

# Ringmore

## Parish Newsletter

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*This is the time of year when we bless the invention of the digital clock, buried in every appliance imaginable and incapable of changing to GMT automatically. Check, there might be one or two left unaltered! October was a gentle transition from summer to autumn. The Indian Summer provided many beautiful days but we are now into early, dark evenings and wisps of smoke can be seen drifting upward into the evening sky.*

*This month's is addition to the contributions, from Arthur and prepare to leave; some Charity information on raising activities; chapter on his war-*

*An Inscription*  
**Alice**  
*will be celebrating a significant Birthday*  
*on Sunday 12th November*  
*at 3.00pm in the Church Hall*  
*Everyone is invited to mark the occasion*

*another full issue. In regular there is a note Doreen as they the results of collections and other fund-Ken Ward's final time capers, a note scrumptious recipe! If to share with the village,*

*on the cost of the Newsletter and another you have a favourite dish which you would like without inviting everyone round to supper, let us include it in the Newsletter.*

*Why not send Christmas Greetings to friends and neighbours through the Newsletter? Details, on what you can have for only £1, are shown below. Check the final posting dates for Christmas. The last date for surface mail to Tuvalu was 2nd October. Ooops! There could be some sad faces there!*

*Bonfire night is upon us and preparations are almost complete. Don't miss the opportunity to clear out unwanted combustibles but please DO NOT OFFER FOAM-FILLED FURNITURE or AEROSOL CANS-they are not environmentally friendly. Let us hope that the weather is as kind as it was last year. Refreshments will be available.*

*Enjoy the show and*

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'Christmas Greetings'  
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Send your greetings to the editors by  
Wednesday  
22nd November

### Mobile Library

November

Dates:- 13th & 27th

St Ann's Chapel

11.40am - 12.00pm

Challaborough

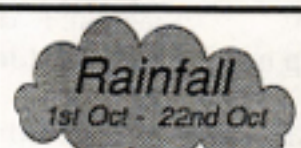
2.25pm - 2.40pm

Ringmore Church

2.45pm - 3.25pm

Kingston Fire Station

3.40pm - 4.30pm



Fiona Batten

Avg Oct for last 10 years - 3"

Highest - October 1987 - 5"

Lowest - October 1994 - 1"

### NOVEMBER DIARY

- 2nd Quiz Night at JE
- 3rd GIN at the JE
- 4th Bonfire Night
- 8th AGM Ringmore Historical Society - 7.30pm
- 9th WI Annual Meeting, WI Hall
- Quiz night at JE
- 10th British Legion Auction at JE - 9.00pm
- 11th British Legion Coffee Morning - 10.30am Sedgewell Sands
- 12th Remembrance Service - Ringmore - 10.50am
- Alice's Birthday Party - Church Hall at 3.00pm
- 13th Mobile Library
- British Legion Whist Drive - WI Hall 7.45pm
- 16th Quiz Night at JE
- 17th ) JE Food Feature
- 18th ) Poacher's Pantry
- 21st Parish Council Meeting - 7.00pm WI Hall
- 23rd Quiz Night at JE
- 25th Grand Gift Fair - Bigbury Memorial Hall
- 27th Mobile Library
- 30th Quiz Night at JE

**DEADLINE**

**Wednesday 22nd November**

**DEADLINE**



# Church Page



On October 20 we held a farewell party for Doreen and Arthur Drowley, at which we expressed our thanks to them for their zeal and dedication in their 8 years' ministry here, and wished them every happiness in the future. Next month we welcome Delphine and Derek Matten as their successors, and Derek will be formally licensed at Kingston Church, on Friday December 1 at 7.30 p.m.

Between Arthur's departure and Derek's arrival, John Cole, the Team Rector, will preside at the Holy Communion services (except November 5, when Alan Bevan will preside). Apart from that, you will have to put up with me!

The Remembrance Service this year will be at Ringmore Church at 10.45 a.m. (the earlier start enabling us to observe the Two Minutes' Silence). As well as looking back at the sacrifice of others in times of war, it gives us the opportunity of dedicating ourselves afresh both to God and in the service of our fellow men and women.

Services during the month are:

November 4	10 a.m.	Bigbury church fete: Memorial Hall
November 5	9 a.m.	Kingston: Holy Communion
	11 a.m.	Ringmore: Family Service
	6 p.m.	Bigbury: Evening Service
November 12	9 a.m.	Bigbury: Holy Communion
	10.45 a.m.	Ringmore: Remembrance Service
	6 p.m.	Kingston: Evening Service
November 18	10 a.m.	Tearcraft coffee morning, bring-and-buy and the chance to buy cards and gifts for Christmas: Challaborough Cottage
November 19	9 a.m.	Bigbury: Holy Communion
	11 a.m.	Kingston: Family Service
	6 p.m.	Ringmore: Evening Service
November 25	10.30 a.m.	Kingston church fete: Reading Room
November 26	9 a.m.	Ringmore: Holy Communion
	11 a.m.	Bigbury: Family Service
	6 p.m.	Kingston: Evening Service
December 1	7.30 p.m.	Kingston: Licensing of Derek Matten

Finally, if you have any queries or whatever in the time before Derek arrives, do please contact either the Team Rector, John Cole, or me.

Michael Tagent  
Reader

Challaborough Cottage  
Ringmore (810520)



# Journey's End Inn

November is a busy month at the JE starting with the Bonfire and Firework Display on Saturday 4th at 7.30pm. On the following Friday, 10th, the British Legion Auction takes place. Don't miss this opportunity to give to charity and purchase a bargain..

Our Food Feature this month will be 'POACHER'S PANTRY' with a menu including Venison, Pheasant and Salmon. This will be on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th.

Our Thursday Night Quiz has been well supported and we are pleased to welcome new entrants from Bigbury-on-Sea; now we need a strong challenge from the brains of Kingston!

Anyone for Dominoes? We have a number of regulars playing dominoes on Wednesday evenings. If the numbers increase we can have a competition each Wednesday. If you are interested call in around 8.30pm.

Music Night - Friday 3rd - GIN

## 'Thank You'

The party we shared on Friday 20th as we said farewell to the good people of Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston, was an evening to be remembered! The generosity, good humour and genuine sense of 'the family' made it a very special ending to our eight years living and working amongst you.

The United Choir provided a fitting tribute to all the good times we pioneered together and the final ditty was an ingenious combination of literary and musical skills - not forgetting the valiant accompanist!

The many cards and good wishes have touched us deeply and the cheque and tokens will be the means of providing special reminders of the love and help we have received from so many.

Our chief aim in coming to these parishes was to introduce folk to our Lord and Saviour and together with them, to 'grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ'. In the light of this we found Friday a tremendous encouragement. Thank you all so much.

Arthur & Doreen

him how to get to the farm which was down a dead-end lane, not far away. I then rang I Corps who asked me to block the road until they could get there. This we did with our three tonner. Security arrived and we left them to it. Later I was thanked and told that they had collected several undesirable characters.

After five or six months, the powers-that-be decided we were needed back at our unit so we were replaced by a WRAF team. During our stay we had maintained a continuous watch 24 hours a day and had certainly provided useful information which helped to account for some E Boats. We were sorry to leave for a more energetic time and army cooking!



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*This was the final instalment in Ken Ward's recollections of his war-time in the South Hams. We are grateful to him for having taken the trouble to record them and also to Reg Trant for having submitted them. We hope that you enjoyed reading these stories.*

*Is anyone else prepared to record stories of interesting events in which they have been involved over the years? Don't be bashful. Just because you don't think them notable, it does not mean that the rest of us will not be interested. Please contact the editors if you are prepared to have a go. Remember this is your newsletter and without your contributions to add variety, it could become very stale.*



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## Ken Ward's Memories of South Devon 1940

from Reg Trant

One afternoon my Batman came to see me to say that two civilians were being held in a small car on the beach road. The couple appeared to have a marked OS map and should not have been there. I went along and found a man and a woman with an OS 1" map with markings which, to my knowledge, seemed to coincide with various lookout points. I told them that they were out of bounds and the man said to me, "You cannot order me about. I am an adjutant in the British Union of Fascists. I am looking for an acquaintance who lives at a farm called ....., near here.". So I kept his map and told

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## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Our thanks to all of you who joined us to hear Paul Kane, from the Modbury practice, give an illustrated talk on his experiences as a Vet in Africa - enthralling and sometimes gory!

Congratulations to Natalie and Ardene in coming second in the Avon Group competition with their entry of a garden in a seed tray (judged by Terry Underhill, no less!).

On Thursday, November 9th, at our Annual Meeting, we hope to elect a new President.

Wednesday, December 13th is the date chosen for the Christmas Party at the Journey's End.

A Whist Drive, a Theatre Trip and good speakers are planned for the New Year.

To ensure the future of Ringmore WI and our hall, we do need to enrol more members. We hope you will join us, thus contributing to the survival of this Institute which was founded in 1924. There is so much talent in the village, so please do consider coming and making your unique contribution: and we do have fun!

Last, but by no means least, A very Happy 80th Birthday to our Alice on November 12th.

Pam Brunskill, Joint President

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### An Italian Evening

The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston branch of the Conservative Association will be holding an Italian Evening, a 3 course supper with entertainment, on Friday 24th November at 7.30pm in the Bigbury Memorial Hall.

Donations will be made to the R.N.L.I. Details from Naomi or Bill Warne 810214

### St Luke's Hospice

Great news! This year's annual collection raised £143.94p, up by more than 50% on last year. The collection is similarly up in Kingston. Also, we have broken new ground with 2 collectors in Bigbury-on-Sea. In all we reached a very worthwhile total of £377.08p. Thank you for your friendly and generous response.

The Hospice is most grateful and advises us that care has been given to an increased number of patients this year and occupational therapy has been provided. Hopefully, physiotherapy is to be considered.

Your contributions, therefore, are helping to provide a better quality of life for those in Hospice care.

Drina Williams, Area Organiser

### Help The Aged

The recent collection raised £38.50p. Thank you  
Mrs Gander

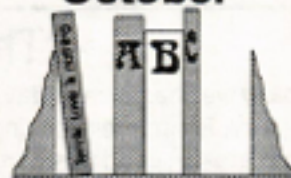


### November

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7 14	23 5	21 3		
20		2 9		

Form the shapes into a four-sided grid to make a Magic Square in which all rows, across and down, as well as the diagonals, total 65

### October



Looks easy - simple arithmetic, or so some of you thought! If the volumes are placed together, the answer becomes apparent. Page 1 of Vol A is next to Vol B which, in turn, is next to the final page of Vol C. The grub has eaten the front cover of Vol A, the whole of Vol B and the back cover of Vol C.  $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + 3" + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = 3\frac{1}{2}"$  Doreen, The Furry Boys and Yogsothoth were defeated by the simplicity but TDF triumphed as did the Matchman, the latter without even consulting the map!

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(excerpts from the minutes of the October Meeting)

## Driving Speeds Down in Devon

The proposed talk by Daniel McCarthy has been postponed until the November meeting.

## Trees

Would parishioners requiring trees kindly get in touch with Brian McCabe 810538 or Stan Brunskill 810654

## Road Signs

The subject of road signs down to the Journey's End was discussed. It was agreed that existing signs are adequate if of dubious legality. The lane from Cumberland Cottages to Challaborough Cottage is a public Highway. No further action is proposed.

## Large Delivery Vehicles

The undesirability of such vehicles passing through Ringmore was considered. It was agreed to write to commercial concerns attracting these vehicles to see what could be done to improve matters, e.g. request that suppliers use smaller vehicles or arrange collection from alternative drop-off sites. Replies are to be requested and the situation will be reviewed further as necessary.

## Skips

In March '96 there will be a single skip in Ringmore. The Challaborough facility has regrettably been lost for the present. This is unsatisfactory and will be monitored.

## Flooding

The problem at Cumberland Cottages remains unresolved. Actual responsibility for the offending drain is blurred but hopefully, by the November meeting, matters will be clarified.

## Devon 2011

District Councillor Roger Ansty gave a useful and informative report regarding the Structure Plan. He stressed that no site has been identified yet for the 'new town'. Sufficient copies of 'Devon 2011' have been obtained to supply each household in the Parish and these will be delivered with the November Newsletter. Thanks are due to Tesco for the supply.

## Ringmore Parish Newsletter

Proposals regarding the Newsletter have been made by the editors. These are to be considered and decided upon at the November meeting.

## Skate Boarding

It would be appreciated if parents of youngsters indulging in this popular pastime could ensure that their offspring pursue their activity without inconvenience or annoyance to residents.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 21st November**

A K Muller

## Help

About a month ago, just before I went away on holiday, somebody asked me if I would be able to repair their radio. I did not hold out much hope but said I would look at it when I got back. I was right, I cannot repair it but unfortunately, I cannot now remember who it belongs to! Help please!

Douglas Hall

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## My War Years

This is the title of the recollections of war-time service as a young WAAF. Encouraged by many, Joan Baughan has spent the past 9 months writing and painstakingly checking an account of her experiences as, first, an ACW on a Station and ultimately, as an Intelligence and Operations Officer at Bomber Command HQ. There she worked for the legendary 'Bomber' Harris. Her efforts have been rewarded and these memoirs have been accepted for publication. It is hoped, 'My War Years' will appear in bookshops before too long!

**Congratulations Joan!**





POPPY APPEAL

## The Royal British Legion

This year has been the most extraordinary year with the various commemoration ceremonies to mark VE Day and VJ Day Anniversaries. We, in our three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore, have played a small part by bringing the Kingston Memorial up to date and giving the Bigbury Memorial a fresh coat of paint. I think that those of you who attended the two special services will agree that they were just that - special! Not to be forgotten also was the night of the Kingston Bonfire, another great evening. Finally there was the commemoration tree planting at the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel; another memorable occasion.

Now, as we approach this year's Poppy Appeal, I don't have to remind you that the Legion's work goes on, the caring for the sick, the help with pensions, the maintaining of the seven Legion homes, the help with retraining and resettlement and many other functions. We, in our parishes, are up with the leaders in our collecting efforts, having achieved the remarkable figure of £1.50 per head of population, with last year's total of £1901.00p. For this we have had a letter of congratulations from the Head of the Poppy Appeal. We keep setting ourselves difficult targets and with your wonderful support, we achieve them.

### ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ASKING FOR THAT WONDERFUL SUPPORT.

#### Diary of Events in November

Wed 1st - Sat 11th

Friday 10th

Saturday 11th

Sunday 12th

Monday 13th

House to House collection

Journey's End, Ringmore. Auction of memorabilia at 9:00pm. Items needed so please have a look.

Coffee Morning at Mr & Mrs Jack Smith's, Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea 10:30am. Cake Stall, Bring-&-Buy Stall, Produce Stall. Raffle for good prizes

Service of Remembrance at Ringmore Church 10:50am

Whist Drive at WI Hall Ringmore at 7:45pm.

Prizes and Raffles

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### Modbury School

Thank you to all those who so generously sponsored the children of Ringmore Parish on their Modbury School Sponsored Walk.


A grand total of about £3,500 has been raised throughout the local parishes. The school has had a large shortfall of funds this year and the money will help fill the gap, going towards, for example, furnishing the new school building.

We all had a really enjoyable walk. The sun shone, the birds sang and the children hopped and skipped from one checkpoint to the next.

Burgers, hot-dogs and drinks awaited us at the finish, the Clearbrook Inn. Whilst adults rested their weary legs, the children still had the energy to run round the pub garden and scramble up and down the climbing frame!

Belinda Ireland


Guy Eddy, Poppy Appeal Organiser



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## Parish Newsletter

You will have seen from the notes on the last Parish Council meeting that the Newsletter is under discussion. Anyone who has produced a newsletter of any sort will know there are three elements to a successful issue;

- Sufficient interesting content
- Sufficient funds to cover production
- Successful distribution

Content and Distribution are not under discussion at the moment. It is the costs which are occupying the minds of our councillors.

Cost is an important consideration. If you just throw money at a problem then alternatives are never considered. The volume of content dictates cost to some extent as does the extent to which cost can be defrayed by revenue. The Newsletter charges advertisers £12 per year for a monthly advert. This has not changed for a number of years but is still somewhat higher than the figure charged by neighbouring parishes. In addition to that, regular contributors pay a sum which equates to the production cost (paper and photocopying) of the space which they use. The current situation is that the Newsletter is running at an annual deficit of about £100 per year. This deficit has been growing as production costs inevitably increase. The village shop charges a fair rate for reproduction, better than most print shops in the area. Those sources which are less expensive might not always be so, are not in the village and are therefore less accessible and less convenient.

It is possible to keep the cost of the Newsletter within the revenue received by limiting each issue to an average of four and a half sides throughout the year, which would allow space for the advertisers and the regular contributors only. Every side over 4½ costs money unless everyone is asked to pay the real cost of the space used. For example the space taken by the Enigma puzzle costs approximately £1 each month. Smaller items obviously cost less but should there be a charge for them or should they be free? Should every house be asked to pay £1 per year which will almost wipe out the deficit? What if someone refuses to pay? Should they still receive a copy? Should the cost be borne from the Parish Council's annual Precept (the sum raised from the Parish for the PC by the SHDC)? These are the questions faced by the Council. It has, in the past, made good the shortfall but it has not been, hitherto, a large amount. If you have an opinion, let one of your Parish Councillors know what it is before they meet to consider how to deal with the problem at the November meeting. If the weight of opinion says 'we don't want a newsletter', then the decision is easy but if you do want it to continue as more than just a report of the activities of the village organisations, let it be known. The council is rightly wary of spending money unnecessarily, some might say frivolously, and therefore it needs to know what you think.



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Elize Wilson

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Ursula Phelan 810426



The attempted burglary of the Village Shop & Post Office in September was thwarted thanks to the quick response of neighbours.

The incident bears out the vital importance for us all to remember that at any time, night or day, we must inform the Police if we see or hear anything suspicious.

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