

Flowers and music

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The event began with nibbles and wine, kindly donated by Steve Chapman of Fryer Tuck's Fish and Chip shop, Challaborough.

Mezzo-soprano Kate Tomlin, who was brought up in the area was joined in the musical line-up by keyboardist Fiona Stewart-Wilson and cellist Claire Garton-Spranger.

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Diane Collinson, had written a song about Ringmore specially for the event, entitled 'Ringmore Song', which was sung by the children's choir, based in Ringmore.

The festival finished with a 'Festival of Praise' service on Sunday at 6pm, led by reverend John Elliott, who is planning to retire this September. John has been minister for the church for eight years, and many locals expressed their gratitude at his service to the com-

munity. Phillip David Errett, the Warden of All Hallows Church said: 'He will be greatly missed by the congregation and villagers alike.'

The proceeds of the event surpassed expectations, exceeding £2,000.

Adrian Bull, one of the organisers said: 'We would like to thank the Flower Arrangers and everyone who has supported the Flower Festival. We are also grateful to Steve Chapman at Fryer Tuck's, Challaborough; F W Jarvis at Electrical Contractors, Kingston; Nicholas at Hair & Beauty, Modbury, John Brunel-Cohen at Ringmore.



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THE VILLAGE. I HAVE A NICE

I AM ENCLOSED COPIES A KEYBOARD. MY FAMILY GAVE
OF THE HISTORY WHICH IT TO ME SO I AM ABLE TO

I HAVE WRITTEN. IT PLAY SOME MUSIC. I

HAS BEEN QUITE INTERESTING EXPECT YOU WILL BE

FOR ME. I HOPE YOU ARE BUSY IN THE GARDEN

WELL. MY BUNGALOW IS SOON. THE SPRING

NOW SOLD. I HOPE ALL FLOWERS ARE COMING

WILL BE WELL FOR IN BLOOM. WITH BEST

THE NEW PEOPLE. I AM WISHES FOR THE YEAR

GOING ON & GITE WELL

FROM Alice.

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