

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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DEADLINE Saturday 23rd

### THIS MONTH

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

TUESDAYS: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Dance/Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAYS: Quiz Night at Journey's End 9.00pm

April

- 1st WI Easter Fair 2.00pm WI Hall
- 3rd Royal British Legion Royal Oak 7.30pm Talk 8.15pm
- 9th Millennium Meeting re Church Clock 7.30pm WI Hall
- 16th Parish Council 7.00pm WI Hall
- 17th Ringmore Historical Society 7.30pm WI Hall
- 20th RBL Women's Section Coffee Morning 10.30am The Manor
- 23rd Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm WI Hall
- May
- 1st Royal British Legion Journey's End 7.30pm Talk 8.15pm
- June
- 3rd Golden Jubilee Celebrations 6.00pm

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- Ringmore Church 12.05 - 12.30
- Challaborough 12.35 - 12.45
- St Ann's Chapel 3.15 - 3.30
- Kingston Fire Station 3.45 - 4.30

Rainfall - Fiona Batten



Last Month **3 1/2"**

Average - last 10 years - 25"  
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The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

Ringmore Vean, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL

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### THANK YOU

Thank you from Yvonne Sheppard, Churchwarden, to all those who helped in the cleaning of the Church and the Churchyard over the weekend of 23rd March. The walls and windows are free from dirt and cobwebs; the pews, door and brasses have been polished and outside, the walls and Churchyard have been tidied and cleared of ivy and other debris.

Thank you from the Parish Council to those who helped, a week earlier, to clean the beach of the winter detritus. For a while it looked very clean indeed and those who gave their time were blessed with the most beautiful of mornings.

Two jobs well done!

*The last week of the month has made us think of Spring and anything but rain. No doubt we shall have cause to regret our optimism before too long.*

*Much effort went in to the two Spring Cleaning activities of the year, the Beach Clean and the Church Sprucing - sounds like an ancient festival, why don't we start a tradition? The nature of a village usually means that more of its population is involved than might be so in a larger community and it is these moments of co-operation and shared objective that typifies village life.*

*So it is with the WI. The Hall is now back in use after its Winter hibernation and like many things which slumber during the darker months of the year, it has emerged looking more splendid than ever. Those involved deserve congratulations and the thanks of all groups who make use of the facilities which are much improved.*

*The Parish Council met with barely a quorum this month and among the agenda items was the co-optation of a new member to fill the vacancy which has existed since last May. In fact it is not a new face which will be welcomed to the April meeting, on 16th, but the familiar figure of Thelma Mann.*

*On 23rd, The Annual Parish Assembly takes place with an array of speakers who will inform the meeting of progress in a range of diverse activities; County and District matters, National Trust, Policing and Challaborough Holiday Park. There must be something there for everyone. The Parish Council is hoping for a strong turnout.*

*The Millennium Clock ticks on . . . if you do not know the result of the RBL 100 Club draw for March, you did not win . . . WI Easter Fair . . . RBL Coffee morning . . . what busy lives we lead!*



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# News from All Hallows

## Who's Who in Bigbury, Kingston and Ringmore Churches

Resident Minister: The Revd John Elliott (810565)

Reader: Michael Tagent (810520)

Team Rector: The Revd Canon Bob Campbell-Smith (830260)

### WHOSE BEACH IS IT ANYWAY?

The time has come; suddenly there are unsure cars with strange number plates filling our narrow lanes. The flash of lights to say "Come on" draws no response; they sit nervously in the middle of the lane gumming everything up. Worse still they take up the last of the free parking spaces in the lay-by at Bigbury beach; don't they know that that is reserved for locals collecting driftwood for the fire? Easter has come and gone with similar responses on beach and church. Who are these strangers amongst us? Don't they know the way we do things?

Seems strange to be writing this about locals after seven months residential qualification; not even time for my appeal for asylum to be heard. We all need to fit in to a culture, be it village or church. "Along unfamiliar paths I will guide them", says the prophet Isaiah in the Bible. The bend in the road does not have to be the end of the road, unless you fail to make the turn.

So let's welcome the alien and stranger on the beach; after all God made it (with a bit of help from South Hams or National Trust concrete and timber) and we all share it. Same goes for the Church: let's enjoy both together. God leads us step by step, not mile by mile. Your bit of love shown to the tourist or the stranger in the Church or on the beach may only be a drop in the ocean, but the ocean is made up of drops. Just as the Church is full of forgiven sinners; well actually it is not full of them: there is room and a welcome for you too.

God bless: see you on the beach!

John Elliott

### CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

#### Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m.	Kingston	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	Ringmore	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Bigbury	Evening Prayer*

#### Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion
11 a.m.	Bigbury	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer*

#### Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>

9 a.m.	Bigbury	Holy Communion*
11 a.m.	Kingston	Worship at Eleven
6 p.m.	Ringmore	Evening Prayer*

#### Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m.	Ringmore	Holy Communion*
11 a.m.	Bigbury	Communion at Eleven
6 p.m.	Kingston	Evening Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer services are marked \**

### CHURCH AGMs

*The Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings take place in April as follows:*

Bigbury	Wednesday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kingston	Friday April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Ringmore	Thursday April 25 <sup>th</sup>

*They all begin at 7.30 p.m. and are YOUR chance to elect the Churchwardens and Church Councillors for the coming year. Full details of each meeting will be found on the relevant Church notice board.*

### And finally . . .

*... let one of the churchwardens or ministers know if you want prayers for anyone in need. Prayers are asked for our Team Rector, Bob Campbell-Smith, who has suspected disc problems and who, as a result, is likely to be out of action for the next couple of months.*



# Journey's End Journal

Easter is upon us. Oh no, that's what everyone is saying. Still the weather is good and the spring flowers are out, making a good end to March.

So into April, with alterations continuing, but still a full schedule of events. We have a curry night on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and both Wendy and TQ7 performing during the month. Also with summer in mind, we have a Lowenbrau promotion which includes t-shirts and baseball caps, to run alongside TQ7's evening.

Finally, must mention our Spring Beer Festival running over the May Day bank holiday weekend – not to be missed.

**Footnote:** Some of you may have noticed that we are re-starting the **Bonus Ball**. This is at the request, and for, the Ringmore Jubilee committee. It will raise funds towards a firework finale at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Debbie & Grahame



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Mon - Sat Noon - 3.00pm

6.30pm - 11.00pm

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## The Journey's End Inn

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Winter's gone, so we're back to opening 7 days a week

**TQ7 + Lowenbrau Promotion**  
**Friday 19th April - tbc**

**Wendy**  
**Friday 26th April**

**Curry Night**  
**Saturday 13th April**

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## THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED Church Clock

The result of the extended ballot on the church clock is as follows.

26 voting slips received, 21 in favour of a clock, 5 against. In addition there were a number of in favour by word of mouth from parishioners who for one reason or another did not manage to put a slip in the box. This reasonably confirms the original ballot which wanted a clock as a suitable way of marking the Millennium.

There will be an OPEN MEETING in the W.I. Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2002 at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to come and ask questions. There are many steps to be taken yet, including getting approval from the Diocesan Committee and the Planning Authority, but we hope to offer updates on all of these at the meeting.

Regarding the funding of the project, we have a firm offer of £1350 from the David Knightley Trust

which is good until the end of the year. Additionally we have had offers of £50 and £100 on the voting slips. Also a considerably larger sum has been offered by a person so that it can be seen as a memorial to a loved one. Besides these there have been verbal assurances of support suggesting that raising the money may not be the major problem that we thought it might be.

Finally if and when this project is completed we will be placing a plaque in the church porch to record the event.

Guy Eddy, Chairman  
Millennium Committee

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

Women's Section

Saturday 20th

April

10.30am

Coffee Morning

The Manor

Cakes - Bring & Buy - Raffle

Entry 50p



The celebrations will take place as arranged and the details are being honed. The final programme will be announced in the May Newsletter.

After much discussion it has been decided to reduce the tickets again to make the cost less of a burden, particularly for families. Adults will be asked to pay £6 and children, £2. The thread of the evening will be Games, Food, Raffle and a Firework Finale. Music will be provided by Park Bench Aristocrats, as announced already, and Grahame Gilliam will run the bar. A glass of wine will be offered with your meal.

A programme will be published in the May Newsletter. Tickets are available from Michael Tagent, Alan McCarthy, Barry Old and Geof Dykes.

Meantime, if you have any useful suggestions to help the evening go with a swing please contact one of the organisers.

Geof Dykes

### RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr Rob Batten

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

**Tuesday 23rd April**  
**7.30pm WI HALL**

Speakers:

Sir Simon Day - Devon County Councillor

Mr Brian Carson - SH District Councillor

Mr Simon Garner - National Trust

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Mr Aidan Glover - Park Dean, Chalfont

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

## The Inca Rally

## MedEvac

Chris Denham very generously gave his time to entertain nearly 60 people in the Bigbury Memorial Hall on 21 March by showing a video of his incredible Inca Rally journey, which he followed in his unique style by answering some perceptive questions from the audience. He brought his trusty mechanic Tom along with him to field the more technical questions.

The Inca Rally lasted some 55 days at the end of 2001 and traversed almost all South America. Hundreds of hours of video had been recorded which was whittled down to 20 minutes for our entertainment. It was almost impossible to take in the vastness of the countries they travelled through. Ron Bendell, Chris' co-driver on the Rally, also narrated the video and said he wanted to save the word 'awesome' for some truly memorable occasion but felt this was it! The word was in danger of being over used.

We got the feel of being on a very tiring journey and had an inkling of the stresses and strains of being with someone for 24 hours a day.

The old Alvis performed very well even at heights where humans were suffering from altitude sickness.

Not surprisingly Chris has already entered his next rally which will take place in May. This unusual Rally will take place in Scotland and is called the Distillery Rally. What could be nicer than taking a classic car around some beautiful scenery stopping at all the Distilleries en route. Come to think of it isn't that what Chris has just done - minus the distilleries?

Our thanks too to Martin, Tina and their staff at the Royal Oak, Bigbury who provided the excellent food and much needed bar. It's thirsty work going on a rally!

Following the March meeting Colin Jackson gave the Royal British Legion an insight into the work of the Royal Army Medical Corps and the improvements that have been made since 1914 in casualty evacuation and the consequent reduction of deaths from non-fatal injuries.

We had an idea of exactly what it was like to be a soldier when your luck ran out and you were defined by a bland euphemism 'a casualty'. We heard how incomprehensible the figures were for dead and wounded in the first and second World Wars and how the authorities had underestimated the number of people required to treat the casualties, let alone the logistics of moving them from the battle fields to hospitals.

In contrast the proportionate number of deaths have been significantly reduced in recent conflicts due to improvements in first aid and the speed of transportation from the site of the injury to a fully equipped hospital where the casualties can be properly treated.

Colin is obviously proud of his 'old unit', spoke with authority and made the talk a lot less gory than it could have been. Thank you.

## Royal British Legion

# 100 CLUB

## MARCH

£20 Doris Jarvis, £5 Guy Eddy

## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday  
17th April  
7.30pm  
WI Hall

## The White Hart, Dartington

&

## The Wilton Diptych

Miss Terry Pearson

Everyone is welcome

Members £1 Non-members £1.50  
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## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 21st March  
Present: 3 Councillors, the Clerk,  
Neighbourhood Watch: David Young  
Millennium Committee: Guy Eddy  
One other member of the public

### Matters Arising:

Road Sweeping: As roads are mentioned to the Road Sweeping team, so they are cleaned. Rectory Lane has been attended to and since the meeting some work has been done on the road to Lower Manor.  
Millennium Clock: So far voting is 21 in favour, 5 against. There will be an Open Meeting on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.

Bus Survey: There was no report on any progress in this activity although it was mentioned that an attempt might be made to survey those who used the buses.

### Parish Council Vacancy

Mrs Thelma Mann was the only nomination for the vacant position and she was co-opted by a majority of 2 to 1.

### District Council

Mr Bryan Carson stressed the efforts to which the SHDC had gone in their efforts to limit the rise in Council Tax. The District Council was assessing the response to the New Town proposals which might lead to a Public Enquiry.

### Code of Conduct

The Government has produced a Code of Conduct which must be accepted by every Parish Councillor in the country who wishes to remain on their Council. The Code sets out the 'Dos and Don'ts' and 'Cans and Can'ts' which hitherto were the largely unwritten rules by which local councillors operated. Now they have to declare, for all to see, local financial interests over £25,000. Prior to the Code this information was revealed only when an item arose which affected this interest, a fact which the councillor was duty bound to declare. It was agreed that the Council would accept the Code of Practice and it is up to each councillor to decide if they wish to accept it individually.

### Jubilee Celebrations

So far there was no overwhelming support for Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Dykes reported that there were cut-off dates whereby expense could be avoided, which would mean no celebrations. The Parish Room Committee would make a decision on this matter shortly.

### Footpaths

A proposal to make a donation to the National Trust, from funds received for FP maintenance, would be discussed at the April meeting.

GDD

## The Royal British Legion

Wednesday 3rd April

**Royal Oak**

8.15pm  
Speaker

**Brian McCabe**

Wednesday 1st May

**Journey's End**

8.15pm  
Speaker

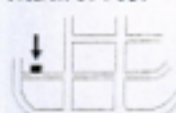
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#### WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The March meeting was held once more at the Parish Room, probably for the last time, as the refurbished WI Hall will be available for the April meeting.

Sally Denham gave a wonderful account of her visit to Rwanda and the relief work going on there, illustrated with slides. This is one of the relief projects undertaken by Oxfam, which Mrs Denham represents.

Naomi Warne

The Grand Opening of the WI Hall was performed in front of about 50 people, by Alice Mason who had been present when the Hall was originally opened in 1929. Alice cut the ribbon and entertained the gathering in her inimitable way. WI President, Gill Tomlin expressed thanks to all who had played a part in bringing the building into the twenty-first century.

The reconstructed access has been made to comply with regulations relating to access for disabled people. This has been evident to all who have monitored the progress of the

work. Less obvious was the addition of an entrance Lobby, at the rear of the building. This will make it easier for anyone to gain access to the Hall particularly in rough weather. No longer will everyone already in the Hall suffer the wind and rain as yet another member clings to the swinging door, hoping not to be tossed over the hedge by the next gust, à la Hyacinth Bouquet!

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12.30pm

**Wed 3rd Apr** - R.B.L. Meeting - 7.30pm

**Sat 13th Apr** - Hunt breakfast - 9am onwards

**Sat 13th Apr** - Wedding reception in the Restaurant - Please note that the Restaurant will be closed tonight but meals will still be available in the Public Bar & Family Room

**Sat 20th Apr** - Point to Point at Flete - Bar supplied by The Royal Oak

**Tue 23rd Apr** - St George's Day - Watch out for the posters to advertise today's celebrations and promotions!!!!

**Sat 4th May** - Point to Point at Flete - Bar supplied by The Royal Oak

Ringmore WI

## EASTER FAIR



## EASTER MONDAY

1st April  
2.00pm in the WI Hall

Adults 50p Children 20p  
Cream Teas £1.50

CAKES - PLANTS  
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GIFT STALL

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EASTER EGG HUNT

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## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

Easter 1992 was mid-month, about a week before its latest possible date. Guy Eddy wrote, 'The General Council of Nicea, in 325AD, decreed that Easter Day should be the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox on March 21st.' Now we know why Easter moves about.

The WI met in the Church Hall because their premises were required for the General Election.

Pam Brunskill organised a visit by the WI, to the 'Dancing Years' at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth.

Publication dates were different then as the Annual Parish Meeting which took place on 3rd April, was reported in the April edition. Speakers were from Haven Leisure, The County Council, The SHDC and the Heritage Coast. Significant interest was shown when it was announced that the NT was negotiating the purchase of the land at Lower Manor Farm.

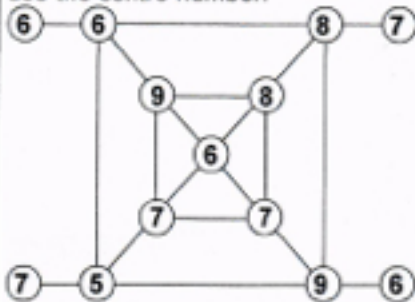
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## February SOLUTION

Almost a record entry. Nine successful responses which shows an impressive fluency in Roman Numerals. Three points to The Beginners, The Furry Boys, The Lovely Sue Brickay, Gemini, Real Sleuth, Easter Bunny, Opals, New Dawn and Champion Matchman. Three of you have maximum points but it is a little early to be looking for the winning post. There is plenty of time for the rest to catch up and even overtake.

## March

Start in any corner, as many times as you wish. Follow the lines and collect four more numbers, using the numbers once. Add them to determine the highest possible total which can be reached and the number of times this same number can be obtained. It is not obligatory to use the centre number.



## A PROBLEM SHARED . . .

The first meeting of RCOMPUS, (Ringmore Computer Users) was judged to be a success. Eight of us met with Nigel Walton who proved to be a source of assurance and revelation, depending on need.

Another meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 7th May, 10.00am til noonish, at Ringmore Veian. Please confirm, near the time, whether or not you will be able to attend.

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