



# RINGMORE

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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# Happy Christmas

December is a good opportunity to review a year in the life of the Parish. The New Year started with the mysterious combustion of the bus shelter which has since been splendidly renewed. The Spring was notable for the interest generated over a small corner of the village which came up for sale. The lighter evenings seemed to encourage badgers to become intrepid. Why is it that these nervous nocturnal creatures lope about in daylight, digging up bulbs and vegetables, causing chaos in the garden? August was spent raising record funds through fêtes and cream teas around the village. The re-establishment of the Coronation Seat was arranged in the Autumn following its unaccountable collapse. In early November we were treated to a superb display of fireworks and bonfire in Alan King's field despite the appalling weather.

We would like to thank everyone who has advertised in the newsletter, contributed articles and written letters. We look forward to your continued support in 1997. Many thanks also to Adrian, Fiona, Pam & Stan and Thelma, our team of willing distributors which provides a prompt, efficient service every month. We are also grateful to Gret Atkinson in Kingston who has provided photocopying services for the newsletter, on generous terms, which has meant that we have been entirely self-financing in 1996 and we have a small surplus to get us through the New Year. We wish our readers, advertisers and contributors a very Merry Christmas.



# Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore



## ADVENT

"They look towards heaven  
and wait for the One  
who is to come.  
But it's not from heaven  
that he's coming.  
They're looking in vain,  
because, even as they are looking,  
behind their backs,  
the One who is to come  
is coming."

This verse, even in my inadequate translation, makes me think. All our preparations for Christmas seem to imply that we can plan and determine what lies ahead. Even the calendar of events which we, as a Church, use as an invitation for everyone to share, takes for granted that Advent and Christmas will happen just as we want or imagine. But the verse quoted reminds us that the God who is coming is the God who Himself determines how and when. We haven't got Him in our pockets, though most times we act as if we had. The Bible is very reticent about saying how and when, or even who He is ("I am who I am", as He introduced Himself to Moses at the burning bush, says everything and nothing about God). He's always good for a surprise - even covered with tinsel and holly. And that surprise is much greater than any Christmas present could provide - and could very well be life-shattering. Doesn't the birth of the Son of God in the stable at Bethlehem tell us so? Advent invites us to open our eyes - and we might need to look behind our backs .....

Our programme this month:

<b>December 1</b>	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
<b>December 8</b>	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
<b>December 15</b>	9 a.m.	Bigbury	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Kingston	(Baptism at Eleven)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
<b>December 22</b>	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols)
<b>December 23</b>	7.30 p.m.	Kingston	(Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols) *
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	4 p.m.	Ringmore	(Carols round the Crib)
	11.30 p.m.	Bigbury	(Midnight Communion)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	10.30 a.m.	Kingston	(Family Christmas Service)
<b>December 29</b>	10 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, BCP, said)
	3.30 p.m.	Modbury Team Carol Service in St. George, Modbury (No other Services on this Sunday)	
<b>December 31</b>	11.30 p.m.	Kingston	Watchnight Service

(\*subject to confirmation)

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Derek Matten  
Hon. Team Vicar



# Journey's End Journal

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**Roast Turkey with Sausage Meat & Apricot Stuffing**  
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**Beef & Chestnut Casserole**

**Chocolate Roulade Caribbean Fruit Salad**  
**Macaroon Mince Pies with Brandy Sauce**

Tickets are selling very well for our Christmas Draw which will take place here on Sunday lunchtime, 21st December at around 2.30pm. Unless we have cancellations we are UNABLE to take more dinner reservations for New Year's Eve but there will be live music provided by a duo and we hope you can all join us to see in 1997.

Despite the appalling weather, Bonfire Night was a great success. Yogi and Annie did a wonderful job in organising such a great display and all who took part both as helpers and spectators are to be congratulated.

## December Diary

Thursday	5th	Quiz Adrian's	9.00
Friday	6th	Live Music - GIN	8.30
Thursday	12th	Quiz Geof's	9.00
Thursday	19th	Quiz Landlord's	9.00
Friday	20th	WIXMAS DINNER	
Sunday	22nd	Christmas Draw	2.30
Tuesday	24th	Christmas Eve	
		Mulled Wine & Carols	9.00
Wednesday	25th	Christmas Day Open	12.00 to 2.00 only
Thursday	26th	Quiz John Freeman	9.00
Friday	27th	Live Music - FAIR PLAY	8.30
Tuesday	31st	New Year's Eve Party	



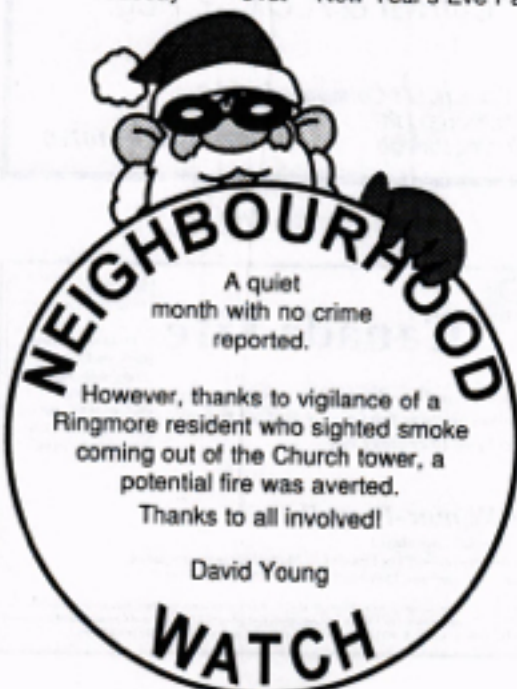
Yes, there are free trees available, so now is the time to get planting. Please contact your two tree wardens, Brian McCabe, Windwood Farm, 810538 or Stan Brunskill, Cliff Path, 810654.

I would like to remind you that you have a duty to replant trees after felling any trees on your land or in your garden.

You owe it to your children and grandchildren.

Trees planted by myself and the children of Modbury School 25 years ago are now fully mature and give pleasure and help to provide oxygen to our threatened environment.

Brian McCabe



## Christmas Greetings

This is to wish all in the neighbourhood  
**a Very Happy Christmas 1996 and New Year 1997**  
and to say

### a Very Special 'Thank You'

to all those below for their particular help and many kindnesses to me in 1996, which I have enormously appreciated

Very especially to: The Lights, The Ryders, The Eddys, The Warnes, The Potters, The Ganders, Jim & Stephen Freeman and as near as possible in alphabetical order  
The Battens, Mrs Bennett & Miss Hilton, The Brunskill, All at 'Carmel'; All at 'Crossways' especially Harold;  
All at Modbury Health Centre & Modbury Pharmacy;  
The Grimshaws, Alice Mason, The Parys, The Trants, Miss Trueman, The Mullers, Ringmore PO, The Frank Williams', & all the Newsletter people

**Happy Christmas 1996 & Happy New Year 1997**

Barbara Drabble, Ringmore





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

This year has seen the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion and our three parishes of Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore have celebrated in the only way they know, by setting a new record. The total of £2561.04p easily topped last year's £2220. Year after year we set ourselves very daunting challenges and year after year, thanks to your wonderful help and generosity, we set new figures. The breakdown of how the figures were achieved is as follows.

On Friday 8th November the annual auction was held at the Journey's End by kind permission of James and Gillian Parkin. Once again Rob Batten wielded his persuasive hammer to great effect, extracting a record £919.50 from very willing bidders. Rob was helped by his wife Fiona, doing the bookkeeping. Backing up were Stan, Brian and David doing the humping and heaving. The whisky raffle realised £100 and further whisky raffle on Saturday and Sunday raised a further £30.

On Saturday 9th November a coffee morning was held at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea, by kind permission of Joan and Jack Smith. On a fine day a good attendance produced £344 for the appeal, from the cake stall, the bring and buy stall and from 3 raffles. A splendid return for a lot of hard work by many helpers.

On Sunday 10th November, the Remembrance Service was held at Bigbury Church, led by Rev Derek Matten. In his sermon he stressed the importance of not only remembering but reconciliation as being the way forward. A well-attended service added a further £170 to the appeal. At the conclusion of the service wreaths were laid at the memorial.

On Monday evening, 11th November, the Legion ladies organised a very successful Whist Drive at the WI Hall, Ringmore. An excellent evening added a further £82 to the appeal.

In addition Ringmore WI gave a donation of £10 and two other £10 donations were received.

Meantime during the previous ten days dedicated collectors had been knocking on doors in some very unfriendly weather and they, together with static boxes in pubs, clubs and shops, raised a further £893, another record.

Once again you have ensured that the Royal British Legion's annual call for assistance has not fallen on deaf ears.

**Thank you all once again for your wonderful support.**

Guy Eddy  
Poppy Appeal Organiser

## November Solution

'Thanks' to this month's entrants... first off the mark were Beginners but they managed only the 8-letter word **WRANGLER** as did the Matchman. Joint winners this month are Cleriwho, The Furry Boys and Yog-Sothoth who found the word **PHLEGMATIC**.

Y	S	J	D	P
W	M	N	E	H
R	A	G	L	K
O	B	T	Q	U
C	I	X	V	F

## December

The last lap... even though the result is a foregone conclusion it is probably because some of you did not enter every month. So, you know what to do next year!

For the final test take each letter of the alphabet and insert it once in a space to complete an intelligible crossword.  
Happy Christmas!

A	B	S	T	A	W
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				U	I
R	U	N			
E	G	A	P		
		L	S	E	S
E	L			B	
S	O			I	E
	O	S			D

## DECEMBER DIARY

WEDNESDAYS: Playgroup WI Hall 2.30pm  
Aerobics Church Hall 8.30pm  
THURSDAYS: Quiz Night JE 9.00pm

6th Live Music JE - GIN 8.30  
7th NSPCC Food Fare - Modbury 10.00- 11.30  
Hazel Hollins Thanksgiving Service  
St James, Kingston 2.30pm  
17th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00  
20th WI CHRISTMAS DINNER JE  
22nd Christmas Draw JE 2.30  
Children's Christmas Party - Church Hall  
2.00pm Everyone is welcome  
27th Live Music JE - FAIR PLAY 8.30  
31st New Year's Eve Party JE

## DEADLINE

**Monday 23rd December**

## Mobile Library

December  
Dates:- 9th & 23rd  
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

Jan Nov for last 10 years - 4"  
High - Nov 1992 - 8"  
Low - Nov 1988 - 2"

## Thank You

to everyone who was involved in making Guy Fawkes Night a success.

**James & Gill, Richard, David,  
Chris and John Freeman**

for the Bar and Barbecue and the 'Bonus'  
Ball' and 'Rocket Raiser' fund-raising

**John & Rosemary**  
for fundraising

**Alan King**

for the use of the field

**Yogi & Annie**

for letting off the fireworks

**Norman, Carl and Colin**

for collecting the 'rubbish' and building the  
Bonfire



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# RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 19th November - Present: 7 councillors, Mr Roger Anstey, District Councillor and 4 members of the public

## Skateboarding

The tarmacadam for the skateboarding area adjoining the existing playarea at the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel, has been laid.

## Police

The police have been invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 17th December. They will be available to answer any queries by the public.

## Seat at Town Well

The Coronation plaque has now been secured to the back of the new seat. Thanks to Adrian on behalf of the Parish Council.

## Hedges in Village

We would like to remind people in the village with property bordered by hedges, please, to see they are trimmed back so they do not overhang onto the roads and footpaths.

## Ayrmer Cove

A clean-up of the cove will take place on Saturday 14th December. Anyone wishing to join the volunteer working party should try to be there at about 10.30am. If possible, please bring a plastic bag for rubbish. Please wear gloves.

## Parking

This is a reminder. Please do not park your vehicle where it will cause an obstruction. In the Summer there were instances when people could not get to their own homes because of thoughtless parking by others. This is not only inconvenient but very dangerous as emergency vehicles are also unable to get through.

## District Council

Mr R Anstey gave a very interesting report at the meeting, mainly on waste disposal and how it is going to affect us in a year or two when there will be separate collections of recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish.

## Inter-Parish Quiz

Adrian Muller has retired from being Team captain and Colin Jackson has taken on the role. Thanks to Mr Muller and 'Good Luck' to Mr Jackson.

## Planning

The following Listed Building consent has been given:

- a) for alterations to a shed at 3 Cumberland Cottages.
- b) for garage doors and concrete floor to existing garage building at Lower Manor Farm.

## Skip

A skip will be sited, for one day only, in the Journey's End Car Park on Saturday 4th January 1997.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm

Thelma Mann.



Sue & Adrian Muller

wish their friends

**A Merry Christmas**

and a

**Happy New Year**

## TEN YEARS A GO

The Parish Council objected to a proposed extension of the water-skiing area on the River Avon.

The South Hams Society planted daffodils on Town Well and there was a meeting planned for the Erme and Avon Flower Club. *Does it still exist?*

The Royal British Legion raised £853.

Bill Warne was captain of the Ringmore Inter-Parish Quiz Team

Wishing All  
a  
Happy  
Christmas  
and a  
Merry  
New Year

Jim & Stephen  
Freeman

## Children's Christmas Party

The Ringmore children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday 22nd December from 2.00pm - 5.00pm, in the Church Hall to which all village children are invited. Please contact Pam Wilkin 810677 for more details.

Everyone is invited for refreshments during the afternoon and, if you wish, to join in the fun!

We are grateful to Ringmore WI for their generous donation to the party funds.







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CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
PEACEFUL  
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## Bigbury Youth Club

We would like to give a big 'THANK YOU' to Bryan Carson of the Royal Oak for hosting the bonfire on 5th November and for letting us have our own barbeque - also, 'Thanks' to all the Royal Oak regulars who helped so much in making the evening such a success. We are also very grateful for the generous donation which was collected in the Royal Oak and wish to thank everyone who contributed to it.

We also wish to thank Mrs Jo Dudmesh for supplying us with two very nice speakers - they fit the bill perfectly. Grateful thanks are also due for the generous donation of a new wall heater.

Dates for the December Diary:

10th Outing for all Youth Club children. Pick-up at 5.00pm from St Ann's Chapel Memorial Hall car park to Plymouth Pavilions for skating and swimming. Home around 9.00pm at the latest. A mini bus will be used. Thank you to Reg Anning for kindly volunteering to drive it.

17th Youth Club Christmas Party. Entry 50p in Fancy Dress or £1.00 if NOT in Fancy Dress. Disco - Games - Father Christmas - Lots of Food. All parents and non-Youth Club children welcome. 7.00pm - 10.00pm. Please pick up your children on time at the end of the evening. Advance Notice:

Over 60's Easter Party - 10th March 1997

17th December will be the last Youth Club meeting before Christmas. The first meeting in the New Year will be on 7th January.

A big thank you to all the new committee for making the Youth Club possible again. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'

John & Linda Patterson

Only six action-packed months  
after your kind welcome to Ringmore  
we are delighted to have the opportunity  
to include in the Ringmore 'Thunderer'



Best Wishes  
to all our new friends  
Mike & Jacqueline  
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**NSPCC**  
**Christmas Food Fare**  
Exeter Inn, Modbury  
Saturday 7th December  
10.00 - 11.30am  
Coffee and Mince Pies

**Kit Taylor**  
send her love and Best Wishes  
to all her friends  
for a

**Happy Christmas**  
and  
**New Year**



Her visit to Ringmore was such  
a joyous occasion and  
she sends many, many thanks





## WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The Annual Meeting of Ringmore WI was held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th November. The President, Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports of the year and a new committee was agreed.

The accounts for the year show a good cash balance which is needed to continue to maintain and run the hall. The programme for 1997 has been agreed and the selected charity for support is the Children's Hospice to which a £50 donation has recently been given. Various Fund-raising possibilities were discussed to support the cause of the Children's Hospice in 1997, such as a Sponsored Walk, a Coffee Morning, a Cream Tea, a Village Concert, a Whist Drive and a Jumble Sale. Members enjoyed wine and cheese following the meeting.

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th January at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is Eric Wallis on the subject of Tutankhamun, the Boy King. Guests are welcome from 8.00pm.

Yvonne Sheppard



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## 21 - Key of the door (of Knowledge?)

### The Inter-Parish Quiz 1997

Yes, its the time of year when we start planning for the 1997 Inter-Parish Quiz and this year it reaches its 21st Birthday.

The Quiz was first run in 1977 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and, thanks to popular demand, it has run every year since then. Over the years we have tried to achieve a formula that produces an interesting and exciting Quiz for team members and audiences alike. Because home teams were knocked out in the first round, away from home and did not get a chance to perform before their home audiences, we introduced the 'home and away' legs in the first round. It was also a few years ago now that the Ken West Plate was started so that teams unlucky enough to be knocked out in the first round had a chance to compete for another trophy. As many of you know, the trophy was kindly donated by Mrs West in memory of her husband Ken, who took such a lively interest in the Quiz in general and Brixton's progress in particular!

A great deal of work goes into organising the Quiz and it is hard to make sure that publicity gets all around the area because matches are only fixed up a short while before the date they take place. We try to get posters around the Parishes but I would ask you to keep an eye open for the posters telling you when your team is performing. It is very important that your team should have the maximum amount of support at each match and we try very hard to make the Quiz challenging for people of all ages and interests. If you would like to be a member of your Parish team or would like to help with the Quiz in any way (as a Questionmaster, Scorer or Timekeeper) please telephone 01548 821401 or contact your local Quiz Team Manager. Colin Jackson is the new Manager for Ringmore, Tel. 810292.

Angela Estyn-Jones, Fixtures Secretary  
*We hope for great things for Colin and the team this year and he asks that anyone interested in being a team member should contact him. He is keen to have a large 'team' as not everyone will be available for every match, so a good nucleus is essential.*

*Colin will suggest a date in January for a 'team bonding' at the JE, to discover likely availability. Thanks are due to Adrian Muller, our retiring Team Captain, who has led the team for the past three years with good humour in the face of adversity!*

### Colin & Jenny Jackson

Thank everyone in Ringmore  
for a very Happy First Year  
and wish all a

**Merry Christmas**

A  
Merry Christmas  
and a  
Prosperous  
New Year  
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Friends & Neighbours

Julie Denis  
74 & Zak



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**for a Happy New Year**  
*to all in*  
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### Hazel Hollins Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Service for Hazel Hollins will be held at St James' Church, Kingston on Saturday 7th December.

Ray and Hazel Hollins kept the Journey's End Inn from 1976 to 1986 and then retired to Kingston. Unfortunately, Hazel has been dogged by ill health and sadly she died at the end of October. A family funeral followed.

This Service is a celebration of Hazel's life and any Ringmore friends are invited to attend.

Guy Eddy

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