

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

January 2007

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Happy New Year to you all. We're entering into 2007 with lots of ideas for the Newsletter but we do need your support. As such please feel free to contact us with your favourite things about the South Hams, any recipes you wish to share and if you've read a good book lately, let us know.

As Editors our decision is final on what we print and whilst we want to include everything you submit there may be times when we feel that maybe a village Newsletter isn't quite the right forum.

A call to all residents in Challaborough. HELP! We need a reserve delivery person to help out on the occasions when Linda isn't around. Please call Emily or Debbie if you would like to volunteer. If we have no interest we may need to deliver all copies to a central place (Parkdean possibly) for you to collect your issues.

For any of you planning an event in 2007 where fireworks will be let off please be advised that as a news service to the village we are more than happy to print a prior warning of date and time at no charge to you! We have some four legged friends who aren't too keen on big bangs without prior notice!

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☆☆ And finally, our Bazaar. What a terrific morning. The Newsletter funds were increased by £380 which we made on the entry fee, raffles, teas and table hire. All 12 tables hired were extremely pleased with the sales they made (and got to keep) and we're already taking bookings for this year (1/12/07). Our grateful thanks to the WI for the use of the Hall which added to the atmosphere.
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DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Please see JE page for all their events

Monday: Short-mat bowls Parish Room 7.30pm
Tuesday: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
Thursday: Quiz Night—JE pm

January:
11/1 WI meeting 7.30pm
17/1 Theme evening JE
17/1 Historical Society lecture WI Hall 7.30pm
23/1 Ringmore Parish Council Meeting 7pm
24/1 Interparish Quiz, JE 8pm
26/1 RNLI SOS call evening at the JE
28/1 Radio Devon Broadcast 4.30pm
31/1 WI whist drive 7.30pm

February
7/2 RBL meeting, Old Chapel Inn 7.30pm

LOST!

A table tennis cover has been blown away!! It is approximately 5ft square and is light blue in colour. If anyone has any sightings please phone 811210

MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 12th & 26th	
Ringmore Church	2.55—3.15
Challaborough	3.25—3.35
St Ann's Chapel	2.30—2.45
Kingston Fire Station	4.00—4.30



Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to: Emily Bohnet or Debbie Chicken

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GARDENING TIPS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Continue digging over the ground incorporating manure. Don't dig when the soil is wet such that it sticks to boots and tools.

Cover bare ground with leaves, weed cloth, straw or similar to prevent soil erosion. Beds to be dug first in spring can be covered with polythene so prevent them from becoming waterlogged. This will allow them to be dug earlier.

Collect fallen leaves and store them in containers made from chicken wire or in plastic bags. Leaves break down to form leaf mould, an excellent soil supplement.

Collect remaining crop residues or other organic matter and add to the compost heap.

Put out bird seed and fat balls to feed birds through the winter.

Cover compost bins to keep the rain out and heat in.

Set up water butts to collect rain water from shed and greenhouse roofs.

Remove yellowing leaves from winter brassicas. These are not useful to the plant and will encourage botrytis to develop.

Check stored crops removing any showing signs of rot.

If your pond freezes over frogs can be deprived of oxygen. Floating a small ball in the pond will keep a small area clear.

Protect the curds of cauliflowers to keep them white and delaying the time when they will open up by bending or tiering the inner leaves over them.

Net winter brassicas to protect them from pigeon damage.

Earth up spring cabbages to anchor them better in high winds.



Keep your eyes open for the Harlequin Ladybird



Harlequin Ladybird, note the size and white patches at the pronotum (area between the head and the wing cases)

The Ladybird Survey would like you to record any sightings and to inform them.

Their website is: www.harlequin-survey.org

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Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Jan 7 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service (with Prayer for Healing)
14 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Communion
17 th	2.30 p.m. Communion at the Korniloff		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
21 st	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service with Childrens Club [& Marshall Family Baptism]	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Feb 4 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service

A BETTER NEW YEAR?

I expect that many will have stayed up to midnight on the 31st. It is sort of expected that we see the New Year in. A midnight phone call to say "Happy New Year" became a mini tradition for my parents once they thought we would be anchored to our home with young children. For those who are lonely it all seems somewhat empty, especially if it is early after the loss of a loved one. Others following a good year will have stayed up to welcome in a New Year that they hope will be as good as, or even better than, the last. Some will be looking back and saying "Thank goodness 2006 is over".

Glass half empty, or glass half full personalities are clichés; but the key is what is in the glass. A half of 'doom' if you mean the beer of that name is vastly different to a half of gloom. If it is something good in the glass, fine; but if it is bitterness, resentment or picking up old scars the contents need disposal. None of us can afford to let past poisons sabotage future possibilities. Lying awake at night trying to solve the impossible, or pondering the actions of others can only lead to frustration. Picking at scabs leads to long term ugly scars.

An old friend used to tell us that too many folk in this land suffer from what he called 'Christian heart disease' which he labelled 'hardening of the oughteries'. At least the Bible is honest about the weaknesses of key characters, and not like those with a critical spirit who tell us, or even preach at us, to not do the very things they do themselves. Paul, thank God, who wrote some fairly demanding instructions, was honest enough to admit that he struggled. "I know the law but ... can't keep it ...sin keeps sabotaging my best intentions" he wrote as he encouraged the Church in Rome to face the hard challenges of life. He went on to say that he needed help to do good, and live up to his resolutions.

We all need that help, and it comes freely offered in forgiveness and strengthening through the Holy Spirit of God who can transform us to be more like Jesus, wherever we start from. He is available if, like Paul, we have the humility to recognise our weakness and also the strength of purpose to seek God's help.

*Pam & John wish you all a peaceful
and a good New Year*

S.O.S Kingston Fire Station

The nearest Devon Fire and Rescue Service station to cover Ringmore and Challaborough is in the nearby village of Kingston.

Kingston first raised a crew in 1949 as a need was identified for local cover.

Prior to this the nearest fire station was Kingsbridge with an estimated response time of between 20 and 30 minutes. To this day Kingston hold the distinction of being the last volunteer station in Devon.

The role of the fire-fighter has evolved over the years and this is reflected in the amount of equipment carried and in the training of the crew. Each crew member is fully trained in fire behaviour and breathing apparatus techniques. This is reinforced annually by live fire training at the Service Headquarters 'hot house' in Exeter. Other training areas include road traffic incidents, water safety and rope rescues, advanced driving methods as well as basic pump and ladder skills.. Several members are also qualified first aiders.

Devon Fire and Rescue Service is also committed to community fire safety. The view being that prevention is better than cure! This takes many forms ranging from school visits to open days and includes safety information and fitment of battery powered domestic smoke alarms. Call the fire safety helpline on 01392 812288 for further details.



SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

But only if they are working! When was the last time you checked yours? A new battery should be fitted to each alarm annually. If you don't have a smoke alarm call Devon Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 7311822 to arrange for the fitment of a new battery powered one. A home safety check is also available.

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January, 2007

Paul & Juliet at The Journey's End Inn would like to say a big thank you for making Christmas & New Year ... our first in Ringmore... such a wonderful one!

NEWSLETTER

NEWSFLASH!!!!

Please note we will be **CLOSED** for the evening on Tuesday 9th and lunch Wednesday 10th January as Maria (Paul's mother) is treating us to a city break in Paris. Our regular opening hours will resume as of 6pm on Wednesday. We will be holding our 55+ Lunch Club (see Below) on Thursday so nobody missed out!
Merci, au revoir et voyez-vous le mercredi!

What a fun night we had on **New Year's Eve**, we are very thankful to our staff who, especially Jamie who's food was a great success. We really enjoyed ourselves and the feedback from the village seems that everyone else did too!

Theme Night's are to start at The Journey's End on **17-January** with Jules cooking her delicious Thai food, all 'themed' main courses £6.50. Then different cuisine each **Wednesday** from then on, keep a look out on the notice board to see where the dishes will be from each week.

We are supporting the **RNLI SOS Call** by hosting a **Fish & Chip Dinner on Friday 26-** at £10 per head with a pint. We will be donating a portion of our takings to train the lifesaving crews. Please come and show your support for an important service that hopefully we will never have to rely upon. On that evening you will also be able to take part in our raffle and guess the pennies game for fun prizes all in aid of such a worthy cause.

We are re-branding our Pensioner's Lunch to include other villager's and will be known as the **Wednesday's 55+ Lunch Club!** Set Menu for £3.95 for 2 courses Chef Jamie changing the offering each week a good time to enjoy a smaller portion of menu favourites.

Quiz nights will continue throughout the month of January. Please continue signing up we have posted the February dates, so please plan to be a quizmaster soon!

Calendar of events

- Wednesday 17- Theme Night's Begin at the JE with Jules cooking Thai Sunday
- Wednesday 24- Inter Parish Quiz - come and support your village team!
- Friday 26- RNLI SOS NIGHT - Enjoy our Fish & Chip Dinner & Support an excellent cause

As always our **regular weekly events** will be taking place each week, so don't miss out on these:

Quiz Night - Thursday Night with nibbles as always

55+ Lunch Club - Every Wednesday Lunch enjoy a set menu for £3.95

Theme Nights - Wednesday Night come and eat for £6.50 (starting on 17-Jan)

What's special about the South Hams?- We'd like to hear about where, what or who makes the South Hams special to you. Drop us a line...

Where does one start, there's so much to like in the South Hams! Well, at the risk of unknowingly plagiarising Mr Deverson's marvellous piece in these very pages a few months back, here goes:


The rivers/estuaries: We're lucky in Ringmore to be sandwiched between two fantastic rivers. The Avon to the east is equal parts majestic, beautiful - even spectacular but the Erme estuary to the west will always get my vote. We've been visiting Mothecombe for over twenty years now but since our move to Ringmore we have enjoyed the delights of the Wonwell side of the estuary. At low tide there are fantastic dog walks to be had and at high tide, particularly on a summers evening, there are few better places for a paddle or a swim. And the views either up or downstream are magical.

The sky: On a sunny day, the blue sky is really BLUE! On a clear night the stars provide a stunning canopy, unblemished by light pollution. Okay, so there are days when the sky is literally right on top of you and the rain seemingly coming in horizontally, but on these days it's nice to be tucked up at home with the fire on - or.....


At the pub : But which one? Well there's nothing wrong with a little bit of local bias so why not the Journey's End where, along with a warm welcome (and just to keep the South Hams theme going), you can enjoy a great pint (or two) of bitter from where else but the South Hams Brewery.

This month's submission from Pete Chicken

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QUIZ PAGE

CHOCOLATE QUIZ ANSWERS

Hope you had fun with these and didn't eat too many...

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| 1. High class thoroughfare | A. Quality Street |
| 2. Money making royalty | A. Mint Imperial |
| 3. Dark occult | A. Black Magic |
| 4. Mother's local | A. Mars Bar |
| 5. Clever folk | A. Smarties |
| 6. Various black items | A. Liquorice Allsorts |
| 7. Sport for Princes | A. Polo |
| 8. Frankie Vaughan wanted it | A. Moonlight |
| 9. Good children get these | A. Treats |
| 10. Feline equipment | A. Kit Kat |
| 11. Garden flowers | A. Roses |
| 12. Assorted girls | A. Dolly Mixture |
| 13. Dairy holder | A. Milk Tray |
| 14. Arrange marriage partners | A. Matchmakers |
| 15. Edible fasteners | A. Chocolate Buttons |
| 16. Wobbly infants | A. Jelly Babies |
| 17. Talk quietly | A. Wispa |
| 18. Big bus | A. Double Decker |
| 19. Gem orchard | A. Opal Fruits |
| 20. Spin around | A. Twirl |
| 21. Capital granite | A. Edinburgh Rock |

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| 35. Reward | A. Bounty |
| 36. Ten cent pub | A. Dime Bar |
| 37. Toothless drink | A. Wine gums |
| 38. Lost them....? | A. Marble |

For those of you who had a wander and couldn't find last months picture.....it's the breather pipe in Rectory Lane.

How about this one?



Ringmore Parish Room

FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY



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January Sudoku

			6		7	2	
7	1					5	
9				3			
	5		4				
4			3		1		8
				5		6	
			2				4
	9					3	2
	3	4		9			

How to Play

Fill in the grid so that every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9, with no repetition!

That's all there is to it. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic - there's no maths involved and no adding up.

It's fun. It's challenging! It's addictive!

December solution

3	9	1	4	7	6	2	8	5
6	2	8	1	9	5	3	4	7
4	7	5	2	8	3	6	1	9
9	1	4	6	3	2	5	7	8
7	6	3	8	5	9	1	2	4
5	8	2	7	4	1	9	3	6
8	5	6	3	1	7	4	9	2
2	3	7	9	6	4	8	5	1
1	4	9	5	2	8	7	6	3

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Enigma - January—new rules to entice more entries....

From this month we are introducing a "Premiership" to Enigma. Each member of the Premiership will take a turn in submitting an Enigma for their league to try. The submitting entrant gains 3 points for entry. If no-one is successful in completing the puzzle 100% correctly the setter gains another 3 points. If you successfully complete the puzzle you earn 3 points. No other points are available. The Premiership members can still enter the "normal" Enigma but will not be able to win it, they can only win in their league. We suggest the Premiership to be from the top 4 of 2006 ie Matchman, The Opals, Taurus and The Springers. If anyone else out there feels they wish to be included to make the Premiership up to 6 members and therefore two submissions each during the year please contact Debbie or Emily.

Premiership Enigma set by Taurus

Word spiral - Fill in the grid in a clockwise direction with four-letter words. The last letter of each word becomes the first letter of the next word. If you have correctly filled in the grid, there should be a seven-letter word in the darker squares.

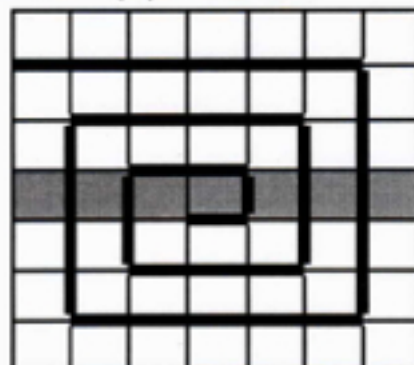
Clues: 1. Sudden movement 2. Baking device

3. Bouquet 4. Per 5. Heavy 6. Take off 7. Sense

8. Plunder 9. Group 10. Chief 11. Boy's name

12. Skinny 13. Common sense 14. Catch

15. German tennis player 16. Confront



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Wed 3rd Jan

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Fri 5th Jan

Darts Team K.O. Competition - 8pm

Sat 13th Jan

KYRIE'S 'OZ' SEND OFF PARTY - Australian Theme - Get your corked hats and kangaroo pouches out!

Sun 14th Jan

OPEN FROM 12-4pm ONLY

Sun 28th Jan

QUIZ NIGHT - 8.30pm

Simple Enigma: The time is twenty-six minutes to one in the afternoon. The year is 1978 and the date is May 6th. What is the significance of this?

Enigma - December Solution

The quotation was by Oscar Wilde (blame the internet source for the wrong date of death!) and the quote is:

A MaN CaNnOt Be Too CaReFuL IN The CHoiCe oF HiS eNeMieS

Correct entries from: Taurus, Matchman, Romeo Drifter, New Dawn, Half Baked, Gemini, The Springers, Real Sleuth, Mrs Jones score 3 points each but only 2.5 points go to The Beginners and Toudawgz as they both put NAMES rather than ENEMIES.

Therefore the winner of Enigma 2006 is Matchman with 29.5 points. Coming a close joint second were Taurus and The Opals with 29 points and The Springers with 25. Well done to all who took part during 2006.

See left for new rules for 2007!

Royal British Legion News

There is no meeting of the RBL in January, therefore the next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February at the Old Chapel Inn starting at 7.30pm. David Young will be presented with a County Certificate to mark his 12 years as Branch Chairman at the Devon Conference on Saturday 13th January. Our congratulations and thanks to David for his dedicated leadership.

WI Whist Drive

Wednesday 31st January 2007 at 7.30pm

Don't worry if you've forgotten how to play - mince pies and mulled wine will feed and lubricate the brain.

Lots of prizes to be won.

Tickets £2 to include mince pies & a glass of mulled wine available from Pam Brunskill (810654) or Pat King (810359)



January Meeting

The first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 11th January, starting with W.I. business at 7.30 p.m. and followed by the monthly Open Meeting at 8 p.m.

For our Open Meeting this month, we welcome David Snelling and "Operation Henry". In 2002, David undertook a 2,000 km walk with Henry the Hinny along the Pilgrims' Way of St James from Le Puy-en-Velay in central France through the mountainous terrain of the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. What started out as a Millennium fund-raising journey evolved into a grant-giving charitable trust which supports cancer research, relief and respite care.

David is well-known in the Ivybridge area, and has spoken at a number of other W.I. meetings. As well as the talk, there is the opportunity to ask questions; in addition, there are OHP slides, music, display tableaux and a chance to purchase souvenirs.

This is an "Open Meeting" – that is, open to everyone. So you don't have to be a W.I. member and men are equally welcome to come and listen to David, and learn more about the excellent work he is doing. Given the number of cancer sufferers known to us personally, this is a work we would want to support, so come along and enjoy listening to someone who has found an effective, if unusual, way of doing something positive.

W.I. Hall

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as these mammals contain bacteria which is very harmful to humans.

So that we can monitor the strandings and take these beautiful creatures for post mortem your first point of contact is Pam Denis- Noel on 810585 who is the representative and will do the necessary tagging. If however you are unable to get hold of Pam then please contact Brixham Seawatch on: 07712 587799

News from All Hallows

Village Christmas Tree

Grateful thanks to Dane & Hilary for once again supplying the Village with another splendid Christmas Tree. Situated at the entrance to the church it makes a very welcoming sight to anyone coming into to the village, especially during the evenings. Thanks also to Dave Knight for providing some of the equipment ensuring the tree was able to withstand whatever conditions the Devon weather could throw at it. Alan McCarthy's assistance in the tree installation is also very much appreciated.

Wreath

Thank you to Paul and Jules who supplied the large wreath hung on the Church front door, it was much appreciated. We wish them well, for 2007, at the Journey's End as it does play an important part in our lovely village community spirit.

Carol Service

A big thank you to all of you who made the Candlelit Carol service on Christmas Eve such an enjoyable occasion. The music played by Fiona, Lucie and Oliver was excellent and led to some inspired carol singing. It was great to see our lovely decorated church packed out (sorry if you had to stand) with villagers, visitors and guests. Thanks also to all those of you that read out a lesson between the Carols which can be quite a daunting task in front of so many people. The mulled wine washed down the mince pies, supplied by various villagers, rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

Sundial

Planned repairs to the Slate Sundial above the front door of the Church will commence in early January. The Sundial is in a poor state of repair and is going to be quite costly to effect a satisfactory and adequate restoration - any contributions will be greatly appreciated. The work must be carried out as a matter of urgency to ensure no further deterioration occurs to the Sundial or, at the worst, parts falls off the wall causing injury. This repair to the Sundial will require **scaffolding to be erected** either side of the front door. **Please take care** while it is in situ, although hopefully for a brief period only. The Sundial may well have to be removed to carry out the restoration work but should be fully and safely operational in time for the Spring Sunshine.

Thanks

Finally, a very big Thank You, to all of you who have helped in so many ways in keeping our church such a credit to the village throughout the year. So to you all - cleaners, door keepers, flower arrangers, churchyard gardeners, readers, bellringers, sidesmen, sacristan & refreshments, many many thanks - it really is all very much appreciated. Not forgetting, of course, Dane & Hillary who provide so much support to us throughout the year at our various functions.

Wishing you all a very Happy, Joyful, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous 2007

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Church Ward

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SUNDAY 28TH January.
104.3FM. BBC Radio Devon
has recorded a play telling
how the village of Hallsands
fell victim to the sea. The
play will go out in episodes
during January 2007 and the
omnibus edition is timed for
the weekend of the 90th
anniversary of the great
storm of 26th January 1917.

At the turn of the 19/20th
century, Hallsands was a
thriving fishing village with
37 houses, a pub and a
population of 159. Today little
remains apart from broken
foundations and crumbling
walls.

BBC Radio Devon's play

"Hallsands" follows the
events leading up to the great
storm and includes the role
played by Sir John Jackson
and his civil engineering firm.

A group of "amateur actors"
from Ringmore accepted an
invitation from the BBC to
celebrate New Year (1902) in
a rowdy pub scene recorded
in the Cricket Inn at
Beesands - and the voice of
Sir John Jackson, in other
episodes, may sound familiar
to some of us.

Hallsands and Beesands,
seemed to provide the
obvious solution Dredging
started in 1896 but, after a
few years, Hallsands beach
began to gradually slip away
to fill the void. As the sea
crept closer, holes appeared
in the roads, houses collapsed
and fishermen had to drag

RAINFALL: Robbie McCarthy

Last month:	4.88
Ten year average:	5.05
Ten year high:	8.25
Ten year low:	2.5



Neighbourhood Watch

The Police have recently advised that two white males have been trying to gain access to private properties on the pretence of looking for work etc. and once inside one will engage you in conversation while the other will quickly look around for any money or small items of value that may be available. If in any doubt at all call the police on 08705 777444 and report your suspicion.

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ATTENTION Ringmore Car Thieves

At 4.00am Wednesday 27th December 2006, two men were seen acting suspiciously near a house in Ringmore.

Upon reporting this incident to the police, we were advised by them that this was similar to another occurrence elsewhere in the South Hams and the intention of the persons was believed to be the theft of cars from driveways.

If anyone sees anyone acting suspiciously, please report it to the police. If you see a vehicle being driven around the village in the early hours, please take its registration number.

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society held its Annual General Meeting on November 22nd when Nineteen members attended.

Di Collinson was elected Chair to replace the outgoing Chairman Jacqueline Patterson, who has served for ten years on the Committee, the last four as Chairman. Tribute was paid to Jacqueline for all the work she has undertaken for the Society while serving on the Committee. She intends to remain an active member of the Society.

The following were elected at the meeting:

Treasurer: Michael Patterson

Secretary, Barry Old

Hon. Auditor, Michael Hammond

Committee members:

Meribah Stark, Ardene Bennett, Pat King, Michael Tagent, Dennis Collinson

A proposed amendment to the Constitution to limit the Committee to a total of eight members including the three Officers was approved unanimously.

Following the meeting there was a light-hearted quiz with an historical theme, ably presented by Michael Tagent.

The Society's programme for 2007 has been finalised and the first lecture is on **January 17th, 7.30pm** at the **W.I Hall**. The subject is **Admiral Sir Cloudesley Shovell** and the speaker is **Alan Miller-Williams**.

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Chinese New Year

The old Chinese calendar is different from the Western calendar. It is based on the movement of the moon. Each time a new moon appears, a new month begins. This makes the Chinese year ten days shorter than the Western year, which is based on movements of the sun. The moon based year is called a lunar year and the sun based year a solar year. The difference between the two kinds of years is made up by adding an extra month to the lunar year every two or three years. The date of the New Year changes every year, but it always falls between January 21st and February 20th.

Preparation for the festival begins at least 10 days before the event. People clean out their homes and shops. Special fairs are held each evening to sell flowers, paintings, drawings and crockery.

On New Year's Eve, all the family gather together at home to see in the New Year. Outside the celebrations begin on the stroke of midnight. Fireworks explode in the streets to frighten away the spirits of the old year.

The lily is the symbol of the Chinese New Year. The legend says that if the lily plant blooms and grows well, you shall have a prosperous year. But if the lily doesn't bud, bad luck will be in store.

Today, in the Chinese areas of London and in other large cities, the local Chinese people celebrate the New Year with processions through the streets. These are led by friendly dragons which knock on each door to bring good luck.

Broccoli and Stilton Soup

2tbsp olive oil
1 clove garlic
1/2 onion, sliced
30g/1oz butter
1 handful grated potato
290ml/1/2 pint vegetable stock
1/2 head broccoli, chopped
75g/3floz double cream
1 tsp thyme, chopped

Method

1. Sauté the garlic and onion in the butter and oil for 2-3 minutes.
2. Add the potato and stock and simmer for 7-8 minutes until the potato is tender.
3. Add all the other ingredients and simmer for 2-3 minutes.
4. Blend the soup in a food processor.
5. Pour into a bowl and serve.

Preparation time less than 30minutes

Cooking time less than 10 minutes



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Ringmore Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday 12th December 2006 at 7.00pm

Present: Six councillors, Mrs M Wood - clerk and Mr D Young - Neighbourhood watch.

Apologies: From Cllr. C Jackson

Neighbourhood Watch: Nothing to report

Footpaths: Cllr. McCarthy reported that, in the recent strong winds, four trees were blown down. They have since been removed.

Town Well: In order to be able to enjoy the view from the seat, the council are putting in an application to cut down one tree that is blocking the view and trimming down another.

Traffic calming: The Parish Council feels it has exhausted this question for the time being.

Planning: Alterations to Higher Manor Bungalow have been approved.

The work on Markland - approved. The council objected to the illuminated sign over Castaways shop on the Bigbury Parish side of Parkdean Caravan Park and will be sending a letter to the District council to this effect.

Finance: Council contribution to newsletter £15.00
Kingston mother and toddler group £50.00
Clerk's salary and expenses £189.38
Annual rent of WI hall £73.50
Ivybridge and District Quiz £15.00

The council has set the precept for the year 2007 at £3,200 the same as this year - 2006.

Date of the next meeting - Tuesday 23rd January 2007 at 7.00pm

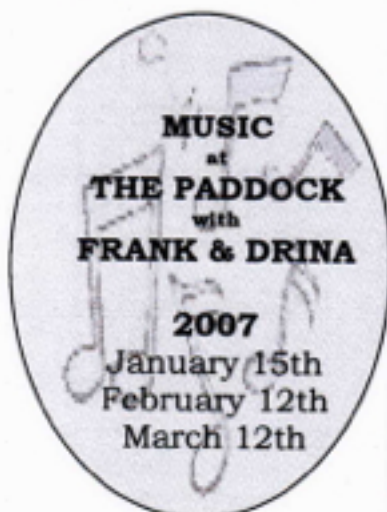
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January

The word January comes from the name of a Roman god, Janus, who was the patron of births. Imagine a strange figure: a god with two faces. A god who looks forward and who looks back. He carries a key in his left hand. This is Janus. The Romans worshipped him in a temple that was kept open during war, and closed in times of peace. The Romans regarded him as the protector of their gates and doorways. His temple had twelve doors in it, each representing a month in the year. Through a gate there is both a going and a coming in, and so Janus became god of Beginnings and Ends.

The Legend of the Animals

A long time ago there were 12 animals, a rat, an ox, a tiger, a dragon, a snake, a horse, a ram, a monkey, a cockerel, a dog and a pig. One day they were all arguing. They wanted every year to have one of their names, and each one of them wanted to be first. The gods ordered them to stop arguing and told them to race across the nearby river. The animal that won would have the first year named after it. All the animals lined up and on the orders of the god the great race began. The ox was very strong and was soon leading, but the rat was clever and grabbed hold of the ox's tail and climbed up onto its back. The ox did not even know that the rat was there and felt sure he was going to win. Just as the ox reached the other side of the river, the rat ran along its back, down its nose and jumped off onto the land. The ox was very surprised and could not understand how the rat had managed to reach the end first. The gods laughed and declared the rat the winner, and that this should be the year of the rat. The ox came next, followed by the tiger, the hare, the dragon, the snake, the horse, the ram, the monkey, the cockerel, the dog and last of all the pig.



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