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JUNE 2006

DEADLINE

**Sunday
25th**

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2nd, 16th & 30th

Ringmore Church	2.55 - 3.15
Chalaborough	3.35 - 3.35
St Ann's Chapel	2.30 - 2.45
Kingston Fire Stn	4.00 - 4.30

RAINFALL

Last Month
2 3/4"

Robbie McCarthy

Ten Year Average	2 1/2"
Ten Year High 2002/2003	4 1/2"
Ten Year Low 1999	3/4"

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

TUESDAY: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

- 3rd Jazz Evening at the JE
- 7th Royal British Legion Old Chapel Inn 7.00pm
- 8th WI Barbecue WI Hall & Gardens 6.00pm
- 14th Garden open Scypen 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Church Fête preparatory meeting Parish Room 7.30pm
- 17th RBL Women's Section Ploughman's Lunch
WI Hall & Gardens 12.00pm - 2.00pm
- 18th Garden open Scypen 2.00pm - 5.00pm
- 20th Parish Council meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- August
- 9th Measuring the Yew tree All Hallows Churchyard 4.30pm

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:
The Editor
Ringmore Parish Newsletter,
Ringmore Vean, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL
or put them through the letter box in the garage door
email: news@ringmore.com

Bruce Skeels

The sad news of Bruce's death in the middle of the month came as a great shock to all his friends in the village. Our thoughts are with Pat and her family, at this difficult time.

Her children and grandchildren travelled from Africa and elsewhere to be with her and to give her their love and support.

Ringmore, too, rallied round and Pat sends her thanks to everyone for their sympathy and kindness.

The sad event of Bruce Skeel's sudden death has occupied thoughts in Ringmore during the second half of last month. Bruce was a big personality and will be missed at Short Mat Bowls and Table Tennis

This is probably the last word on the intrepid canoeists. The original target of £2000 was repeatedly revised as promises mounted and the final total was an impressive £4830.60p. Of that, almost £1600 was raised locally in Ringmore and neighbouring villages, which represents more than £1 per head of population. The total was boosted by the proceeds from the highly successful and very tasty Hot Pot Supper, sponsored and produced by Ken and Elaine. So we can all take satisfaction from a job well done. 'The boys' are pictured elsewhere with four large cheques in favour of the four chosen charities.

The Limerick competition has proved fairly popular. It was probably predictable that the Editor's name would feature but it is all good fun. Please submit your choice of the first three by the deadline date and let's try to have more votes than entries... please.

The organizers of the Church Fête will hold an open meeting on 14th to discuss plans for the August Bank Holiday event and they would welcome your suggestions or new ideas. Activities which have been run for a number of years, albeit successfully, can benefit from the stimulus of change so put your thinking caps on and let them know.

Finally, Ann and John Bracey have mowed the lawn, done some dead-heading and made a cake or two. Scypen garden will be open for your enjoyment on 14th and 18th. Go and see the results of their hard work.



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NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
June 4 th <i>Pentecost</i>	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00a.m. Family Service
11 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
18 th	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service with Childrens Club	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
21 st	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
25 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
July 2 nd	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service

OPEN THE DOOR

Recently a group of walkers stood at the door of St Lawrence's Church, Bigbury and their leader could not open the door. Declaring the Church locked "and anyway of little architectural interest" he moved the group onwards. Pity really: for there was error on both sides, the door was not locked. It is just as stiff as hell, and harder to get into than that particular place! A sad fact of life that many Church doors are locked, and most are huge solid seemingly impenetrable barriers to Church life, and even the faith that must surely be accumulated in the building.



We have said before that the original St Lawrence nearly 2,000 years ago was asked to bring the treasures of his church in Rome outside the building. Presumably this was so that the soldiers could make off with them. His response was to bring out the people of the Parish, as the true treasures. At Kingston we have St James the Less as the patron saint, his picture shows him holding what looks like a golf club: Bigbury Golf Club please note, could he be your patron saint? Sadly in reality it is not a golf club, but a fullers club used for beating new cloth in Biblical times. Tradition has it these were the handy instruments used to beat him to death at his martyrdom in Jerusalem around A.D.62. At Ringmore our Church is All Hallows, meaning no particular named saint but all the saints gathered together. No barrier like a stiff door stopping them!

Have you noticed that many quality shops now have automatic doors that open as you approach them, and a warm or cool draft of air conditioning to keep you comfortable whilst on the premises. My inventive mind would like a similar device on our three Churches. How about a door that opens automatically with a welcoming arm that reaches out and grabs the nearest sinner and pulls him or her inside to be conditioned with a healthy blast of the Holy Spirit. Now there's a thought.

John Elliott (Church House, Ringmore 810565)

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All Hallows Annual Fête

This year's Fête will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August at 2.00pm. This is a fun day, enjoyed by all in the village and we are seeking help in arranging and staging this popular event.

To enable the Fête to go ahead, we are proposing an open meeting and anyone who is willing to give assistance, prior to and/or on the day, is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm.

We would be delighted to see anyone who is keen to lend a hand or who may have exciting new ideas (particularly newcomers to the village), so why not come along to hear our plans, washed down with a glass of wine. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend but would still like to offer assistance, please give us a ring. Many thanks.

Phill Errett 810547
Yvonne Sheppard 810341

Christian Aid Auction

The recent Auction turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. Despite the appalling, wet weather, the villagers who turned up were treated to a large selection of bargains entertainingly auctioned by John Elliott.

The Traidcraft stall run by Drina and Pam, who also did a steady trade from the great variety of items for sale. If anyone wishes to purchase Traidcraft items in the future, Drina (810405) will be only too delighted to take your order.

All the tasty Traidcraft refreshments, supplied together with the wine, were much appreciated by those attending the auction.

Together with other donations, a sum of nearly £300 was raised; so grateful thanks go to all those who attended and contributed to making the evening such a worthwhile event. Any further donations will be most welcome and should be forwarded to Yvonne Sheppard at 'Threeways'.

Phill Errett

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Joan and Bacchus Baughn left Ringmore and made way for Mike & Jacqueline Patterson . . . Parish Councillors had concerned discussions about the Newsletter but they gave the Editor their full support (*phew!*) . . . It was proposed that the Coronation Seat on Rocky Path should be replaced using the surplus from funds raised to replace the Bus Shelter . . . Sir Douglas Hall invited everyone to the annual Trojan Car Rally.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The Parish Council considered placing a new free-standing Notice Board against the wall of All Hallows

Royal British Legion

Our thanks to Mike Hammond for a fascinating insight into pipelines and fuel depots in Iraq. It never ceases to amaze me what people did before they came to live in our fabulous villages and take a well earned rest.

Next meeting Wednesday 7th June 7.30pm at the Old Chapel Inn, St Ann's Chapel.

Robbie McCarthy
Hon Secretary



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The May meeting, though perhaps not one of the most keenly anticipated on our calendar, was the discussion on this year's Resolutions (these are always concerning matters of national interest and importance) We were fortunate to have guidance from VCO Merial Connell.

This year the subjects under discussion were Renewable Energy (a rather emotional matter at the moment) and Sport for a Healthy Population, which led to a quite healthy argument.

Do not forget our Barbecue, in aid of the Shekinah Centre, on 8th June. Hopefully, the wet spell will be over by then!

Naomi Warne

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RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY THE RINGMORE YEWES

There are three yew trees in the All Hallows churchyard. The largest of the three is a fine and very ancient English yew. It has a girth of more than 12 feet, and this means that it is several hundred years old.

A small event to celebrate the presence of this noble and interesting tree is being planned for 9th August 2006. The plan is to measure the tree's girth by a prescribed method, to calculate its approximate age, and to record the measurement of the tree and the names of all those present in a special book. We hope very much that children in the village will come along to help measure the tree and to enjoy the happy occasion. Some appropriate fertilizer will be applied to the base of the tree, after which everyone will be invited to enjoy some light refreshments provided by the Ringmore Historical Society.

The measuring will be done as precisely as possible and in accordance with a procedure suggested by English Heritage at the Millennium, when many rural communities celebrated the splendour and usefulness of their churchyard yews and established the practice of recording their growth every two or three years.

WEDNESDAY

9th August

4.30pm

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SCYPEN

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Entrance fee is £2 for adults, children free and teas and cakes will be available at reasonable prices.



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For many, supermarket shopping is tedium personified. Tesco recognizes this with their Home Delivery service. Sainsburys and Waitrose are apologetic about not delivering to many postcodes and each offers an email address or telephone number by which you can register your interest in having your shopping delivered to your doorstep. Other Department Stores are beginning to recognize the growing demand.

However Ringmore remains poorly served by some stores. If you wish to change the way these big stores do business, you could badger them with requests. Alternatively, you could phone Holywell Stores who have been known to deliver a tube of smarties.

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Ringmore Parish Council Meeting
 Tuesday, 23rd May
 Present Six councillors;
 Mrs Margaret Wood (Clerk);
 Mrs Jane Guy - tree warden,
 Apologies from Cllr J Patterson and Mr David Young (Neighbourhood Watch)

Election of Chairman
 Cllr G Dykes, proposed by Cllr C Jackson and seconded by Cllr T Mann, was unanimously voted in as Chairman for another twelve-month term of office. The position of Vice-Chairman was not filled. Cllr Dykes was also re-elected as the Council's representative on the Parish Room Committee.

Skip
 Once again the skip proved to be in great demand with the residents being able to discard their annual accumulation of unwanted items. A successful asset!

Planning
 Approval - extension to Marwell Cross Gardens.
 Application - external staircase to serve as a fire escape at Marwell House - the council had no objections.

Correspondence
 An apology was received from Mr John Simes for his non-attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. In response to a letter, two members of the Kingsbridge and Salcombe Area Partnership will be invited to speak at the June meeting of the Council.

Next Meeting
 Tuesday, 20th June, WI Hall at 7.00pm.
 Thelma Mann

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
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Ploughman's Lunch
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Och. Awa' the noo

'There's no doubt; you're a champion hoarder!
Said Anne, sorting out the disorder.
After which both the Dykes
Set off on their bikes
And disappeared north of the border.

In a stew

The rabbits entered the plot
The vegetables, they ate the lot
Then along came Phill Errett
With his trusty ferret
Now we have some left for the pot

COMPASSED

Young Pete and Ben set a pace
They were doing so well in the race
Then they hit a big Eddy
And became quite unsteady
And they found themselves about face

MUTTERATION

Their picnic they took to the park
But the dog continued to bark
And the day was so Grey
For the last week in May
That it wasn't much of a lark

GARDENING LEAVE

The plants they wanted feeding
And the garden needed weeding
They said to their Young
Please dig in some dung
And we'll just sit here reading

Limericks

LUCK

My friend, shall we call him the fluker?
(by no stretch could you say a good-looker)
He's called Phillip Erit,
His shots earn no merit,
But Fluker's a champion at snooker.

DISTURBANCE

A pop-singer everyone knows,
Came to Ringmore but why? Heaven knows.
For a bit of a lark
He woke up old Stark
With a chorus from one of his shows.

SALVATION

Whenever our footing we miss,
And we tumble towards the abyss,
Sandy comes to our aid,
So don't be afraid.
But remember to give her a kiss.

ADVICE TO POETS

In case anyone hasn't yet heard
The new rule that has just been incurred,
Our editor, Dykes
Says that he dislikes
Any use of the four-letter word

A Hazed Manner

At a party one hot Summer's day
Much to her husband's dismay
A lady called Pitt
Who'd drunk quite a bit
Did a wonderful lap-dance display.

The Knees have it

Hello magazine, so I hear
Will award 'short wearer of the year'
We are sure it must be
Our own John Bracey
With Dane only second I fear.

Cela ne fait rien

A 4ft tall black Labrador
Has been seen on the prowl in Ringmore
Asked what he did see
Footpath Warden McCarthy
Said 'I think it was just a wild boar'.

RINGMORE

Ringmore is a good place to be,
On a hill by a beach near the sea,
Or so we are told
By the Young and the Old,
And the likes of the you and the me.

DANGER

When icicles hang by the wall,
And on days when thick snow's apt to fall,
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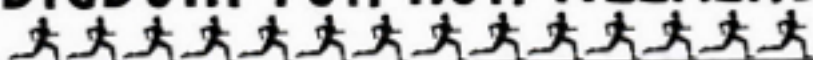
DIARY FOR JUNE / JULY



- Thurs 1st Jun** SARAH'S 25th BIRTHDAY PARTY
7pm onwards - adult party games???
- Sun 11th Jun** QUIZ NIGHT - Starting at 8.30pm
- Fri 16th Jun** KAYLEIGH'S 18th BIRTHDAY PARTY - 7.30pm
- Sun 18th Jun** FATHER'S DAY - 2 sittings - 12pm & 2pm
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- Tues 20th Jun** Restaurant fully booked at lunchtime
No 'Over 60's Lunches today

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

BIGBURY FUN RUN WEEKEND



- Sun 25th Jun** FOOTBALL MATCH - 'Bigbury Boozer's' v
'The Leicester Lads' - K.O. 10.30am
 - Sun 16th Jul** FOOTBALL MATCH - 'Bigbury Boozer's' v
'The Ladies' - K.O. 11am followed by the
FUN RUN PRESENTATION at 3pm with
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Barbecue time!

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6.30 p.m.

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food and a glass of either cider, wine or fruit juice. And
by food, we mean not just what's cooked on the barbie;
there's fruit cake and a choice of cheeses as well.

There will be two raffles (one of a chicken dinner), and a
stall stocked with plants for those who still have some
gaps in the flower beds.

All profits from the evening are going to the Shekinah
Mission, which works amongst homeless and other
needy people in Plymouth.

Do join us!

Entertainment

Last Month

Some claimed to have found this
teaser more than testing but it did not
stop the keen competitors from gaining
full marks - Matchman, Taurus, Half
Baked and The Opals. Three marks to
everyone and one mark to Frequent
Visitor who never stays long enough to
get the answer right.

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

Addendum: Last month The Opals
submitted a correct answer before
publication and so receive 2.9 marks,
rounded up to three.

This Month

Find the longest word concealed in the
grid below. I am tempted to give you a
clue but I won't. I will say, only as a
comment, merely that is a bit of a
stinker. Good luck!

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

WANTED

ESTIMATOR

APPLY WITHIN

OPEN DAY

MARKLAND - RINGMORE

Wednesday 5th July

10.am - 6.00pm

Prior to her move to Ivybridge, Mickey Trant will be holding an Open Day at Markland at which she wishes to dispose of household items which she cannot take with her.

Mickey asks for donations to charity for Kitchenware, Crockery, Garden Furniture, Garden Tools, and a Lawnmower. Also available, will be a Creda Tumble Drier which is still under guarantee, price £75.

*Everyone will be welcome
Please drop in*

PRECEPT MINISTRIES

UK Study Day

A Day on
Biblical Prayer



Thurlestone Hotel

Friday

23rd June

9.00am - 5.30pm

£25

Includes material
and
finger buffet lunch



Contact Fran Wilmot for details
and registration form 810034