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wish everyone a very
Happy Christmas
and a Safe and Healthy
2006

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to all in Ringmore

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send Christmas greetings to all
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Pam & Stan
wish everyone a very
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and a Peaceful
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Jan & Chris

A very Happy Christmas
to everyone who has done
someone a kind deed
during the year.
From

James & Gillian
wish everyone a
Happy
Christmas

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
These greetings bring
health & good cheer
To all our friends in
Ringmore this year.
Love from
Robbie & Alan

Julie Thanks all her
customers for their support
and wishes them a very
Happy Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year

I HATES
TURKEY



Christmas Greetings

From the Editor and the Proofreader
to everyone in Ringmore with thanks
to Pam, Linda, Frank, Stan, Jen & Phill
for delivering Newsletters in all weathers
and to Sandy, Gillian, Robbie & Alan
and everyone who has stood in at the last
moment. Thanks, too, to those who have
contributed to the Newsletter, regularly
or occasionally. We will raise a glass to
absent friends and to those who are less
fortunate than all of us.
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to us all in 2006.

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DECEMBER 2005

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**Thursday
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Friday
2nd & 16th

Ringmore Church	12.20 - 12.40
Chalfborough	12.50 - 1.00
St Ann's Chapel	3.30 - 3.45
Kingston Fire Stn	4.00 - 4.30

RAINFALL

Last Month
3 3/4"

Ten Year Average	4 1/4"
Ten Year High	2000 8"
Ten Year Low	2004 1"

Robbie McCarthy

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

- 7th Royal British Legion AGM The Journey's End 7.30pm
- 8th WI Christmas Party - members and guests
- 10th Beach Clean Ayrmer Cove 10.00am
- 20th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
- 22nd Elaine's Christmas Quiz Journey's End 9.00pm
- 24th Carols on the Green Bigbury 6.45pm
- 25th Family Service with Communion All Hallows 10.30am 2006
- Jan 21st My Summer of Love Bigbury Memorial Hall

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:
The Editor
Ringmore Parish Newsletter,
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or put them through the letter box in the garage door
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*Alice would like to thank all her friends
and neighbours for their kindness on her
special day.*

*She enjoyed their visits and she is grateful
for the gifts, cards and good wishes.*

November was notable for one thing only, maybe two, well, perhaps three. First, Alice joined the naughty nineties and had a great time on her birthday. Second, Ringmore had snow . . . not much and probably not the earliest it has happened but it was unusual for this time of year. Finally Mike & Jane Pitt moved into their new home at Marwell Cross gardens in the middle of the month. We wish them every happiness.

A review of the year reveals that the Ringmore Eye finally opened - Calendar Girls appeared in the WI Hall - a sizeable chunk of cliff fell at Ayrmer - the JBTTT was won by Jim McGinley; Frank Williams was the best villager - The Ringmore Directory was published (copies are available) - the alphabetical stories competition was won by James Stevenson - Julie ran herself into the Royal Oak on the Bigbury Fun Run to raise funds for the Modbury Health Centre - Rob & Fiona left Ringmore . . . we wish them 'Joyeux Noël' - the Bartlett family left Old Castle - Ringmore vanquished three teams in the Inter-Parish Quiz to win the Ken West Plate.

140 villagers and friends enjoyed a picnic and photograph at Ayrmer to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the RHS - the Revd Neil Barker assumed control of the Modbury Team ministry - Peter Mercy reached a milestone -- we had an Indian Summer - The Springers won the Limerick competition - Fridge Magnets appeared - the Ringmore Tug o'War team beat Kingston - the Royal British Legion planted a Trafalgar Oak - more than a handful of villagers has passed through NHS portals, the most recent being Bruce Skeels who is making good progress, following a heart attack . . . we wish them all continued good health - and of course we lost some friends: Annabel Major and Geof Ellis of Spring Cottage are still missed. That was 2005.

The January edition will be late because of the festive holidays.

Tide Tables are available, only 50p. What else? Read about the Avon sewage problem - we are losing our Postman; ring Kingsbridge and tell them we don't want him to go - send a cow for Christmas - there will be a film in January - the RBL had another splendid year.

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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Dec 4 th	11.00a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
11 th	11.00 a.m. BCP Communion	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Cubs Special
18 th	4.00 p.m. Carols By Candlelight	11.00 a.m. Crib & Christingle	6.00 p.m. Carols By Candlelight
21 st <i>Wednesday</i>	2.030 p.m. Carols at the Korniloff 6.30 p.m. Mencap Carol Service in Church		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
22 nd <i>Thursday</i>	2.30 p.m. Wedding <i>Tony Chamberlian & Vicky Barratt</i>		
24 th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6.45 p.m. Carols on the Green	11.00 p.m. Christmas Communion	
25 th <i>Christmas Day</i>	9.00a.m. Christmas BCP Communion	9.00 a.m. Christmas Communion	10.30 a.m. Family Service with Communion
Jan 1 st	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer	9.00 a.m. Holy Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service

A Christmas Carol

One common Christmas card picture has the snow covered street and carol singers under a hand held lantern. Like carols themselves this is a bit modern, if Victorian can be called modern. A few of our well known carols go back hundreds of years, but originally a 'carole' was a form of dance, not a Christian Hymn. So there's an idea for a real old fashioned Christmas, let's dance to celebrate in Church!

Over the last few years we have agreed that the three kings were actually an undefined number of wise men who carried three gifts, but arrived too late for manger visiting and were beaten to it by the shepherds. So the words of various carols are not always biblically accurate, and the tunes were, when written, modern popular songs rather than old fashioned hymns. Even that great favourite 'Silent Night' was composed in 1818 in an emergency when the church organ was broken because a mouse had eaten the bellows. The Church Minister one Joseph Mohr in desperation asked the organist if he could put a poem to music. 'Silent Night' was duly written and accompanied by the less than traditional guitar, now there's a thought.

One of my pet dislikes is trying to sing new words of worship to an old favourite tune usually used with other words. It is the only thing I have in common with Mendelssohn who was not best pleased when music he had composed to celebrate hundreds of years of printing was filched for the tune of 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'. We also get complaints when we drop the old favourites and bring in the new, but that is also traditional. It is said that H. J. Gauntlet, who wrote the music for Once in Royal David's City wrote 10,000 other hymn tunes. Name those tunes or at least three of them to claim this years surprise Christmas Gift from your Resident Minister.

Let me close by admitting that I love most of the traditional carols, it is really good for my old crow of a voice, to be surrounded by young and old voices singing out with gusto in celebration of the God who became man to save all those he loved in a hurting world. There is nothing childish, nothing old fashioned and boring in that. Christmas, literally the birthday of Jesus is well worth celebrating with old songs, new songs and even dance!

John Elliott, Resident Minister (810565)

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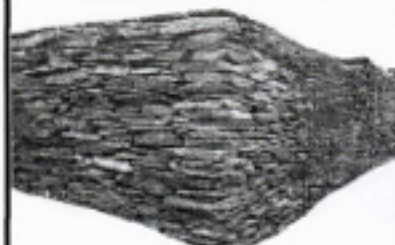
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Journey's End Journal

Good news on the music front... we have booked Father Mike's Hot 4 for 17th Dec. and Christmas Eve and... a surprise for New Year's Eve. Details will be in the pub nearer to the date.

We have completed the Christmas menus, which are available at the bar, for regular Christmas Fayre, Party bookings and Christmas Day Lunch. As yet there is little interest in the Christmas Day Lunch.

We need bookings confirmed no later than 10th Dec., please.

Of real interest to many is our Lunchtime Special Menu, Monday to Thursday, £4.95 for some tasty treats.

New Year's Eve will be similar to last year, a super buffet, £19.00 per head and served from 8.00pm. So, get along early and enjoy the fun and games.

To all of you who will be away over the Christmas or New Year festivities may we take this opportunity to wish you the very best.

Regards, Elaine & Ken

RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Tuesday, 22nd November 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Six councillors, the Clerk; Tree Warden, Mrs J Guy; Mr David Young, NH Watch

Apologies: Cllr. Alan McCarthy; Dist. Cllr. Carson.

Town Well The chairman will meet with Mr Reid in the New Year to discuss further work needed.

Land Registry Enquiries proceeding.

Planning

SHDC Approvals:-

- 1 The erection of an agricultural building for livestock and general store at Renton Farm
- 2 Listed building consent for demolition of existing shed and erection of new garden gate at Wychwood.

Application

Erection of chimney at Little Barn - the council had no objection.

Footpaths

The flooding in Darkie Lane has not yet been resolved, but Mr Peter Guy from DCC Highways, is investigating.

Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Young would advise anyone leaving their properties for any length of time, to inform their neighbours and leave a key and contact telephone number.

Rubbish Collection The council are pursuing the recent non-collection of rubbish in certain areas of Ringmore.

Finance

Donation to the Inter Parish Quiz - £15 (1st match 2006 with Kingston, 17th Jan.)

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 20th December 2005 at 7.00pm.
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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The Annual Meeting was well attended and took place very successfully, particularly in the election of the Committee and the very popular decision of Jackie Tagent to remain as President.

In past years there has been a certain amount of reluctance to stand for election, and to get a new President has proved extremely hard. Lately we have been blessed with an excellent Committee and a President full of ideas and willing to take responsibility for which we, as members, are very grateful. This was expressed on the night.

We also enjoyed a fine spread of varied cheeses and super biscuits and cakes of all kinds, washed down with red and white! Altogether a most enjoyable evening with no frayed tempers or arguments, as used to be common at Annual Meetings.

The Christmas Party will be at the Journey's End on 8th December.

Naomi Warne

2006 Officers & Committee

President:	Jackie Tagent
Vice President:	Margaret Wood
Secretary:	Jane Baker
Treasurer:	Pat King
Hall Officer:	Alice Mason
Committee members:	Pam Brunskill, Pat Skeels Jane Stevenson

In All Winds & Weather

After eighteen years Ringmore is to have a new Postman. David Bartirp will leave for his new round at the beginning of January.

David is reluctant to leave the area but he has found that the increasing volume of mail has lengthened his day considerably. In addition to Ringmore, the round covers Challaborough and the outposts, as well as Kingston.

David has become an institution in the area and we shall miss his friendly, informal manner. He would talk on any subject but mostly football and his favoured Argyle.

We wish David well on his new round in Goveton and Ledstone.



Mystery Killer Revealed

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

1. Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
2. Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
3. Africans drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
4. Italians drink large amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
5. Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like but don't speak English - it is this linguistic skill that kills you.

The Royal British Legion

VIV FREEMAN

It is with great regret we say goodbye to Viv Freeman who, sadly, decided to leave the Branch after many years service to the RBL. We will miss him 'looking after' everyone in Kingston for us and his enormously funny anecdotes and stories at Christmas. We wish him well for the future and look forward to seeing him at events through the year.

NEXT MEETING

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

This has been a particularly difficult year for the Poppy Appeal. The weather has been very unkind to our House-to-House ladies who have had to contend with strong winds and rain; nevertheless they have done remarkably well. Also with world disasters to compete with, there have been many calls on your generosity. However I am delighted to tell you that our Poppy Appeal reached £4468.36, a figure that has only been exceeded twice. The money was raised in the following ways.

We held a Trafalgar Night draw on Friday 28th October at the Royal Oak Inn, Bigbury, by kind permission of Mr. Martin Uren. This had been held over from the previous Friday to save congestion of dates. This raised £157 to start the Appeal going.

The following day Saturday 29th October our ladies started their House-to-House collecting, which would carry on until Saturday 12th November. Despite difficult conditions they collected £1392.80, a figure only surpassed once.

On Friday 4th November an Auction was held at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Blease. This was splendidly organised by Alan McCarthy, and ably assisted by his wife Robbie, Colin Jackson, Chris Roberts and Phill Errett. The evening was a big success and realised £1612.00 for the Appeal. At the end of the evening a raffle added a further £114.00.

This year's Coffee Morning was held at the Reading Room, Kingston on Saturday 12th November and was well attended. A hectic hour and a half's trading resulted in adding another £376.55 to the Appeal.

The Remembrance Service this year was held at St. Lawrence's Church, Bigbury on Sunday 13th November. A splendid service was conducted by Rev. John Elliott and his sermon linked the names of four persons who had an effect on our lives. Wreaths were laid at the memorial at the end of the service. The collection added £204.80 to the total.

When all collecting boxes were counted from pubs, clubs and shops a further £509.15 was added to the Appeal total.

Despite early misgivings, and thanks to much hard work and to your generosity, we have had another successful year. We have helped the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and maintained our collection rate of over £3 per head of population.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR
WONDERFUL SUPPORT**

Guy Eddy
Poppy Appeal Organiser

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Guy Eddy was reporting record collection figures for the British Legion of . . . £2220. Ten years before that the total was £720.

Jenny and Colin moved into The Laurels.

The Parish Council was concerned about the finances of the Newsletter. *(At present, the finances are very healthy).*

SENDACOW

If anyone in the village wishing to forego sending Christmas cards around Ringmore would like to donate the money saved to charity, why not give it to Sendacow? This charity collects funds to provide farm animals for families in Africa. If enough can be raised, a whole farmyard could be bought for £2000 but smaller donations would buy 20 chickens for £15, four rabbits + hutch (£50) (perhaps we can send some of the wild ones from here), a hive of bees (£40), two goats (£125), £10 for thirty apple trees, £35 for three sheep and a whole cow for £750.

The scheme enables whole families to escape from the poverty trap which afflicts numerous countries throughout Africa.

Please give contributions to me, John, Drina or Phill and, if you would like to, sign a card which is in the church porch.

Yvonne Sheppard

TIDE TABLES

Tide Tables for 2006 are now available and those ordered will be delivered before the end of the year. If you have not reserved one and would like to have a copy, call 810123. They are only 50p

DYB DYB DYB

On Saturday 10th December the 1st Modbury Cub Scouts are having a sleepover in the Parish Hall. From approx. 6.30pm we will be carol singing around the village collecting funds for equipment and a new scout hut. If you would like to be sure we visit you please ring Akela (Jane) on 810623 or come and join in the fun.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!!

Oh, Goodness Gracious Me

Notes on driving in India - from a recent visit

You nominally drive on the left as in England, but expect oncoming traffic from any side or direction.

Bicycles are made for two people at least.

Motorbikes for three and scooters for a family of four.

Auto rickshaws will only carry four tourists or less, but an uncountable number of Indians.

Buses are the fastest vehicles on the road, and carry almost as many passengers on the outside as the inside.

Lorries are always overloaded, and loads may stick out 50% in any direction.

Lorries will stop without warning for no apparent reason.

Lorries will often be heard before being seen due to the very loud music being played.

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A long blast means I am coming through and all traffic had better move out of the way, as I will not stop for anything.

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They will overtake you on an open road with less than a foot to spare; in town it will be less than six inches.

Drivers will indicate left to overtake on the right hand side to warn you that they will come in before they have completely passed your vehicle, so look out.

All cars, lorries, vehicles, pedestrians, cows and other assorted animals have priority over all other cars lorries, vehicles, pedestrians, cows and other assorted animals.

You thus have priority to come out of a side road straight into a main road without looking.

Dual carriageways provide two roads to go in both directions instead of one.

Overtaking is done on the inside as frequently as the outside.

Vehicles rarely show lights at the rear at night, and many forms of transport have no lights at all, and there are lots of them. Due to the ever present dust, visibility at night is limited. Driving at night is thus fun (?).

If a road has lane markings, they are for fun, and thus totally ignored.

Traffic lights often have policemen controlling the traffic, so expect to be told to go through a red light.

Expect speed bumps in the middle of nowhere. Similarly, expect potholes anywhere, just to make sure you stay awake.

Despite roads in villages often being just a set of connected potholes, speed bumps will slow your progress even further.

In conclusion - driving or being driven in India is an experience never to be forgotten.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

We will be again holding our traditional Carols on the Green, starting at approximately 6.45pm on Christmas Eve. Would anybody wishing to join in playing with the band, please phone Angie Carson on 810298 and she will let you know when and where the practice sessions are. John Elliott will also be there to say a few words of wisdom. We hope to see you all in good voice and hopefully, in good weather.

Bigbury Fayre

MY SUMMER OF LOVE

On Saturday, 21st January, a film show will be held in the Memorial Hall at St Ann's Chapel in aid of Shelter Box. One of these life-saving aids will be on display.

The film will be 'My Summer of Love', which won the BAFTA award for Best British film in 2005. The Production Designer, John Stevenson, will be present to answer questions.

Tickets, which can be obtained from Holywell Stores 810308 or from Jane and James Stevenson (yes, there is a connection) 810151, will cost £4. Refreshments will be available.

Make a note in your diary to enjoy an entertaining evening and, at the same time, support a worthwhile charity.



The Proof of the Pudding

Mike Wynne-Powell

A Plea Against Sewage Pollution

Most of us take sewage disposal for granted; if the sink, bath, washing machine or dishwasher empties as required and the toilet flushes, that is the end of the matter – out of body, out of sight, out of mind. However, in terms of disposal, this is only the beginning of a complex biological process. That process needs to be nurtured; if it does not work effectively, your sewage may come back to haunt you – and others!

Between Loddiswell and Bantham there are many known discharge points for domestic sewage systems into the River Avon, licensed but not routinely monitored by the Environment Agency. Other systems are so ancient that they pre-date the need for a licence and may not even feature in the records. If all goes well with these systems, the discharges should make an innocuous addition to the river. However, our concern in the Aune Conservation Association is that many of these unmonitored systems probably function quite ineffectively and as a direct result their discharges could end up damaging our river and threatening the health of those who use it. The main reason for malfunction is poor understanding by their owners about how these systems work. After all, sewage is not normally a major topic of conversation in polite company! A few words of explanation might help to encourage a more cautious and thoughtful approach to human waste disposal.

Any form of sewage system is nothing more than a mechanism for bringing about or accelerating the transformation of complex organic molecules into simpler components that can be more safely discharged into the environment. Microbes, mostly bacteria, are the active agents in this decomposition and oxidation. Importantly, as living organisms, they need to be provided with the right environment to thrive. They do so by using biological matter in the sewage as a food source, breaking it down as they multiply. Many modern domestic sewage digesters operate by providing an environment in which bacteria are cultured in the presence of oxygen or air. To provide optimum treatment the bacteria need free access to oxygen and immersion in the sewage. The majority of purpose-built plants work by providing a fixed medium that the bacteria adhere to, and a means of interfacing this with regular supplies of oxygen and nutrients; this may involve pumping air through the system and/or a mechanical mixing process. When functioning correctly, these digesters are extremely efficient. In contrast, the traditional septic tank relies on anaerobic bacteria – which thrive in the absence of oxygen – multiplying in the settled sludge in the tank and providing a degree of

treatment. Further treatment is carried out in so-called biological treatment or irrigation fields where the fluid component leaves the septic tank and percolates over porous subsoil. Here the fluid is exposed to a different population of naturally occurring bacteria which thrive in air; this second population completes the breakdown process. Cesspits/pools which are often confused with septic tanks by the uninitiated are not designed to be biologically active; they merely serve as static, temporary holding tanks for sewage and waste water prior to its timely collection and removal from the site for processing elsewhere. Cesspools have a limited capacity and need frequent emptying.

All types of system need regular maintenance together with informed usage in order to function effectively; much can go wrong. Importantly, a large number of the older systems were not designed to cope with the high volume of detergent-rich effluent from modern washing machines and dishwashers; without adequate maintenance their capacity simply cannot cope. The problem is compounded by our modern day fixation with personal hygiene, involving daily bathing and showering. Obviously, mechanical or electrical breakdown could result in inadequate mixing of oxygen and bacteria in modern treatment plants but it is the welfare of the microbes in the plant that, arguably, is the most critical factor for obtaining the best performance from any installation. The use of modern domestic chemicals, such as bleach and disinfectants, largely eliminates any microbiological activity in septic tanks or irrigation fields and today these may only provide primary settlement of sewage with little if any improvement in effluent quality.

Many systems in the South Hams are associated with holiday homes which pose a number of distinct problems. Many 'holiday home' systems experience sporadic and occasional usage which

means the microbiological population is subject to sudden and dramatic fluctuations in its growth environment rather than the steady and constant replenishment of nutrients which would allow it to flourish – a sort of feast or famine situation. These 'holiday home' systems are also less likely to receive regular maintenance; they are often subjected to excessive loading with consequent overflow during summer months; and, many holiday visitors are likely to be accustomed only to mains drainage, remaining blissfully unaware that many substances that are innocently poured into rural sewage systems actually leave a poisonous legacy by killing off both the aerobic and anaerobic bacteria upon which sewage digestion largely depends. In addition to bleach and disinfectants, such substances would include most commonly used detergents, cooking oils, solvents, paint, etc.

All these sewage arrangements accumulate sludge. Periodic removal of sedimented sludge is another chore, quite separate from the challenge of maintaining the microbial welfare of a sewage system. If sludge is not removed, the systems simply clog up, malfunction and overflow on to the surrounding land (and nearby watercourses). My own sludge removal man assured me recently that many local properties have not had their tanks cleaned out within living memory!

So, for everybody's sake, I ask you to familiarise yourselves with your own sewage disposal arrangement, to make sure it is regularly serviced, and to educate any guests into treating it with respect. Finally, think on this – a carefully managed and maintained sewage disposal system will be a valuable asset when your property is surveyed prior to re-sale! But you probably don't want to be haunted by the ghosts of that microbial community in your back yard or garden under any circumstances.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*to everybody, from Martin, Tina and
all the staff at The Royal Oak*

Enigma

Last Month

Only ONE entry LAST month but what a turnaround in November - NINE entries!! First, a warm welcome-back to the lovely Sue Brickay who with Gemini offered the word ORDINATELY. Unfortunately that was not long enough, as the rest of you know. The word was SUBORDINATELY. However, Sue Brickay and Gemini receive two points for their efforts while Champion Matchman, Taurus, New Dawn, Real Sleuth, The Beginners, The Opals and The Springers all receive three points. This year Yapping Dogs has stood aside to allow others to win.

This Month

This year's winner is already determined but a good result in December could alter the minor placings. Below are thirty words which have to be formed into three columns, the centre column comprising words which link the words in the two outer columns. e.g.

OVER HAUL AGE

The words are in alphabetical order:-

ASS	GROUND	OVER
BOARD	HAIR	OVER
BOX	HANG	PIN
BREAK	HOG	ROAD
CUSHION	HOUSE	SEA
DART	JACK	SLIP
FAST	LIGHT	WALK
FIRE	LUMBER	WASH
FRONT	MAN	WOOD
GAOL	MATCH	WORKS

BEACH CLEAN

The recent high winds and tides have brought a great deal of rubbish onto the beach at Aymer Cove.

To give a suitable background to your Christmas skinny-dipping photographs, a beach clean will be held on Saturday 10th December, commencing at 10.00am. It will finish at the latest, 12.58pm as that is high tide!

We have plenty of black sacks and rubber gloves for those who do not have them. The more the merrier, quicker, easier etc, etc. Please come if you can.

Alan McCarthy

THE BLUES

The quality of life in Ringmore is obviously not conducive to composing songs about deep-rooted social depression in which the essence of living is breathed through a dense fog of cigarette smoke and distilled through an alcoholic haze, which is why this minor diversion has been abandoned. Thank you to the few who took the trouble.

Ed



The Committee

and

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Wish everyone a very
Happy Christmas

and

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We welcome new members to our meetings which are at 7.30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in our W.I. Hall



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