

# RINGMORE

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*Another full issue, with a variety of subjects covered, some old, some new, nothing borrowed and certainly nothing blue! We start with a new Banner. The previous one is twelve months old and we thought it time for a change. We hope you approve.*

*John Tate has written a note about the Parish Council finances and we have a questionnaire about the proposal to request an extension of the 87 bus route. Buses will not be run without passengers so if you think Ringmore needs a more frequent service than the present weekly one, please fill-in the slip at the back and return it to one of the editors. The information will be passed to the Parish Council.*

*Read about the 'Transat' - the single-handed trans-Atlantic race; a new captain is required for the inter-village Quiz Team; Anne Lambell's pony has been running away with rosettes; we have two letters about Burnett's Orchard and there is an Entry Form for competitors in a children's competition at the WI Summer Fête.*

*A volunteer is needed to maintain Town Well now that Alan King has decided to relinquish the task. He has done a splendid job for many years and now another dedicated villager is needed before the area returns to a wilderness!*

*Moey, the Tabby cat belonging to Brian and Ginny McCabe, has returned home, bloodied but unbowed. With a little help from the vet, it is on the road to recovery. All's well that ends well!*

*Finally, due to maintenance, there will be only one Mobile Library visit this month.*

### JULY DIARY

- 3rd Royal British Legion 7.30pm JE
- 6th Timber Auction 9.30am Town Well
- 8th NO LIBRARY VAN due to maintenance
- 9th Police/Public Liaison meeting 7.30pm  
Modbury School Hall
- 11th WI Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall
- 24th Parish Council meeting 7.00pm
- 27th WI Safari Supper

## DEADLINE

Thursday 25th July

### Mobile Library

July

Dates:- 22nd only

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



Fiona Batten

Ave June for last 10 years - 2"  
High - June 1991 - 4 1/4"  
Low - June 1992 & 93 - 1 1/4"

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#### JOURNEY'S END

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



Let us hope that there will be wall-to-wall sunshine this summer, like last one - with the rain for gardeners and farmers falling in required measure at nights! (if only we human beings could plan all things - what a mess we would make of it.....)

Our services this month fall back into the familiar pattern, but the 11 a.m. service is getting a re-vamp, now carrying a new name (not very original; any suggestions?) and being a service of Word and Worship on three Sundays in the month and a themed Communion Service on the fourth. "Sunset Praise" will be in Ringmore Church each Sunday at 8 p.m. from the end of July to the end of August. Then there are Fetes and Fayres galore, some this month, some next. Let's all worship, hear God's Word and enjoy fellowship of all kinds together: that's what it's all about.

I wish you a happy and not too stressful summer. Here's this month's programme:

<b>July 7</b>	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
<b>July 14</b>	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, ASB)
<b>July 21</b>	9 a.m.	Bigbury	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Kingston	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
<b>July 28</b>	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Communion)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
	8 p.m.	Ringmore	(Sunset Praise)
<b>Saturday</b>			
<b>August 3</b>	2 p.m.	<b>Kingston Village Fair</b>	
<b>August 4</b>	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
	8 p.m.	Ringmore	(Sunset Praise)

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Derek Matten  
Hon. Team Vicar



# Journey's End Journal

We have had a very busy June and we are looking forward to welcoming many more visitors as we head towards the holiday period.

We have nothing specific arranged for July but we would like to remind you of the 10% reduction on lunch, for villagers, every Thursday. Why not drop in?



## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

Grateful thanks are given to George and Nancy Grimshaw on the evening of 13th June by all of us who enjoyed tropical Ringmore in the splendid garden at Middle Manor. Thank you, also, everyone who provided and assisted with the excellent barbecue refreshments and to friends who joined us for the evening. New members are welcomed by Ringmore WI and you may wish to come to the next meeting on Thursday 11th July at 7.30 pm which will be led by Thelma on the subject of fabric painting. Please bring:-

- 1 A piece of natural fabric, preferably plain coloured
- 2 A drawing board or similar, the same size as the fabric
- 3 A paintbox brush or very small decorating brush
- 4 Protective clothing or old clothes

Safari Supper - Saturday 27th July - please pay Myra (7.50 each) on or before the July meeting.

WI Fête - this will start at 2.00pm on Wednesday 7th August and village support for this major fund-raising event will be much appreciated.

Yvonne Sheppard

## Parish Council - Money Matters

The Parish Council has recently had a number of requests to spend money on a variety of projects and improvements in the parish, which parishioners and the Parish Council support. However, we have a problem!

Most of the Parish Council income comes from the 'precept', which is the amount the Parish Council asks South Hams District Council (SHDC) to collect and forms part of your Council Tax. Therefore, the more (or less) we ask for, the more (or less) you pay as part of your Council Tax. There are 61 parishes in the South Hams. This year 28 Parish Councils levied a higher amount than Ringmore per household and 32 levied less, so we are average. This year SHDC asked Parish Councils to keep precepts to a minimum. Ringmore kept to the same as last year, 42 Councils increased their precept, so we are one of the better Councils at keeping costs down. Our precept this year is £1,200.

The problem this year is that in addition to our normal expenditure, we are having to find £529 for the parish election (which we did anticipate); £400 to cover damage to property from the fallen tree at the Town Well; £450 for tree felling and pruning to make safe the other trees at the Town Well as well as replacing the 'Jubilee' seat.

We are looking to external sources of funding and will be encouraging local fund-raising towards some of the projects the parish wishes to support but some of our usual donations/contributions will have to be curtailed this year. It is also likely that next year's precept might need to increase until our finances are back on even keel.

I thought I should put you all in the picture and invite you to contact any of your parish councillors with useful suggestions.

John Tate - Chairman, Ringmore Parish Council



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## Inter-Parish Quiz

After three years as organiser for the Ringmore team, I have decided to withdraw for 1997.

Is there anyone out there who would like to take over the job?

I mention this because there is a group meeting on 10th July concerning the programme for 1997 and this would be a good starting point.

Please contact me for more information.

Adrian Muller

## Ringmore from the air!

I need to build flying hours; anyone who would like to come flying any evening/weekend from Plymouth airport and make a contribution to costs,

please ring

Andrew 810854



## Aid Action Collection

'Thank you' to everyone who contributed to the recent collection. The charity supports self-help in 20 Action Aid countries throughout the world. The donations will go towards work such as the installation of clean water systems and other continuing projects.

John Hartley

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# RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 18th June - 6 councillors (apologies from Rachel Pitt) and 3 members of the public

## Grass/Vegetation cutting

Town Well

The King family have, over a considerable period, kept this area neat and tidy. However, they now state that they no longer wish to undertake this voluntary chore. Firstly, the Council offers its sincere thanks to the Kings for their past commitment. Secondly, do we have, in the village, a volunteer to take on this work for the future?

Bus Shelter

Brian McCabe has agreed to continue his voluntary grass cutting of this area.

Public Footpaths

Letters have been sent to both The National Trust and English Heritage, pointing out the overgrown state of some of our local footpaths, with a request for remedial action.

## Skateboarding

An area of land is available behind the Bigbury Memorial Hall at St Anne's Chapel. The SHDC has agreed to tarmac this for local youngsters wishing to rollerskate or skateboard. Ultimately, a basketball net will also be provided. Funding will be provided, principally, by SHDC, with contributions from parents and Bigbury & Ringmore Parish Councils. It is anticipated that this facility will become available for the start of the school summer holidays.

## Road re-surfacing

There have been many complaints concerning the recent road re-surfacing, carried out by the County Council Highways Division. As a result of this work, our rumble strips have lost their rumble. We are having words with the Highways Division in this respect.

## Challaborough Rumble Strips

The Parish Council has agreed, in principle, to the provision of ten strips on the lane approaching Challaborough. Financial negotiations are currently taking place.

## Town Well Tree Felling

This work has now been completed and it is proposed that the resultant timber be sold to defray costs. To this end, an auction will take place at the Town Well on Saturday 6th July at 9.30am. Rob Batten will act as auctioneer.

## National Trust Car Park

On Saturday 13th June, a car was broken into and the radio stolen at the above car park. Be vigilant, thieves are about.

## Planning Applications

Applications have been made in respect of The Laurels and Wychwood. The Parish Council raised no objections.

## Bus Services

An opinion poll, in respect of a proposed extension to include Ringmore and Challaborough in the regular bus service, was discussed. If such a service was available, would it be used? Is it a chicken and egg situation?

## Rocky Path Seat

Financial constraints have forced a change of plan and other options are being considered but a replacement will be provided.

## Police

There is to be a Police/Public Liaison meeting on 9th July at Modbury School Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 24th July at 7.00pm.

Adrian Muller

Madeline, Mark & Matthew wish to thank everyone who so kindly sent flowers and messages of sympathy and those who attended the Church service. They also thank all the friends who have kindly made donations to the RNLI and Ringmore Church.

## June solution

1	2
Precipitous	Compete
Perpendicular	Contend
Steep	Contest
3	4
Fictitious	Temperate
Artificial	Moderate
Fabricated	Restrained
5	
Intricate	
Complicated	
Difficult	

An impressive entry this month - impressive because I did not expect any correct entries. Both The Furry Boys and The Matchman (welcome back) were correct. Cleriwho, a new entrant, was almost correct; I would contend or contest that confute does not have the same meaning as compete.

## July

If you know what square-bashing is or have done it, you stand a better chance with this month's puzzle.

The Drill Sergeant could see his career fading away. The big parade was tomorrow and he had yet to arrange the marching pattern for his men. He had less than 500 soldiers and he tried arranging them in rows of three but he had 1 soldier left over. He tried them in rows of four, then five and even six but still he had one left over. Finally when he tried them in rows of seven, All the rows were even and no-one was left over. How many soldiers were on parade?

## Enigma - Standing so far

Points system - 3 for a right answer, 2 for coming close and if you are wrong, 1 for entering

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1 Furry Boys	2	3	3	3	3	3
2 Yogsothoth		3	3	3	3	
3 Matchman	3	3	2			3
4 Trotter	3	3				
Christopher Robin		3		3		
5 Sleepy		3				
Zero					3	
6 Nix	2					
House at Pooh Corner	2					
Beginners			2			
Cleriwho						2

So far, eleven creatively named participants have entered but never more than 5 in any one month. Let's have a bumper entry for July, there is still time to catch The Furry Boys!



## Plymouth 'Spirit of Discovery'?

You may have missed the start of the single-handed Transatlantic race from Plymouth, UK to Newport, Rhode Island, USA, a 3,000 mile voyage across the Atlantic, due to finish in a few week's time. Five local mariners were competing, including a pub landlord (recently rescued), a Plymouth policeman and a Wren, amongst the 58 boats which left Plymouth on Sunday 16th June. Although the event takes place only every four years, the same timing as that other well-publicised Euro event, the scarcity of publicity in the South West for this international event is disappointing. The main French sponsors, Europe 1 Star, a French radio station, festooned Queen Anne's Battery with their signs and flags for over a week and achieved saturation coverage on French TV and National press, whereas in Plymouth, the South West and the rest of the UK, no-one seemed aware the race was happening. Many people, therefore, will have missed the opportunity to witness the splendid spectacle of 60-foot trimarans, sponsored by French companies, Fujicolour, Banque Populaire (overturned whilst leading) and Primagaz (now sunk), waiting at the marina for the start.

If you missed the preparations for the Transatlantic race, you have plenty of time to see a FREE exhibition portraying Plymouth's 'Great Awakening' at the end of the 18th century, featuring the costumes of Sense & Sensibility. The show will include film and photographic extracts from Emma Thompson's diaries, a behind-the-scenes video, and an insight into Plymouth life in the age of Jane Austen. See the exhibition at the City of Plymouth Museum & Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth (next to the Public Gallery). It is on now until 26th August.

Yvonne Sheppard

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## Two letter about Burnett's Orchard

As an ex-Parish Councillor, I feel that I have to respond to Miss Hilton's letter in the May Newsletter. I fully appreciate and support how strongly she feels about the field being kept as an open space but where I disagree is where she says that the only way to achieve this is by means of the cheque book. If that is the case, my 12 years on the Parish Council have been a waste of time.

There is now in place the Modbury Plan which lays down precisely what may or may not be done in the Parish of Ringmore. This plan is being updated every four years, after consultation with the Parish Council and in each case, so far, has been slightly more restrictive. As a matter of interest, a planning application for this field was rejected a dozen years ago, when limitations were less stringent than they are at present.

A possible course of action that could be considered is that when the Modbury Plan is next updated, a request could be made to declare this field an 'Open Space'. This would protect it from development for the foreseeable future.

Guy Eddy

The above piece of ground and the comments one reads about it, appear to be an ongoing saga, with no-one giving a thought to come and ask the King family their views, or why they wanted to buy it. Just think about it. Our home overlooks that field: would we want to build there and spoil our own view?

While we are on the subject of spoiling natural beauty, many of you have not been in the village long enough to remember the condition of the land known as Town Well.

When we built our home here 25 years ago, it was overgrown with no paths or steps until Alan spent hours cleaning it out, cutting and digging, gradually bringing it back to its former beauty and periodically, he has kept it clean ever since. People can now enjoy the view down through the valley which they could not have down 15 years ago, myself included. Now that Alan can no longer maintain Town Well, I hope someone will take on the job with the same enthusiasm. I would like to thank everyone who has appreciated it and complimented Alan on the work he has carried out.

Mary King

## GREENPEACE 25th Anniversary Collection

The environmental work continues and there is a continual need for financial support.

Any contribution you can make would be much appreciated.

It would be most helpful if envelopes could be returned to me at Ivy Cottage. However, I am most willing to collect if you prefer.

Thank you.

Adrian Muller

## When are *THEY* going to do something?



We, all of us, often hear this question asked. For example, when are *they* going to cut the grass at the Bus Shelter or the Town Well? When are *they* going to do something about the rubbish thrown from cars passing through the village?

Unfortunately, in these times of financial restraint, handed down from Central Government, via County Council, through District Council to small parishes, the word *they* has to be substituted now by *you* or *us*. The large finger pointing down at us from the sky, proclaiming 'it's you', now applies not only to the Lottery!

Brian McCabe

## A PONY TALE

We are always pleased to hear good news at the shop and we know that many people have success stories to tell



For example, Brian and Anne Lambell have been hiding their winning rosettes, cups and plates under a bushell!

Their pony, Depford Madam Butterfly, has just won 2 firsts and a Championship at the Royal Cornwall Show, to add to 1 Supreme Championship, 1 Reserve Championship, 9 Championships and 7 Reserve Championships during her three years as a brood mare. She also qualified for Ponies United Kingdom at Peterborough last year. Phew!

Just one problem though, according to Anne, "Her only fault is having three colt foals and we want a filly!"

Perhaps next time . . . ?

Rosemary Tate

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

There was no Newsletter published in July 1986

Unfortunately, a visitor's car was broken into whilst parked in the National Trust car park on Saturday 15th June.

This incident was reported to the police.

If passing that way, please make any visitors aware of this break-in, so that they can take the usual precautions such as putting any valuable items out of sight in order to minimise damage or loss

# WATCH





The WI will present a small prize to the winner of each section



Total entrance fee . . . .

If you have any comments which could be helpful, please write them overleaf. Your name is optional.