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Ringmore Church	12.20 - 12.40
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RAINFALL

Last Month
7¼"

Robbie McCarthy

Ten Year Average	3¼"
Ten Year High	2000/01 4½"
Ten Year Low	1995 1¼"

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

MONDAY:	Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm
TUESDAY:	Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
THURSDAY:	Quiz Night Journey's End 9.00pm
SUNDAY:	Pizza Night at Journey's End

- 2nd Royal British Legion The Dolphin 7.30pm
 - 4th RBL Auction Journey's End 8.00pm
 - 9th Ringmore Historical Society AGM WI Hall 7.30pm
 - 10th WI Annual Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
 - 11th RBL 11 - 11- 11 Bigbury Church
 - 12th RBL Coffee Morning Kingston Reading Room 10.30am
 - 13th RBL Remembrance Service Bigbury Church 10.50am
 - 22nd Parish Council meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
 - 25th Modbury Caring Concert St George's Modbury 8.00pm
- December
- 7th Royal British Legion AGM The Journey's End 7.30pm

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or put them through the letter box in the garage door
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Stan Brunskill

Stan & Pam would like to thank Alan, Phill and Gill for their help and everyone for their messages of support last month.

They were very much appreciated.

This was inadvertently omitted from October's Newsletter. Mea culpa. Ed.

Did anyone survive the downpours last month? It was the wettest October since our records began in 1986, by two and a half inches.

In line with the above and certainly by Newsletter standards, comments have flooded in about bonfires on sunny days. Not surprisingly, none was in support of them.

October was a quiet month with most people pre-occupied with adjusting their schedules to the demands of Autumn. If you think that everything is a little late at the moment, you have probably not put your clock back.

What is happening in the next thirty days? For the first half of the month we are spoilt for choice between the different British Legion activities. In this context James Stevenson wants his cake and your cake. Items are still requested for the Auction The Historical Society will hold its AGM on 9th Modbury Caring offers a musical evening with the Torbay Symphony Orchestra.

Terry Bent has sent an account of the first year which he and Vicky have spent on Paradise Island or Barbados, as it is known to most of us . . . read what our Resident Minister wants to do to innocent pumpkins . . . Christmas turkeys are available from Scobbiscombe Farm

Jane Guy would like your help in meeting the Christmas objective of Samaritan's Purse, a charity which ensures that deprived children around the world are not forgotten at Christmas time.

If you wish to put Christmas Greetings in the December issue please submit your message, together with £1, by the deadline.

The recent flooding which occurred during the heavy rains is being addressed but it will not be easy to find any authority willing to take a lead in finding a solution. The problem seems to be that the channels for the water to flow away are long since buried.

Details of the Blues competition (there are not many people in Ringmore with the blues) have been deferred because of a lack of space so if November proves to be particularly wearing, you could still submit an entry.

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

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Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Nov 6 th	11.00a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	6.00 p.m. All Saints Service of Commemoration
13 th	10.50 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. CW Communion
16 th	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
20 th	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service plus Children's Club	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
27 th	11.00a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. CW Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
Dec 4 th	11.00a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service

The Funny Season ?

As the clocks go back and darkness descends alarmingly early, we enter that strange time of year between official holidays and festivals. In desperation for profit opportunities we have seen two new festivals promoted by the shops. Fireworks are no longer restricted to wonderful celebrations on Burgh Island they are popping up all over the place; and witches and goblins appear with plastic faces making our young people prematurely old and sadly ugly. Perhaps we should invent a new "Autumn Bank Holiday" and roll them into one, and celebrate by fixing a large rocket on a pumpkin and exploding it to create biodegradable litter on the village green.

However we construct the celebrations they must naturally give the opportunity for rampant consumerism, and the use of festive colour schemes. Halloween has voted for orange and black which have never been my best colours, I much prefer the red, green and gold of Christmas.

Also we must give those important opportunities for the older young people to demand money. The demands coming from by child pester power from parents who are anxious not to be seen as killjoys, or at Halloween extending to demands with menaces from frightened pensioners.

It gets harder with the very young. Imagine the explanation to the young child scared by the horror film mask "No, no darling there are no such things as ghosts, don't worry. Instead go out with your older siblings and accept sweets from strangers!"

In our increasingly litigious society even Churches are scared to put on firework displays in case someone sues. As yet there has been little publicity for the safety risks involved with Halloween. I speak with real concern for last year a most realistic apparently seven-foot tall turnip headed monster was in the road between St. Ann's Chapel and Bigbury. Almost invisible in the statutory black below the illuminated mask, a fatal accident waiting to happen to the child within. And so far I have not even mentioned the spiritual risks involved!

John Elliott, Resident Minister (810565)

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Journey's End Journal

We start November with the Royal British Legion Auction which will take place on Friday 4th. Please support this worthy cause.

The Thursday quiz has started well and there is a goodly number of volunteers to pose the questions. We look forward to the return of some of the regulars when their calendar permits.

Our music programme will again feature Father Mike's Hot 4, plus or maybe including Dave Barrow, who will be here again on the 26th Nov and 17th Dec, starting at approximately 8.00 pm, so book early!

Our Christmas plans are afoot and menus are available in the pub, including a Christmas Day menu, so, book now to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve plans are moving along, watch the notice board for news.

That's all for now.

Ken and Elaine



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The WI Group meeting took place on Thursday 20th October at the WI Hall and everything went swimmingly, helped not a little by the re-modelled kitchen, beautifully done by Alan McCarthy.

There was a much smaller attendance than formerly though, now that only three branches attend, Loddiswell, Aveton Gifford and Ringmore, of course. Even so a good time was had by all (as they say) with super food, a top-class speaker and jolly vocal entertainment. It was also a good chance to renew old acquaintances with friends from other villages - the noise level rose steadily all evening.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on 10th November - no backsliding allowed!
Naomi Warne

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Tuesday, 18th October 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Six councillors, the Clerk, Tree Wardens, Mrs J Roberts and Mrs J Guy

Apologies: Cllr. Gillian Parkin;
Dist Cllr. Carson

Co-option to the Council
The Chairman welcomed Dr Malcolm Findlay to the Council.

Planning Applications

Little Barn: Application to fell trees. The Council had no objection to some of the work but requested that SHDC visit the site before making a decision.

Wychwood: Application to demolish and replace an existing shed and to erect a new gate. The council had no objection to the gate but queried the size of the replacement shed.

Renton farm: Replacement application to erect an agricultural building for livestock and general store. No objection.

RNLI Porta cabin: This has been removed in line with the temporary planning permission.

Footpaths

Darkie Lane flooded again due to water coming from the fields at Houghton. This matter has been referred to the DCC Footpath Warden at Ivybridge in the hope that he can help to resolve the problem.

Finance

Clerk's salary and expenses	£187.73
Audit Commission	£58.75
Grass Cutting	£68.00
Newsletter - half year	£15.00

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 22nd November, at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Thelma Mann



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Monday - Saturday

12.00pm - 3.00pm

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6.00pm - 11.00pm

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Friday & Saturday

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Sunday

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5th Dec

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The
Annual General Meeting
will take place in the
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TEN YEARS AGO ...

Arthur and Doreen Drowley held their farewell party after having spent eight years in Church House.

Joan Baughn (Walnut Tree Cottage) published her book, called My War Years, recalling her time as a WAAF, ultimately as Intelligence and Operations Officer at Bomber Command HQ where she worked for 'Bomber' Harris.

The Parish Council was concerned enough about the Newsletter finances (no need to worry at the moment) to place it on their November agenda.

The Royal British Legion

TRAFALGAR

As you all know, we planted a tree in Bigbury Churchyard on Friday 21 October 2005 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson's death. The tree was very kindly donated by Barry Wellington. The acorns were collected from Boys Grave (possibly a corruption of Bois Grave - meaning Solemn Wood) in the Forest of Dean from where the original trees used to make the ships at the time of Trafalgar came from. (6000 oak trees were used to build HMS Victory alone.)

Some of the oak trees remain from that time. Timber from Boys Grave was used this year to carry out restoration work on HMS Victory.

This tree is one year old. Its diminutive size is for two reasons:

1. Small trees withstand the shock of transplanting more readily
2. The time taken from the concept of planting Trafalgar oaks this year to the time of planting did not allow for larger trees to be available.

The tree was planted by Brian Stark the President of the Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston Branch of the RBL. Our thanks to Chris Roberts for organising the collection and planting of the tree, John Elliott for the short service & Bigbury PCC for their help. The commemorative plaque was provided by private donation from members of the RBL Branch.

CALLING ALL COOKS

This year the Royal British Legion Coffee Morning will be held at the Reading Room, Kingston on Saturday the 12th of November at 10.30.

Raffle prizes will include groceries, a cook-it-yourself chicken dinner and a bottle of whisky.

Various stalls will be selling a variety of items including home-baking. Recently this event has attracted the interest of some talented male bakers and, once again, some friendly rivalry with their female counterparts is anticipated. So gentlemen (and ladies of course) put on your aprons, rise to the occasion and bring your delicacies with you to Kingston on Saturday the 12th.

All proceeds will go to the Poppy Appeal 2005. Any question? James Stevenson will answer them on 810151.

Poppy Auction Appeal

The Legion will be holding the annual Poppy Appeal auction of pledges, promises and useful items on Friday 4 November in the Journey's End Inn, at 8.30pm with viewing from 6.30pm.

We have received a number of Pledges and Promises but more would be welcome. We are still hoping for more items to be auctioned so if you have something which you think would be suitable please contact either Colin Jackson (810292) or Alan McCarthy (810738). If you have a transport problem we can arrange collection by phoning either of us.

With your help we hope to match or exceed last years figure.

Royal British Legion

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Morning
Kingston Reading
Room 10.30am
Saturday 12th Nov

Remembrance Service
Bigbury Church 10.50am
Sunday 13th Nov

Few of you will have failed to notice that 'it is that time of year again', when the Royal British Legion asks for your support to help it fund its activities throughout the year. Please support the various activities as generously as you can so that the vital work can continue.

St Luke's Hospice

Plymouth

Thank you once again for your generous support. Donations from Ringmore and Challaborough total £162 and we are waiting for the figure for Kingston.

St Luke's assures us that our continued support, along with that from many others, is incredibly valuable to them, enabling them to care for over 700 patients each year.

Thank you again.

Drina Williams

NEXT MEETING

The RBL's next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd November at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30 in the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore. Anyone wishing to stand for office should contact me as soon as possible.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary



Brian Stark plants the tree under watchful eyes

MODBURY CARING

Modbury Caring is looking forward to presenting the TORBAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA in concert at St George's Church Modbury on Friday 25th November as part of its on-going fund raising programme.

It is essential that Modbury Caring, a registered charity, keeps raising funds to provide the very useful transport service to the patients of Modbury Health Centre. Since its inception in 1998 our volunteer drivers have literally transported hundreds of patients, from all over the area, to their medical appointments. So please tell your friends and see if we can fill St George's Church on this occasion.

The TORBAY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA has built up a good reputation across the South Hams and Torbay and have chosen a very interesting programme for this concert and will be performing the following works:-

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Modbury Caring would like to thank the Rector, Neil Barker and the churchwardens of St George's for allowing us to use the church for this concert.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US
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GET UP A PARTY

EL GECKO NEWS

Anyone who is a regular reader of El Gecko News will learn nothing here but might enjoy refreshing their memory. Terry and Vicky have had a busy first year having brought the bar up to scratch and then having bought a house after, initially, renting a property. Terry's diving means his lissome figure can be seen gliding through the clear blue waters. So far they have been spared hurricanes.

Now read on . . .

Well, it has now been a whole year since Vicky and I moved to Barbados. It does not seem that long since the leaving party in The Royal Oak, but it is.

We arrived in Barbados, to start our new life, on 5th October 2004. Arriving, together with three cats, we drove from the airport to our rented house, and within an hour of being there it felt like home. Our arrival coincided with Tiger Woods' wedding, at Sandy Lane, so the journey from the airport took longer, as all of the roads around the golf course were closed.

A few days later we took possession of the keys to the bar/restaurant, and as we opened the doors for the first time our hearts sank. The previous tenant had stripped the place bare and we were left with an empty shell. The amount of work I was going to have to do to get up and running looked daunting. We enlisted the help of a good friend, Oliver Hinds, who is the Executive Head Chef for a chain of hotels, and within days Oliver had enlisted the help of every member of the hotel maintenance team he could muster. Oliver also helped us recruit staff, and even helped decorate.

A month after arriving, and just prior to our opening night, we received our first visitors from the UK when Tina and Martin Uren, from The Oak, arrived for a two week stay. Not only was it great to see such good friends, but without their help we would never have opened on time! Unfortunately they also brought two weeks bad weather, but dropping them back at the airport was a sad moment.

The business took a while to establish, and for people to find us, but has steadily picked up. We have met a lot of nice people, many have returned on second and third trips to the island, and have also built up a regular client base from Expats. Celebrity wise we have had soap stars from Eastenders and Hollyoaks, Nikki Chapman from Pop Idol, and other TV presenters, in the bar. We befriended a couple who are now setting up the biggest New Year's Eve Party to hit Barbados, in a couple of months, and who have booked Brian Ferry, Duran Duran, Craig David and Lionel Ritchie to perform, and of course, to pop in to El Gecko.

Sadly we lost one of the cats earlier in the year, my tabby who used to terrorise Ringmore and then Bigbury, disappeared. He has been replaced by two feral kittens who started to come into the bar, clearly underage, Friio and Marble.

Vicky has now started to relax a lot more. It was all fairly intense to begin with, and I now try to go diving at least once a week. We had a few very difficult times, particularly when we let our first chef go, Vicky was in tears, but these decisions have to be made.

We received our second set of visitors in the spring, when Jenny and Colin came over, Vicky was over the moon to see them, and shed more than a few tears when they left, it was really nice to see them and catch up with the gossip from the village. The day before they left we had two of Martins barmaids from the Oak arrive, Katie and Tanya, and they broke a few hearts out here.

Our next visitors are Jason and Zoe, next month and I am so looking forward to seeing them. We have kept in touch via e-mail and the odd phone call, but actually spending two weeks together will be great. It coincides well with us just moving into the house we have bought, alongside the world famous Sandy Lane Golf Course, and with great views over the Caribbean Sea.

We are now gearing up to the next season, which begins late November, and as we are now the place to come to on the weekend, Karaoke (I know I hate it but its our busiest night) on Saturday and Salsa Dancing on Sundays, our Mondays off are well looked forward to. I am also in the process of setting up a radio station, catering for the tourists, so am a very busy boy at the moment.

We are happy to hear from anyone who is not on the distribution list for my monthly El Gecko News. You can email me at info@elgeckobarbados.com . . . any old friends who want to get in touch . . . I do not have any of the King family e-mail addresses, so Andy or Yogi please get typing!

If anyone wants to visit, let us know and, if we can, we will accommodate you.

It will be nice to hear from old friends, with the exception of Jenny and Colin (obviously), the Chickens, and my former quiz partner, and your Editor, Geof, I do not get too much news from Ringmore, though Martin usually fills me in on happenings in his regular e-mails, from Bigbury. Take care

Terry.





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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

- Fri 4th Nov** DAN'S LEAVING PARTY - Music & comedy from JASON DEAN
- Sat 5th Nov** BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORK DISPLAY -6pm
- Sat 26th Nov** STEVE PURDY'S 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY
Music with 'Risky Business'
- Sun 18th Dec** CHRISTMAS DRAW
- Tue 27th Dec** DARTS OPEN KNOCKOUT CUP
- Wed 28th Dec** POOL OPEN KNOCKOUT CUP
- Fri 30th Dec** DARTS TEAM KNOCKOUT CUP
- Sat 31st Dec** PARTY TIME with music from 'N.W. MUSIC MACHINE'
Fancy dress theme - 'ARABIAN NIGHTS'

CHRISTMAS MENUS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OAK



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM this year is on Thursday 10th November at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. This is the time when you can choose the people you want as Officers and Committee for 2006, so come along and cast your vote!

It's also the time when we see how we've done financially and share ideas for the future. And it will finish off with wine and cheese.

If you read below, you'll see another reason to come, so don't miss it, whether you're a member at present, or not!

... An Advance Notice

Our Christmas Dinner will be on Thursday 8th December. It's always a great occasion, so book the date in your diary. We will agree the venue and time at the AGM.



Last Month

Only ONE entry this month, from The Matchman. It was not correct but at least he gets a point for trying!

This Month

Enigma will persist through this famine of entries, this time with one which should not be too difficult. Find the longest concealed word, using letters once, following a horizontal, vertical or diagonal line.

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

Operation Christmas Child

It is that time of year again to be thinking about filling shoe boxes with presents, a project of Samaritan's Purse, for distribution to children who are victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster.

For those who are not able to fill a box on their own, I am happy to act as co-ordinator to fill as many boxes as we can. Please let me have your contributions, however small, and I will do the rest. The following items are needed: Cheques made payable to Samaritan's Purse, cash for purchasing any shortfalls, empty shoe boxes and Christmas wrapping paper to cover.

Cuddly toys, toothbrush and paste, soap & flannel, notebooks, colouring and picture books, pencils, pens, crayons, felt tips, hats, caps, gloves, scarves, small balls, puzzles, small toy car or truck or plane for boys, jewellery, make-up or hair accessories for girls, a greetings card and up to March 2006 sell-by sweets.

Please do NOT include the following.

Chocolates and other edible items e.g. crisps, biscuits, cakes or tinned food (but not including sweets above), war-related items (guns, soldiers, knives) clothing (other than above), glass containers, mirrors or fragile items, liquids of any type, marbles or sharp objects, medicines, and nothing with wording, particularly not political, racial or religious.

Items should be new, or at least in excellent condition. I know Ringmore will come up trumps as usual and if you need items collected, please let me know. Otherwise please let me have your contributions by Sunday, 13th November.

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