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| Ringmore Church | 2.55 - 3.15 |
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| St Ann's Chapel | 2.30 - 2.45 |
| Kingston Fire Stn | 4.00 - 4.30 |

RAINFALL

Last Month
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| Ten Year Average | 3" |
| Ten Year High | 2000 7" |
| Ten Year Low | 1997/2003 1/2" |

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

- 3rd Royal British Legion Journey's End 7.00pm
5th Hot Pot Supper at JE in aid of Pete and Ben's charity paddle
7th Jazz Evening at the JE
11th W I Resolutions meeting 7.30pm
17th Christian Aid Auction Parish Room 8.00pm
20th Skip at the Bus Shelter 10.00am - 4.00pm
23rd Parish Council meeting Wl Hall 7.00pm

June
8th Wl Barbecue

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THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' for all your good wishes, cards and wonderful presents received on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary. It was quite overwhelming but what a wonderful gathering of friends.

Guy & Myra

Guy & Myra Eddy celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in style with over one hundred guests cramming the Journey's End. Guy entertained the party with anecdotes from their years together, including a good word for Mumps which he contracted and after which Myra had twins! Since the party, Guy has been laid low and only now is beginning to return to form.

David Young is having a spot of bother at the moment and we hope that soon, he too, will be restored to full health.

The Devizes Westminster Canoe Marathon is over and Pete and Ben can relax. They have achieved their objective doing the race but much more than that they have raised between £2000 and £3000 for their chosen charities. Well done Pete & Ben. Of course a lot of people were involved in raising the funds and it is not quite over yet. On Friday 5th May, Ken and Elaine at the Journey's End will sponsor a Hot Pot Supper. If you haven't bought a ticket yet, there are some available at the bar. Why not be there to enjoy more Tales from the Riverbank and enjoy some vicarious success.

May time is Christian Aid time and this year there will be an Auction in the Parish Room on Wednesday, 17th at 8.00pm. If you have items which you are willing to donate, the organisers would be grateful.

Ringmore have been ousted from the Ken West Plate by South Brent and so must wait until next year for more honours.

The annual skip will be sited by the Bus Shelter on Saturday 20th - no televisions or computer monitors . . . the limerick Competition ends this month.

Thank you all for the phone calls, emails and comments about the proposed developments in Ringmore, announced last month. Strangely, no-one was in favour. Unfortunately the Editor cannot take any credit for the spoof and the fact that many thought it his creation is accepted as a compliment. The person who is responsible is

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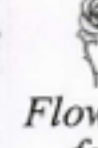
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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

| Date | Bigbury | Kingston | Ringmore |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| May 7 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Service | 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion | 11.00a.m. Family Service |
| 14 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Service | 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer | 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion |
| 17 th | 2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion | | 4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion |
| 21 st | 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion | 11.00 a.m. Family Service (with Children's Club) | 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer |
| 28 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Communion | 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer | 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion |
| June 4 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Service | 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion | 11.00a.m. Family Service |

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER!

Our land is a democracy, a government elected by the people, and for the people. Unlike the French who threw out the aristocracy (government by those of high birth) and Israel which used to be ruled by God as a Theocracy, but has now turned to be a secular nation, also ruled by democracy. We each get a chance to vote into power, in a democracy, those who as far as we can perceive will serve the nation best.

The Church has gone in for a similar mixture of government it will always claim to be a theocracy, and ruled by God; but it also has its own version of democracy. It even has the aristocratic hierarchy to some critics, who see in the Bishop's considerable power within the structures. Someone locally recently gave me a definition of a pillar of the Church, "thick and unmoving in the wrong place and often blocking the way forward".

We have recently in each Church had our own internal local elections. The residents in the Parish are entitled to vote for the Churchwardens, two for each Parish. As a bonus for being duly paid up Church members, all those on the electoral roll of the Church get to vote in the P.C.C. That stands for Parochial Church Council, the local residents who share in the provision of ministry. Their responsibility centres on the provision of resources material and spiritual to promote Christian living, worship of God, and pastoral care for those living in the Parish who they represent. They also encourage the congregations to share in the wider worldwide ministry of the Church.

Where does the Rector, Vicar, Minister or Curate fit in? Well all of them are Curates even if they are also a Rector or Vicar. A "curate" means one who shares with the Bishop the responsibility for "cure of souls", or in modern English "care of souls" in a particular locality. In Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore that care comes within the Team Ministry of Modbury, and the Team Rector Neil Barker oversees the Team on behalf of the Bishop. At the coalface is the local Resident Minister, myself, given a five-year term of office the day after 11/11 in 2001, that term being authorised by a 5 year Bishop's licence delegating care of souls in the three villages and adjoining homesteads until September 2006.

In the Bible however there is no mention of a retirement or a pension, so what is to be done in three months time when that licence expires, currently without any endorsements for speeding through Services. Well: thanks to all the encouragement and support from you lovely people in the Parish, Pam and I have been persuaded that we would like to continue. The two Bishops, Michael in Exeter and John in Plymouth with the approval of Neil as Team Rector, have therefore agreed to extend the licence for another period.

At the top of this piece is a well-known quotation; some will know it from the Messiah and others as a Bible passage (Isaiah 9:6) often read at Carol Services. It is our prayer and hope, that despite all the strange structures described above, that the government will indeed be upon His, our Lord Jesus', shoulder.

(John Elliott 810565)

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Journey's End Journal

We had a busy Easter and the number of visitors is increasing steadily as we move towards summer. Even so, we know that May can be quiet so we will delay extending the opening hours until June.

We would remind jazz fans that our next session will be on Saturday 7th May. These are enjoyable evenings so why not give this month's a try?

The Thursday quiz will continue until the end of the month and if you would like to do one before putting your reference books away until the autumn, please let us know.

Our Boules court is waiting to be used and we could have a summer competition,

perhaps a ladder so you can challenge people above you. If you would like to play please put your name on the sheet on the notice board. Wednesday night could be the night and we will start on Wednesday 10th. When we have a few names we will start the ball rolling.

Congratulations to Pete and Ben on their achievement. We have the Hot Pot Supper on Friday 5th May; tickets are only £5 per head, available from the bar. All proceeds will go to the chosen charities. This is probably the final fundraising activity so come along and enjoy some of the tales from our intrepid paddlers. We look forward to seeing you.

Elaine & Ken

INTER-PARISH QUIZ

Ringmore's attempt to retain the Ken West Plate ended under a determined challenge from South Brent. The match was held at the Conservative Club in South Brent.

Ringmore took an early lead of seven points which they held until the end of Round 14. In the final four rounds South Brent eliminated the arrears and surged ahead to win the evening 107 - 98.

Our team, Colin, Felicity, Pat and Geof, was somewhat shell-shocked at the end but South Brent were worthy winners. We wish them well for the final. Many thanks to those who took the trouble to venture to the edge of the moor.

Scoop
(our Cub Reporter)

Royal British Legion

Our thanks to Colin Jackson for giving us a spontaneous insight into Rugby refereeing in the 'good old days', following our April meeting. It was a good choice, the alternative was 'Gunshot wounds from field to hospital'.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary

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|-------|-----|--------------|
| March | £20 | Judy Spence |
| | £5 | John Bowlam |
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| | £5 | Barry Old |

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The auctioning of Burnetts Orchard was the cause of much anguish in the village. . . . *but there has been nothing but praise for what the King family has created.*

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Cliff falls at Ayrmer forced the moving of the boundary fence on the Coastal Path.

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Phill Errett, telephone number 8105471



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

At the April meeting, we welcomed Margaret Skinner, whose hobby since she was a young girl has been singing. We were not disappointed, and enjoyed songs from shows like 'Show Boat', 'My Fair Lady', 'Oliver' interspersed with amusing poems and stories. There was also the opportunity for us to use our vocal chords as we joined with Margaret in taking a trip down Memory Lane, and finishing with 'We'll Meet Again'.

On Easter Monday afternoon the weather was kind, and nearly 200 people came and enjoyed our Easter Fair. The ice creams sold out, the cakes disappeared, the teas were delicious, and a happy afternoon was had by all. On behalf of the Committee, thank you to the wonderful team of helpers for their hard work, to the tent/gazebo owners for the use of their equipment, and to all who contributed to stalls.

Our May meeting is the annual Resolutions Meeting, when we shall welcome Merrial Connell to present the proposed resolutions. This meeting is the chance for W.I. members to make their voices heard, as the agreed Resolutions are passed via the W.I. headquarters to the politicians in Westminster. Join us at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall.

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DEVIZES TO TEAM



WESTMINSTER NIGEL

Pubs can be great places. You can meet up with friends, relax, enjoy a drink or two, generally put the world to rights and occasionally... well occasionally the odd mad/daft/bizarre idea might be thrown into the mix by one of the assembled company. Such ideas might readily be taken on board by those enjoying the bonhomie of the

characterised by unscheduled dunkings in the icy waters but the distances between these unwelcome dips are becoming greater.

paddlers' legs and backsides is pretty extreme after so long on the water. Rounding the bend of the river at Vauxhall though, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye finally come into view - lit up now that the team are once again in darkness.

Easter Saturday - 15 April 2006. Well this is it. From a comfy ale in the JE the previous June to the nerve jangling wait for the kit to be checked for the last time, the boat to be set in the water of the Kennel-Avon canal and our two paddlers to have one last shake of hands before departure.

Months of hard work, planning and worrying come to a gratifying end as Ben & Pete climb out of the boat for the last time and walk up the steps (with some difficulty!) to the welcoming committee, thus bringing to a happy end this madcap tale of pints, pub-talk and padding.

Huge thanks from Ben and Pete to the following (without whom...):

Thirty-one long hours later, having consumed countless Mars Bars, cakes, hot soup, litres and litres of fluids and the odd pastie, Ben & Pete finally paddle underneath Westminster Bridge, make a sharp right hand turn and land at County Hall Steps - the official finish line of the world's longest non-stop canoeing and kayaking marathon.

Peter Stanesby, Jim McGinley and Katie Mallam - the support team who followed the paddlers for all 31 hours, supplying food, drink and massive encouragement throughout.

The thirty-one hours include three unscheduled capsizes - one of which is the result of a very aggressive and over protective swan taking a dislike to Nigella 2. These unscheduled stops along with a reduction in boat speed through the hours of darkness mean that Team Nigel are facing a major crisis when they hit daybreak and the River Thames - they may not have enough time to get to Teddington for high tide (paddling against an incoming tide on the Thames beyond this point is almost impossible and has defeated many crews). However, from somewhere the team find enough energy to increase their average speed - no doubt boosted by a hot meal and a change into dry clothes. As a result they arrive at Teddington only an hour behind schedule. The final seventeen miles are a real test as there is nowhere to get out of the boat and the strain on the



Success!
Medals awarded at Westminster Pier

Debbie Chicken - in charge of publicity, raising finance for the whole event and coordinating the charity collections. Emma Cowan - ground control in Ringmore and official dog minder!

Geof Dykes - supplier of adhesive adverts for the backers, Tee Shirts and official laminator of the DW maps!

And of course... the team backers - Dane & Hilary at Holywell Stores, Ken & Elaine at The Journey's End, Debbie at Medisec Ltd, John Baldwin at Lawn Lane Mortgage Specialists and The Twofour Group.

And finally - all of you out there who sponsored Team Nigel. By the time this goes to press we should have raised over £2,000 to be split between the chosen charities - Devon Air Ambulance, CLICSargent, The Down's Syndrome Association and The Spinal Injuries Association. A great effort in itself - many thanks to all of you.

Team Nigel



No turning back

evening but they are just as soon conveniently forgotten in the cold light of the following day.

Well here's an example of the above which actually followed its full course from the planting of the seed of the original idea, to the "yes that's a great idea let's do it" moment, to the waking up the next day and still thinking "yes we will do it!"

June 2005. The main characters of this tale, Ben Turner and Pete Chicken, are assembled in the Journey's End enjoying one or two ales on a beautiful early summer evening. Conversation turns to kayaking on the Avon. Step forward Mr Nigel Spence. He mentions the fact that he completed an event called the Devizes to Westminster" (or DW) in 1970. An extraordinary event which requires the paddlers to travel non-stop from the Wiltshire town to the heart of London, a distance of 125 miles encompassing 77 portages (where the paddlers will have to climb out of their craft to traverse locks) and a journey which will include paddling through the hours of darkness. The gauntlet is duly thrown down.

Fast forward to late January 2006. After several more months of intense talk, Ben and Pete have only just found a suitable kayak to attempt this feat of endurance. The next step is to learn how to keep it upright. The boat they have is a K2, a very lightweight, slim and efficient two-man kayak, capable of cutting through the water at relatively quickspeeds but notoriously unstable. The boat is christened Nigella 2 (Nigella 1 had to be abandoned as too unstable - having spent almost all of December upside down in the water...) and the team, well, it had to be called Team Nigel in honour of the originator of this mad idea, Nigel Spence. Further training sessions on the Avon are

| Checkpoints | Miles | Time |
|-------------|---------|---------------|
| Devizes | 0 | Sat 2:45pm |
| Pewsey | 12 | Sat 5:12pm |
| Hungerford | 25 | Sat 8:47pm |
| Newbury | 34 1/2 | Sat 11:27pm |
| Aldermaston | 43 | Sun 2:12am |
| Reading | 54 | Sun 5:28am |
| Marsh | 61 | Sun 7:28am |
| Marlow | 70 | Sun 9:55am |
| Bray | 79 | Sun 11:43am |
| Old Windsor | 87 | Sun 1:44pm |
| Shepperton | 97 | Sun 4:00pm |
| Teddington | 107 1/2 | Sun 6:40pm |
| Westminster | 125 | Sun 9:43:10pm |

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DEVIZES to WESTMINSTER Tales from the River Bank

SATURDAY 1330 - Arrive Devizes - final kit check - Ben is missing a vital piece of equipment, his Vaseline (oh the chaffing!). Quick dash to Boots - panic over.

1445 - The race begins - I could see as Ben and Pete paddled to the start line Ben was totally focussed on the task ahead - Pete was less so. Despite numerous reminders he still forgot to put his contact lenses in! On reflection (ha ha) this could have been a cunning plan to make the rematch with the swan less scary.

1517 - In the car - travel to first sight checkpoint - outcome of rematch with the swan - Swan won, boys wet!

SUNDAY 0545 (15 hours in) - All locks now blending into one, so cannot remember which lock I met this chap at but . . . while discussing the merits of his labradoodle (cross Labrador/poodle) and his goldendoodle (don't ask!) he happily explained to me that even at full throttle his boat couldn't make it against the Thames tide - I was less than happy - doubts start setting in - the boys must make the tide at Teddington to have any chance of finishing the final 17 miles of the race - at this point they are a few hours behind schedule.

0945 - Arrive Marlow - find somewhere for breakfast. Just finishing civilised coffee and croissant (race quite forgotten) - phone rings - it's Pete calling. First thought: he's getting good at paddling and phoning at the same time! I ask his location - Marlow is the reply. Second thought - what a coincidence, so are we! Next few minutes are a blur of activity - find them at the lock and give them egg and bacon panini - all forgiven.

2030 - Barnes Bridge, London - Our last meeting point before the end - realise as soon as we get there it was unsuitable, being on the bend of the river, Ben and Pete would pass it before they knew it was there. The Thames is moving very fast and for me this was the longest wait - they were overdue and as darkness arrived, I was becoming concerned. Tried to reassure myself and Debbie - Pete's phone is in a waterproof pouch so if anything happened, he would phone us. Suddenly, we see their lights in the gloom - they were safe. They decided not to stop and shot under the bridge, past us, heading for the finish at Westminster.

FINAL THOUGHT - You don't half get some funny looks when dressed in head torches and high visibility vests crossing at the traffic lights in London, carrying a 20ft kayak!

Team Nigel

Limerick competition

Entries are trickling in. Remember, lines C or D must end in the last name of a Ringmore resident.e.g.

A mobile home was his dream
But not all is what it may seem
'Yes', said Mr Pitt,
'I think this is it'
But his hope was dashed by the scream.

You have until Friday 26th of May.



Dear Editor,

I was delighted to read that Ringmore is to become one of the first to benefit from Rural Regeneration. I was already considering applying for ten starter homes on my two-acre field which backs onto Westbury and Little Westbury and now I intend to apply for twenty straight away as I feel sure permission will be granted. I also fancy being a millionaire in my old age.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Roadshow and Buffet Lunch on 31st April as I shall be away with the Fairies, which is where I seem to have been quite frequently of late.

Anne Lambell



Dane & Hilary
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Ringmore Parish Council
Meeting Tuesday, 18th April
Present Seven councillors; the clerk-
Mrs Margaret Wood; Mr David
Young, Neighbourhood Watch and District
Cllr. B Carson.
Mrs Jane Guy - tree warden, and one
member of the public.

Footpaths

£500 has been received for the P3 footpath grant. It will be needed in order to carry out improvements to the approach to Toby's point.

Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report. - all quiet.

District Council

Cllr. Carson reported that the Government white paper for the re-organisation of the councils in the South Hams will be published shortly.

Parish Room Lease

Awaiting affirmation from the Parochial Church Council

Finance

Cornhill Insurance - £345.32
Bus Shelter Repairs will be carried out on a "quid pro quo" basis.

Planning

1. Work on trees at Cumberland Cottages - no objections
2. Application for extension to Captains House Challaborotth. No objections in principle, but the council objected to the proposed upper-storey window in the south facing wall. Concern was expressed that consideration may not have been given to the existence of underground sewage pipes. A comment was sent to SHDC asking why public notification of the proposed work was only pinned up the same day as the council meeting, thus not giving any time for residents to express their opinions.
3. An interim tree preservation order has been served on the trees at Avglen Fell. The council supported this move by a majority of 6 to 1.
4. Bigbury Bay Caravan Park. The council received an application for alterations to the existing manager's accommodation, reception and office to form a revised layout, together with a flat for holiday lets. The council noted that the work had already been carried out and hoped the letting period would be as per the existing site licence.

Skip

A supervised skip to take the annual household disposal of unwanted items will be available on Saturday 20th May from 10.00am to 4.00pm. It will probably be sited in the area near to the Journey's End car park.

Next meeting

Tuesday 23rd May 2006 at 7.0 pm
Thelma Mann



Pictures by Mike Wynne-Powell

Helping Guy & Myra celebrate their great day at the Journey's End

**Ringmore Parochial Church Council
2006**

**CHRISTIAN AID
AUCTION for AFRICA**

AND OTHER NEEDY COUNTRIES

Wednesday 17th May 8.00pm
Parish Room

*Please bring any saleable items
to the Parish Room before the auction starts*

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Contact

Phill Errett 810547 or Yvonne Sheppard 810341
for more information

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DIARY FOR MAY/JUNE

Wed 10th May MART'S HAIR DYE!!

Sun 13th May RACE NIGHT in aid of BIGBURY FUN RUN

FRI/SAT/SUN 23/24/25th JUNE

**BIGBURY FUN RUN WEEKEND
(AND MART'S HEAD SHAVE)**

SUN 16th JULY

FUN RUN PRESENTATION DAY



May meeting

The meeting this month is the annual Resolutions Meeting, and the chance to make the W.I. voice heard nationally. Join us on Thursday 11th May at 7.30 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. The Resolutions are on "Renewable Energy" and "Sport for a Healthy Population" and will be led by our VCO Merrial Connell.

BBQ Date

Our barbecue this year is in aid of the Shekinah Centre in Plymouth. This carries out valuable work amongst needy people in the city, and deserves our support. Book the date now: Thursday 8th June at the W.I. Hall, starting at 6.30p.m.

Full details will be in next month's Newsletter.

Encouraging

Last Month

UNSOCIABLE
ULTRAVIOLET
HOUSEMAID
REPUTATION
PNEUMONIA
FACETIOUS

ENCOURAGING
ANXIOUSNESS
CAUTIONED
OVERHAULING
AMBIDEXTROUS
SUBCONTINENTAL

These are the 'official' answers to last month's task. There is, and it is no surprise to many of you, a plethora of words which meet the criteria. Without casting an aspersion in any direction at all, the internet is a wonderful source of such information.

A number of obscure words have been revealed such as Quadripole - drop that into the conversation with the electrician. Would you like to eat Barigoule? I think I would rather eat artichokes stuffed with the eponymous mushroom.

Well done everyone. Three points to The Springers, The Matchman, Yapping Dogs, Taurus, Half Baked and The Beginners. Sue Brickay and Fanny Adams both made valiant attempts, worthy of two points.

This Month

Let's have a Magic Square with a difference, letters instead of numbers. Arrange the letters so that each five-letter word can be read across as well as down.

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| A | A | E | E | K |
| M | M | N | N | O |
| O | O | P | P | P |
| R | R | R | R | S |
| S | S | T | T | T |

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

There was a an extremely disappointing turn-out for this year's meeting. Only four members of the public attended and they outnumbered the speakers, as two of them failed to appear!

It is difficult to determine whether that means the village is satisfied with the Council's performance over the past twelve months or whether the local electorate has succumbed to the national disaffection for all things 'political'.

Thanks to those of you who did make the effort. To those who forgot, put a note in your diary - we shall meet again next April.

Geof Dykes
Chairman

Ringmore Parish Council