dolphin Kingston 7.30pm
9th W I Barbecue W I Hall & Gardens 6.30pm
11th RBL Women's Section Ploughman's Lunch WI Hall Noon - 2.00pm
19th Garden at Scypen Open 2.00pm - 5.00pm
22nd Garden at Scypen Open 2.00pm - 5.00pm
21st Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
Induction of Team Rector St George's Modbury 7.30pm
24th DEADLINE
25th Garden at Scypen Open 2.00pm - 5.00pm
26th Village Group Photograph at Ayrmer Cove Midday
Garden at Scypen Open 2.00pm - 5.00pm

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DEADLINE

Friday
24th

Editor:
Geof Dykes
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Fiona Batten

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
June 5 th	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.00 a.m. Communion	11 a.m. Family Service
12 th	11.00a.m. Family Service with handover of Bigbury bell	6.00 p.m. CW Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. CW Communion
15 th	2.20 p.m. Korniloff Service or Communion		4.00 p.m. Service or Communion
19 th	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service & Childrens Club	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
26 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

21st Induction of Neil Barker as Team Rector 7.30 St Georges, Modbury

YOU CAN'T TELL A BOOK BY THE COVER

Oh dear in trouble again! The first time was that dubious book recommendation, and then last month I raised one justifiable complaint that I should not use the Church page for a party political broadcast. Sorry, do get in touch with a phone number the person who complained as I would like to talk and offer a personal apology.

As ever my intention was to make the broader point that we should consider the person, not the generic label they come under. This issue has risen again in the last few days over "hoodies". John Prescott started it with his comments about a group of menacing teenagers in a motorway service area, and then the Blue Waters shopping centre banned such garb as the security cameras could not identify those under the cover of the hooded top.

My mind goes back to the two spiky-haired, metal-encrusted, ripped-jeans-wearing, pale-faced, black-lipsticked young girls who sat at the front of Church one Sunday. The tangible reaction from the congregation was visible, the label that would have been put on them was "Punks". It was almost as bad as the time in Russia when a Red Guard squad came into a Baptist Church they looked around and left, but one with his Kalishkinov very visibly loaded remained standing at the front. "All those who are not prepared to die for their faith can leave now" were his words and the majority of the congregation left. The shock for those who remained came with his next words. "Brothers and sisters in Christ; please pray with me for I can only trust those who are truly committed, it is very hard being a Christian in the Red Guard".

Ever since the garden of Eden clothing has been used as a cover up, sometimes to pretend we are what we are not. Beware if you are invited to one of those dubious parties labelled Vicars and ****s. It remains illegal in this land to dress up as a Vicar or a Police Officer. Apparently these garbs were often used by Confidence Tricksters, hence the ban. Yet as one friend said recently he has told his daughter never to trust anyone who starts a sentence with "Trust me I'm a"

Going back to the two Punks, one is now a Church Minister's wife and the other a committed church going wife and mother with two lovely children. You can't tell a book by the cover: trust me I'm your Resident Minister! [John Elliott, Church House, Ringmore (810565)]

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Journey's End Journal

My thanks to all who joined us for my birthday 'bash' last Saturday night (May 28th). A real treat and surprise - Jazz with Pete and Dave, excellent as ever. Their performance was greatly enhanced by Maggie, a wonderful vocalist.

I hope to repeat this line up again very soon. Our regular Saturday Jazz Nights will this month be on the 5th and 19th June, and fortnightly throughout the summer.

You will be pleased to hear that we are planning a Beer/Music festival to be held on September. Friday 24th Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th. Watch this space and our notice boards for updates.

We are also going to start a Journey's End Quiz Night, starting Wednesday 15th June, and then fortnightly thereafter. We shall provide the questions and Quiz Master. There will be some great prizes, and in conjunction we shall run a league so that regular teams can qualify for a Championship Play-off later in the year. Full

details will be available shortly so check the Notice Boards!

We are waiting for you keen golfers to put your names up on the sheet in the bar, and on the notice board so that we can organise our first golfing competition.

The new menus are out, and proving very popular with lots of new dishes, including vegetarian options, so come along and give them a try. The Dining Room is now open from Wednesday to Saturday nights offering more extensive à la carte choices.

We have nearly finalised our tasting evenings (suppliers permitting) and shall put dates and details on the Notice Board very soon.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for a glorious June, weather-wise, and are looking forward to seeing new faces as well as our regulars enjoying the sunshine, our wines and beers in our garden.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

To mark the celebrations for the Sixtieth Anniversary of the end of WW II, the Royal British Legion is organizing events throughout the country during the summer. Locally there will be a big party on:

Saturday 20th August

Details are being arranged
Tickets will be available soon
Please keep the date free

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

June 1995 was when the current editor became associated with the Newsletter.

The Journey's End held a Dog Show.

The annual meeting of the Trojan Owners' Club was hosted by the late Sir Douglas Hall.

The final of the Ken West Plate was a three-way affair between Holbeton, Wembury and Ringmore. The scores were 76, 74 and 73 respectively.

COMINGS & GOINGS

The signs in the village suggest that changes are afoot. A number have occurred already and others will unfold as the year progresses.

Mike and Jane have moved out of Kimberley and are living in Higher Manor, Peter Major's bungalow, probably until November. Jane's grandfather had owned the land for 50 years before Mike and Jane moved into Kimberley 18 years ago.

Sam, Philip and the children, not forgetting Terry have left Old Castle in sad circumstances. Philip has gone to Totnes; Sam and the children are in Modbury. Meanwhile Terry has moved into:

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Naturally he would be delighted to see old friends; why not give him a ring?

We extend a warm welcome to Richard and Jane Baker who moved into Kimberley at the end of April.

Old Castle is now occupied by Julia and David Stogdale who have come from London. They plan to continue Old Castle's B&B and holiday letting facilities. No doubt they will put their stamp on it.

We extend a warm welcome to all four of our new villagers coupled with the hope that they will be happy in their new homes. We look forward to seeing them at village events before too long.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The May Resolutions meeting was quite well-attended, rather surprisingly as this particular meeting is not always the most interesting. However, the two resolutions under discussion were very much 'on target' at the moment, being 1) the large discrepancy between milk profits for the farmer and the profits taken by the supermarkets and 2) the overwhelming need for the reduction of waste and rubbish with the vital necessity for recycling. Both these topics were argued with interest and members were lucky to have the help of Merrial Connell, VCO, who explained the intricacies of the subjects. Both resolutions were carried unanimously.

The annual Barbecue will take place on 9th June in the WI Gardens at 6.30pm (hopefully) and the WI Hall. This is a fun evening; all we need is lots of people and dry weather.

Naomi Warne

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John Bracey

Meeting Tuesday, 24th May 2005 at 7pm.

Present: Six councillors, the clerk, Mr Young - neighbourhood watch - and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. R. Batten.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Cllr Geof Dykes - proposed by Iir Jackson and seconded by Cllr Patterson, was elected unanimously.

There were no nominations for vice Chairman.

Cllr Dykes was re-elected as the council's representative on the Parish Room Committee.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Nothing to report.

Land Registry:

Enquiries proceeding.

Footpaths:

Nothing to report.

Town Well:

The work on the trees has been carried out.

Planning:

Approval:

The Porta cabin for the RNLI at Challaborough. SHDC stated that similar permission would not be given for 2006.

Applications:

Maple Bank - amendment to application for fan lights in windows - the Parish Council had no objections.

Old Castle - application to use annex as a holiday flat as well as ancillary accommodation - the Parish Council had no objections.

Finance:

£320 paid for work on trees at Town Well.

Notice Board at Challaborough:

By courtesy of the management of the Holiday Park, we now have a brand new notice board erected on the fence near the bus stop. The council wishes to thank Parkdean for their kind donation.

Trafalgar Weekend 21st - 23rd October:

The British Legion would like to plant an oak tree in commemoration of the battle. At present they are looking for a suitable location.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 21st June, 7pm in the WI Hall.
Thelma Mann



Ringmore's winning quartet

Felicity Godwin Jane Stevenson Colin Jackson Geof Dykes

Ivybridge & District Inter-Parish Quiz Ken West Plate Final

Ringmore v Erminton

On Thursday 16th May in the Dining Hall at Ivybridge Community College, Ringmore's Quiz Team attained its greatest achievement yet in the final of the Ken West Plate, the competition for first round losers. The Ringmore team was in this final in 1995 and again in 2003, so it was third time lucky although luck hardly entered the equation.

Right from the start we had our noses in front. At the end of Round 2 we were winning 15-4. Erminton must be slow starters. By the end of Round 6, the score was 39-11. Did you know that the motto of the Salvation Army was 'Blood and Fire'? Felicity did. In Greek mythology, who was the winged messenger? Colin knew it was Hermes. By half-time we were leading 57-26.

After refreshments, we continued to creep ahead and after Round 12 we lead 75-40. Jane knew that Ellis Peters wrote the mediaeval mysteries about Brother Cadfael. Our progress was inexorable. At the end of Round 16 our lead was unassailable. Geof, of all people, knew

that Brandy, Triple Sec and Lemon Juice made a Sidecar. A final spurt and we had overwhelmed Erminton by 104-64.

Our great band of supporters, so used to seeing leads evaporate, relaxed and enjoyed the moment with the team. Colin was presented with the Plate which will be on display in the Journey's End until next season.

A big 'Thank You' to our supporters both home and away. All the disappointments of defeat over the years have faded. For those interested in the village team, it is a time to share the victory and the fun.

In the Final of the Main Competition Brixton, many-times finalists, met Ugborough in their first final. Robbie McCarthy and Geof Dykes shared the evening as Quizmistress and Quizmaster. The teams answered a wide variety of questions and their success rate was commendably high. A nail-biting match was won, eventually by Brixton, who overtook their opponents in the last round, to win by 107-105.

The Royal British Legion **MAKE UP YOUR MIND**

The next meeting will be at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston on Wednesday 1st June at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Guy Eddy who will be telling us about Cornishmen at War.

There will be a short summer break and our next meeting will be in September.

James Stevenson allowed the Branch an illustrated insight into flying with the Royal Canadian Airforce. He regaled the Branch members with many amusing stories, not least of which was the upside down buttons sewn onto the uniforms in the factory. The instructor had a comment or two about them which I am sure James will tell you about, should you ask. James undertook his flying lessons and assessment in a Tiger Moth along with all the other new recruits. The survivors went on to further education. He was sent to Canada in a BOAC Stratocruiser Speedbird complete with cocktail cabinet on board. Probably the last luxury for some time. Fascinating stories abounded complete with pictures of crashes and cartoons. James was ably assisted by Jane who worked the overhead projector. Thanks to them both for a very amusing evening.

Robbie McCarthy

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- In South America no one understood the meaning of the word please
- In eastern Europe no one understood the meaning of the word honest
- In China no one understood the meaning of the word opinion
- In the Middle East no one understood the meaning of the word solution
- In Western Europe no one understood the meaning of the word poorness
- In Africa no one understood the meaning of the word nourishment
- In the United States no one understood the meaning of 'the rest of the world'.

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Christian Aid Week

Thank you to everyone who supported 2005 Christian Aid Week. Our main event was the sale and auction on Wednesday 18th May which raised £875 on the night, with proceeds from the Christian Aid Envelopes during the week raising a further £233 for the charity. 44 items were put forward for auction and our auctioneer, John Elliott, sealed the bids from £1 to £65 for chess sets, wobbly chair, and flowers to locally caught fish at a fast pace with only one item unsold at the end. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought the auction items and contributed to the cause at the sale and in the envelopes.

The total funds raised of £1108 will all be sent to Christian Aid. Christian Aid is an agency of churches in the UK and Ireland who work wherever the need is greatest in the world irrespective of race or religion. The charity believes in strengthening people to find their own solutions and campaigns for a world transformed by an end to poverty. Money is not given to governments or individuals but is channelled to local community groups in the world's poorest countries. Administration accounts for only 2 pence in the pound, so you can be reassured your donations will be used to relieve world poverty.

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Yvonne Sheppard

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Demandez aux Français.

Una cuestión de opinión

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. 'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la casa'. 'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapis'.

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation. The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computer"), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval;
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay cheque on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine, 'le computer', because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

It was decided the computer should be masculine!



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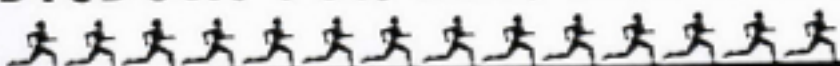
DIARY FOR JUNE / JULY



- Fri 10th Jun** RACE NIGHT to start off the BIGBURY FUN RUN FUNDRAISING. Come along and have some fun trying to pick out the winners
- Sat 11th Jun** VICKY'S WEDDING TO SIMON - Outside bar in Kingston

FRI / SAT / SUN - 24/25/26 JUNE

BIGBURY FUN RUN WEEKEND



- Sat 2nd Jul** BARN DANCE at MOUNT FOLLY FARM in aid of PLYMOUTH MENCAP
- Sat 9th Jul** BARN DANCE at MOUNT FOLLY FARM in aid of DAME HANNAH ROGERS SCHOOL
- Sun 17th Jul** FUN RUN PRESENTATION with RAFFLE and AUCTION in THE OAK starting at 3pm
- Wed 27th Jul** YEALMTON SHOW with BAR supplied by THE ROYAL OAK - 8.30am - 6pm

BAY CAFE OPEN DAILY 10am - 6pm



Thank you . . .

. . . for all your support for the May Fair,

both helpers behind the stalls and those buying and enjoying what was on offer. The Fair raised a total, after expenses of £682, which pays for the repairs to the kitchen roof, and starts a fund for kitchen refurbishment. Watch this space!

And now a Charity Barbecue!

This year's barbecue will help keep the rotor blades turning as all profits go to DEVON AIR AMBULANCE.

- > On Thursday June 9th
 - > Starting at 6.30 p.m.
 - > In the W.I. Hall and grounds
 - > Marquee if wet (it'd better not be!)
 - > Only £3.50 (adults), £1.50 (child)
- > Includes all food and first glass of wine, cider or fruit juice.

Support this vital work; you might need it one day!



Last Month

The old standard was not as easy as some might have thought. There is always a few red herrings and they came swimming to the fore this month. Mockable and Furtively deceived Gemini and New Dawn. However, The Opals, The Springers, Champion Matchman and Taurus were UNSHOCKABLE. Congratulations to them.

This Month

Several children were playing in the garden. Suddenly there was the sound of breaking glass; a window was broken. The four children who had been enjoying a game with a ball now looked alarmed. The garage window was lying on the ground in pieces. Who had broken the window was not easy to observe.

'James broke the window', said Jane. 'No, Mary did it', said James, laughing. Mary's sister Sarah said 'It wasn't me'. Mary said, 'Me? James is wrong to say that I did it'.

Of the four, only one spoke the truth. Who is responsible for the damage?



COAGUCHECK

Last month it was mentioned that I am running in the Bigbury Fun Run to raise money for a Coaguclick machine for Modbury Health Centre. The Centre does not have sufficient of these machines to allow the District Nurse to take one on the rounds.

I am grateful for the sponsorship I have received so far but there is still some way to go. The Run is on Saturday 25th June and it would be nice to know that the target was in sight before I set off. Every little helps - please give me your support.

Julie

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPH

Sunday 26th June

at

Ayrmer Cove

Put Yourself in the Picture for Posterity

Bring a picnic - Make it a Fun Day

Enjoy a Glass of Wine

Gather at Noon

**Transport will be arranged for those
who do not wish to walk to the Cove.
If you do not want to stay for a picnic
you will be driven home right after the
photograph.**

RING 810123 TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT

**Come and enjoy one of
those RINGMORE days**

The inspiration for this event is the Historical Society's twenty-first anniversary. Whether a member or not, you are needed. It is hoped that as many people as possible will join the celebration. Come one, come all, from Ringmore, Challaborough, Marwell and South Langston. Let the future know what we look like.

If you require transport, call Geof Dykes 810123. Your carriage will collect you at your door.