

RINGMORE

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Both the Church Page and the Shop News for March express hopes for the advent of Spring and warmer weather, so there will be no mention of the cold and the rain and the wind!

However the gales did not deter people from turning out in good numbers for the Parish Council meeting to learn about a Village Appraisal. The process has been run successfully in other villages in Devon, including Aveton Gifford where they are on their second Appraisal. A committee is being formed to agree the issues and devise the questionnaire. Rob Batten has put his name to the note below which explains the situation in more detail.

Elsewhere, read of the hugely successful JE Table Tennis Tournament and of Ringmore's fading hopes in the Inter-Parish Quiz. Please note that there will be no Step Aerobics on Wednesday 12th: it has been brought forward to Monday 10th.

Village Appraisal

Helen Vines, Project Officer for the Community Council of Devon, addressed the Parish Council about the possibility of Ringmore doing a village appraisal. The intention of the Appraisal is to gather opinion from the Parish on a wide range of subjects such as housing, traffic management and leisure facilities so that decisions can be made on the majority preference. This could mean no change at all or otherwise suggest a need to improve facilities in some way for the community. To make the Appraisal most effective, a representative cross-section of the community is needed on the committee which will organise the project for the village. Seven people have opted already to join the committee and volunteers are especially sought from school age to 30 years who are not as yet represented at all.

The committee will prepare a questionnaire for distribution to each household in the Parish, using questions relevant to Ringmore and drawing on a bank of questions derived from questionnaires which have been used elsewhere.

The Appraisal process will take at least six months and the final results will be collated and presented as a report to various interested bodies such as Devon County Council, South Hams District Council and local Health Authorities.

Please let me know, by 14th March, if you wish to join the Appraisal Committee. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 26th March at 7.00pm in the WI Hall.

Rob Batten 810680

MARCH DIARY

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

- 4th Inter Parish Quiz 2nd leg at Brixton 8.00
- 7th Book Show - Well Cottage 10.00-12.00
Live Music JE 'GIN'
- 9th Mothering Sunday Lunch JE
- 10th STEP AEROBICS 8.30pm Church Hall
- 12th Ringmore Historical Society 7.30pm
Church Hall 'Sustainable Transport'
- 13th WI Meeting 7.30pm Guest speaker at 8.15
Subject 'Andrews Wood' Visitors welcome
- 18th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- 21st Beach Clean - 10.30am
- 26th Formation of Village Appraisal Committee
7.00pm WI Hall
- 31st NO LIBRARY VAN

DEADLINE Tuesday 25th March

Mobile Library

March

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



Fiona Batten

Ave Feb for last 10 years - 3 1/4"
High - Feb 1995 - 7"
Low - Feb 1992 - 1"

TEN YEARS AGO . . .

EEC Surplus Supplies of Cheese and Butter were sparse in Ringmore but nevertheless there was a distribution from the WI Hall.

17 electors were inadvertently omitted from the Electoral Roll due to an administrative error.

The Council decided not to enter the Best Kept Village competition.

Pam Brunskill lost her glasses!

Parish Church of All Hallows, Ringmore

At the time of writing, the winter storms, which have been raging for several days, have abated (maybe only for a time), and the advent of Spring seems to be still a long way off. So the temptation to give this page a rejected. But, to show that, while the little hopeful figure tiptoeing paragraph. A bit of a cheat, I



SPRING

The end of this month will press, the exact location of the Day has not yet been finalised. be special posters and leaflets arrangements.

springlike image has been reluctantly there is life, there's hope, I've "buried" through the tulips in the middle of this admit, but there you are

include Holy Week, but, as we go to Services from Palm Sunday to Easter Please check nearer the time; there will from the middle of March giving final

Congratulations to our choir member Jeanne Whittick on her marriage to Ted Curtis in Kingston on March 17th. The "cloak and dagger" secrecy was enjoyed by all the very few of us who were in the know. The rest of you can "get your revenge" later!

Our services this month:

March 2	9 a.m.	Kingston	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Ringmore	(Baptism at Eleven)
	6 p.m.	Bigbury	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
March 7	2 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer Service in St. Andrew, Aveton Gifford	
March 9	Mothering Sunday		
	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, ASB)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(Mothering Sunday Service)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
March 16	9 a.m.	Bigbury	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Kingston	(The Eleven O'Clock Service)
	6 p.m.	Ringmore	(Evening Prayer, BCP)
March 23	Palm Sunday		
	9 a.m.	Ringmore	(Holy Communion, BCP)
	11 a.m.	Bigbury	(Service of Palms & Communion)
	6 p.m.	Kingston	(Evening Prayer, ASB)
March 27	7.30 p.m.	Kingston?	Celebration of the Lord's Supper
March 28	Good Friday		
	10.30 a.m.	Ringmore?	Family Service for Good Friday
	2 p.m.	Bigbury?	The "One Hour" Service
March 30	Easter Day		
	9 a.m.	Bigbury?	Holy Communion (ASB)
	11 a.m.	Kingston?	Easter Family Communion
	6 p.m.	Ringmore?	Evening Service

Derek Matten,
Hon. Curate

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Journey's End Journal

Many thanks to all who joined in our afternoon of Table Tennis on Sunday. We raised over £70 for our charity - Motor Neuron Disease - and had a lot of fun.

The first round of 16 matches produced a mixed bag of talents. Stan and Sandra Potts showed signs of a misspent youth while Brian McCabe was unable to capture the form that won him the China Fleet Cup in the fifties.

In the second round Jane Pitt rediscovered her forehand and Sparky Dave found his lob. Terry was transfixed by the Landlady's top spin. Colin battled bravely with a groin strain but could not master Richard's smash.

The semi-finals produced some of the best matches. Richard and Geof had a really tough 3 games and Andrew fought like a tiger against our eventual champion, Ginny Sauer.

The final between Richard and Ginny always looked like going Ginny's way though Richard pulled off some amazing shots through quick reflexes and neat footwork.

Our worthy champion, Ginny Sauer, gratefully accepted the JOHN BRACEY TROPHY and will defend her title next year.

In March we celebrate MOTHERING SUNDAY on the 9th with a 3-course lunch for £8.95 and we suggest you reserve a table if you want to come.

Live music this month is provided by GIN on Friday 7th and the QUIZZES continue every Thursday.

Bigbury, Ringmore & Kingston Branch SW Devon Conservative Association

21st March: AGM Bigbury Golf Club 7.00 for 7.15pm Members only
Dinner 8.00 for 8.30pm 3 courses and coffee for £9.50p

5th April Coffee Morning at Sedgewell Sands, Bigbury-on-Sea
by kind permission of Mrs Joan Smith.

Ringmore Historical Society

The Society was most encouraged by the response to the recent Exhibition of Photographs. Many faces were identified from a showing of the slides taken during the 1977 Jubilee celebrations. Apart from the satisfaction of filling some blank spaces, much fun was gained from seeing some well known figures in some interesting fancy dress. Be sure the past will catch up with you!

As a result of the evening, several offers have been made for the Society to view collections of photographs and slides. These will be examined in due course and with permission, copies will be made of appropriate pictures. Please search the sideboard drawer and the attic for any pictures which should have a place in the village archive. Shots of people and places might prove invaluable to researchers in years to come. We shall continue to report on this topic.

The next meeting of the RHS will take place on Wednesday 12th March in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. The talk will be given by John Grimshaw on the subject of 'Sustainable Transport'. This is a subject dear to those interested in the environment and should attract anyone who has a concern for the future and the decline in natural resources.

There will be the usual charge of 30p for members and 60p for non-members, to cover refreshments.

Next month the proposed visit to the Hill Fort at Prestonbury Castle and also Drogo Castle, the only twentieth century castle in the UK, will take place and final details will appear in the April Newsletter.

George Grimshaw, Chairman



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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

Thank You - Thank you - Thank you Many Thanks

I am very grateful to all those who gave me good wishes for my 88th birthday by card, by word-of-mouth or both

Thank You!

Douglas Hall

Charity Collection

Thanks to the generosity of people in the village, a sum of £65.00 was raised in order to help those suffering from Muscular Dystrophy.

Thank you

Ann Lambell & David Young

WELCOME

to

Phil and Gill Jolly
and their daughters
Heather and Pippa.

They will be living at Ayrmer Path
for the foreseeable future while looking
for a property in the area

BOOKS for EASTER

If you like looking at books and missed Red House Books before Christmas, here's another opportunity to come and browse. Red House Books bring out all the latest children's books and a small selection for adults, at discount prices.

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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 25th February 1997 Present: All members of the Parish Council; Mr Anstey, District Councillor; Miss Helen Vines, Community Council of Devon and 22 members of the public.

Village Appraisal

Helen Vines defined it as 'a survey undertaken by and for local people... trying to find local solutions for local problems'. She gave many reasons for doing an appraisal and how to go about organising the work involved. As a result it was generally agreed at the meeting, that such a survey may be something the Parish could benefit from and a number of people volunteered to help form a team to formulate a questionnaire. However, it must be stressed that as wide a representation as possible should be on this team and anyone interested should contact Mr Rob Batten on 810680 by 14th March.

The first meeting of all those wishing to be involved will take place on Wednesday 26th March at 7.00pm. Helen Vines will be there to assist at the meeting.

Beach Cleaning

Volunteers are needed to form a working party to clean the beach at Aymer Cove on Friday 21st March at 10.30am. Please bring a plastic bag and wear gloves.

Planning

The following applications have been approved by SHDC:

- 1 Alterations at Old Castle
- 2 Plans for Higher Manor Farm

The proposed alterations to Ivy Cottage were refused.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th March at 7.00pm Thelma Mann



Inter-Parish Quiz

Ringmore entertained Brixton in the first leg of the first round match at the Journey's End. This proved to be a convivial venue but alas, we (Colin Jackson (Capt), Felicity Godwin, Terry Bent and Geof Dykes) were unable to prevent our opponents from winning 77-57. Angela Estyn-Jones, from Diptford, asked the questions and her husband Norman was the scorer. Adrian Muller was the unbiased time-keeper!

Many thanks are due to James and Gillian for hosting the evening and for providing splendid refreshments. Thanks, too, to everyone who supported the team. The second leg will take place on Tuesday 4th March at Venn Court, Brixton at 8.00pm and we would be delighted if any supporters would like to come.

Colin Jackson



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

February 13th Meeting: Flying Round the World in 9 Days.

Guy Eddy, our guest speaker, revealed his flying experience in the RAF in 1956. The 'Hastings' 5-man crew and 2 pilots completed two circuits of the world in 9 days, flying between Honolulu, Waikiki Beach, Fiji, Salisbury and Edinburgh in Australia, Karachi in Pakistan and back to RAF Lyneham. The RAF crews were flying through atomic and nuclear sites in the Pacific around Christmas Island when the effects of radio-activity were not generally known. This had a devastating effect on the flying crews' health. Stan thanked Guy for letting us share in his reminiscences of post-war flying.

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th March 7.30pm

A naturalist talk on Andrews Wood by Gordon Waterhouse and Brian Ashby. Please support this topic of local natural history. Guests will be welcome from 8.15pm

Group Meeting: Thursday 17th April

The annual group meeting will be hosted by Loddiswell for members from Loddiswell, Modbury, Ringmore and Aveton Gifford. The competition is a presentation of four comical photographs, complete with captions. Please would members search out suitably humorous photographs for selection at the next two Ringmore meetings.

Yvonne Sheppard



February solution

SHOOTING SHOULDER
SHIFTILY SHIPLOAD
SHEPHERD STOPPAGE
STIFFISH STEPPING

In addition to the 'official' solution, there were six other correct words submitted: Shipping, Stopping, Stilling, Shopping, Stopping & Stoutish. Correct solutions were received from Cleriwho (try the numbers this month), Matchman, The Furry Boys, Yog-Sothoth and a new entrant, Warned which is an anagram for 'warden'. Doesn't help much does it? Well done, everyone. Oh, incidentally, the Impostor has departed the scene!

March

This puzzle requires patience. Each horizontal line and each vertical line contains a four-figure square number. The figures are always in the correct order but not necessarily adjacent. Obviously the numbers which are not part of a horizontal square are part of the vertical square and vice versa. Need a little help? Would it help to know that the square roots range from 35 to 96? There is a bonus point for the square root of the sum of the 16 square roots, to the nearest whole number.

3	5	7	7	7	7	1	6
1	1	5	3	4	2	1	1
3	6	7	5	4	8	6	9
1	8	2	9	2	5	3	9
9	2	2	1	8	6	6	6
6	1	2	8	4	4	9	3
3	1	1	6	3	9	9	6
4	6	5	8	9	8	9	6

South Hams Society

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