

RINGMORE

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This month we have a full edition carrying all of the usual information and more! There will be a charity Coffee Morning at Ayrmer House; Guy Eddy will be the guest speaker at the next WI Meeting; The Ringmore Historical Society needs your help in recording the 'remembered' history of the village; the Journey's End will hold a Ringmore Table Tennis Tournament with the implied threat of more events to follow! Now is the time to start training for the Bigbury Fun Run which will take place on 31st May.

The Parish Council is considering a Village Appraisal. This is a method of self-study which allows the community to consider, in detail, those issues which have a considerable impact on life in the Parish. This would be an opportunity to examine any number of suggestions which, according to opinion, would be better or worse for the village. The cost of proposals, the effect on the social and physical structure of the community as well as numerous other factors could be the subject of the Appraisal and would form the basis of the concluding report. John Tate, the Chairman of the Parish Council, has written a note on this topic. For anyone wishing to influence the contents of the Appraisal perhaps the first step would be to attend the next Council meeting.

Sir Douglas Hall has written an appreciation of Mrs Peggy Williams, a long-time resident of the village, who died recently. Many will spare a thought too, for Mrs Joan Smith of Bigbury, whose husband Jack, a stalwart supporter of the British Legion, died at the end of December.

Finally, a message for the Furry Boys. Your prize for winning the 1996 Enigma Competition will be in the suggested place after midday on Monday 10th February. If this could prove inconvenient please let the editors know.

FEBRUARY DIARY

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

3rd & 4th NO FOOD AT JOURNEY'S END
7th Music at JE GIN
11th Coffee Morning at Ayrmer House 10.30am
13th WI Meeting 7.30pm Guy Eddy 8.15pm
14th) Valentine's Dinner
15th) at Journey's End
19th Historical Society 7.30pm WI Hall
23rd Table Tennis Tournament at JE
25th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
Including the Village Appraisal talk

DEADLINE

Friday 21st February

Mobile Library February

Dates: 3rd & 17th
St Ann's Chapel
11.10 - 11.30
Challaborough
1.50 - 2.00
Ringmore Church
2.05 - 2.40
Kingston Fire Station
3.00 - 4.00



COFFEE MORNING WITH A PLUS!

Shrove Tuesday, 11th February
Ayrmer House, Ringmore
10.30am

- Pancake races for Children and Adults
- Cake Stall
- Bring & Buy
- Raffle

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I GIVE UP

The season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 12th this year), is often misinterpreted as a time for simply "giving up things". If one is honest, and really tries to do just that, one says one is going to give up something which one feels might be getting too much of a hold on one's life. It might be cigarettes or alcohol, maybe even chocolate (the West Country is reported to be the most "sweet-toothed" part of the United Kingdom!). But, though a greater moderation in the consumption of any one of these might be very beneficial for our health, that is not what Lent is about. Just to give up something would be dealing with the symptoms rather than the causes of malaise in our lives.

Lent is no Church diet programme, nor is it concerned foremost with things. It has to do with the whole direction of our lives. And above all, it is the preparation time for Holy Week and Easter. Without this emphasis, Lent becomes just a self-centred programme of attempting to deal with things that are "not good for one", and, worse of all, trying to do it alone.

We often say "I give up" when we recognise that we are clueless as to what to do next. It is an admission of the fact that we don't know the next step. And getting rid of that self-assurance that so often leads us to make a mess of our lives is the only way forward to real life satisfaction. And Christians have discovered that they can only do this if they keep their eyes on the Cross and trust in the Resurrection of Jesus. One of the best ways to do this is through regular worship with others on the same way.

So here are the "stops on the way" for this month:

February 2	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
February 9	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
February 11	10.30 a.m.	Shrove Tuesday Church Coffee Morning at Ayrmer House (<i>see elsewhere in this Newsletter</i>)	
February 16	9 a.m.	Bigbury	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Kingston	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
February 23	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(The Eleven O'Clock Communion)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, ASB)
March 7	2 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer Service in St. Andrew, Aveton Gifford	

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Journey's End Journal

February is always a good month for our customers because we offer beer and food cheaper than at any other time in the year. The highlights are listed below but please note that on Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th, our kitchen is being redecorated, so there will be no food served on these two days. However, from 5th - 28th, come and enjoy the following throughout the month:-

Charles Wells IPA	£1 per pint
Special Mixed Grill	£5.00) Mon to
Jumbo Cod, Chips & Peas	£4.00) Thurs
Three Course Dinner	£10.00 Fri & Sat
Three Course Lunch	£6.50 Sunday
Valentine Weekend 14th & 15th:	
Three Course Dinner	£12.95

A major sporting event takes place here on Sunday 23rd February when we are holding the Ringmore Table Tennis Tournament. The entrance fee is £1, proceeds going to charity and we need to have the final list of entrants by Saturday 22nd February, to work out the order of play. Spectators welcome.

Diary dates:

Quiz	6th	Colin
Music	7th	GIN
Quiz	13th	John Bracey
Food Feature	14/15	Valentine's Dinner
Quiz	20th	Felicity
Sport	23rd	Table Tennis Tournament
Quiz	27th	Gillian

Ringmore Historical Society

The recent exhibition of Parish records and the 'Cookworthy Museum Exhibit' aroused a great deal of interest. Both the evening meeting and the day-long display were well supported, mainly by villagers but there were several visitors from outside the parish. It is possible that the 'Cookworthy Exhibit' will be on display at the Journey's End during part of the Summer. The Society is keen to build on the interest aroused recently and to that end it has been decided to use the next evening meeting, on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm in WI Hall, to display the photographs more clearly and to seek your help in identifying many of the people depicted. It is surprising how many gaps there are in naming figures in the pictures of the Jubilee Celebrations and that was only 20 years ago! So if you fancy yourself as a bit of a sleuth, please come and help. If you have any photographs which you think would add to the RHS records, please bring them along and we can arrange to have them copied. Admission: 30p for members and 60p for non-members, to cover refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Society has a project to record the history of the village in a series of booklets on different topics, such as the Church, the Buildings, Land use, etc.. All the history of Ringmore, before living memory, is recorded somewhere, as a photograph, an official document, a letter or as yet undiscovered papers. The need to capture the memory of those who have lived in the village for a number of years is imperative for once access to such a rich source is lost, only a small proportion of that knowledge can be recovered from material records. The Society is embarking on the recording of these memories but it will take a while. Anyone who wishes to contribute would be welcome to take part and a phone call to Geof Dykes, who has this particular responsibility, would be helpful. For those who wish to be involved, may we suggest the following method to drag those memories from the back of the mind. Take a simple exercise book and write the year at the top of the page and record those events or moments, which are significant to you. Later, these recollections can be developed as other reminders are stimulated. Another step might be to ask all those who have taken part, to meet and talk about their memories. This is often a way of raising further points which had not been recalled initially and it would be possible to correlate with the recollections of others. Obviously the memory can play tricks but by tying in as many stories relating to the same time, the results would be as accurate as possible.

As the project proceeds, we will make contact with as many people as possible but in the meantime, we would be grateful if you would let the Society know of your willingness to be involved and to make a start.

George Grimshaw, Chairman



Tel 01548 810205

Mon - Sat 11.30am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm
Sun Noon - 10.30pm

Last time for ordering food
Lunch 2.00pm Dinner 9.00pm

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The Royal British Legion held its Spring Sale in the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel.

Bigbury and Kingston locked horns in the Inter-Parish Quiz.

Alfred and Margaret Lockyer left Ringmore after 30 years, all but a few months of which Albert spent working at the JE.

Rob Batten revealed his secret life racing monster Drag Cars, at frightening speeds, for seconds at a time. Nevertheless, it seemed to take all weekend!



Mrs Peggy Williams

Many people will have been very sad to hear of the death of Peggy Williams.

It would take thousands of words to describe Peggy's make-up in detail. Only headlines can be used. She was hospitable; very quick to hear of anyone in trouble and always ready with just the right help. She used her musical gift to play the organ for services in the Church. She very much took it upon herself to be an important cog in village life and she was very good company. Ringmore can be proud to have had her as a resident.

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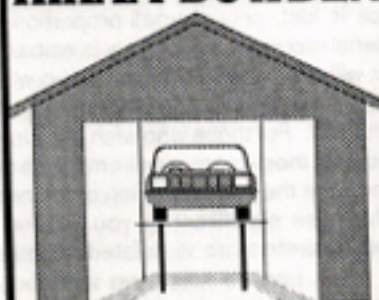
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 21st January 1997
of the public.

Present: All members of the Parish Council, and one member

Rumble Strips

Work on one band of ten strips, on the hill down to Challaborough, should commence in March.

Car Parking Signs

These directional signs, mainly concerning the National Trust Car Park, should be in place about the middle of February.

Planning

Extension and alteration to provide ancillary accommodation at The Old Castle - no objection.

Part demolition of garage, conversion to office/study and erection of conservatory at The Old Castle - no objection.

Listed building consent for first-floor extension at Ivy Cottage - no objection.

Erection of first-floor extension at Ivy Cottage - no objection

Village Appraisal Scheme

Helen Vines will be coming to the next Council meeting to talk about this scheme. All members of the public are invited.

Next meeting

Please note that the next meeting will be on the **LAST Tuesday in February**, ie 25th February at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Thelma Mann



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

On 9th January, Eric Wallis provided a slide show of the discoveries, by Howard Carter in 1922, of Tutankhamen's tomb. Tutankhamen was King of Egypt in 1400 BC from the age of 9 until he died at the age of 19 years of an unknown cause. The young king was mummified in a golden coffin in a granite sarcophagus, with chests of precious jewels, metals, and bales of linen. Subsequent to Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb, the treasures were moved down the Nile for display at Cairo and thousands of Egyptians lined the river to honour the boy king.

The scenes of excavations raised some controversy at the meeting, since some members questioned whether the tomb of Tutankhamen should have been disturbed and both mummy and treasures, meant for the next world, put on public display.

The fund-raising Whist Drive on 27th January realised £60 for the Children's Hospice. Many thanks to everyone who attended.

Events for 1997

13th Feb Next WI meeting. Guy Eddy to speak on the subject of 'Round the world with the RAF'.

3rd May Guided tour of Ringmore by members of the Historical Society followed by a Cream Tea at the WI Hall, in aid of funds for the Children's Hospice South West.

3/4th June Triennial meeting at the NEC

Myra is collecting 1997 WI subscriptions and would be grateful if the 9 members who are outstanding will let her have their £13.00 subscription as soon as possible.

Yvonne Sheppard

January solution

14	20	21	2	8
10	11	17	23	4
1	7	13	19	25
22	3	9	15	16
18	24	5	6	12

There was an interesting selection of correct solutions, none of which matched the above answer. Matchman offered a dozen variations all different from the other entries; in fact all responses were unique. Congratulations are due to The Furry Boys, The Matchman and Eeyore & Tigger who, it seems, have moved in together at The House at Pooh Corner. Finally there is an entry from Enigma! Whoever that is will have to be more original and until another soubriqué is adopted, will be known as Impostor!

February

Start at the top, taking one letter from each line to make an eight-letter word. Return to the top and make a different word. There are 8 eight-letter words and each letter is used at least once. Allegedly, this puzzle is easier than last month's!

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H T
I E O
O F P U
F P H L T
I D O E A I
N E L A R G S
G R Y D E H G D

From The Chairman of the Parish Council

Village Appraisal

Are you happy living in Ringmore Parish? Do you wish to see more facilities in the Parish? Are there too many tourists or second homes? Should there be a better transport system? Should there be an expansion of new dwellings locally? Are there problems with parking or speeding vehicles?

If you have any views on these or any other issues, the next meeting of the Parish Council should be right up your street!

The Council has invited Helen Vines, from the Community Council of Devon to speak on Appraisals.

Anyone is welcome. Representatives from local groups and organisations are especially invited. You might be interested in joining the 'Ringmore Parish Appraisal Team'. Helen will talk shortly after 7.00pm, followed by questions and discussion, and should finish by 8.00pm.

John Tate



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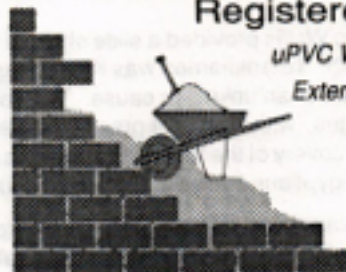
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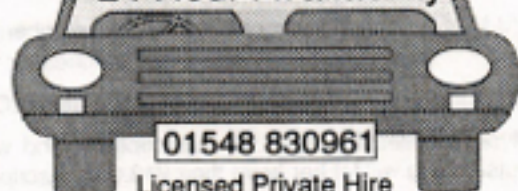


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The Blue Peter Appeal for LEPR

There was splendid support for the Bring & Buy on 18th January. Tables groaned under the weight of cakes (no offence to the cooks!) and goods for sale. Everyone concerned can feel satisfied with their efforts in support of this worthy cause. Particular praise goes to the younger members of the community who were heavily involved. Claire Wilkins of Rosie's Barn, Ringmore has written to Blue Peter, reporting the achievement.

WELL DONE everyone!

The results of games and competitions are as follows:

Treasure Hunt	Sophie Breary
Ghost House	Anouska Bartlett
Number of Bonios (70)	Guy Eddy
Value of Bronze (£11.25)	Barbara Taylor (nearest at £11.08)

'Thank you' to the WI for free use of the hall.

BIGBURY FUN RUN

Fun Run Weekend

Saturday 31st May & Sunday 1st June

The Run starts at 12.00 midday on the Saturday and on the Sunday the Fun Football Match will kick-off at 10.00am at the Memorial Hall football field at St Ann's Chapel.

Anyone who wishes to register their name for the Run can do so at

The Royal Oak, Bigbury, Kingsbridge,
Devon Tel: 01548 810313

Sponsorship forms will be available later.

A full programme of entertainment will be published in due course.

The presentation evening will be on Saturday 28th June at the Memorial Hall, St Ann's Chapel.

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George Ireland
Anouska Bartlett
Jabez Bartlett
Andrew Swainson
Christopher Swainson
Elinor Breary
Sophie Breary

All did a Bring and Buy sale for the Blue Peter LEPR appeal on 18th January on Saturday in Ringmore WI Hall. We raised £331.58p. We would like to thank everybody for their support and for the people that donated clothes, games, cakes, money and much more. I know that you have had lots of letters but could you possibly say our names on Blue Peter and say how much we raised.

The sale was opened by Sir Douglas Hall Bt., KCMG, who now lives in Ringmore and who told us about his connection with a leprosy village in Africa in 1942. We would like to thank all the people that came to the bring and buy sale, without those people there would be no money to help with leprosy

Claire Wilkins

Bigbury Youth Club

We would like to welcome Chris Ryder to our committee; she will do handicraft with the younger boys and girls.

At half-term, on Monday 10th February, we have a day out at Ivybridge Leisure Centre for an Activity Day for 8 to 14 year olds. We will use the bus service, if we can.

On Thursday 13th February, leaving at 3pm, an evening at GX Superbowl and Qasar for 12 to 16 year olds. This is all organised by Ivybridge & District Youth Forum.

We would like to thank Bigbury Fair Committee for a generous donation. They raised money for the Youth Club on New Year's Eve by getting each person, who used the mini bus to go to and from the dance at the Memorial Hall, to donate £1. Thank you.

Notes for your diary:

Saturday 8th March 2pm - 4pm.

Over 60's Easter Party (transport can be arranged, call Linda 810797). Tickets will be available at Bigbury and St Ann's Chapel shops by kind permission of the shopkeepers. All villagers welcome, with a FREE ticket.

Wednesday 2nd April

Coffee Morning at the Korniloff, Bigbury-on-Sea.

Linda & John Patterson