

RINGMORE

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August was not the long hot month of '95 but someone in Ringmore has been doing the right thing! The sun shines on the righteous: at least it shone on the WI Fête, the Church Fête and the Cream Tea afternoon. The WI and the Church both raised record figures and almost £250 was donated at Maple Bank. Brian Stark's generosity in providing Adrian Muller with a strimmer has meant that others can benefit from the proceeds of an enjoyable afternoon of 'meeting and eating'.

Last month, a typographical error regarding the tending of Town Well caused the telephone lines to buzz. Comments have been made about others, who were not named, who have looked after this area in the past but consistency of information is not found, even from those who have raised the topic. What is certain however, is that the Village is grateful to all who have spent time and energy on keeping Town Well, the Bowling Green, the Bus Shelter and other parts of the Parish in order, in the past and at present. As anyone who has ever been involved in similar activities, it is not done for the reward.

The Bus Survey did produce a ripple of response and thanks are due to those who returned the slips. The results appear elsewhere and perhaps the volume of comment is a measure of need. Hazel Freeman kindly took the trouble to write some interesting remarks. Hazel has used the bus for 25 years and now, more often than not, is the only traveller from the village on the 87A. Very few people are picked up from Challaborough as it is easier for them to make the short walk to Bigbury-on-Sea to catch the regular service. The demand does not seem to be there which is unfortunate for those who would use a service on a regular or frequent basis. Even in Kingston only 2 people are collected regularly, notwithstanding the fact that a substantial number of people signed the petition for the diversion. The information will be passed to the Parish Council for them to use as they see fit.

SEPTEMBER DIARY

- 6th Dartington Morris Men 8.30pm JE
- 11th British Legion Meeting 7.30pm JE
- 12th WI Meeting 7.30pm WI Hall
- 20th) A Feast of Fish
- 21st) Dinner at JE
- 26th Quiz Night 9.00pm JE
- 27th Music Night JE - FairPlay
- Oct
- 4th Music Night JE - Gin

DEADLINE

Tuesday 24th September

Mobile Library

September

Dates:- 2nd, 16th & 30th

St Ann's Chapel

11.15 - 11.30

Challaborough

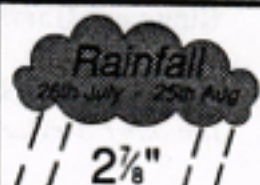
1.50 - 2.00

Ringmore Church

2.05 - 2.40

Kingston Fire Station

3.00 - 4.00



Fiona Batten

Ave Aug for last 10 years - 2 1/4"
High - Aug 1992 & 93 - 5"
Low - July 1995 - 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



Well done, all who helped and contributed to our Church Fete on the 21st! The turnover was just short of £1000, and the net result almost half as much again as last year! Above all, as was established at the end of the day, it was a Fete with a wonderful atmosphere - and perfect weather (remember how it rained on the following days?) Someone Out There was very good to us, and we praise Him with grateful hearts.

May I draw your attention to the invitation to the "taster" evening for the course "Seeing the Bible Whole" this month? This will be on Thursday, September 19th at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall at Aveton Gifford, and will introduce a series of 15 evenings on the Old Testament, beginning on October 3rd. Basically once every two weeks, we will make our way through the Old Testament, trying to get an overall picture of this fascinating part of the Bible.

In the same Hall, beginning on September 24th, there will be another Alpha course for those perhaps thinking of looking at the Christian faith with new and inquiring eyes. Information and application forms are available in the churches of the Modbury Team Ministry, which is running this Alpha course. The other course, mentioned in the previous paragraph, is being run by a group from the churches of the Team together with St. Petroc's, South Brent.

Why not make a start - in the life of faith, or in seeing the Bible as a whole? You will be made very welcome, as you are at all our services, which this month are:

September 1	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
September 8	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
September 15	9 a.m.	Bigbury	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Kingston	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
September 22	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Communion)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, ASB)
September 27	7 p.m.	Ringmore Harvest Festival and Supper	
September 29	3.30 p.m.	Joint Team Service in St. Mary, Woodleigh (no other Services on this Sunday)	

Derek Matten
Hon. Team Vicar

The Church House, Ringmore
Tel: (01548) 810565

Journey's End Journal

We have been delighted to welcome so many visitors to the JE during August. This has kept us very busy and it looks as though it will continue into September but we have given thought to the months ahead!

We shall of course resume our popular Quiz Night at the end of the month and James will set the standard as the first quizmaster. Live music will start again, also at the month-end and we shall have a Food Feature on the weekend of 20th & 21st. Before all of that we shall have a visit from the Dartington Morris Men.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, our autumn Beer Festival will take place on 25th, 26th & 27th October.

Sept	Friday 6th	8.30pm	Dartington Morris Men
	Fri 20th Sat 21st	Dinner	A Feast of Fish
	Thursday 26th	9.00pm	Quiz Night
	Friday 27th	8.30pm	Live Music - Fair Play
Oct	Friday 4th	8.30pm	Live Music - Gin
	Fri 25th Sat 26th		Beer Festival
	Sun 27th		



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The weather for the annual fête on 7th August was ideal to enable visitors to enjoy the attractions and help raise record profits on the day. Hot dogs, coconuts and produce all ran out early and the constant flow of visitors kept stallholders busy.

The results of the Children's Show, judged by Jackie Tagent, President, are as follows:-

Ringmore Scene	-	Bus Shelter by Claire Wilkins
Six Fairy Cakes	-	Joint winners Hannah Phipps (Creatures of Ringmore) Matthew Wilkins
Table Decoration	-	Imogen Ireland

Thank you to all the children who entered the competitions: the judge's decision in the Fairy Cakes competition was especially difficult, resulting in two winners.

Safari Supper

Members and their guests spent a sociable Saturday evening at the end of July on Safari in Ringmore, enjoying an excellent supper in the gardens and houses of The Laurels, Cliff Path and Ivy Cottage. Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments for an entertaining evening around the village.

Citadel

20 members had booked long in advance to participate in Music of the Night at the Citadel in Plymouth and the evening was worthy of the wait.

September meeting

Please note that the speaker will start at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th September on the subject of 'Hearing dogs for the deaf'.

Yvonne Sheppard

Thank You

Alice's garden and the WI grass disappeared on Wednesday 7th August as holidaymakers and locals, young and not-so-young poured through the gate to enjoy an afternoon of sideshows, a barbecue and raffles, not to mention the cakes, teas and produce.

A big 'Thank You' to all those willing helpers, whether before, during or after the event, who played their part in making the 1996 Fête certainly one to remember.

Thank you very much.

Jackie Tagent, President



Tel 01548 810205



Sadly, Ringmore has not had a good crime-free month since the last report.

Three private properties have suffered; one, an attempted break-in, the other two, burglaries. One of the burglaries was at the home of Mrs Alice Mason and the other at the home of Mr & Mrs Eddy.

In the case of the latter burglary, the Eddys do not know when it took place and they have no idea how entry was effected. Guy has suggested that, in view of their loss, everyone should check their personal possessions seldom used, in the remote chance that they have also suffered a loss, without knowing.

Our Church has had the Offertry Box broken open twice during the past month and on Sunday 25th August, it was discovered that all the Church Silver was missing.

If anyone has any ideas or has seen anything suspicious, please contact Kingsbridge Police Station or David Young, 810389.

Just a reminder - if anybody would like advice on the security of their property, call the police on 0990 777444 and ask for PC Peter Brimblecombe at Kingsbridge Police Station who would be pleased to visit your home and advise.

Finally, Peter Major, 810729, has agreed to have his name added to the list of co-ordinators published in the August Newsletter.

David Young

St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth Annual Appeal 1st - 7th September

Even as you read this, I may be at your door asking for a donation!

I hope for the same generous response this year and thank you in anticipation.

Drina Williams, The Paddock (Area Organiser)

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 20th August - Present 4 councillors (apologies from Adrian Muller, Rachel Pitt & Brian McCabe) and 2 members of the public.

Bus Shelter

The rubbish bin has been replaced.

Again remember 999

Unhappily, once again, there are opportunist thieves about. On Sunday 18th August a house in the village was broken into and goods taken, and the donation box in the Church was forced open. Please make sure all windows and doors are locked before you go out, even for a few minutes. You cannot be too careful! Be vigilant. Report anything suspicious. Ring 999.

Planning

The following planning applications were passed by SHDC
Extension in height to the garage at Mandava
Heating system at Walnut Tree Cottage
Conservatory at No 4 Coast Guard Cottages

Town Well

The seat has arrived and everyone, in general, seems well pleased. It will be secured in the very near future.

Rumble Strips

The rumble strips have been heightened and repainted and appear to more effective than before.

Lighting up the Bus Shelter from outside the Church

The police do not think it would be a good deterrent. They believe it is likely to attract trouble rather than prevent it, so the Council will not be proceeding any further along these lines.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th September at 7pm.

Thelma Mann

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Newsletter format changed from Foolscap to A4 and the method of replication changed from Roneo to Photo-copying. For students of history: Foolscap or to give it its full name, Foolscap Folio, measured 13½"x8½" or, for the very young, 343mm x 216mm. Foolscap was a modular measurement, Folio being double Foolscap Octavo and quadruple Foolscap Quarto. The name Foolscap derived from the watermark. Roneo was a process for producing a printed page from a stencil cut on a typewriter. The stencil was placed on a roller in a machine not unlike a mangle and as it passed across a sheet of plain paper, ink was forced through the stencil. It was very messy! A mangle was

A special case was made in support of a request submitted to the Department of Transport for the mirror at St Ann's Chapel crossroads.

The WI Fête made £617 and the Church Fête made £410.

Three members of the Parish Council attended a meeting in Modbury to consider the provision of a Community Bus Scheme but it was felt that there was insufficient interest.

August

solution

Four correct entries this month from The Furry Boys, Matchman, The Beginners and Cleriwho. The Matchman is now second and Cleriwho fourth.

Spectre / Sceptre

Meteor / Remote

Unclear / Nuclear

Alarming / Marginal

Citadel / Dialect

Dearth / Thread

Glisten / Singlet

Ruffian / Funfair

Marble / Ramble

Desecration / Considerate

September

Instead of numbers or letters this month, its numbers & letters. An alpha-numeric poser to test you.

Substitute numbers for the letters to produce the correct total.

C	O	P	S
C	L	O	S
C	E	L	L
C	O	R	P
C	A	S	E
C	O	L	L
R	E	C	T

Summary of Bus Survey

The results of the survey will be passed to the Parish Council. Thanks again to those who responded.

An extended 87 bus service should be provided on

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

The daily frequency (Once means one return journey) of the service should be

Once Twice Three times Four times

My preferred travelling times would be

Out:

Return:

If we would use the service:-

Daily Weekly Monthly Occasionally Never
1 in summer 1 in winter

Ringmore Historical Society

Mrs Joan Teverson, who has a long association with Ringmore, has kindly sent us her memories of the period during which her family has been associated with those enigmatically named cottages, End and Inner Bohemia and others around Ringmore. Such detail, gleaned from living memory, is vitally important in the work of recording the history of the village. From writings like this, a comprehensive account of the past can be assembled. The RHS is most grateful to Mrs Teverson for having taken the time to put pen to paper and we hope that it is of interest to everyone. If anyone else has knowledge of a particular place or event which has yet to be recorded, please write it down today - tomorrow could be too late! - and send it to the Chairman, George Grimshaw at Middle Manor.

End Bohemia and Inner Bohemia

The two cottages were bought by my Grandfather Thomas Leddra in 1915 or 1916 from a man called Wellington, at Ocean Hill¹. They were already named Inner and End Bohemia and I have no idea why they were so called. They were rated as one cottage until they were separated in about 1970. The next owners were my Grandmother Elizabeth Leddra, my father and then my mother. My mother gave them to my sister, Mary Harper, and myself, jointly. We split them up around 1970. Until this time we shared an outside toilet and a communicating door between the two kitchens which was only recently plastered over on our side (End Bohemia). The door remained on the other side in Inner Bohemia but this may now be different. In 1993 I passed the ownership of End Bohemia to my son Robin Teverson. Inner Bohemia had been passed on to my niece, Helen and she sold the cottage in 1993.

Around 1980, we had the front door of End Bohemia moved from its direct access from lounge to street. The road outside is very narrow and the porch was always being knocked by passing caravans and lorries, etc.. We were glad to move the front door to where it is now, in the kitchen extension leading into an entrance hall. We put the toilet and shower in at the back of the cottage where the back door and kitchen had been. There is now no back door and the stairs lead up from this room. The original toilets were in the sheds at the bottom of the garden which are now used for garden tools. The inner Bohemia shed is now on End Bohemia land and a new wooden one was put up in the 1980's, so End Bohemia has three garden sheds.

We had the electricity installed in the 1930's². I think it cost £4.10.0d (£4.50p for those too young to be yet a part of history!) for the wiring of the place. The water³ and drainage⁴ came after the war. We had to get the water from Rock Cottage until then. The pump was on the rock there. If that ran dry, as it did at times, we had to go down to a tap near the Inn (Town Well).

My Grandparents were the first visitors in our family to the village and they stayed with their family, with Bessie Ryder in the cottage next to Rock Cottage (Rose Cottage). My Grandparents had four children; Morris (my father), Ralph, Nellie and Claude who spent a lot of time there. Later my Aunt lived in Rock Cottage for years. My Grandfather, Uncle Ralph and Uncle Claude also owned Rose Cottage. My Aunt moved to Cypress Cottage (now named Smugglers' Cottage) later on and we always called the lane, from her cottage to Aymer, by the name of Auntie Nellie's Lane. We also had two boathouses down at Chailborough, one long since gone, with the fall of the cliff. Two Great Aunts lived down there in two bungalows, on the way up to Bigbury-on-Sea.

In the early days my Grandparents and their family came to Ringmore by pony and trap or the carrier's van from Plymouth. I can remember doing this, as a small child. I have been told that my Grandfather walked back to Plymouth at the end of the weekend when his family was on holiday in the village. We always spent all our school summer holidays at the cottage and my cousins did the same - they were good days. My son Robin has a cannon ball which we dug out of the cottage hedge.

When my Mother took over the two cottages in the 1930's, Inner Bohemia was let for 2/- (10p) a week to a member of the Bardens family and he was a fisherman. Later, my sister and I shared the thatched cottage, Inner Bohemia, and let End Bohemia. Refugees from London lived in End Bohemia during the war.

My family and various cottages

Inner and End Bohemia: The owners were Thomas Leddra, Bessie Leddra, Morris Leddra, Blanche Leddra, Mary Harper (Inner), Joan Teverson (End), Michael Harper and Helen Norman (Inner), Robin and Rosemary Teverson (End)

My Grandfather, Thomas Leddra, was in a Plymouth shipping firm but I have no idea of its name.

My Father, Morris Leddra, was in the Merchant Navy as an engineer. He transferred to the Royal Navy in 1939 and was a Lieutenant Commander. His ship, Jervis Bay, was sunk in the Atlantic in 1940.

Rock Cottage: Owned by my Aunt, Nellie Chapman.

Cypress Cottage (Smuggler's Cottage): Owned by my Aunt, Nellie Chapman and my Uncle, Rear Admiral Hubert Chapman.

Rose Cottage (next to Rock Cottage): Owned by my Grandmother, Elizabeth Leddra and then, my Uncle Ralph Leddra. When my Grandmother owned it, before the war, my Uncle Claude and his family spent the summer holidays there.

Rose Cottage (near Lower Manor Farm): Bought by my Uncle Claude Leddra, after the war but he did not live there. He was a Naval Constructor.

Joan Teverson

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

(not just bits of it - all of it?)

Would you like to have a go at

SEEING THE BIBLE WHOLE?

A course of evenings will begin in October in Aveton Gifford Memorial Hall, led by members of congregations in South Brent and the Modbury Team. The Old Testament will be covered in the first year, the New Testament in the second.

Have a 'non-committal taster'
on Thursday September 19th
at 7.30pm.

Meet the teams

Get to know other participants


Find out what it is all about

You are more than welcome!

If you want further details, contact the Revd Derek Matten
in Ringmore or telephone 810565


Note: 1 Ocean Hill - does any one know where this location might be?

2 Electricity came to Ringmore in 1941 3 Mains Water 1947 4 Mains Drainage in 1963

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Maple Bank Cream Tea

We hope all those who came enjoyed the afternoon, we certainly enjoyed your company!

As readers may know, Brian Stark has generously provided a strimmer so we are able to use the proceeds of £203, plus a donation of £45, in the following way. £23 will be held by Adrian Muller (strimmer-in-chief!) to cover costs for a while. £125 has gone to Kingsbridge Hospital and £100 to the Devon Air Ambulance. We hope you approve.

Many, many thanks go to the willing army of helpers; those who fetched and carried, baked and donated scones and cakes, gave home-made jam, waited table and washed dishes! Thanks also to our Church and WI for the loan of furniture and crockery. The afternoon could not have happened without you all. Thank you, most sincerely

Thanks particularly to all those who came in such numbers. Although we did not need funds for the strimmer after all, we had fun and helped a couple of charities along the way.

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Rock Fall at Ayrmer

On Thursday 15th August at about 4.00pm there was a rock fall at Ayrmer Cove. Following a loud bang, a section of the cliff near the footpath to Westcombe fell onto the rocks creating a large cloud of yellow dust. Fortunately no-one was sitting under the cliff at the time!

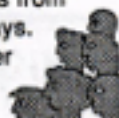
It might not be a good idea to sit too close to the cliffs for the time being and all public spirited people might wish to warn visitors.

Yvonne Sheppard

Lonely Children in Ringmore



Elizabeth & Matt, Bill, George, Freddy and Dudley are sad because all their older friends will be back at school in September. Village children meet at Ringmore WI Hall on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.15pm during both term time and holidays. Please bring your parent, grandparent or other carer to the hall on Wednesday afternoon to play, have a drink and make new friends.



Contact Andrea 810760

Times they are a'changing (from Brian McCabe)

We were born before television, before penicillin, before frozen foods, before . . . Xerox, plastic, contact lenses, frisbees and the Pill. We were born before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball-point pens; before dishwashers, tumble-driers, electric blankets, air-conditioning, drip-dry clothes . . . and before man walked on the moon

We married first and then lived together (how quaint). WE thought 'fast food' was what you ate at Lent; a Big Mac was an oversized raincoat; 'knocking-off' usually meant the end of the working day and 'crumpet' was what we had for tea. We existed before house-husbands, computer dating, dual careers and when a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting along with the in-laws. Sheltered accommodation was protection from air-raids.

We were born before day centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors and yoghurt. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness; a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato; 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940, 'made in japan' meant junk; 'making out' referred to how well you did in your exams, a stud was something that fastened your collar and 'going all the way' meant staying on the bus all the way to the terminus.

Pizzas, MacDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. Cigarette smoking was fashionable, 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coalhouse, a 'joint' was the Sunday lunch and 'pot' was what it was cooked in. The sun was good for you; Rock music was grandma's lullaby and everyone could be gay.

Thanks Brian. Is this a lament to the passing of time or just an interesting reminder of how things change through technical/medical advancement, ignorance, contrivance and social evolution. Was 'I need my space, man' first uttered by a spacewoman?

**** NEW ****

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