

GARDENING FOR AUGUST

As the growing season begins to wind down in August, there are still many things you can do with your garden to keep it looking gorgeous throughout the remainder of the summer and into autumn. Therefore, it is important to complete these essential tasks for the garden in August.

Pruning and Deadheading

You should have already started deadheading your flowers in July, but this continues to be one of the essential tasks for the garden in August as well. Through deadheading and pruning, you can extend the life of your perennial and annual flowers. In fact, many plants will stop producing flowers for the season if they are not deadheaded. In addition, the process of deadheading and pruning helps prepare them for their winter's rest so they can return the following year bigger and stronger.

If you have tall herbaceous perennials in your garden, such as Echinacea, helenium, and rudbeckia, and you want them to stay smaller, August can be a great time to tip prune the plants. This will not only keep the plants smaller, but will also encourage the plants to produce bushier heads with slightly smaller flowers.

Take Care of Rhododendrons

Summer can be a rough time for your garden, particularly during a dry period. Therefore, you need to make sure to water your garden regularly. While doing so, don't forget about your rhododendrons. If the weather is dry, make sure to feed and water them regularly in order to keep them strong and healthy.

Prepare Your Autumn Annual Seeds

If you are planning to add some more colour to your garden with autumn annuals, now is the time to sow them in pots. Peat moss pellets are an excellent and easy way to get started. Place a few seeds in each pellet, and then weed out the weaker growth as the seeds mature into plants. Never pull out the extra plants because this may disturb the root system of the plant you intend to keep. Instead, snip back the weaker plants with a pair of scissors or pruning shears.

Stake Large Plants

Depending on the plant varieties you have, one of the essential tasks for the garden in August may be to stake the flowers. Some of your flowers may be quite tall at this point and, as a result, their stems may be having difficulty providing proper support. Staking your plants will help keep your plants from leaning sideways, which is unattractive in the garden. In addition, some stems may break if they are not adequately supported with stakes.

Add Mulch

Mulch is an important year-round component of the garden. Throughout the growing season, mulch helps fight back weeds while keeping the area around your plants moist. If you haven't added mulch by this time or if your mulch is starting to decompose, adding a new layer of mulch is another of the essential tasks for the garden in August. Not only will the mulch help your plants through the remainder of the growing season, it will also help protect their roots from the cold in the winter.

There are many essential tasks for the garden in August that must be attended to in order to keep your garden healthy. With a little work and effort, however, these tasks will ensure that you have a beautiful garden for years to come.

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Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Aug 5 th	11.00 a.m. Family Special	9.00 a.m. Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Special
12 th	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. CW Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Spoken Communion
15 th	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Comm'n		4.00 p.m. Spoken Comm'n
17 th FRIDAY			5.00 p.m. Marriage Blessing
19 th	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	6.00 p.m. Family Service with Children's Club	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
25 th SATURDAY		1.00 p.m. Wedding Martin Cruddace/Caroline Bettaney	
26 th	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion

HIDDEN DANGERS

Two late Sundays in July brought interesting challenges, as the calendar Bible readings for our Services came from the Hebrew prophet Amos, who wrote to a wealthy comfortable people as in Ringmore and Kingston. The Prophets' messages were stark and uncompromising to those around him in what was then, a prosperous and comfortable Jewish Nation. "Look out, God may love you but judgment will inevitably come. Your lives need to acknowledge Him and you need to follow his commandments". The accompanying stark warnings of earthquake, flood and fire were more locally illustrated with floods in Hull and other parts of the North, then in the Midlands with Gloucestershire and Oxford badly hit. In amongst all this a family brought baby Charlotte to be christened, so for a joyful family celebration came this sermon on the judgment of God; perhaps not as inappropriate as some of us thought. After all we too are called to live honestly, trade fairly and love our neighbours, but we also find it hard to recognize the hidden dangers when we please ourselves.

I was also tempted by a certain sporting event, as the Open Golf championship ran over time and I had to switch off and go to the Evening Service at Kingston. One of the last shots before I left showed the spectacular pair of sand bunkers known as "Spectacles" because of their appearance as you face a difficult second shot into the green. Many years ago on a family holiday to Scotland as a teenager with Dad, Mum and brother I had seen my Mum enter one of those bunkers. She exited some time later after six or seven attempts to hit the ball out, with golf ball in hand and cross words about impossible expectations. It was a few years later that we saw a picture of the very bunker, which she had hacked around in, with the bomb squad lifting out an unexploded bomb that had been in there. Hidden danger or what!

In a similar fashion this week's Kingsbridge Gazette tells of the rescue of young swimmers who did not know about "rips" which many think are purely tidal, but which in reality are caused by wave water returning out to sea in the first instance. Often found on the place in the beach where the water appears flatter, away from the larger breaking waves. The breaking waves can wash you in, whilst the rip may well wash you out and into genuine tidal currents which increase the problem. Talk to the lifeguards about them, and learn from local and deeper knowledge. These are another, under the surface, hidden danger.

The task of the Prophet, 2,700 years ago or now, is not to just tell of the future but to give the word of love and hope that takes people into God's love for the peak of his creation....You. It was never his wish that folk become distant from him, in this life or the next. By ignoring the hidden danger of judgment we will face it: but without confidence in the work of Jesus who loved us enough to face much worse than bombs and rips. Jesus is the ultimate Lifeguard, the eternal life guard as well as a bomb disposal expert par excellence.

Like a certain local Ringmore farmer who was rudderless in rough seas, we all need a rescuer from death. By putting our spiritual keel deep in the word of the Bible, by hoisting our sails to God's Holy Spirit and steering to the direction of Jesus there is hope for us all.

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Where has all the sunshine gone???

What a wash out the weather has been. The garden seems to have been barely used this summer. With fleeting visits when the sunshine makes an appearance. But even in rainy weather there is lots to keep the family happy down at the JE. We have re-stocked the games table which will help entertain the younger crowds. So keep us in mind when rock pooling in the rain has lost it's edge and the costal path is fogged up! We have thrown away the rain stick and are now doing daily sun dances! But come rain or shine the JE is here to keep you fed and watered!



Please note: Pub closed for one day

We will be closed all day on

FRIDAY 17th AUGUST we (the landlords - Jules & Paul) are having a family blessing at All Hallows followed by a meal with all our family and friends from afar. We will resume our regular opening hours on Saturday lunchtime. See below for all our regular opening times.

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A poem from John Elliott in response to Jem's adventure last month.....

In South Hams there's little stress
To Jem it came when rudderless
His skin was saved by R N L I
But it did not improve his reading eye

"Wind of the Morning owned by Rev J E"
An unlikely and entirely false story
This was close to slander, even libel
For John's boat is named from the Bible.

David wrote the book of Psalms
Perhaps in one of his heavenly calms
"If I take the Wings of the Morning to the sea"
Even there is where my God found me.

It was in the surf in great big waves
As well as Lifeboatmen: He saves!
So next time, Jem, get it right
Even if flareless and full of fright.

Please note the actual name of my boat
On the drive or far afloat
Wind in the morning may be a stress to you
But WINGS of the morning on my boat is true.

Simple Enigma - August

A 220-yard long train travelling at 50mph enters a tunnel of half a mile in length.

How many seconds will elapse between the moment the front of the train enters the tunnel and the moment the end of the train clears the tunnel?

Premiership Enigma - August set by The Opals

Did you know that certain pairs of two digit numbers can have the same product when both numbers are reversed?

For example:

$$12 \times 42 = 21 \times 24 \qquad 23 \times 96 = 32 \times 69$$

$$24 \times 63 = 42 \times 36 \qquad 46 \times 96 = 64 \times 69$$

The question is to find the other ten pairs of this nature (i.e. two digit numbers). Best of luck!

July Solutions:

Simple Enigma:

The next number in the sequence of: 1, 2, 4, 7, 28, 33 & 198 is **205** (Add one, multiply x two, add three, multiply by four and so on.) Well done New Dawn and Beta Rabbit.

Premiership Enigma

Well done to The Opals, The Springers, Half-Baked, Matchman and Romeo Drifter. You all managed to fit the names into the grid correctly.

August Sudoko

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

July solution

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

Aune Conservation Society

See previous page for amendments to the Aune Conservation Society August lectures. The revisions are in part due to the need to present the outcomes of our siltation research programme in a different format from that originally planned.

I'm also pleased to announce that the ACA has been accepted as an environmental conservation charity by HM Revenue & Customs. This means we shall be able to take advantage of certain tax concessions on donations and new membership subscriptions, accompanied by the appropriate Gift Aid declaration, to extend our work on 'Conserving the Devonshire Avon from source to sea'. The necessary forms can be obtained either from me or through our website at www.aca.aveton-gifford.co.uk

Stuart Watts (810373 or sdmw2@btopenworld.com)

Neighbourhood Watch

Lock up your gnomes!

The Police have reported a spate of thefts of garden ornaments and even potted plants.

They don't suggest what you might do to prevent this!

There have also been some very local thefts of tools and garden machinery from sheds. So put a lock on yours.

If you have anything to report please contact Barry Old on: 810359



Summer Fête

Wednesday 1st August

The highlight of the W.I. year is the summer fête, which this year is right at the beginning of August. Surely it will be summer by then! Our Fête is known for wonderful weather – and lots of ice cream and scrumptious cream teas. There will be the usual stalls and sideshows, and everything kicks off at 2 p.m. in the W.I. Hall and grounds. Come along and join the fun – and bring all your friends and family.

July – An Excellent Meeting

Anyone who didn't come to the talk given by Jinny McCabe missed a rare treat indeed. Jinny gave a most amusing account of how she grew up on a farm, discovering all the wild flowers, before qualifying as a florist. She initiated us into the art of making wonderful flower arrangements from something very simple. Using a £4.99 bunch of flowers from the supermarket, she created three stunning displays. It looks easy when a professional does it!

The Police are coming!

A note for your diary. On Thursday 13th September we shall welcome the police into our midst, when WPC Anita Williams enlightens us about the role of the police helicopter. This promises to be a fascinating evening, so make sure you keep the evening free, and come along! More details next month.



The UKTV Food 'Local Hero Awards' is a nationwide competition to search for Britain's heroes of food - those small-scale producers, sellers or restaurateurs who never compromise on flavour, manufacture or quality. The award pays tribute and supports small-scale businesses that exhibit pride and passion for their craft.

The competition is made up of regional heats, the winners being judged on a combination of votes from the public and scrutiny from the judging panel, which is headed by a famous celebrity chef. The regional winners go on to a National Final to find the ultimate '2007 Local Food Hero'. The search is based on nominations from the public, the very people who understand the value of fantastic local food.

Our own local fresh meat supplier, Markstone Farm have been nominated for the competition and are celebrating by donating this month's competition prize of a meat voucher worth £20 for the lucky winner who can answer their question.

Q: Which famous celebrity chef is promoting this campaign on UKTV Food?

Voting is now open to find Britain's Food Hero 2007 and to reward their passion for putting quality food on our plates. Visit the UKTV website to find the answer to this month's question and why not vote for Markstone Farm whilst you are there?

For answer: www.uktv.co.uk

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Ringmore Parish Rooms

Ringmore Parish Rooms were built in 1908 on a plot of land opposite Little Barn with both the building and land financed by public subscription. In 1926 an extension was built as a memorial for men of the Parish who had served in the First World War. Originally used as a billiard room it is now the stage and kitchen.

The property has always been held in trust for the benefit of the people of the Parish, currently administered by the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd and the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Ringmore.

Negotiations have been taking place over several years to lease the property to an independent local entity which will have access to grants not available to religious organisations. Finally, a lease has been signed by the Parish Council making them Custodian Trustees of the Parish Rooms. In turn they have signed a Deed of Trust which creates a Management Committee to administer the Parish Rooms as a Charitable Trust.

The current committee comprises an appointed member from each of the following:

Ringmore Parish Council: Jeremy Deverson

Ringmore Parochial Church Council: Yvonne Sheppard - Treasurer

Royal British Legion (Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston Branch): Alan McCarthy - Chairman

In addition an existing or newly formed body operating in the Parish can make application to the committee for representation. Currently there are two such members of the committee.

Ringmore Table Tennis: Jinny Mc Cabe

Ringmore Short Mat Bowls: Pat Skeels

The other member of the current committee is Michael Tagent.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Charity up to 2 members can be elected from those Parish residents present who are 18 years of age or over. The management Committee may also include up to 2 co-opted members who may be appointed at any duly constituted meeting of the committee. An Annual General Meeting must be called within 12 months of the date of the Deed of Trust. However, as soon as all of the remaining legal requirements are completed the committee will schedule an AGM.

Having completed the background and technicalities we can proceed to the important matters. The Parish Rooms have, for many reasons, been sadly neglected and now the Parish, that means YOU, have the opportunity to create an improved, useful building which can be utilised for the benefit of us all. We have already started by applying for permission to remove and reshape trees which are causing damage to the structure and we shall shortly be looking for person power to help clear the site of undergrowth and rubbish. External renovation is a requirement which we will be attending to as soon as possible and outline plans are being discussed to improve the inside of the rooms. If you have ideas, observations, or just want to help please contact any member of the committee. If you would like to hire the Rooms please contact Yvonne Sheppard (810341).

The Parish Rooms are nearing their Centenary, with your help we can make them suitable for the use of many future generations.

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16 May 2007

Dear Secretary of State

My friend, who is in farming at the moment, recently received a cheque for £3,000 from the Rural Payments Agency for not rearing pigs. I would now like to join the "not rearing pigs" business.

In your opinion what is the best kind of farm not to rear pigs on, and which is the best breed of pigs not to rear? I want to be sure I approach this endeavour in keeping with all government policies, as dictated by the EU under the Common Agricultural Policy. I would prefer not to rear bacon pigs, but if this is not the type you want not rearing I will just as gladly not rear porkers. Are there any advantages in not rearing rare breeds such as Saddlebacks or Gloucester Old Spots, or are there too many people already not rearing these?

As I see it, the hardest part of this programme will be keeping an accurate record of how many pigs I haven't reared. Are there any Government or Local Authority courses on this?

My friend is very satisfied with this business. He has been rearing pigs for forty years or so, and the best he ever made on them was £1,422 in 1968. That is—until this year, when he received a cheque for not rearing any.

If I get £3,000 for not rearing 50 pigs will I get £6,000 for not rearing 100?

I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 pigs not raised, which will mean about £240,000 for the first year. As I become more expert in not rearing pigs, I plan to be more ambitious, perhaps increasing to, say, 40,000 pigs not reared in my second year, for which I would expect about £2.4 million from your department. Incidentally, I wonder if I would be eligible to receive tradable carbon credits for all these pigs not producing harmful and polluting methane gases?

Another point: These pigs that I plan not to rear will not eat 2,000 tonnes of cereals. I understand that you also pay farmers for not growing crops. Will I qualify for payments for not growing cereals to not feed the pigs I don't rear? I am also considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send any information you have on that too. Please could you also include the current DEFRA advice on set aside fields? Can this be done on an e-commerce basis with virtual fields (of which I seem to have several thousand hectares)?

In view of the above you will realise that I will be totally unemployed and will therefore qualify for unemployment benefits.

I shall of course be voting for your party at the next general election.

Yours faithfully

XXX

Well Done to Julie
(Linzell) who
raised £273 for
the Bigbury Fun
Run Charity this
year.

Chris Roberts is
moving back to
Houghton Cottage
during the first week
of August. His new
phone number will
be: 810403

Jim and Ella Dodds are
happy to announce the
safe arrival of their new
grandson Rodrigo
James, on 17th July
2007, a son for Rebecca
and Alfonso in Madrid

NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

Our Fete is in your hands

Ringmore Church Fete

Come along to the ANNUAL CHURCH FETE and bring your friends and visitors with you.

This year the fete will start at 2.30pm, time for lunch to settle down before tucking in to mouth watering Cream Teas & Hog Roast. Enjoy also the Wine Tent, Cake & produce Stall, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Find the wine, Tombola, Bowl for a Chicken, Coconut Shy, Costume Jewellery, Tug of War, Ice Cream, Children's Games & Bouncy Castle amongst others. It is proposed to open the Wine Tent and serve the Hog Roast from 3.30pm onwards. This year we will, weather permitting, have the added attractions of Children's Rides around the field in a 1927 Trojan car, together with a display of several old tractors.

Open Gardens

We would like to thank the Open Garden Committee, helpers who served the refreshments in the W.I. Hall, villagers that opened their gardens plus all those who helped to make the occasion such an enjoyable & successful day.

Phill Errett (Church Warden)

Ringmore Church Fete

Wanted:

Your kind help and assistance is required for the following items for this year's Fete to be held on 27th August

Donations for

Cakes, Bric-A-Brac, Tombola, Books, Produce, Costume Jewellery, Raffle Prizes and any old Crockery

Help on the day in setting up and dismantling equipment.

Please bring any items to the field during the morning unless otherwise requested

Most of all though we need your support and attendance to make it ~~hopefully~~ a successful and a very enjoyable afternoon.

If you are willing to help &/or make any donations for the various stalls please contact:-

Yvonne 810341 or Phill 810547

Bring on the Sunshine

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Kingston, Ringmore, Bigbury)

Golf Challenge

23rd August 2007 Tee-off 09.30-11.30



Competition format: Stableford

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

Best team (invitations extended to three other branches)

2's competition

Coffee available from machine on arrival, or from kitchen after 10.00am

Cost of round: £18.00

Prize fund: £4

Lunch served £10.50

Total cost per player: £22.00 (A normal green fee at BGC costs £30-£35 in the summer)

Lunch (optional - pre-booking essential) costs an additional £10.50 will be served at 14.30, and prizes awarded.

Entry open to everyone, provided they are invited to do so by any member of the British Legion. The idea is to have a serious golf competition between the local branches, and to give RBL members, family and friends an enjoyable day on Bigbury's beautiful course.

Book your place and time on the tee by contacting John Simes on 01548 810693, or by email jsimes@hotmail.com, or by post: Cheldon, Challaborough, Kingsbridge, TQ7 4JB.

RAINFALL: Robbie McCarthy

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Ten year high: 4.25

Ten year low: 1.00

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MONDAY 27 AUGUST

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