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RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1ST September 2002

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Yours sincerely

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5th February 2003

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Dear John

THE TITHE MAP

I am writing on behalf of the Ringmore Historical Society to let you know that the Tithe Map, entrusted to the Society's care, is now fully renovated. We think that the conservator has done an excellent job.

The RHS would like to arrange a small, sociable occasion, to be held at the Journey's End on 5th April 2003 at 11.30 a.m., to display the map, some archive material and old photographs of the village.

We shall be sending you and Pam an invitation to this event but wanted you to know about these plan in advance.

The Map is now lodged with the Society's Archivist, Barry Old.

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INVOICE

Reference No: 02/116

Date: 8th November 2002

TO:

For the conservation treatment of:

Ringmore Tithe Map - 1841

Map cleaned of old repair tapes - and surface dirt as far as possible. Dry cleaning. Adhesive stains reduced using solvents. Localised aqueous cleaning using swabs.

Old lining removed and cleaned.

Alkaline solution sprayed on back of map.

Map re-lined with old linen and new paper. Infills of tinted rag paper to repair many holes and areas missing.

Tissue applied to worst of tears to secure.

Tape applied to edges of map for strength and to imitate original.

Adhesives used: pure wheat starch (water soluble) used throughout except for on the edging tape where neutral pH PVA was applied.

(schedule removed before treatment)

(Please make cheques out to : Amanda Yale) **TOTAL:**

£ 280

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Dear Belinda,

I have now compared my photocopy of a Ringmore Tithe map with the original which is held by the Historical Society's archivist. My photocopy differs significantly from the Ringmore map. Mine signifies orchard land by small 'trees' and these inhibit reading the numbers of separate enclosures.

However I do not think that this should inhibit your research since I am sure that the area of land that you were looking for is the northern half of the wood situated at the Ringmore end of the valley running past Noddon Mill.

* This was known as Coyte Park Orchard and was one of the largest orchards in the parish. I have marked it on my copy of the Tithe Map which seems to have been copied from that held by the P.R.O. and not the Exeter example. I'm happy that you should borrow my copy to photocopy for your own interest. I believe that the Secretary of our Society may be writing to Simon Garner about the orchard proposal which Simon raised at our last Parish meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Denise

✓ cc. Secretary, Ringmore Historical Association

STOP PRESS : MAY HAVE BEEN SPORT ORCHARD :
I'LL DOUBLE CHECK

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Recommended treatment

- 1) Remove old repairs, clean map, apply alkaline buffer to paper (aqueous spray).
- 2) Clean and prepare old lining.
- 3) Re-line map with paper and, if possible, original linen lining. Infill missing areas and reinforce tears.
- 4) Some of the large place-names may need touching-in where the pigment is lost.
- 5) Tidy up and re-attach schedule(?)

All adhesives used are water reversible and do not discolour. All repair materials used are of conservation quality: durable, a high standard of manufacture and sympathetic to the original.

Estimated cost: Maximum £300

Please note:

The schedule must be removed in order to carry out treatment.

Cleaning is carried out as far as possible but not to the detriment of the text or map image.

Due to distortion and damage of either the paper or linen it can be very difficult to line up the edges of the map with the original lining - so it is possible that the linen may not reach completely to the very edge of the map in all places (if anything a 5mm discrepancy here and there).

If the original linen proves unsuitable for re-use a new piece will be substituted.

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