



Ringmore

Parish Newsletter

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The month of June includes invitations to many social events in the village. Sir Douglas Hall invites you to the Trojan Car Rally; Ringmore WI are holding their annual mid-summer barbecue at Middle Manor; the garden at Scypen will be open and there will be a 'Walk on the Wild Side'. Please give your support to these local events.

Everyone must have been shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Michael Capps. His familiar figure will be greatly missed around the village. We offer condolences to Madeline, Mark and Matthew. Thanks are due to John Kempton, from Salcombe, who has written his thoughts on a 40-year friendship.

Burnett's Orchard

I was amazed to read the Editorial Comment on Burnett's Orchard, in the May Newsletter. Is it possible that anyone could be blind to the passionate desire of so many people to save the beautiful, unspoiled vista from Rocky Path over Burnett's Orchard to Ayrmer Cove? Those who care about the unique character of the hills and valleys of Ringmore, are never likely to forget their efforts to preserve this open farm meadow exactly as it is, for all time. The only way to achieve this aim was for the National Trust to own the field. To this end many people gave their time, money and effort, without thought of personal gain and in the very short time available, raised the amazing sum of £18,000. That is some measure of the importance of this sale to a considerable number of residents, who will certainly never forget Burnett's Orchard.

N Hilton

The Parish Council wants to know if you mind if they spend the excess funds - see the notes on the Council meeting - raised for the Bus Shelter on a replacement for the Coronation Seat on Rocky Path. Silence will be construed as 'no objection'.

Natalie Hilton has written a letter expressing her feelings on comments made in the May Newsletter regarding the auction of Burnetts Orchard. We would like to apologise to anyone who was offended by those remarks.

JUNE DIARY

- 7th Music Night at JE - Gin
- 9th Trojan Car Rally - Sir Douglas Hall's
- 13th WI Barbecue - Middle Manor 6.30pm
- 17th C.A.M.R.A. meeting JE
- 18th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm WI Hall
- 21st Music Night at JE - Fair Play
- 26th Garden at Scypen open 2 - 5 pm
- 27th Ringmore & The Great War - JE car park at 10.00am
- 30th Garden at Scypen open 2 - 5pm

DEADLINE
Monday 24th June

Mobile Library

June
Dates:- 10th & 24th
St Ann's Chapel
11.15 - 11.30
Challeborough
1.50 - 2.00
Ringmore Church
2.05 - 2.40
Kingston Fire Station
3.00 - 4.00



Fiona Batten

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High - May 1994 - 3 1/4"
Low - May 1990 - 1 1/4"

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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

All Hallows, Ringmore



Our Services this month are all upside-down - well, their distribution over the five Sundays is! This is due to three unusual events. On **June 2**, I celebrate forty years in the ordained Ministry, having been made Deacon in Liverpool Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, 1956. Bishop Dick Watson was my Tutor at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, prior to my ordination, and I am delighted that he has accepted my invitation to preach at the Anniversary Service.

A week later, on **June 9**, Ringmore will witness the rally of the Trojan Owners' Club, of which Sir Douglas Hall is a prominent member. In order to preempt remarks about "old crocks" featuring at the beginning of June, I will point out that Trojans are vintage vehicles, and my birth-year of 1930 was not a bad one, either!

The last Sunday in the month, **June 30**, is a 5th Sunday, and we continue the pattern of having only one Service for all eight churches in the Modbury Team Ministry, to which all are invited. This time it is Bigbury's turn, and the preacher will be our Team Vicar, Roderick Withnell, who is based in Loddiswell. It will be a Communion Service for everybody. Please come and worship with all of the other congregations.

In July we should get back to normal - but I'm not promising anything.....

Here's the June list:

June 2	TRINITY SUNDAY		
	10.30 a.m.	Kingston	(Ordination Anniversary Thanksgiving)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
June 9	9 a.m.	Bigbury	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	("Trojans" Service)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
June 16	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Kingston	(Family Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, ASB)
June 23	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(Family Service)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
June 30	10.30 a.m.	Joint Service of the Modbury Team Ministry in St. Lawrence, Bigbury (no other Services on this Sunday)	
July 7	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(Family Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)

Journey's End Journal

The Journey's End Darts Team remains unbeaten. We won the home leg against The Pickwick 8-0 singles and the return match 4-1 (doubles). Many thanks to Hazel and her skilful captaincy and to our team who coped magnificently under pressure. Thanks also to our friends at The Pickwick for their hospitality.

Our regular quizzers can take a summer break to refresh their brains. The new season will begin again in the Autumn. Our thanks to all who took part in such good spirits and to those who regularly set the questions.

Hopefully our summer weather will arrive soon and you will be able to enjoy the open air facilities at the pub.

Plymouth branch of C.A.M.R.A. will be holding their monthly meeting here on the evening of Wednesday 19th and so real ale drinkers amongst you can expect to see a wider selection of beers.

Live Music Nights

Friday 7th - Gin

Friday 21st - Fair Play



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations were announced at the May meeting for the three members of Ringmore WI who won the silver cup at Aveton Gifford's Spring meeting, for presenting the best High Tea. Jackie Tagent, Sue Muller and Delphine Matten achieved 93 out of 100 points for preparing a blue and white colour theme which was only criticised for the large size of the teapot.

Discussion commenced on three resolutions to be considered by delegates at the Cardiff Institute General Meeting in June. The vote by Ringmore WI was almost equally split on the resolutions to call on the government to re-instate Student Grants and to establish Home Economics as part of the National Curriculum but it was unanimous in calling for universal access to NHS dentistry.

The July meeting will be Fabric Painting not Sugar Craft and members should bring a piece of natural fabric. Allocation of the stalls for the WI Summer Fête, on Wednesday 7th August, were agreed in principle. The Safari Supper will be on Saturday 27th July.

All are welcome at the annual mid-summer barbecue at Middle Manor by courtesy of Colonel and Mrs Grimshaw, on Thursday 13th June at 6.30pm, where sausages, cider and cake will be provided for an all-inclusive cost of £2.50 (children free). Come and enjoy the enchanting garden at Middle Manor.

Yvonne Sheppard



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Trojan Owners' Club

The 1996 Trojan Owners' Club Devon Rally will take place on Sunday 9th June.

Cars will arrive at my paddock from 4pm on Saturday 8th onwards. The first car to leave on the Rally will depart at about noon on the Sunday

Everyone is most welcome to come to my paddock to inspect the cars and watch them start off.

Douglas Hall

Michael Capps

I first met Michael Capps almost 40 years ago. I was a racehorse trainer and jockey, Michael was an amateur jockey and we met in the Weighing Room at Newton Abbott or the Devon & Exeter. I could see then that he had a determined, sometimes dare-devil streak, in him which was reflected in everything he did. It was around that time that he moved to Higher Manor Farm and later married Madeline. Whenever I was in the area I called in at Ringmore and my wife and I have been firm friends with Madeline and Michael ever since.

Perhaps it was living near the sea which inspired Michael's love of water sports, whether it was surfing - he travelled to Australia to surf with Mark and Matthew - windsurfing or scuba diving, Michael applied himself to the best of his ability. We shared a love of sports cars - I remember his Austin Healy 3000 - and later we switched our allegiance to motor cycles. He was also a very keen squash player and would never let age get the better of him.

Michael was not born to farming. He learned the business at Cirencester Agricultural College and soon became a respected farmer. He was very proud of the quality of his sheep and he ensured that the animals were well cared for, where others would cut corners. Michael was supported to the hilt by Madeline and it is a great sadness to relate that only three weeks ago he told me that he was now beginning to cut back, to move out of the fast lane in which he had lived for most of his life.

John Kempton

NEIGHBOURHOOD

If
you are going away on
holiday and your house
is to be unoccupied,
don't forget
to stop the milk, newspapers etc..

Ask your neighbour
to keep an eye on the place.

It is important not to broadcast the fact
that you are going away,
particularly in public places
with strangers about.

WATCH

Mollie Trueman

wishes to thank everyone
for their kindness and good wishes
during her stay in hospital.

She is now happily back in her home.

All Change at Walnut Tree Cottage

After 38 years in Ringmore, Joan and Bacchus Baughan are leaving to live close to their son, at Trusham. They go with mixed feelings having spent almost all of their married life in the village. However they are buoyed by the comforting thought of being but a stones throw from their family, Charles, Ilona and grandson James.

Their new address is: Knowle House
Trusham
Newton Abbott
Devon TQ13 0NU
Tel: 01626 852713

Joan and Bacchus will, no doubt, return to Ringmore occasionally but their new home is only 30 miles away, less than 3 miles from the Teign Valley exit on A38, so they hope friends will make the slight detour to see them.

At the same time as we bid our farewells, we extend a warm welcome to the new occupants of Walnut Tree Cottage. Jacqueline and Michael Patterson have come from Worplesdon, near Guildford, and they are looking forward to taking their place in village life.

Action Aid Week

John Hartley will be distributing envelopes for a collection for Action Aid Week in the village during the period 10th - 24th June. He will call for them a few days later but if anyone would like to drop the envelopes off at Orchard House, that would be welcome, of course.

The garden at Scypen, Ringmore

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Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting took place on 30th April in the WI Hall. Present were all members of the Parish Council, 4 guest speakers and 12 members of the public.

John Tate, Chairman, reported on the activities of the first year of this Council, followed by Roger Anstey, District Councillor, who recounted his first year on SHDC.

Robin Toogood then spoke on the work of the Heritage Coastal Service, part of SHDC, which is involved with environmental maintenance. Its work on the coastal path means working with the National Trust and local landowners to ensure the safety of walkers.

David Ford, Countryside Manager for the National Trust, spoke of his responsibilities for the area from Plymouth to Exeter. He referred to the paths provided in the parish and exhorted people to keep to these paths rather than walking on farmland.

Robin Beavis from Devon County Council spoke about the Countywide Concessionary Fares Scheme for pensioners. A pass is available at £29 per annum and the cost can be subsidised by the District Council and the Parish Council. SHDC is one of only two Councils in Devon which does not contribute.

Among the topics raised under general questions were the excess funds raised for the bus shelter and the No 87 bus which runs to Bigbury. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write a letter in an endeavour to get this bus routed through Ringmore to Challaborough to help villagers and holidaymakers alike.

Ringmore and The Great War

Anyone who is familiar with the contents of the booklet 'SUMMER EVENTS', published by SHDC will know that, on Thursday 27th June, Ringmore will be the location of one of the 'Walks on the Wild Side'.

Valerie Belsey, an historian, will lead a party from the JE car park at 10.00am on a ramble down to Ayrmer Cove and back to the JE for lunch.

Everyone is invited to join the walk for a cost of £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. It is a chance to learn something of Ringmore's WW1 connections and to hear extracts from RC Sherriff's play "The Journey's End", recited by an accompanying actor, Chris Salisbury.

The walk is listed as 'Grade 3 - some strenuous walking on uphill stretches' but we are all familiar with that!

Given good weather, the day could provide an interesting diversion from normal activities!

NB. The cost does **not** include lunch!

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The Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston branch of The Royal British Legion

Our branch is certainly well known for its success in Poppy Appeal fund-raising. Less well-known are its activities throughout the rest of the year, the last few months being especially worthy of record.

Since Christmas, our branch decided to devote its own benevolent funds to the recently-established RBL Residential Home, Dunkirk House at Bishops Lydeard, Taunton. This Home is one of seven administered by the RBL and is the nearest to us. By coincidence our late Chairman, Eric Lock, served in HMS Dunkirk, thus it seemed natural to link his service to the Home in some way. It was decided to do so by donating a painting of HMS Dunkirk, a proposal gladly accepted by the Home. Artist Stephanie Grey of Ringmore was commissioned to execute the work, which received the full approval of our members. In March, a small delegation, headed by President Reg Trant, and including Margaret Lock (Eric's widow) and her son, went to the Dunkirk Home and presented the painting and a cheque to the Home Manager who expressed the residents' pleasure and gratitude for the gifts. We shall continue to raise funds for this Home.

On April 24th our branch had the distinction of hosting the Torbay group of RBL Branches at the Journey's End Inn. Almost all the branches, 13 in number, attended, presenting their reports on fund-raising and membership totals. We were able to report an increase in membership from 27 to 31. The Chairman presented Legion awards to Guy Eddy and Carole Walters in recognition of their long and successful service, fund-raising for Poppy Appeal.

Following the Group meeting, our chairman, David Young, and the RBL Devon County Field Officer, Tom Courtenay, met the South Hams District Council to put the case for eligible ex-service pensioners to receive full Housing Benefit and Council Tax relief. Surprisingly, the SHDC is one of a very small number of councils which have denied full benefits to ex-service pensioners who total a mere 39 in this District. After the RBL/Council meeting, the Council decided to grant full benefits from **April 1st 1997**. This was reported to the branch meeting on May 1st when members expressed their disappointment at the delay, a full eleven months before the benefit would become effective and a stark contrast to the immediate (April 1996) increase in salary, for officials, and allowances for all council members.

All 1996 meetings take place in the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore. As ever, the Chairman and members extend a warm welcome to all ex-servicemen, be they local or visitors. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30pm.

Bill Warne



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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 21st May - 7 councillors, 5 members of the public and 2 members of the Police Force

Skateboarding

A joint meeting is to be arranged between Bigbury PC, ourselves and the Parks Superintendent to try to find a site suitable for Skateboarding and Roller Skating in the area.

Rumble Strips

The possibility of Rumble Strips at Challaborough was discussed and a Site Meeting is to be arranged with Paul Marshall of Devon CC.

Local Crime

WPC Fiona Fallah gave a summation of the past year's crime in the district following which she requested the Council's opinion upon her proposal to Devon CC, that the single yellow lines down Challaborough hill to be changed to double as at the present people have been using passing places to park in thereby possibly preventing the passage of emergency vehicles etc.. The council had no objections.

She also stated that the police were still pursuing the culprits of the Bus Shelter fire and that information was still coming in concerning their identity.

Bus Shelter

It was incorrectly reported in last month's Council notes that the PCC had agreed to the Church lantern being left on at night to deter vandals around the bus shelter. In fact they have not, as yet, been officially contacted as to their feelings on the matter.

It was noted that the tree planted by Kit Taylor, by the bus shelter, is in a terminal condition. Our local Tree Wardens, Brian McCabe and Stan Brunskill will be removing it along with the surrounding earth, with the intention of replacing it although some local opinion has been voiced concerning its replacement by a wooden bench.

Tree Felling

After the felling of unsafe trees at Town Well, the wood will be cut to 4 foot lengths and it is proposed to have a village auction on the site to dispose of it to those who might use it for firewood. Proceeds would contribute to the felling costs.

Coronation Seat

After payment of the costs of re-building the bus shelter, there was a surplus of £140.65p. It is proposed that this should go towards the cost of a new Coronation Seat on Rocky Path. Any objections or alternative ideas should be given to your nearest councillor.

It was agreed that a new hardwood seat would be ordered from and fitted by SHDC Parks Department, on the same site as the old one on Rocky Path.

Newsletter

A discussion concerning the tone of the 'editorial' content of the Newsletter took place. Some parishioners and councillors had voiced concern. Opinions on both sides were politely aired. It was agreed that without question the editors had the full support of the Council and that the Newsletter standard was excellent.

The half year precept has just been received. It was noted that the amount just covered the cost of last year's election!

If you have an opinion or idea concerning your Parish, don't keep it to yourself, come to the next meeting of your Parish Council and give voice.

Next meeting: Tuesday 18th June 7.00pm WI Hall

Rob Batten

Modbury School

Everyone is welcome to attend its Annual Strawberry Fête and Family Fun Day, to be held on Saturday 29th June.

The day starts at 11.00am with a Rounders tournament. There will be a Bar & Barbecue and a variety of attractions and entertainment. The Strawberry Fête will open at 2.00pm. with various stalls, sideshows and refreshments, including **Strawberries!**

Please come and enjoy the day with us.

Modbury School PTA

May solution

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		30		25
10	18			24
		28		29
9		27		26
	19	20	21	22
8		7	6	5

Only three entries this month, all correct. Congratulations to The Furry Boys, Yog-Sothoth and Zero (first entry). 1996 standings will appear next month

June

The task this month is to fill in the missing letters to produce three words in each group which are synonyms. All occurrences of the letters shown have been filled-in.

e.g.

IN - - N - INVENT
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TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Trees were being planted everywhere but some were being damaged or uprooted as fast as they were being heeled in

The Parish Council were hoping to replace the Parish Notice Board on the Bus Shelter with a free-standing board alongside the Church wall, with the approval of the PCC. . . .

Community hymn singing, 'Hymnsingalongs', was planned for Sunday evenings from the end of July to the beginning of September