

Newsletter

Ringmore Parish

MAY 2008

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The annual Ringmore skip will be available on Saturday 17th May from 10am until 4pm giving everyone a chance to have a bit of a 'Spring Clean'. It will be fully manned. No TV's, tyres, fluorescent tubes, asbestos or liquids please.

The origins of spring cleaning may date back to the Iranian Norouz, the Persian new year, which falls on the first day of spring. This theory has been questioned, however, as Iranians (along with the majority of the population of the ancient near east) held to a lunar calendar and not a solar one and spring was not calculated the same way that society does today. Iranians continue the practice of "khooneh tekouni" which literally means "shaking the house" just before the new year. Everything in the house is thoroughly cleaned, from the drapes to the furniture.

DIARY FOR THE MONTH

May

- 05/05 May Fair W.I Hall 2pm
- 07/05 RBL meeting Old Chapel Inn 7.30pm
- 08/05 W.I Annual resolutions meeting W.I Hall 7.30pm
- 17/05 Skip Ringmore, Bus shelter
- 20/05 Parish Council Meeting W.I Hall 7pm

June

- 12/06 W.I Barbecue 6.30pm W.I Hall

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I always look out each year on the road between Seven Stones Cross and St Ann's Chapel for the wild Orchids and they have suddenly appeared. This is the most advanced. I believe it is called Orchis Masculata or Early Purple Orchid, and is relatively common, nevertheless stunning. Well worth slowing down (safely) for, or even parking and having a closer look.

Mike Wynn Powell

 * Pat Skeels would like to thank everyone *
 * who sent her cards, presents and good *
 * wishes during her stay in Derriford *
 * Hospital. *

♪♪♪♪♪
 ♪♪♪♪♪ Congratulations to Lucie on passing her ♪♪♪♪♪
 ♪♪♪♪♪ grade 5 theory of music with a merit. ♪♪♪♪♪
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| Ringmore Church | 2.50—3.10 |
| Challaborough | 3.20—3.35 |
| St Ann's Chapel | 2.30—2.45 |
| Kingston Fire Station | 4.00—4.30 |



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| Date | Bigbury | Kingston | Ringmore |
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| May 4 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Service | 9.00 a.m. CW Communion | 11.00 a.m. Family Service |
| 11 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Service <i>(Olivia Wothington Christening)</i> | 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer | 9.00 a.m. CW Communion |
| 18 th | 9.00 a.m. BCP Communion | 11.00 a.m. Family Service | 6.30 p.m. Praise & Prayer |
| 21 st | 2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion | | 4.00 p.m. Spoken Comm'n |
| 25 th | 11.00 a.m. Family Communion | 6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer | 9.00 a.m. CW Communion |

Cliff Sang It, Do We Do It?

It was one of the earliest records that I purchased as a teenager. "I've got no bags and baggage to slow me down", the opening words of 'Travelling Light'. Not a comfortable title for those who find it difficult to reduce their holiday luggage to 20 kilograms in weight for a single suitcase. Even less popular with those who have been parted from their essential baggage through Terminal 5 at Heathrow.

Our 2001 move from an Aylesbury home to Ringmore was, for us, eased by the huge loft and double garage at Church House, but that space did not encourage discipline. Over the last few weeks we have been trying very hard to downsize the baggage ready for a downsizing in living accommodation for eventual retirement. Amazing the amount of stuff in the attic, still in cardboard boxes, we have found so much from toys, jigsaws and puzzles to material, golf clubs and files. Two car families we understand but why two Monopoly Sets! Most of that stuff might be useful to someone, but many of us also carry other mental and spiritual baggage that is of no use to us or anyone else. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us", are words of great wisdom whether you go with the whole of the Lord's Prayer or not. Resentment and bitterness can be the most uncomfortable bedfellows in our lives. Forgiveness is often very difficult, and I speak from experience, especially when the person to forgive does not think that they have done anything wrong.

Forgiveness often requires something beyond our natural ability. We see the love, beauty and giving of God in creation, but also we see the tornado and the tiger tearing the deer to pieces. We need power outside of our natural selves to get there. Perhaps some of us need to learn from another story of sheep: this time in New Mexico where the shepherds were losing many young lambs in the late winter and early spring. The flock went out to graze, but the ewes covered in thick wool from head to toe did not notice the dropping temperature which was killing the lambs. The shepherds were ingenious, they shaved just the heads of the adult sheep so they began to feel the cold and respond by leading the flock back into the safety of the barn and warmth together. So my prayer for those hurting folk in our readership is that the offenders get the wool out of their thinking and recognise pain in others. It is also very important that all of us stop binding our lives in with those who have offended. Forgive them as an act of discipline especially when we do not feel like it, and we thus free our own lives from handicap, crippling and pain.

The ultimate model and example of love and forgiveness came on that cross in Jesus. There God made himself like us to identify with us, and consign all our sins to the rubbish dump. He became like us, in order that we might have the power to be more like him. If you find it difficult to fully accept the fact that God loves you, first ask him to heal the scars of old experiences and rejection, and make sure you are holding no bitterness to anyone who has hurt or wronged you. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" led into the triumph of life over death for him, and it could for you.

John Elliott, Resident Minister (810565)]

Thank you James for your Ode to me
I'm glad there's only one thing on which we don't agree
And I won't fall out with a nice man like you
Over our difference of opinion on doggy poo

In the middle of a path I do agree
It's not a pleasant sight to see
But in plastic bags in the hedges is worse
Because it never will disperse

So many walkers with dogs we never had before
Now, thanks to the National Trust, with have them by the score
And a lot more of them I'm sure are to blame
Than locals walking in Ayrmer and Cockle Lane

The path leading to the N.T car park I must admit
Is quite disgusting with doggy s***
But left there by visitors I fear
And not by people living here

Plastic bags of poo in bins or hedge I can't abide
So I kick the darned stuff into the side
Where at least it will disappear
And won't be around for many a year

In this once farming village in which up I grew
With five working farms, there was a lot of poo
Horses, cows, dogs and sheep
You just watched out where you put your feet.

There's still people who grew up here
And where others have lived for many a year
And with the terrible diseases some describe
I'm just amazed we're all still alive

In my 76 years I never met anyone who
Has caught a disease from doggy poo
But with human beings the alarm bell rings
Because you can catch some very nasty things

Because of doggies, we have two
You think I have a biased view
But our dogs rarely do it outside
It happens in our garden, where with no trouble
Is easily removed with a bucket and shovel

There! Now I've done what a gentleman suggests I do
And written a poem on doggy poo
Not a pleasant subject I do agree
But one that's never bothered me

I know my poem doesn't scan
But I have done the best I can
Maybe those of you who can do better
Will write a poem in next months Newsletter.

Anne Lambell

"Doggy Poo: A Canine
Apology".

I'm sorry I did what I do,
And treated the path as a loo.
But on Toby's Point track,
Horse-riders out for a hack,
Left enormous great piles of poo!

Signed: Fido



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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2008 WI HALL 7PM

Present Chairman M. Hammond

Cllrs E.Bohnet J.Deverson S.Jones B.Lambell J.Parkin B.Carson Clerk M.Woods 3 Members of the public

OPEN SESSION - None to report

APOLOGIES - None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Signed as a true and correct record

MATTERS ARISING - Parish Audit of Signs - Cllr. Deverson reported that the audit of signs was in the final stages of completion.

First Response Team - As there is such a lot of information to gather on this subject it was agreed that the item will be carried over to our next meeting.

Town Well - The clerk explained that to obtain a dog foul bin was not a straight forward option. Firstly the Dog Warden has to look at where the bin is to be positioned and secondly a member of the parish would have to empty it on a regular basis. After further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would try to obtain another litter bin to be sited by the Coronation Seat.

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD

Co-option of a Councillor - No names were put forward to Totnes. Two members of the public who wished to be co-opted attended the meeting. John Reynolds and Felicity Godwin. The Chairman asked each of them to explain why they wanted to be councillors. A vote then took place with John Reynolds being co-opted onto the Council. Mr. Reynolds was then asked to join the meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Trees - Council had no objection to application 40/0525/08/TCA Byron Court.

The Chairman asked Cllr.Lambell to work alongside Cllr. Deverson, and Cllr. Reynolds to work with Cllr Bohnet on the Parish Plan.

There were no parishioners volunteering for the position of Footpath Warden. The Chairman proposed Cllr.Lambell which was then seconded by Cllr. Deverson. The clerk confirmed that £1000 had been received as a P3 grant which will go towards the final stages of completing Toby's Point footpath.

Neighbourhood Watch - Nothing to report.

PARISH PLAN - Nothing to report at present. Copies of the plan will be sent to Follaton House and Devon County Council.

PLANNING

Application 40/0630/08/F Lean to extension to dwelling Marwell Cross Gardens, No objection

Application 40/0632/08/F Demolition and erection of replacement dwelling Quarry Park. After lengthy discussions it was agreed that the Council would object to this application on the grounds that the roof line was too high, there is no mention of any mains sewage or drainage, and the building is not in keeping with the parish of Ringmore.

Application 05/0404/08/F Demolition of chalet bungalow and erection of three town house size apartment buildings, Glenthorne Marine Drive Bigbury. Totnes have advised that this application has been withdrawn.

FINANCE

Cheques agreed and signed -

Arborfor £500 Landscaping Challaborough Seafront. (£500 received from Devon County for this project)

Allianz Insurance £361.90

Emily Bohnet £135 for Parish Plan Booklets

Copies of the year end balance sheet were given to each Councillor. Cllrs. Agreed that the Clerk was in order to arrange the internal audit with Ken Abrahams.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr.Lambell once again questioned areas in the parish which are always missed when the road sweeper is working. After discussion it was suggested that a member of the parish could be employed to possibly work for 4/5 hours each week to keep these areas tidy. However, the matter of funding was raised and it was decided that Mr John Tucker, at our annual meeting would be asked whether this idea was possible.

Skips - Challaborough skip arranged for Sat 26th April. This has been ordered and will be financed by Parkdean Holidays.

Ringmore skip Sat 17th May. Televisions, fluorescent tubes, asbestos, liquid waste and tyres not accepted. This item will be placed in the Newsletter. The skip will be fully manned from 10am - 4pm

Cllr. Bohnet commented on drivers not keeping to the left of the bus shelter and driving very fast down. Cllr.Deverson will look into this matter when he finalises the Parish Audit of Signs.

The Chairman reported that he attended Bigbury Annual Meeting where the subject of the footpath to St. Ann's was raised. One proposal put forward which was preferred by Bigbury was that the footpath started just outside Ringmore on a new path across the field to link up with the path to Houghton Farm. This would avoid walkers going up Rectory Lane.

ANNUAL MEETING - Final arrangements were made for our Annual Meeting 24th April 2008

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 20TH MAY 7PM



Ringmore Table Tennis Club

To show their appreciation of their founder and chairman of the past eight years the club members and their partners met at the Journey's End on the 11th April to enjoy the food and atmosphere and to present an engraved crystal mug to Phill Errett. Paul had made a superb job of setting out the dining room; the four tables were covered in green with white tape all round and a net across the middle strung between two candlesticks. I believe that everyone enjoyed the evening, not least Phill, the food was good and moving the men around at the end of each course

It is a long time ago now but the Journey's End John E. Bracey Table Tennis Tournament took place this year on the 30th March and is now in its 11th year. Matches are played in the conservatory and supporters surround the table, borrowed from the Ringmore Table Tennis club, and whilst the numbers this year were down a little, the laughter was barely diminished from previous years. The first match started at a little after 12 o'clock and was a fairly convincing win by David Barnes who eventually played in the semi finals. Hard fought matches in the first round were between Peter Phipps and Bob Wood and Jinny McCabe and Andrew Swan. Of particular note in the next round were the matches between Sally Errett and Richard Baker; Frank Williams and Ann Bracey and that of William and Tilly Swan, the youngest players in the event, a brother and sister needle match. Frank did not have an easy task but beat William in the third round eventually, Peter put up a good fight against Phill who does have the advantage of playing every week. Phill lost out to Adrian in the semi-finals, a good match going to three games, David's enthusiasm gave him the edge over Frank but at the end it was Adrian who won through this year. Unfortunately the founder, John Bracey, could not take part in the tournament but came down to watch the last few games and then presented a new trophy to Adrian; Paul, our wonderful landlord, gave him and David a bottle of wine. £31 was donated to the Air Ambulance charity. Geof Dykes, the reigning champion, having moved to Scotland, was unable to defend his title. In John's absence Phill Errett successfully organised the matches and Ann Bracey took some excellent photographs, capturing the ball as well as the players on many of the photographs.

Thanks to Alan McCarthy for his help in dragging the table up to the J.E and taking it away again after the event.

The previous winners are:- 23.02.1997 Ginny Saur: 15.03.1998 Mathew Capps: 17.01.1999 Ginny Saur: 20.02.2000 Ginny Saur: 18.02.2001 Ginny Saur yet again; 24.02.2002 Phill Errett: 23.03.2003 Jim McGinley: 28.03.2004 Jim McGinley: 28.03.2005 Jim McGinley: 26.02.2006 Dane Raspin: 25.02.2007 Geof Dykes.

There will be a list of them in the Journey's End in due course.

RINGMORE W.I.



May Fair

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May
2 p.m. in the W.I. Hall

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Know your Neighbour

Our couple this month need no introduction; they are John and Pam Elliot, our friendly Minister and his wife. John is responsible for the churches of the Ringmore, Bigbury and Kingston.



Sixty-ish years ago John was born in Kent during the last V2 air raid on London, an immaculate sense of timing as ever, and some time later Pam was born in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire (not actually in amongst the trees, but a village within the forest). John moved around the country as his father gained work promotions, and as he grew developed a love for sport, first swimming and then cricket, rugby, surfing, squash and golf. He wanted to be a PE Teacher specialising in swimming but an allergy to chlorine stopped that: so after 'A' levels he joined Lloyds Bank, the start of 35 years with them. Pam's family stayed in the Forest of Dean where she enjoyed school, learned the piano and went regularly to the local Baptist Church where she became a Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed singing in school choirs, and cycling with

friends in the Wye Valley, and at age 10 had decided to be a teacher. With Mathematics as her main subject she trained at Redland College, Bristol.

Forty years ago when John was working at Lloyds in Loughborough, he went to a party in Leicester where Pam was living in a flat with other college friends, all having started teaching in Leicester. From that first meeting in January 1968, engagement followed in April and the wedding in October, a fairly hectic 10 month courtship with a life long result. They made their first home in Birstall, Leicester, and in 1972 daughter Sonya was born. Promotion to Lloyds Inspection staff in London meant a move to Knaphill, near Woking in Surrey, and it was there that Andrew was born in 1974.

During these years holidays were spent in Cornwall and North Devon where John loved to surf. One day at Woolacombe in an offshore breeze sitting outside the break waiting for waves he saw incredible rainbow effects from the setting sun in the spray blown back from the peak of breaking waves. He found himself thinking that there must be a creator designer who made such beauty, so the first stirrings in his then agnostic lack of belief began pointing to the possibility of God. Then back at work a colleague, knowing John was a keen member of the Bank Debating Society invited him to the local Church Hall where there was to be a debate on the existence of God. John went as an unbeliever, but after a week came a visit from the local Vicar. Pam whose churchgoing had completely lapsed, was reluctant to be involved but brought in the coffee and was told what they had been talking about. She had an overwhelming personal sense of the presence of God which led them both to make a prayer of commitment to believing in, and following, Jesus. They both know that since then there has been an amazing extra dimension to their lives.

Soon after John was promoted to be a Manager at Lloyds Aylesbury branch, where they moved, and then lived for 24 years. They went to a lively modern Anglican Church and as a family became very involved with Pam helping to run the Parents & Toddlers group, jointly running the youth club and John studying to become a Lay Minister. In 1996 he responded to many folk who said "you ought to be an ordained Minister" and started training whilst still working for the Bank. In 1998, John took voluntary early retirement (posh name for friendly redundancy), he subsequently became ordained and was asked to run the local church pending a re-structuring of the south side of Aylesbury Parishes, two years into this demanding task, previously the responsibility of two full time staff and a part-timer they took a much needed holiday in Cornwall.

Whilst relaxing and catching up with reading national Church publications they saw an advertisement for the Minister's post in Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore. It said the candidate would need a Sense of Humour and be open to the Holy Spirit, adding that the natives were friendly. Drawn by this unusual text, Pam and John travelled home via Ringmore and peeped into the Church where Alice was practising on the organ, they also looked at Church House. The rest, as they'd say, is history.

In 2001, John and Pam moved into the Church House in Ringmore—five days later they were hosting the cream teas in the garden at the Church Fete, whilst in the house chaos prevailed from their move—however, they found the natives friendly as well as welcoming, hospitable and accepting. In the eight years John has been at the helm he has successfully managed to combine the modern and the traditional, taking care of the spiritual needs as well as the "hatched", "matched" and "despatched" demands of the three churches. Life is very busy and they are quite often torn between accepting invitations to events at the three villages—feeling they are spreading themselves thinly but not wanting to let anyone down.

John is due to retire in 18 months and in preparation for this memorable event has over the last few year taken on new interests such as fishing and playing more golf. Pam has taken up Art classes and is in the local Photography club. They both enjoy travelling, having visited New Zealand earlier this year, and with the hope of many more trips around the world, seeing a lot more of their grandchildren are looking forward to retiring. Even though John will no longer be Minister, they will be still very much involved with the Church, if not in Ringmore parish initially—certainly in the local area.

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I suspect that many of you who are reading this will at sometime in the past couple of years have seen me out and about on the local roads either running or cycling, or even at Quayside Leisure Centre having a swim.

The time has now come to put the training to good use by competing in, or perhaps I should say entering, the UK 70.3 Ironman event and at the same time raising some money for Childrens Hospice SW, through Rotary International.

You may be wondering what does the 70.3 consist of? We start with a 1.2 mile swim in Wimbleball Lake, followed by a 56 mile bike ride over the undulating, (more like bloody! hilly), Exmoor countryside and finish by running a 3 lap circuit of the lake totalling 13.1 miles, giving us a total of 70.3 miles of fun and enjoyment.

Why you might ask, something I'm constantly asking myself as well, the answer is to raise much needed funds for Childrens Hospice SW and also for the Bigbury Fun Run which this year takes place on Saturday 28th June.

I have set myself three main targets for the event, they are:

1. To raise £1000 for Childrens Hospice SW, with the balance of any money raised above £1000 going to the Fun Run.
2. To finish the race!
3. To do my best to finish in less than 8 hours, this may not seem very fast when the pro athletes in the field will finish in about 4hrs 30mins, as far as I am concerned the nearer I get to 7 hours the happier I will be.

You can sponsor me by visiting my web page at www.justgiving.com/danevanstone or alternatively sponsor forms will be available at Holywell Stores.

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Dane (Old enough to know better) Vanstone Tel: 01548810308 E:mail – holywellstores@msn.com

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mount Folly Farm: A Stone Age Settlement

The Historical Society's last meeting of the season will register as a memorable occasion. Dr Eileen Wilkes from the department of Archaeology at Bournemouth University came to give us an illustrated talk on the Mount Folly Farm archaeological dig that took place at Bigbury over the summers of 2006 and 2007.

Dr Wilkes runs the dig and personally trains her volunteer helpers. Her carefully organised site with its abundant finds, all scrupulously labelled, recorded and tested, has created huge interest amongst archaeologists. What has gradually been revealed is a substantial and highly important Stone Age Settlement yielding evidence of activity over about half a millennium, the central period of which falls between 200BC and 200AD. The site is now one of the most significant of its kind in the UK.

Dr Wilkes presentation was cogent and fast-moving and the Folly Farm story with its accompanying pictures unfolded with all the tension and excitement of a thriller. But at the close of the evening we realised that we had heard only the first few instalments of the drama. Much more is to follow because, only very recently, new evidence has come to light of further important remains in a field adjacent to the existing discoveries. Excavations will begin on this new area when work on the existing site resumes in July 2008

Anyone who has an interest in participating as a volunteer in the excavations in July and August may apply to Dr Wilkes for further information. Receiving information does not commit you to anything at all, but simply tells you what is involved and how to proceed further if you wish to. For those who may just like to view the site and its finds there will be a couple of Sunday Open Days this summer. Below is a form to use to register an interest.

I would like to register my interest to join the volunteer fieldwork team for archaeological investigation at Mount Folly, Bigbury-on-Sea, 18th July - 25th August, 2008

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Completing this form registers your interest but does not commit you to participate. Participation invitations will be sent out to all those who have registered an interest in due course.

Please return this form to:

Eileen Wilkes, TAG06, School of Conservation Sciences, Bournemouth University, Talbot Campus, Poole, Dorset, BH12 5BB

Email: ewilkes@bournemouth.ac.uk

Ringmore Parish Room Open Morning and Site Clearance

The morning of Saturday 19 April dawned overcast, miserable and wet. By 10am it hadn't improved but despite the lure of more tea and cake, a few suitably dressed souls started to clear the site of years of accumulated debris and ivy. By 1030 a few more had arrived, including a three year old and a five year old who wielded small forks to devastating effect. A lot of hard work had cleared the greater part of the site and by 1130 a truce was called with the now heavier rain ahead on points.

The hardy workforce retired inside where more refreshments were consumed and they had an opportunity to discuss improvement plans for the Rooms with other interested villagers and the Room's Committee.

A number of free tubes of chocolate mini eggs were distributed and those of you who have not been fortunate enough to join in our new fund raising scheme will soon learn the details.


A big thank you to all those who came along to chat and work and special thanks to Ben Turner who provided his lorry to transport the waste generated by the clean up.

Alan McCarthy
Parish Room Committee Chairman

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A warm welcome to Tony and Pauline who will be moving into 'Mayfield' over the next couple of weeks, we wish them a long and happy time in Ringmore.

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10 years ago...

April showers with a vengeance but we were told.. "is the wrong type of rain!!" It seemed Ringmore escaped the worst of the downpours and the record for the past 10 years remained intact.

The Ringmore Historical Society planned an outing to Sheepstor on the moors for members & non-members with a picnic and local guides.

There were Step Aerobics in the Parish Rooms

20 years ago...

Guy Eddy was elected Chairman of the Parish Council in place of Mr K Williams

South Hams District Council refused an application for a dwelling on the garden of the Journeys End above Rocky Path.

Ringmore Played South Brent in the semi-final of the main IPQ competition losing 107-91



April – Queen's Trumpeter

Peter Cripps was one of those who played the fanfare at the Coronation of The Queen in Westminster Abbey. He demonstrated various instruments and kept us

entertained with accounts of his life, playing for Ronny Scott, Ella Fitzgerald and others. It was a most enjoyable evening!

Coming events . . .

Our **May Fair** is on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May at 2 p.m. in the W.I. Hall and gardens – see the separate advert for details. Contributions for the various stalls are always appreciated, either in advance or on the day – ring Jackie on 810520.

The **May meeting** is our annual Resolutions meeting for members, when we discuss matters which will form resolutions to be debated by the National Federation. The meeting is on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 p.m.

The traditional **Barbecue** is on Thursday 12th June at 6.30 p.m. (please note the earlier time), this year in aid of the Dame Hannah Rogers School for Handicapped Children, which is in Ivybridge.

Finally, for members and their spouses/families/friends, on Wednesday 9th July, our **annual outing** is to Lanhydrock House, leaving Ringmore at 10 am and returning at 5 p.m. If enough people are interested, we plan to hire a coach. Jackie (810520) or Kash (810099) will gladly give you further details.



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With Spring in full swing, May blossoms with fresh and flavourful produce and seasonal specials get seriously tasteful.

British asparagus—prized for its tender green stems and delicate sweet flavour—the season only last for a few weeks, but it is a memorable one.

Rhubarb—the pale -pink forced rhubarb appears around the end of March, but is replaced by the more mouth puckering outdoor varieties in late spring.

Samphire—is a sea vegetable that grows abundantly on shorelines, marshy shallows and on salty mudflats. It has a crisp texture, salty flavour and tastes of the sea.

ASPARAGUS & RICOTTA TARTS

Serves 4

1 x 375g sheet ready-rolled butter puff pastry
Flour for dusting
175g fresh ricotta cheese
100g finely grated parmesan
1 tsp finely grated lemon zest
5 tbsp chopped chervil or parsley
Sea salt and cracked black pepper
12-16 asparagus spears— trimmed to fit
Olive oil for brushing
Fresh herb sprigs to serve
Lemon wedges to serve

► Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Unfold the pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface, trim the edges and cut into four rectangles. Place on a backing sheet lined with baking paper. Score a 1cm border on each rectangle.

► Place the ricotta, parmesan, lemon zest, chopped herbs, salt & pepper in a bowl and stir to combine. Spoon the mixture on to the pastry bases and top with the asparagus spears. Brush the pastry borders and the asparagus with the oil.

► Bake for 12– 15 minutes or until the pastry is puffed and golden. Finish with the herb sprigs and lemon wedges.

Warm Salad of Samphire, Asparagus and Crab

Preparation time—less than 30 mins
Cooking time—10 to 30 mins

Ingredients

1 x 1.25– 1.5 kg cooked brown crab
350g/12oz thin asparagus
225g/8oz samphire, picked over and washed
¼ garlic clove, finely chopped
2 tbsp/1 fl oz/ 30ml extra virgin olive oil
extra for serving
Juice of ¼ lemon/2 tps
1 tbsp of chopped flat leaf parsley
Sea salt flakes

Method

- Remove the meat from the crab
- Snap off the woody ends from the asparagus. Cut the stalks in half. Break off and discard the woody ends of the samphire & break the rest into 2/5cm/1in pieces.
- Bring a pan of water to the boil. Add the samphire & cook for 1 minute. Drain & refresh under cold water. Drain well and tip into a bowl. Add the garlic, olive oil & lemon juice, toss together lightly and season to taste
- Divide the asparagus and samphire between 4 plates & arrange pieces of white crab meat and a little of the brown meat over the top. Sprinkle with the chopped parsley, drizzle over a little more olive oil and season with a few sea salt flakes. Scatter over the parmesan shavings and serve.

Rhubarb & Orange Slump

Preparation Time—30 mins
Cooking Time—30-35 mins

Ingredients

900g/2lb Rhubarb, chopped into 3cm pieces
Zest & Juice of 2 medium oranges
140g/5oz caster sugar
200g/8oz self-raising flour
85g/3oz butter, cut into small pieces
150ml/¼ pint milk
2 tbsp flaked almonds
Mascarpone or crème fraîche, to serve

Method

-Heat oven to 190C/Fan 170c/Gas 5. Place the rhubarb in a pan with the orange juice and 50g/2oz of the sugar. Heat gently to dissolve the sugar, then cover and cook for a few mins until rhubarb is softened but still holding its shape, about 5 mins. Tip into a 1.5 litre gratin dish.
-Put the flour, orange zest and remaining sugar in a bowl, add the butter, then rub in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the milk to make a soft dough. Drop 8 spoonfuls of the mixture over the rhubarb and scatter with the almonds. Bake for 25-30 mins until the topping is crisp and golden.
-Serve warm with mascarpone or the crème fraîche.

Puzzles & Brainteasers

April Solutions

Assume you are using a basic calculator and press the numbers in the order shown, replacing each question mark with a mathematical sign.

Plus, minus, multiply and divide can each be used once only.

In which order should they be used to score 3

and in which order should they be used to score 33

3 ? 5 ? 9 ? 6 ? 2 = Answer: multiply, minus, divide and plus = 3

Plus, multiply, minus and divide = 33

Jacob has received a Buttons Easter egg,
Lewis has received a Smarties egg
and Cliff has received a Flake egg.
Has Marc received a Roses egg or a Crunchie egg?
Crunchie. The last letter of the name matches the
initial of the type of egg.

Replace each group of crosses with the same three letter word.
Words must be formed to fit the clues given.

- A) _ _ _ _ _ X X X PIMENTO
B) _ X X X _ CUBED
C) _ X X X _ _ _ GIVE PERMISSION

What are the words? a) Allspice, b) Diced, c) License.

Replace the blanks in the following sentence with two seven letter words.

What are they?

The finances are stretched to the limit and the margin between managing to repay the BLANK and going under is a BLANK one. Answer: Lenders and slender.

May

A car and a coach set off from the same point,
at the same time, to travel the same journey.
The car travels at 48 mph and the coach travels
at 38 mph.
If the car stops after 190 miles,
how long will it take the coach to catch up?

A collection box contains £13.97.
It is made up of four different denominations
of coins
and the largest denomination is £1.
There is exactly the same number of each
coin.
How many of each coin is there and what
are their values?

Rearrange the following letters to give two
words.

A E H M N T

What are they?

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Claire lives with Dave in Ilford and studies
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Lesley lives with Jay in Leeds and studies
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Imogen lives with Glenn in Glasgow and
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Is it Sabina or Isobel who lives with Paul, in
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FROM THE JE'S DIARY:

So, here we are in the Merry Month of May!

The Season is

almost upon us and the countryside is coming into bloom... despite the rain and the wind!



The JE will now be open for dinners on Sundays and lunches on Tuesdays throughout the Season, so we hope to see you all here. We will also be...

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Our +55 Lunch Club will continue throughout the month as always. Wonderful food at an even more wonderful price!

Quiz night's... as you know the last one of the season was this past Thursday. However, we will be holding quizzes throughout the spring/summer season. They will not follow a set schedule. If you have any ideas please come in and let us know. We are thinking of doing at least 2 per month. But...

We still need your help!

It will be Paul's 51st birthday at the end of this month and we have another of our wonderful Steak Nights planned to help celebrate the occasion for the 'Old Man'!



It is also Memorial Day in the USA, and we will be donating a percentage of the day's takings to the USO (the United Services Organization



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(check for dates inside)

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We need you all to be a part

**May 30 -
Steak Night!**

**It's also Paul's
Birthday!**

We will have beautiful steaks and a whole mess of sides to choose from! Just fabulous! Come in and ask for details!

**It is also
Memorial Day
in the USA -
Our day of
remembrance.**

