



Ringmore

Parish Newsletter

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'Spring has sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where . . . ' We know where the birds are but where is the Spring?

Enthusiastic fund raising supported by the WI and Rosemary & John at the Shop has produced more funds than required. Whilst funds raised for one purpose cannot simply be applied elsewhere, surely the generosity which provided the money will allow the surplus to be diverted towards repairing or replacing the Coronation Seat on Rocky Path. Apparently, this is suffering from the ravages of time or inconsiderate treatment and should be restored if only to provide a place of recovery for those scaling the heights!

Bigbury Youth Club, open to youngsters from neighbouring villages, is making a big effort to raise funds - see inside.

'Riding for the Disabled' supported by the Lupridge Singers

Please come to Ugborough Parish Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th April to hear the Lupridge Singers. The choir, accompanied by a chamber orchestra, will perform Haydn's 'Stabat Mater'. The concert is being held in aid of 'Riding for the Disabled' and the Ugborough Church Restoration Fund. Tickets, available on the door or at 'Top o' the Steps', are priced at £3.00 (£2.00 for school-age children). The soloists are Louise Hardy (soprano), Diana Nightingale (Alto), Tony Greaves (Tenor) and Alan Potts (Bass). Bring your friends to enjoy this beautiful piece of music and support two very worthwhile charities

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Wednesday, May 15th
10.30am

Middle Manor, Ringmore.

Please come - contributions to any of the stalls will be most welcome.

Bring & Buy Plants & Produce Cakes

Entrance 50p includes coffee

APRIL DIARY

- 4th Quiz Night JE 9.00pm
- 5th Music Night JE - Gin
- 10th Ringmore Historical Soc 7.30pm WI Hall
- 11th Quiz Night JE 9.00pm
WI Meeting - Speaker: George Grimshaw
- 13th British Legion Coffee Morning at The Manor
10.30 - 12 noon
Challaborough Beach Clean 10.30am
- 18th Quiz Night JE 9.00pm
- 19th Darts Match The Pickwick Inn v JE
- 20th Bigbury Youth Club - Table Top Sale
- 23rd Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
- 24th Joan Baughan's Book Launch at the JE
- 25th Quiz Night JE 9.00pm
- 26th Darts Match JE v The Pickwick Inn
Music Night JE - Fair Play
- 30th Annual Parish Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall

DEADLINE Thursday 25th April

Mobile Library April

Dates:- 1st, 15th & 29th

St Ann's Chapel

11.15 - 11.30

Challaborough

1.50 - 2.00

Ringmore Church

2.05 - 2.40

Kingston Fire Station

3.00 - 4.00



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Sunday 9.00am - 12 noon
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Monday

JOURNEY'S END OPENING HOURS

Mon - Sat 11.30am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm
Sun - Noon - 3.00pm & 7.00pm - 10.30pm
last time for ordering food
Lunch 2.00pm Dinner 9.00pm

CHURCH

Service times are shown overleaf

Parish Church Page



"This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow". Can we really sing this without a sense of hypocrisy? The past few weeks have given us ample cause for sorrow, and we would have to be pretty out of touch with things around us, were we to deny the presence and force of evil in the world. Are Christians once again, as has been icily put, "so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly use"?

Surely the events that unfolded in the week we still call Holy Week gives the lie to that gibe. If we read what happened in the last week of Jesus' life, we see evil in all its naked force on a national level as well as in individual people. We see the tragedy of disillusioned hurt pride in Judas, cowardice on the part of Jesus' closest friends, a triple execution of the most barbaric sort. We see blood and sweat and tears. But we also see a Man of Sorrows letting it all happen. Not passively, because there was no other way left to him, but actively, because he was not prepared to take the ways out that presented themselves to him. "Surely he has borne our sins and carried our sorrow" - there's nothing passive about that.

And at the end of it all there is Easter, the day of victory and rescue. Come and celebrate with those who believe in the triumph of good over evil. It's still true - in Jesus Christ.

April 4	MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.30 p.m.	Ringmore (Holy Communion, BCP)
April 5	GOOD FRIDAY
10.30 a.m.	Bigbury (Family Service)
2 p.m.	Kingston (Devotional Service)
April 7	EASTER DAY
9 a.m.	Kingston (Holy Communion, BCP)
11 a.m.	Ringmore (Family Communion, ASB)
6 p.m.	Bigbury (Festival Evensong, BCP)
April 14	
9 a.m.	Ringmore (Holy Communion, ASB)
11 a.m.	Bigbury (Morning Prayer, BCP)
6 p.m.	Kingston (Evening Prayer, BCP)
April 21	
9 a.m.	Bigbury (Holy Communion, BCP)
11 a.m.	Kingston (Family Service)
6 p.m.	Ringmore (Evening Prayer, BCP)
April 28	
9 a.m.	Ringmore (Holy Communion, BCP)
11 a.m.	Bigbury (Family Service)
6 p.m.	Kingston (Evening Prayer, ASB)

Journey's End Journal

Drinking and the Law

The recent outbreak of petty vandalism and consequent police activity have prompted us to make you aware of the drinking laws which will apply to young people here at the Journey's End. They are as follows:

- 1 No person under the age of 14 years is allowed in the bar.
- 2 No person under the age of 18 years is allowed to buy or consume intoxicating liquor in the licensed premises.
- 3 Service may be refused - particularly if you look to be under 18 years - and the reason need not be given to you.

We want the pub to be a happy and friendly place for adults and their families to enjoy. We are sure you will agree it is important for us to be seen to uphold the law.

One of the highlights of March was the Great Challenge Quiz between the Ringmore Parish Team and the Journey's End Team which was held here on Monday 18th. Fortunately the result was almost a draw (JE 81 Parish 80)! I hope all participants and supporters enjoyed the evening and our grateful thanks go to Bill Warne, Guy Eddy and Richard Sully for officiating.

We have been challenged to a darts match by The Pickwick (the pub at St Ann's Chapel) to take place there on Friday 19th with a return match here on Friday 26th. We are as yet unbeaten in the area and hope to maintain this record despite the fact that we haven't played for 2 years! If anyone wishes to join the team, please let me know - previous experience not necessary.

Our Lottery Bonus Ball Bonanza has proved popular. Each week 75% of the takings goes to the winner and 25% to Fireworks Fund. So far winners have been Alan King (twice), Norman Rickets and Yogi King, which seems appropriate. After only 4 weeks the Firework Fund has benefitted by £40.00.

Diary Dates

Friday 5th	Live Music	Gin
Friday 19th	Darts Match	Pickwick Inn
Friday 26th	Live Music	Fair Play
	Darts Match	Journey's End



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

A well-attended meeting discussed arrangements for competitions, outings and another Safari Supper.

President, Jackie Tagent, welcomed our speaker for the evening, Derek Matten. We were grateful and delighted that he had agreed to entertain us with a light-hearted talk entitled 'God's Funnybone'. Much laughter by members and husbands greeted his experiences at home and abroad, vividly described in humorous verse.

We look forward to hearing George Grimshaw's account of his visit to Chile, at our next meeting on Thursday 11th April. Visitors are welcome at 8.15pm.

Pam Brunskill

W.I. Coffee Morning

I should like to thank everybody who contributed to the W.I. Coffee Morning - the stallholders who worked so hard, the coffee ladies for their endless supply of coffee and all who came and helped us raise £195.50 towards the rebuilding of the bus shelter.

Thank you Alan for building it so quickly!

Jackie Tagent, President



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Muscular Dystrophy

During February 1996, a collection was made in the village and we are pleased to advise that the total raised was £64.00p. Thank you

Ann Lambell & David Young

Bigbury Parish Council Accident Black Spot St Ann's Chapel

A letter has been received by the Parish Council from the Bigbury Parish Council requesting assistance from Ringmore residents.

When a request is made for action to reduce accidents, for example, Traffic Calming measures, a log of all incidents is supplied to the County Council, which is the Highway Authority. Such a log, maintained by the police, is kept for all mishaps which occur at the Pickwick crossroads. We are all aware of the trickiness of this junction which can be negotiated easily but with care. However, one can never be sure what the other driver will do and sometimes problems arise.

Bigbury Parish Council has asked that anyone who is involved in an accident or witnesses one at this junction, ensures that it is reported to the police. That way, a body of evidence can be collated for consideration by the County Council at the appropriate time. Without the information, despite what every local resident knows, the County will say 'there are no facts to support your case'.

Royal British Legion Women's Section 75th Anniversary

A Coffee Morning will be held at 'The Manor', Ringmore, on 13th April from 10.30am to 12.00 noon, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Stark.

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 19th March - 5 councillors and 15 members of the public present

Guest Speaker

Kathy Cuthbert (Ivybridge Community College) talked about a report by Ivybridge Inter-Agency on the subject of young people (13-18), their opinions, needs and expectations from a modern society. A number of local young people and parents attended the meeting with a plea for village facilities, principally a skate board ramp. The Parish Council will have further discussions on this and related matters and will give full consideration to finding solutions.

District Councillor

Roger Ansty gave a brief resumé on various matters:

- a No further sales of council houses are envisaged but maintenance and repair costs are causing concern.
- b The Woodland Trust is seeking woodlands to maintain or land for planting and they are supported by the Millenium Fund.
- c It appears that in the fullness of time, substantial changes and redevelopment will take place at the Warren, Bigbury on Sea. Plans and projections have yet to be finalised.

Parking Signs

Seemingly, improved signs for parking at the Journey's End and National Trust Car Park will emerge once the various interested parties have agreed what is required.

Newsletter

A report was given by the editors of the Parish Newsletter, to the effect that, provided that the 'status quo' remains, the newsletter will be financially self-sufficient and will require no contribution from the Parish Council. They were complimented on this achievement and also on the current presentation.

Bus Shelter

The combination of insurance, VAT reclaim, a contribution by Devon County Council and enthusiastic local fund-raising have more than covered the cost of rebuilding the shelter. What a super job Alan King and Sons have made: the shelter is a credit to the village.

Coronation Seat

This seat appears to be disintegrating as the result of 'anno domini'. Whether its state was hastened by interference is not known but as with the Bus Shelter and any other property, residents are recommended to be aware and report anything relevant to the police or Neighbourhood Watch.

Trees

It appears that various trees on the village green and elsewhere are unsafe. Professional advice and estimates are being obtained. However remedial costs have to be covered by the Parish Council so a surplus elsewhere is useful. A replanting is also under full consideration.

Traffic Calming

It was reported that the conversion of the traffic calming strips from an ineffective 3 to a more useful 10 will be carried out by Easter at no extra cost to the Parish.

Next Meeting: 23rd April at 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting 30th April 7.00pm
Both meetings will be in the WI Hall

A K Muller

Cynthia Mills

Cynthia Mills will be leaving Well Cottage on 1st April. Those who have met Cynthia during her stay here will miss her and, no doubt, she will leave many memories behind. However, when time allows Cynthia will return to renew acquaintances.

Meantime, she has asked for the following message to be passed on.

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation of all the kind help and support which I have received in Ringmore during my stay in Well Cottage.
Many thanks, Cynthia"

March solution

Abstemious	AEIOU
Equation	EUAIU
Inoculate	IOUAE
Overhauling	OEAIU
Uncomplimentary	UOIEA

Last month's poser was a bit stiff but it did not prevent 'The Beginners' from submitting their first entry and it was almost right! They stumbled on the final combination by repeating a vowel in the word 'unforgiveable'. The Matchman was just behind them, a simple error, also in the last word, denying him the victory which this month goes to 'Yog-Sothoth' and to The Furry Boys whose solution appears above. There are of course alternatives but it is the first and last sequences which are usually posed. Enigma is aware of 3 AEIOU (it is said there are 5 in the language) and 2 UOIEA, including the above.

Thanks to The Matchman for a veritable lexicon of words using the vowels in a number of permutations.

April

Some numbers this month. Fill in the blanks, ensuring that the equations are correct, both across and down.

All numbers are between 1 & 9.
Good luck!

	X		-		=	6
+		+		X		+
	÷		-	3	=	
-		-		÷		÷
	-	3	+		=	
=		=		=		=
6	-		-		=	

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Parish was warned that there might be no skip in the village this year because contractors were worried that their lights and cones might be vandalised!

District Council . . . progress was being made towards planning a bypass for Aveton Gifford.

The need for a mirror at St Ann's Chapel was raised with the County Councillor.

The now-defunct Emergency Committee cooked a meal for 65 people in the grounds of the WI Hall. The Church Hall was equipped as an Emergency Rest Centre.

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Here's your starter for ten

New quiz entrants 'The Beginners' have put their retaliation in early. They have sent the editors a question along with their very first attempt - such boldness!

We thought that the poser should be passed on to anyone who likes a mental challenge, so, here it is.

What is similar in the three following sentences?

- 1 I do not know where family doctors acquired illegibly perplexing handwriting.
- 2 O to see your sweet figure timidly pursuing elegantly fluttering butterflies.
- 3 I am the only white female teacher teaching immigrant Ethiopians mathematics.

No solution was supplied but the editors believe their answer to be indisputable!

Try it. The names of all correct respondents will appear next month.



Household hints

Bread

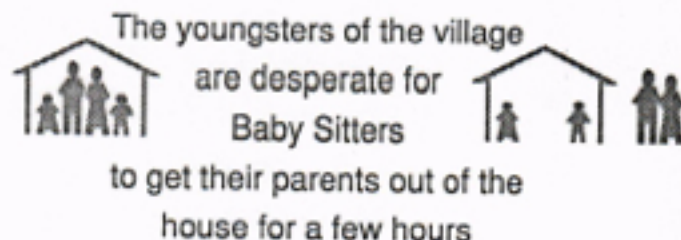
To avoid problems when cutting bread thinly, dip the knife in hot water first. This usually makes the task easier.

Copper

To clean tarnished copper use a piece of lemon dipped in salt.

**Extra
Pocket Money?**

**Enhance
the Pension?**

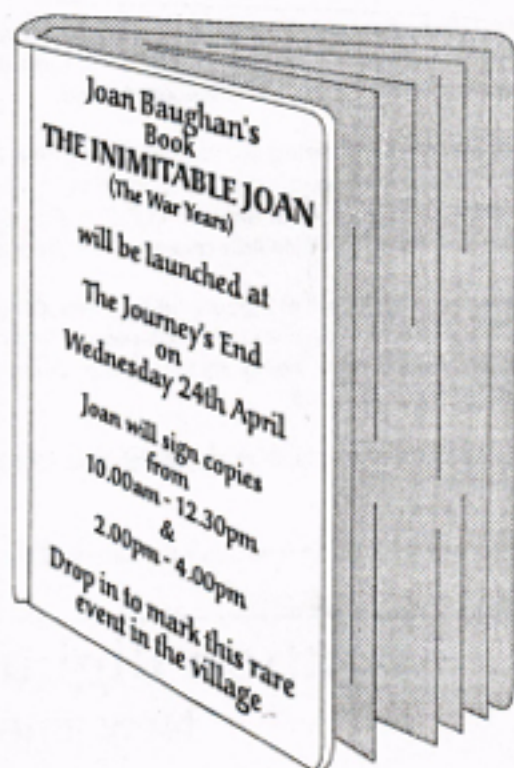


If anyone has an hour or two to spare please contact Jane 810707

Ringmore Historical Society

There will be an Open Meeting in the WI Hall on Wednesday 10th April 1996 at 7.30pm. Neville Oldham will talk on 'Oldaport'. Everyone is welcome. Admission will be 30p for members and 60p for non-members, which will include refreshments.

The Kingston Historical Society is arranging a visit to Mount Edgecombe House and garden on Saturday 18th May. The coach will leave Kingston at 9.30am. A deposit of £5 is required and further details are available from Val O'Rourke on 810410



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Bigbury Youth Club

Music Project

This project has been set up in order to meet a request by the young people of Bigbury Youth Club for DJ equipment and skills. The project will provide help and support for young people not only from Bigbury but also from neighbouring villages, who are not only desperate for something to do in this remote rural area but are also incredibly enthusiastic to be involved in making the music which they all enjoy.

After much discussion with the young people, they are very aware that they will be required to raise money, with the possibility of some outside funding. There is also a move afoot to set up a skateboard ramp.

To assist with the fund raising, we are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 20th April when we hope to raise £200. In addition, an application has been lodged with the Prince's Trust requesting £240. Please help us by providing raffle prizes, jumble, tombola and cakes for the Cake Stall.

Jumble can be dropped-off at Bigbury-on-Sea Post Office and Holywell Stores (thanks to both) or you can call Linda Patterson on 810797. Assistance would be welcome and if anyone would like to help e.g. Youth Club Members, Mums and Dads, please call Linda.

If anybody would like a table, they are available for £3.00. Tea and Coffee with biscuits will be on sale.

Most important of all, make a date in your diary for 20th, 10.00am to 12 noon.

Fund Raising Activities

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN WEEK

A sponsored clean of
CHALLABOROUGH BEACH
Saturday 13th April at 10.30am
Local Members will be raising funds
for
THE MUSIC PROJECT

TABLE TOP SALE JUMBLE TOMBOLA RAFFLE Refreshments

Saturday 20th April
10.00am - 12 noon
at
Bigbury Memorial Hall
St Ann's Chapel
Table Top reservations 810797 £3

Attention Bigbury Youth Club Members

New times for Club Meetings:

Juniors 6.30pm - 8.30pm 8 - 12 years
Seniors 8.00pm - 10.00pm 13 years plus

Tuesday evenings Bigbury Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel
until further notice

This is to give all members more space in their own age group.

New members welcome - enquiries: Julie 810634

1996 Tax Returns

We are streamlining our tax return production as from 6 April 1996 to gear up for self assessment and will be able to produce 1996 tax returns from our PC system for a small fee. The Inland Revenue require 1996 Tax Returns to be returned to them by 31 October 1996 to avoid penalties.

1995/96 Deadlines

Forms P14/P60, P35 and SC35 should be submitted to the Inland by 24 May 1996 and forms P11D by 6 June 1996.

Inheritance Tax

Make any gifts before 5 April 1996 up to the inheritance tax exemption of £3,000 for the year in addition to the £250 gifts to any individual.

NIC Holiday

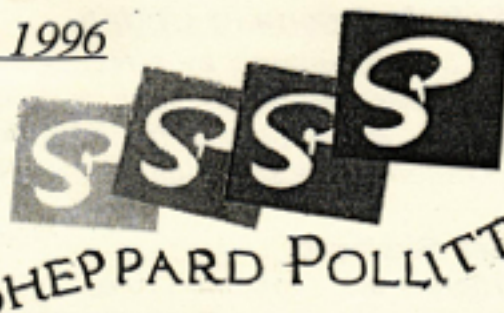
If you are considering taking on someone who has been unemployed for two years, you could claim up to 1 year's employers NI contributions from the Benefits Agency. The Benefits Agency will check to see if you qualify under the scheme.

Company Cars

You may wish to consider if you have driven sufficient business miles this year. Company cars are taxed at 35% of the list price for cars less than four years old. If you drive more than 2,500 business miles in the tax year to 5 April 1996, the charge is reduced by a third or by two thirds if you drive over 18,000 miles.

Investment Business

We can offer expert investment advice from an independent financial adviser. Christopher Bacon of Alton Associates (regulated by FIMBRA) will be advising our clients and has recommended that everyone review the cost of term life insurance cover because premiums have reduced significantly recently. Following our personal review, we have reduced our own life premiums to nearly half for better cover. Please telephone for further details.



Pensions

If you are considering a pension, the following deadlines are important:-

5 April 1996 To pay a premium for offset against 1994/95 earnings.

5 July 1996 To elect to offset that premium against 1994/95 earnings.

Please note also that NPI, a well respected pension provider, are increasing the value of the first month's premium for pensions paid by 4 times for pensions taken out before 5 June 1996.

PEPs and TESSAs

If you have spare cash consider a PEP before 5 April 1996. Each tax year you can invest up to £6,000 tax free into a general PEP and £3,000 in a single company PEP. You can also invest up to £9,000 in a TESSA over a 5 year period where the investment is safer but the return lower.

VAT Car Fuel Scale Charge

(VAT Periods commencing from April 1996)

Cylinder capacity of vehicle (c.c.)	12 month Period		3 month Period	
	Scale charge diesel £	VAT due per car £	Scale charge petrol £	VAT due per car £
1400 or less	640	95.31	710	105.74
More than 1400 but not more than 2000	640	95.31	890	132.55
More than 2000	820	122.12	1320	196.59

Cylinder capacity of vehicle (c.c.)	12 month Period		3 month Period	
	Scale charge diesel £	VAT due per car £	Scale charge petrol £	VAT due per car £
1400 or less	640	95.31	160	23.82
More than 1400 but not more than 2000	640	95.31	160	23.82
More than 2000	820	122.12	205	30.53

Self Assessment Update

All businesses will be affected by the new self assessment rules as a result of the Inland Revenue shifting the burden of taxation to the self employed and employers

Self Employed

There are stricter rules on keeping paperwork from 6 April 1996. Your business records should be kept for five years after your self assessment return is filed on 31 January. It is important to record all business sales, purchases and expenses and keep good back up records of bank statements, shop till rolls and paying in slips to show the source of your income. A penalty of up to £3,000 could be charged if your business records are not adequate.

Selected points to note from the Inland Revenue:

1. Sales

Sales should include goods taken from stock for your own or your family's consumption and not paid for in cash.

2. Expenditure without back-up evidence

All your expenditure should be backed-up by bills or other evidence, but if, exceptionally, you do not get a receipt for some small items of cash expenditure, such as taxi fares or tips, you should make a note as soon as you can of the amount you spent and what it was for.

3. Motor vehicles

If you use the same vehicle for both business and private purposes, you should keep enough details to enable you to split your total expenditure between business and private use. Usually it will be enough to keep a record of business and private mileage and split the vehicle running costs in these proportions.

Although the new self assessment return will not be issued until April 1997, the first interim payment from self assessment is due on 31 January 1997. For 1996/97 the tax payment will be based on the 1995/96 tax due unless we tell the Inland Revenue a different amount before 31 January 1997. It is important that we get your accounts up to date in 1996 to make sure tax is not overpaid.

Employers

Employers will need to provide more information to staff. There will be new deadlines for supplying employees as well as the Inland Revenue with P60 and P11D information. From 6 April 1997, for the 1996/97 tax year form P60 must be given to the employee by 31 May 1997 and a form P11D given to the employee by 6 July 1997 as well as to the Inland Revenue. There will be a maximum penalty of £3,000 for incorrect forms P11D and P60 and initial penalties of £300 per form and up to £60 per day for continuing failure to provide forms P11D.

All Tax Payers

All tax payers will need to keep full documentation, dividend vouchers, and building society interest certificates from 6 April 1996. It will also be important to tell the Inland Revenue about new sources of income from 5 April 1996 within 6 months.

Investigation Insurance

We have a good relationship with the Inland Revenue and our level of enquiries into clients' records is low at present. This is because we try to review and explain any problems in the accounts when submitting them to the Inland Revenue. The Inland Revenue now intend to select records for investigation on a random basis as well as when the accounts appear at fault. This may be a good time to consider insurance against investigation, either through joining the Small Business Federation or taking out cover through our firm.

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