

Ringmore Parish Newsletter

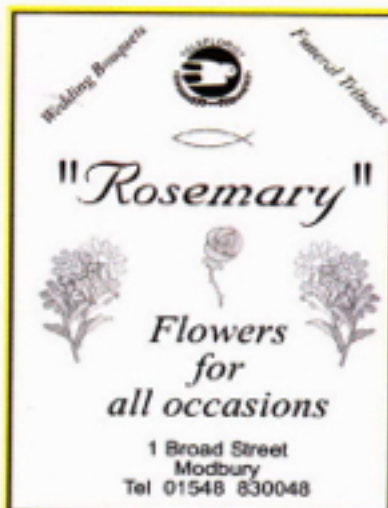
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Deadline : 9am Monday 26th March

Mother's Day (18th March)

Our competition this month is to win a bouquet of flowers, to be delivered or collected, kindly supplied by Rosemary the florist in Modbury and of course a Ringmore resident. The bouquet will be delivered on the Saturday prior to Mother's Day anywhere between Plymouth and Dartmouth or if further afield this can be discussed with Rosemary. Alternatively arrangements can be made for collection. (Our winner last month for a meal at the Oyster Shack was James Parkin.) Please get your answer to us by Monday 12th March.



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In Greek mythology who was the Mother of the Gods?

- A) Rhea
- B) Theia
- C) Gaia

Christine Brunel-Cohen

It was with great sadness that the village heard that Christine Brunel-Cohen died on 15th February. Although their home was in London, the hearts of John and Christine have always belonged in Ringmore and over twenty years they have consistently spent as much time as they could at Ayrmer View. Christine loved Ringmore, its inhabitants and all the village activities. It is for this reason a Thanksgiving Service is being held at All Hallows on 8th March. She will be greatly missed.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Monday: Short-mat bowls Parish Room -7.30pm
Tuesday: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
Thursday: Quiz Night—JE 9.00pm

- 7/3 RBL meeting, Dolphin Inn, Kingston 7.30pm
- 8/3 Thanksgiving Service for Chrisine Brunel-Cohen
- 8/3 WI Meeting 7.30pm
- 10/3 SWD Conservative Association 10.30- 12.00
Bigbury Memorial Hall
- 14/3 Ringmore Historical Society 7.30pm
- 15/3 Red Nose Day Quiz Journey's End
- 18/3 Mothering Sunday Lunch at Journey's End
- 20/3 Parish Council meeting 7.00pm
- 31/3 Church clean

APRIL

- 27/4 RBL Evening of Verse & Worse 7.30pm
Royal Oak

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Colin and Jenny Jackson much happiness in their new home in Broadclyst. They have always taken part fully in all aspects of village life and will be much missed.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 9th & 23rd	
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



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Ringmore Parish Newsletter, 8 Crossways, Ringmore,
TQ7 4HP OR put them in the green post-box fixed on
the wall by the front-door of Mayfield OR email:
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GARDENING IN MARCH

Borders tend to look bedraggled now. A few hours of spring cleaning will save you more work later in the year.



Prune late flowering shrubs and late summer and autumn flowering clematis now to ensure neat plants with flowers at eye level, not high up.

Cut back perennials and ornamental grasses before new growth becomes entangled with old.

Weed now to save time later. They may not look too bad yet but, just as your prized blooms begin to grow, so will weeds.

Give your borders a feed with a general purpose fertiliser.

Most lawns are ready for their first cut sometime in March, but raise the blades on your mower, as grass requires gentle treatment at this time of the year. While there is any danger of frost, keep your grass at least 0.5in long.

Finally give your patio, paving and walls a spring clean. Use a pressure washer if available to remove dirt and algae - they use less water than a hose, are quicker and more effective.

Birds in your garden.

Devon is a haven for birds and has some of the best sites for bird-watching in the country. With the changing climate it's now possible that you'll spot some of the more unusual species of feathered friends....

George Grimshaw recently sent us a list of birds that he has seen visiting his garden over the past couple of weeks. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a pretty impressive list. If you wish to spot some of these birds in his garden we're sure he would be happy to see you and glad of the company. Please ring beforehand.

Blackbird - Thrush - Robin - Jay - Woodpecker - Greenfinch - Goldfinch - Sparrow - Blue tit - Great tit - Longtail tit - Wood pigeon - Crow - Wren - Magpie - Chaffinch - Bullfinch - Dunnock.

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A cartoon-style illustration of a grasshopper standing on a small patch of grass.

“On Easter Sunday: When is That?”

A village quiz recently asked this question, and then as I was trying to fix up something with a local hotel using Easter as the reference point it was asked again. Well as all good fans of the Book of Common prayer will know from the preface page 55 (or LV the numbering at this point being in Latin: Why? It is after all meant to be in our own language!) Easter Day is decided thus “the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon, or next after the 21st Day of March, and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday after.” This year the answer is April 8th, and therefore as you receive this Magazine we will have entered Lent. We celebrate with the feast of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and then enter a time of reflection and meditation recalling the love of God shown in the life and death of Jesus. We move from the crib of Christmas to the Cross of Easter.

We have mentioned in these columns before that Lent is not necessarily about just giving up chocolates or alcohol, unless in giving these up we are helped to focus on the meaning of Easter and our need for the Easter message. Lent is a good time to reflect on our status as the high point of God’s creation, yet also our need for his work of healing and wholeness to make us the people he intended us to be. Last year we focused upon exercise both spiritual and physical for the Lent message, and this year I still need both, even if you do not!

Easter is a very joyful celebration. The essential difference between the Christian faith and all others, is that it is a religion that accepts the revelation of a God who reaches down to mankind in the person of a human being who was fully God, and yet fully man. All the other faiths, bar Buddhism which is an atheistic system, have a man reaching up to God as their founder. Christianity accepts that Jesus Christ was the Jewish “Messiah”, and that is why the date of Easter is calculated in such a complicated, to us, manner. For the Jewish calendar, like our tidal road access, depends upon the lunar calendar.

In no other belief system or religion does God come down as man to show his love. He showed it to the ultimate in Jesus who went through more than just that suffering. Easter is more than the Jesus coming as the suffering servant. It is also about Jesus as the conqueror of sin and death. He literally went to hell and back for us. This is the distinctive message, not just the stoical suffering of Good Man, but the triumph over death and sin of the God Man. The essential message of Christianity, is that this man/God Jesus was fully dead and buried but three days later rose again and was alive and seen by many witnesses. Here is the amazing liberating message for those who hold the Christian faith, that death and the power of sin have been conquered for them by Jesus who was dead but is now alive. John Elliott (810565)

LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Mar 4 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	Join Bigbury at 11.00 a.m.
Mar 11 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
Mar 18 th	9.00 a.m. Communion	11.00 Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Mar 21 st	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
Mar 25 th	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 BCP Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Nothing to do with Council Elections, but vital for the Election of Church Officers; and useful if you wish to marry here when you reside in another Parish. This year a complete review by Church regulations: so even if you are on it you need to fill in a fresh application form. Obviously any wanting to join also need to fill in a form. They are at the back of the Church, and it has to be done by the end of the month.

Ringmore Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday 20th February 2007

The February Council meeting was marked by the attendance of our County Councillor, William Mumford who has agreed to speak at the Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 24th April. Councillor Mumford said 'he was there to listen' but he was also able to help. County Councillors are given a budget by the County, which they can disperse among the Parishes within their ward and Ringmore has been included in this modest bounty. It is hoped to pass it on Parkdean as a contribution to the landscaping which they will undertake at Challaborough, in the area of the Lime Kiln. This should ensure that the Kiln is protected as well as being more accessible.

David Young attended in his capacity as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to report on his search for a successor. Barry Old has agreed to take over the role and the Council expressed its gratitude to David for

his lengthy service and to Barry for his offer to ensure continuity in this important function.

Planning Applications for removal of trees at Orchard House and on Town Well were not opposed. The application by Parkdean to regularise some of the activities that have been unapproved for a number of years, was not opposed but amendments to soften the results with landscaping were sought. An amended application from Bigbury Bay Holiday Park to enhance proposed landscaping where extra caravans are to be placed was not opposed. However, the comments appended to the original application, that landscaping should be in place before the new caravans are sited, were re-iterated.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th March.


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Rugby Six Nations

We will continue showing all the fixtures on the television in the dining room, with a snacking menu available throughout the matches.

See below for future dates.

We thank those who have supported this new feature at your local, soon to be Wimbledon and much more.

Theme Night:

This will be our last month of theme nights. We have had fun doing these and the feedback from those of you that have taken part is all good! They look set to become a winter regular. See below the cuisines taking over the JE on Wednesdays this month.

Mother's Day

Spoil Mum this Mother's Day with delicious Sunday Lunch with a choice of 2 or 3 course set menus to keep every Mother out of the kitchen! Please book now to secure your table. Every mother will be truly spoiled rotten! Go on, you know she deserves it! Book now.

Red Nose Day!

We will be holding fundraising events throughout the **Red Nose Week**, including a Red Nose Day Quiz on Thursday 15th and we will be selling **Red Nose Cup Cakes** at the bar throughout the week to raise money for a fun and important cause. Please help!

Price Hikes...Sorry!

Due to industry price increases direct from the brewers and suppliers, we are having to raise our prices for alcoholic drinks by 10p across the board. These changes will come into effect from Monday March 5th 2007. Our new price list will be, as always, displayed at the bar.

"Brunch Lunches"

Whilst the children are off from school we will be running, on Saturday mornings from 24th March, a "Brunch Lunch Menu" - 11.30 onwards through our lunchtime service. Come in and try out the menu. Dates for this are every Saturday from 24/3 until 21/4 inclusive.

Rugby Six Nations

Swing Low All rugby matches will be shown on the Television in the Dining Room with a Snacking Menu available throughout the game. We are planning to stay open all day on the Saturdays that the matches are on, so here is a run down of events:

Saturday 10 March	Scotland v Ireland	1.30pm
	Italy v Wales	3.30pm
Sunday 11 March	England v France	3.00pm
Saturday 17 March	Italy v Ireland	1.30pm
	France v Scotland	3.30pm
	Wales v England	5.30pm

Pop in and pick up a Guinness Match Listing

Continued Theme Nights at The JE

We are pleased at the success of the Theme Nights that we have held so far. We have decided to publish this month's themes to keep you all in the know, and so you can book a table if required. This will be the last month of Wednesday Theme Nights, but they will return as a regular winter weekly event come October.

7th March - Greek

- Come for Mezze & Slouvak!

14th March - French

- Coq au Vin & Crepes

21st March - Spanish

- Tapas & Paella

28th March - Jules's Thai Night

- You know what that involves, Pad

Thai, Coconut Curries & Exotic Sorbets to cool the heat.

Mother's Day

Come and treat your mother for a day of spoiling at the Journey's End on Sunday 18th. We will have a set price menu for 2 or 3 courses that will include fresh fish dishes, Devon roasts carved at the table & an array of desserts. Book your table now to be sure to have a happy rested Mum!

Red Nose Day

We will be holding various fundraising events throughout Red Nose Week (13-18th) including cup cakes for sale, Red Nose Quiz & we will donating 10% of our drink sales on Red Nose Day Friday 16th so be out in force locals!

Price Hikes...sorry.

We have held on for as long as possible, but now we have to pass these price increases on to you, sorry. Due to brewery & supplier increases from January this year all our alcoholic beverages will be going up 10p across the board. With the budget yet to be announced we will not be raising our prices again. We understand that there has been no changes in prices here at the JE for 2 years, so we are having to bring ourselves more up to date.

"Brunch Lunches"

Throughout the school Easter Holidays on Saturdays we will be running a Brunch Lunch menu available from 11.30am with Brunch drinks like bloody Marys & Mimosas as well as coffees. The food will be breakfast and lunch combined, for example a breakfast sandwich and lots of other yummy options to fuel you and the young ones for that walk or fun on the beach.

Quiz Night Success

We thank you, our regulars, for taking on the new quiz night charity donations, it seems that our local and national charities are the winning ones and we thank you for your generosity on their behalf. I know the St. Luke's hospice box has already been emptied with a total of over £110, keep up the brilliant work!

Dates for your diary

Please keep the following dates in mind, our next beer festival will be on the first weekend in **June (1, 2 & 3)** with local and national beer & live music. What fun to be had by all!

What's special about the South Hams?


Submitted by Mike Wynne-Powell

Why I like the South Hams —The hedgerows - through the seasons they show us snowdrops, wild garlic, red campion, primroses, wild orchids, birds, and blackberries to name a few things. The Devon banks - they stop us seeing the view, then reveal a stunning glimpse of countryside. The clean air, such that lichens grow in profusion on many trees and walls. The stars at night, as relatively, there is little light pollution. The hills, such that every twist and turn of a road or footpath bring a new scene to see. The weather, not always good, but dramatic. Since being down here we have sunbathed on the beach at Ayrmer Cove on New Years day, seen snow on the beach, been lashed by winds, including a mini tornado and

been cut off from the rest of the Devon for four days by snow. Wildlife, well what can one say, foxes and badgers, not always welcome, but beautiful nevertheless. Gulls, Terns, Swans, Egrets, Long Tailed Tits, Robins, Kestrels, Blackbirds, Pigeons, Ducks, Canada Geese, Pheasants and many, many more. Adders, grass snakes, slow worms, insects galore as well as stunning Butterflies and Moths, including the now more common Hummingbird Hawk moth. The Sea - sometimes calm as a millpond - sometimes so rough you can hear the waves crashing well inland - and everything in between, including stunning sunsets as the Sun sets as a disk melting into the sea.

What else could one ask for.

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Enigma

Half-baked & Springers...can you please contact Debbie to organise setting your puzzles for the next couple of months. Romeo Drifter is setting April.

Premiership Enigma

Set by Matchman

Professor Suzuki's Children

SUZUKI: Hello, how are you this evening

BABA: Splendid, thank you. And you?

SUZUKI: Very well. You know I have three children now.

BABA: Really? How old would they be?

SUZUKI: Well, you're good at mathematics and logic. You should be able to work it out. The product of their ages is 36 and the sum of their ages is the same as the number of that house in Osaka you used to live in.

BABA (after pause): That is not enough information.

SUZUKI: Quite right. Well the oldest one looks exactly like me.

BABA: Ah, now I can tell their ages.

How old are the three children?

Answer to February Premiership Enigma set by the Opals

KUO TOCXRM YUR BMRYX URY KR
GPIAU PK UNEXOGW YNGG MOLOC
ZOPXO KR VO PEIXOF

The person who knows how to laugh at himself will never cease to be amused.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTU
PVZ FOWAUNQ BGE M RT H C X K I

VWXYZ
LYDSJ

Well done to: Romeo Drifter who has applied to become a member of the Premiership, Taurus, The Springers, Half Baked, and Matchman.

REMEMBER: If you come top of the "simple" league you get promoted into the Premiership.....

Answer to last month's Simple Enigma : DAVID

Well done to all the Premiership, sadly no points for any of you. Instead points go to Toudawgz, Errata (welcome), Bess Midler (ditto) and Sue Brickay.

Simple Enigma—Scrabble Rearrange the letters contained within the following words/statements to create new words/statements which are slightly related!

- A) Astronomer B) Snooze alarms c) Eleven plus two d) The eyes

March Sudoku

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

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!

February solution

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

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During the Second World War the American servicemen would often adopt their British hostesses as 'mothers' and on this day gave presents and flowers to show their appreciation of the hospitality they enjoyed. And so the custom of Mother's Day was introduced to Britain.

March

March is named after Mars, the Roman God of War. This month is known for its strong winds.

The season of Spring begins on March 21st, the date when the days and nights are of equal length. It marks the end of the sleepy winter and the starting of new life.

The word Spring comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word meaning rising. At this time, the sun rises higher in the sky each day, the weather grows warmer and the days lengthen.

Ps & Qs

The BI-annual Ps & Qs was attended by over sixty people. It was unfortunate that almost a dozen souls were struck down by a dreaded lurg which prevented their enjoying the evening. Nevertheless the assembled gathering contrived a typical Ringmore Quiz evening of argument, pedantry and good fun, which raised £315 for Hall funds.

Thanks are due to Alan, Phill and Dennis who helped with 'setting-up and taking down' and also to the erstwhile Proof reader in her new incarnation as Soup maker Extraordinaire.

Thanks, too, to everyone who came, without whom

Geof Dykes

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- Fri 2nd Mar** KYLIE'S 19th
- Sun 4th Mar** OAK QUIZ NIGHT - 8.30pm
- Mon 5th Mar** 'MARCH MADNESS' promotions start
- Sat 10th Mar** LIVE RUGBY - SIX NATIONS
- Sat 17th Mar** ST PATRICK'S DAY and last day of the SIX NATIONS RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sun 18th March - Mother's Day

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- Sun 1st Apr** OAK QUIZ NIGHT - 8.30pm
- Wed 4th Apr** R.B.L. Meeting - 7.30pm

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On

Saturday 10th March 2007

Between 10.30am and 12 noon

To meet

GARY STREETER M.P.

And

BRYAN CARSON District Councillor

And to ask them any questions



FEBRUARY: ADVENTURES IN NEPAL

It was wonderful to see the Hall packed for John and Ann Bracey's enthralling talk on their recent trekking trip to Nepal, and top marks to them for valiantly stepping into the breach at short notice. Their photographs were stunning and it wouldn't be surprising if others aren't thinking of booking their next holidays to do likewise! John and Ann brought to our attention the charity "Community Action in Nepal" which aims to alleviate some of the extreme poverty in one of the most deprived countries in the world, and a donation was given to them at the end of the meeting.

MARCH: FROM DAIRYMAID TO VICAR'S WIFE

Our next speaker on Thursday 8th March will be Janet Harding. Her talk is called "From Dairymaid to Vicar's Wife" — an intriguing title — why don't you come along at 8 p.m. and find out what it is all about? The business session will start at 7.30 p.m. as usual.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

At last month's meeting we were told about a sponsored walk in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The proposed route is some 14 miles and some way away in Cornwall. So it was agreed that the profits from the recent Whist Drive be given to Macmillan and, in addition, that we participate in their nationwide coffee morning to be held on Friday 28th September.

News from All Hallows

Sundial Update

Repair of the Slate Sundial above the front door of the Church is now under way & hopefully will be back in place by the end of March. The Sundial which was in a very poor state of repair is now with McNeillage Conservation in Talaton Exeter, undergoing much needed restoration. The work had to be carried out as a matter of urgency to ensure no further deterioration occurred to the Sundial or, at the worst, parts fall off the wall causing injury. It has proved to be a very costly project to effect a satisfactory and adequate restoration but hopefully once it is re-installed will be an interest to villagers and visitors alike. I have received some very welcomed donations towards the £1,850 restoration costs and any other contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please note that if you wish to make a donation and you are a Tax payer your contribution to the Church can be enhanced by 28p in the £ simply by filling in a Gift Aid form. Please contact Yvonne on 810341 or myself if you need a form.

Pancake Day

It was lovely to see so many villagers attend the Shrove Tuesday Coffee morning and it turned out to be a really friendly and noisy morning. Thanks go to: Jules & Paul from the JE who provided the ingredients for the 81 Pancakes produced, also to the many of you who manned the many various stalls and helped in so many ways and of course to all of you who turned up to make it such a successful morning. The Coffee Morning raised about £300 which will be put into the Sundial restoration fund.

Church Clean

The annual pre-Easter cleaning of the Church and grounds will take place on Saturday March 31st. Anyone who has a couple of hours to spare and would like to assist would be welcomed. If you are able to help then please contact Drina on 810405 who can then arrange a schedule of tasks. One can just turn up on the day as there will be plenty of, not too arduous though, jobs to be carried out.

Handrail

The short handrail has now been fitted alongside the couple of steps in the Side Chapel. This will provide increased safety and assistance to the congregation when using these steps especially when returning from the Altar Rail after taking Communion. Thanks go to Alan McCarthy who supplied the materials and installed the handrail.

Best Wishes

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to John following his recent knee operation. I am informed that he has to take it gently for quite a while - definitely no housework of any nature. Gentle exercise only, which of course should involve gentle walking, with friends, across pleasant mown grassy areas looking at the truly magnificent landscape we have around us & just to liven up the ambience it could be accompanied by a little white ball. We wish you well John and hope to see you back soon.

Phill Errett, Church Warden (810547)

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Royal British Legion

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th March at the Dolphin Inn, Kingston starting at 7.30pm.

The Branch wish Colin and Jenny Jackson much happiness in their new home in Broadclyst.

NB Evening of Verse & Worse—date altered to 27/4/07

RAINFALL: Robbie McCarthy

Last month: 6.00

Ten year average: 2.98

Ten year high: 5.5

Ten year low: 1.13

Neighbourhood Watch

Please note that Barry Old is the new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the Parish and his correct phone number is: 810359

The Police wish to remind all householders who have cat flaps in an outside door, to ensure that their house keys are not visible to anyone looking through the letter box, or indeed the cat flap. There have been instances of intruders gaining access by "fishing" for the keys, or even more simply by reaching through the cat flap and removing keys left in the door.

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Last month Guy Eddy asked "Why is Easter a moveable feast? This month he tells you!

Easter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday that follows the full moon that falls on or after March 21st, the spring equinox.

Some many years ago I was discussing with Richard Sully at the Journey's End, why Easter should move dates. Neither of us knew so I decided that I should try and find the answer. This led to finding out about our calendar.

In the days of Julius Caesar the Romans used a Roman Republican calendar which was based on the moon's cycle and consisted of 12 months beginning on 1st March. This was the start of the farming year and also when Roman officials took office. All in all a sensible time to start a new year. However over time the calendar and the seasons got out of step and days had to be added here and there. It got so out of step that Augustus, the first Emperor of the Roman Empire, instructed Julius Caesar to reconstruct the calendar.

In 46BC Caesar commissioned Sosigenes, a Greek astronomer, to devise a new calendar based on the solar year. To get the seasons in the right

places many days were added, and 46BC lasted no less than 445 days and not surprisingly was known as the year of Confusion. However its subsequent effectiveness can be judged by the fact that this is the calendar, with a few minor alterations introduced by Pope Gregory in the 1700s, that we use today. However this raises two points. First that Easter is still based on the state of the moon though I don't think there is any mention of the state of the moon in the bible story.

Secondly Julius Caesar did not introduce BC and AD into the calendar because the Romans were still worshipping their old Gods. Romans did not accept Christianity until Constantine became Emperor following the battle of Milvean Bridge in AD311. He became a great standard bearer for Christianity and was instrumental in arranging a Council of 300 bishops to sort out difficulties between the different factions of the faith. These took place at Nicea in AD325 and other venues mostly in Asia Minor and it is possible that BC and AD were introduced into the calendar then and revisions made. That would seem an incredible task to undertake!

Now I think I shall retire to a dark room—my brain hurts!

100 CLUB Winners

January:

£20 Gillian Parkin, £5 Mike Hammond

February:

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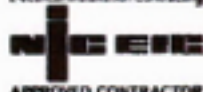
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JEJEBTTT

The Journey's End John E. Bracey Table Tennis Tournament 2007

The 10th Anniversary of the JEJEBTTT was held at the Journey's End Inn on Sunday the 25th and was equally as good if not even better than previous years. As James Parkin remarked, "the conservatory was filled with laughter from 12 till 6" and it was full to over spilling into the corridor most of that time. The ideal number of 32 entrants played and ranged from volunteers who had not played for a number of years to the regular table tennis club members. All put up extremely good performances; the standard was set in the first match between Colin Jackson and Ann Bracey, very close games followed by Juliet's great effort. Several games went to the wire in the first round that was played to the new rules (confusingly for the players and umpires alike), notably Yvonne Sheppard and Ben Turner; Geof Dykes, who later went on to win, and Mike Turney; Mike Hewes, a welcome 'foreigner' who put up a good fight against Gillian Parkin and Gareth Steventon from Venn who unfortunately after a very promising first game fell on the next two to Peter Chicken. In the second round the scoring reverted to the more familiar 21 up and this quickly sorted out the best players with Colin, Geof, Frank Williams and Jinny coming up tops. Jinny's

amazing ability to get every ball back on the table eventually fell to Frank William's smashes. There was still a good crowd to watch the final of three very close games and Geof was presented with the prestigious 2007 JEJEBTTT trophy, a bottle of champagne donated by Paul and Juliet and a glittering gold medal. Frank received his silver 'medal' and a bottle of wine, a very tired runner up. The event was successful thanks to the great help from Phill Errett and Alan McCarthy with transport of the table, Phill for assistance with the umpiring and of course Paul and Juliet for the exclusive use of their conservatory, well they told me they wanted the pub to be like the villagers' front room!

Several entrants donated well above the minimum £1 entrance fee and £50 was collected and will be donated to the Modbury Caring Organisation who endeavour to provide voluntary drivers to take patients who have difficulty with transport to and from the Health Centre. Thanks to all who turned up to support the event and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces next year.

John Bracey 26th February 2007

As it was the tenth anniversary here is a list of the previous winners:

- 23.02.1997 Ginny Sauer
- 15.03.1998 Mathew Capps
- 17.01.1999 Ginny Sauer
- 20.02.2000 Ginny Sauer
- 18.02.2001 Ginny Sauer
- 24.02.2002 Phill Errett
- 03.03.2003 Jim McGinley
- 28.03.2004 Jim McGinley
- 28.03.2005 Jim McGinley
- 26.02.2006 Dane Raspin

We should have them listed in the Journey's End.



MAY ELECTIONS

**Elections for South Hams District Council
and Ringmore Parish Council will take
place on Thursday 3rd May.**

Details for both will appear on the Village Notice Board during March



Qualifications for being a Parish Councillor

- 1 You must be at least 21 years**
- 2 You must be a British Subject or a citizen of the Commonwealth, the Irish Republic or the European Union and either**
- 3 an elector for the Parish throughout the period of office (2007 - 2011)**
or
- 4 for the twelve months prior to nomination have occupied land as tenant or owner within the Parish or resided within the Parish or within three miles of it or had your principal or only place of work within the Parish**

There are disqualifying factors and details can be obtained from the Electoral Services at Follaton House 01803 861129

Nomination Papers will be available, after the Notice of Election has appeared on the Notice Board, from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Margaret Wood, 810265 or from the Electoral Services

In Ringmore, the demands on a Councillor are not heavy - one meeting a month plus a little extra time to complete Parish business when required.

This is your chance to serve the community