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RINGMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

KEEPING RINGMORE TIDY

Over the past two years I have endeavoured to keep Ringmore tidy, both in the interest of our own environment and pleasure, and also for the holiday visitors who enjoy strolling round the village.

I only have five hours a week in which I try and keep the main areas clean most of the time, and clean the outlying areas on a rota-type basis.

I still have a few problem areas. Firstly, the bus shelter, which seems to accumulate sweet and crisp papers, despite the bin near the entrance. I would appeal to all our local children to help keep this area tidy. I do try and scrub and disinfect the shelter regularly because of the minority of people who use it as a public toilet. If anyone sees that it desperately needs cleaning, perhaps they would let me know.

A second problem is a small number of children who seem to think that pulling the wild flowers and plants off our walls and hedgerows and throwing them in the road is good sport. Parents, please try to educate your children into allowing the natural fauna and flora to continue living.

My third problem is the small number of people who trim, cut or clip lawns and rockeries by the roadside, who seem to think that it is then up to myself or the wind to remove the clippings and rubbish.

Just before Easter, I also painted the small 'Challaborough' sign outside the post office, as it has been in disrepair for a number of years. I hope this will make it a little easier for strangers to find their way.

I hope all who live or have homes in Ringmore and Challaborough will help me in trying to keep it tidy. If anyone finds a problem area please let me know on 810638.

Jim Freeman

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John and Ann Bracey's garden at Scypen, Ringmore, will be open on **Saturday May 22nd** and **Wednesday June 9th** from 2 - 5 pm, admission 50p. TEAS. The National Gardens' Scheme supports several charities including the Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Nurses and the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society.

Ann Bracey

R I N G M O R E P A R I S H C H U R C H N E W S

The Rector writes -

With the meeting of the Ringmore Church Council on Monday 10th, our three Church Councils will have all considered the pastoral scheme for the reorganisation of our parishes. The scheme will come into operation upon my retirement and will involve the formation of a team ministry centred on Modbury and incorporating no less than seven parishes and eight churches.

The Team Rector would be based at Modbury with John Cole taking on this new role. Then a house will be purchased in Loddiswell and a Team Vicar appointed, with a special responsibility for that village, Woodleigh and East Allington. Additionally, it is planned to maintain a base here in Ringmore, with the house occupied by a retired clergyman on a "house-for-duty" basis.

Doreen and I hope that we might stay on here for a while in that capacity - more or less half-time.. In practical terms there would probably be little change to our pattern of Sunday worship as the team got under way. We cannot be altogether sure about when all this could begin, but we have wondered about making November 30th our retirement day so that the scheme could come into operation just before Christmas. We shall see !

SERVICES THIS MONTH

At Ringmore

May 9th 9.0am 1980 Communion
May 16th 6.0pm Evening Prayer
May 23rd 9.0am 1662 Communion
May 30th 6.0pm Evening Service
June 6th 11.0am Family Service

At Bigbury & Kingston

11am Morning Prayer & HC at Bigbury
6pm Evening Prayer at Kingston
9am 1662 Communion at Bigbury
11am Family Service at Kingston
11am Family Service at Bigbury
6pm Evening Service at Kingston
9am 1980 Communion at Bigbury
11am Morning Prayer at Kingston
9am 1980 Communion at Kingston
6pm Evening Prayer at Bigbury

NOTES FOR THE MONTH

Monday May 10th - 7.30pm Church Council Meeting in the Church Hall

Tu'day May 11th - at 7.30pm, Concert by the Lupbridge Singers in Kingston Church organised by the Kingston W.I. in aid of The Children's Hospice. Entry is by programme, price £3, to include refreshments in the Reading Room.

We'day 12th - from 10.30am, Christian Aid Garden Morning at the home of George and Nancy Grimshaw. Middle Manor. Ringmore. Plant & cake stalls for your contributions and patronage, 'Bring & Buy' stall, coffee etc....a united effort by all three churches to bring relief and the Gospel to needy parts of the world.

Looking Ahead - to Thurs. June 17th when the Africa Pastor Fellowship Roadshow

"Family Matters" visits Ashburton at 7.30pm. Book the evening - a party hopes to go from here. It will include an exhibition and two-hour programme high-lighting the human family and the Christian family in Europe, Africa and throughout the world; seeking to present the problems and some of the answers in an informative, lively and entertaining way. Grace and Apuuli Kinobe of Uganda will help Jill and Derek Blundell present this audio-visual programme. An event not to be missed !

The Rectory
Ringmore (810565)

ARTHUR DROWLEY
Rector.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you!!! On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank all of you who attended our Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 20th April. It was a most interesting and worthwhile meeting, as your response to our speakers ably demonstrated. Both County Councillor, Mr Simon Day and District Councillor, Mr Gilbert Sercombe, remarked on how well the meeting was supported, and consequently how pleased they were to be present. In fact, Mr Day said that he had been present at the Modbury Annual Parish Meeting the previous evening, and that there were more at our meeting than at Modbury's, which is rather sad for Modbury, when you compare the populations. Thank you once again for your support. Guy Eddy, Chairman Ringmore Parish Council

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JOURNEY'S END JOURNAL

Congratulations to Roger and family, regular quizzers, who won the jackpot of £35 last Thursday. A new jackpot of £5 will begin this week when our quizmaster is Adrian Muller.

If anyone knows Rebecca Coles, please ask her to call in and collect her Grand National winnings.

The main excitement in May is the Fun Day on Saturday 15th. This is our contribution to the Bigbury Fun Run fund-raising event, the proceeds of which will go to the Dame Hannah Rogers School. On May 15th the pub will be open from 11am to 11pm, and highlights will include a number of games, sideshows, B B Q and disco. In addition, Mark and Lucy (Lumars Gift Shop) have donated an enormous piggy bank, which is now sitting in the bar waiting to receive any donation you may wish to give, and on 15th it will be auctioned (having been emptied first!). Take this opportunity to enjoy the facilities of your local.

Our regular evenings of Euchre on Wednesday and Quiz on Thursday will continue throughout May, and our live music programme is as follows:

FRIDAY MAY 7TH	GIN
FRIDAY MAY 14TH	MY EARTHLY TWIN
FRIDAY MAY 21ST	DAVE AND LES
FRIDAY MAY 28TH	GEORGE BREAKFAST
AND FRIDAY JUNE 4TH	GIN

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WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

There will be a Barbecue in the garden of Middle Manor and a Woodland Walk at 7pm on Thursday 10th June.

An outing is being planned to Crowdy Mill towards the end of June. Further details will be given in the next newsletter.

Ardene Bennett

Inter-Parish Quiz

Having lost in the first round to Wembury, we were invited to take part in the Ken West Memorial Plate. Due to a communications breakdown, this ended up by being at very short notice. We played a three cornered match against Shaugh Prior and Bigbury, at Shaugh Prior Village hall on 27th April. This was the first match with three teams together, and it proved to be a very entertaining evening, with all teams taking part in the true spirit of the competition, i.e. for fun. We learnt alot, including how to identify one winged butterflies! We won the match, scoring 50 points, with Shaugh Prior scoring 38 and Bigbury 33. My special thanks to Bill Warne for stepping in at the last moment, and also to Guy Eddy and Reg Trant.

Having managed to win this round, we then had a week to be ready for the final on the 4th May at Ivybridge. Unfortunately Guy was unable to rearrange his holiday (!), but we were able to call on Adrian Muller once again. Ivybridge and Ermington had won in their matches, and proved very worthy adversaries, so much so, that we were struggling from the very start of the evening. Unfortunately, we did not have enough knowledge of television programmes, so lost very badly on one particular round. It also felt as though we could only answer the other team's questions (!), so we were well and truly beaten, with Ivybridge deservedly winning with 69 points, to our 47 and Ermington's 61.

Thus ends another season, apart from the final on 25th May at Ivybridge. I feel that it is now time for some new blood, and thus intend handing over the "management". If anyone would like to take over this role, or to be on the team for next year, then please contact me as soon as possible.

Mike Wynne-Powell

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A morning visit to Exeter Museum followed by a picnic lunch and an afternoon visit to Exeter Cathedral has been arranged for June 5th 1993, leaving Ringmore at 9am. For further details please ring 810450.

John Parry

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- * Two parishioners attended the meeting in addition to the five councillors present; Rob Batten and Guy Eddy were both away, so the vice-chairman, John Tate, chaired his first meeting.
- * The telephone 'Watch-a-Box' scheme has now been discontinued by British Telecom. Perhaps by coincidence vandals have already damaged the plastic display unit inside. Thanks were conveyed to Val Dyer for her watchfulness.
- * It was reported that sludge is expected to be removed from the sewerage treatment plant about twice a month in a 'medium-sized' vehicle, and that some smell will occur at times of loading.
- * A reminder to all that the skips will be sited at the Journey's End car park on 17th May, and at Challaborough on 24th May
- * The National Trust are deliberating on concerns expressed about the barbed wire placed along the fence towards Toby's Point. The Council decided not to take action until further contact from the National Trust.
- * The Council discussed the danger to pedestrians (and animals) caused by some people driving vehicles too fast and dangerously through the village. It was agreed that signs were important but inadequate, and that traffic-calming measures (ramps) were essential. Technical advice would be obtained before mounting a campaign to get the necessary work done to prevent a serious accident.
- * All are welcome to the next meeting on June 1st at 7pm

John Tate Vice Chairman

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Following the South Devon Neighbourhood Watch Conference held in Torquay last month, Ringmore Parish Neighbourhood Watch will be holding a meeting at the Journey's End on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 pm to discuss matters arising from that conference. Everyone is welcome
David Young

Additional Neighbourhood Watch signs have now been delivered and should be erected within the next few days.

PC Peter Brimblecombe attended the Parish Council Meeting and reported several recent crimes in the area:

1. A car parked in the Journey's End car park was broken into.
2. A caravan window had been forced and goods to the value of £1,400 stolen.
3. A wet suit hanging out to dry was missing.
4. Bardens' store had been broken into and about £100 of chocolate taken.

Please remember that Neighbourhood Watch is all about being vigilant, so if you see anyone acting suspiciously, do report it.
John Tate

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DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE DEADLINE

The deadline for items for the June newsletter is **WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE**

On the mention of speeding traffic through the village in last month's newsletter, I'd like to point out that it isn't only holiday traffic, but all year round. This week, one of my cats was knocked down within minutes of going out and is now in much pain with a fractured jaw and pelvis and faces weeks in a cage until the pelvis mends. I realise that cats aren't the most streetwise of animals, but if only people would drive slower round village lanes they might see what's in the road and stop. Because it's only a cat I have no legal recourse - just a large vet's bill because someone was in a hurry. Just think what would have happened if it were a 5 year old child instead of a 5 year old cat. I would like to thank all the neighbours who've helped and brought special 'tidbits' to encourage him to eat.
Hazel Freeman