

RINGMORE

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER DIARY

MONDAYS: Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

WEDNESDAYS: Step Aerobics Parish Room 8.30pm

THURSDAY: Quiz Night Journey's End 9.00pm

FRIDAYS: 8th & 22nd Friday Club Parish Room 5.30pm

- 2nd Memorial Service for Kit Taylor All Hallows 2.30pm
8th Harvest Supper Parish Room SOLD OUT
10th Treasure Hunt on foot 2.30pm Parish Room
11th SH Police Liaison meeting Ivybridge 7.30pm
13th Millennium Open Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
RHS visit to Cookworthy Museum 7.30pm
14th WI Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm Guests welcome 8.15
17th Farewell Service for Sir Douglas Hall at
All Hallows 10.30am
19th Parish Council WI Hall 7.00pm
29th RBL Bingo Loddiswell 7.30pm
30th Churchyard Working Party 10.00am
RBL Collection week begins
31st Last day for comments re removal of gravestones

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Dates:- 1st, 15th, 29th

Ringmore Church

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Challaborough

12.35 - 12.45

St Ann's Chapel

3.15 - 3.30

Kingston Fire Station

3.45 - 4.30



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The Editor

Ringmore Parish Newsletter,

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Sir Douglas Hall

After almost half a life-time in the village Douglas will be leaving Barnford in the middle of the month. He is going to live with his daughter in Derbyshire.

His new address will be:

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Douglas goes with the good wishes of everyone in Ringmore where he has played a full part in village life. No doubt it will not be long before he is an integral part of life in rural Derbyshire.

An epoch in Ringmore's history closes this month with Sir Douglas' departure and everyone will wish him well. Douglas delights in his longevity and when he leaves he will pass on the baton of Ringmore's oldest resident to someone else!

Congratulations to Sara and Derek Eastway. Their wedding day was blessed by a beautiful day which, no doubt, presages a long and sunny future.

Bonfire Night is next month and Jane Reddel has kindly offered the use of a field for anyone who wishes to organise the annual commemoration. Please ring Jane on 810707 if you are willing to organise or be involved in the event.

Inside Ringmore Historical Society has a visit and talks arranged; there is a small RHS feature which, if it proves to be of interest, will appear regularly; Short Mat Bowls is planning another December Fancy Dress Party, building on last year's success; Ringmore's Literary Luceon went with a swing; First Aid Courses are planned; no longer will it be 'move over' in the Churchyard - the PCC is planning to make more room.

On Sunday 10th a pedestrian Treasure Hunt has been organised by the Parish Room Committee. This is meant to be fun for all the family as they walk around the village sharpening their knowledge. Start time: 2.30pm from the Parish Room returning for well-earned refreshments.

Anyone who knew Kit Taylor will be saddened to learn that she died peacefully on 20th September from pneumonia after a fall. Kit had reached her centenary last January. There will be a Memorial Service in the church on Saturday 2nd October at 2.30pm

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The Minister writes:

It is no exaggeration to say that this month an era comes to an end in our village. For over forty years, Sir Douglas Hall has graced (and I use the term advisedly) our community with his presence. And with his service: both he and his dear wife Rachel served our Parish, together with its sister church in Kingston, as Churchwardens, as well as in other capacities and ways too numerous to mention.

When last year we learned that there would be no more "Trojans" rally with its attendant Sunday service, we began to realise that things would be changing, and that Douglas might also not be among us for much longer. Now the time has come: in the middle of this month, he will leave us for the next stage of his long life, and life here will somehow not be the same again.

We want to say thank you to him as a village and church community, and so, on October 17 at 10.30 a.m. we are organising a Farewell Service, followed by a simple but sincere reception to express our gratitude to God and to Sir Douglas himself for so much that can hardly be put into words. Let others then, from far longer experience of his fellowship than I can, say their pieces. I only know that I personally will miss him very much indeed.

This Farewell Service involves a switch-around in the Service pattern for two Sundays this month, so please do note these changes. And please come and join us in saying thank you to Douglas on the 17th.

As we go to press, the death has been announced, at the grand old age of 100, of "Kit" Taylor, who, like Sir Douglas, contributed much to the life of our village over many years. A memorial service to Kit will be held in our Church on October 2nd at 2.30 p.m.

DIARY FOR THIS MONTH:

Date:	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	6 p.m.
October 3	Kingston Family Communion (ASB)	Ringmore Harvest Festival	Bigbury Evening Prayer (BCP)
October 8 (Friday)	7.30 p.m.: Ringmore's Harvest Supper in the Parish Room		
October 10	Bigbury Holy Communion (BCP)	Kingston Worship at Eleven	Ringmore Evening Prayer (BCP)
October 17	10.30 a.m. Ringmore: Thanksgiving Service and Farewell to Sir Douglas Hall		Kingston Evening Prayer (BCP)
October 24	Ringmore Holy Communion (BCP)	Bigbury Communion at Eleven	Kingston Evening Prayer (ASB)
October 31	10.30 a.m. Kingston: Family Communion 3 p.m. Loddiswell: Team Service of Songs of Praise		
November 7	Kingston Holy Communion (ASB) and Children's Church	Ringmore Worship at Eleven	Bigbury Evening Prayer, BCP

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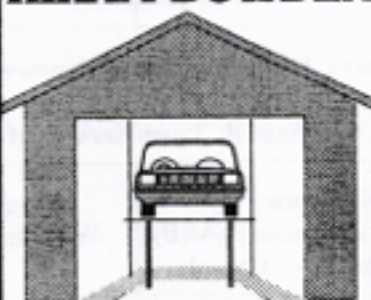
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TEN YEARS AGO ...

The Parish Council was fully occupied with planning applications including the bungalow which we all know as Wyncroft.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Myra Eddy is filling the position admirably on a temporary basis but is most anxious to relinquish it. Two applications were received for the position of Clerk, one from Kingsbridge and one from Strete. To Myra's dismay the Council decided that a successful applicant should live in or close to the village.

It was agreed to replace the mirror at St Ann's Chapel.



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The September meeting was well-attended, with a fair number of guests to hear an amazingly interesting talk by John and Ann Bracey on the development of their garden. I say 'amazingly' because non-gardeners might well have expected to be bored but not so; the talk beautifully illustrated with slides was an account of dedication, hard, slogging work, knowledge and love of plants and flowers which has produced a garden of great beauty and imagination, all from a muddy farmyard. No need for a journey to Tuscany - go up to Scypen and be transported to a classical experience!

The October meeting will be on 14th and the speaker will be Annabel Major telling us of her experiences as a 'One Woman Travel Agency': this should be good! Guests will be welcome at 8.15pm. Will members please have ready their suggestions for committee election and other ideas for the coming season.

Naomi Warne

Bigbury Fayre Christmas Eve

If the weather serves us better this year there will be carols on the Green; if not, it will be back to the Royal Oak.

New Year's Eve

If we sell enough tickets we will have a party at the Bigbury Memorial Hall. We want to charge £5 per ticket and for this there will be music and fun with Dave Rodgers, a buffet, a ticket prize draw and a memento for the Millennium. Tickets will be on sale from 1st November until 1st December.

Contact numbers for any other information:
Martyn Brown & Linda Yearling 810001
Chris Jones 810534 Jim Owen 810815
Ken Hammonds 810323

Bigbury Fayre Committee

Journey's End Journal

As the first leaves fall from the trees our thoughts turn once again to Quiz Nights. The Thursday night institution recommenced on Thursday 30th September - many thanks to Geof for kicking off the season - and to those of you who missed this one, we look forward to seeing you on 7th October.

With Autumn comes a few changes. The Journey's End will be opening half an hour later both morning and evening during the week with food served from 12.30pm - 2.30pm at lunchtime and from 6.30pm - 9.00pm in the evening. The menu will be revised a little, mainly to include more fish and game, and to introduce a separate menu for the Dining Room. We will also be updating the Wine list.

Some of the events to look forward to include:

- the weekly quiz on Thursdays
- varied music, fortnightly
- special food evening on a regular basis
- Halloween 31st October - why let the children have all the fun? Come to a Halloween dinner; details of menu and time to follow.
- the Autumn Beer Festival
- Bonfire Night. We understand that there is no firm arrangement, we are willing to support actively, any bonfire night within the village.
- the British Legion Auction Friday 12th November

Finally, another well-established tradition which we are continuing is the Thursday lunchtime 10% discount on food for villagers. We look forward to seeing you.

Grahame and Debbie

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 1999

This is advance notice for this year's Poppy Appeal.

Friday 29th October

Bingo night for RBL at Loddiswell 7.30pm

Saturday 30th

House-to-House collecting starts

Thursday 11th November

2 minute silence at 11.00am

Friday 12th

Auction at Journey's End - items For Sale wanted. Evening will start at 8.00pm with weigh-in of Alan and Robbie McCarthy who have been doing a sponsored slim. More sponsorship is invited.

Saturday 13th

Coffee Morning at Sedgewell Sands starting at 10.30am.

Sunday 14th

Remembrance Service at Bigbury Church 10.50am.

Monday 15th

Whist Drive at Ringmore WI starting at 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Guy Eddy



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Food: 12.00 - 2.00 & 6.30 - 9.00

RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has arranged the following visit and talks.

13th October 7.30pm

Visit to the Cookworthy Museum, Kingsbridge. Talk by the Museum Society's Chairman on the Cookworthy followed by a tour of the museum.

3rd November 7.30pm WI Hall

Annual General Meeting.

Guest speaker: Dennis Collinson

'The Millennium and the Millennarians'.

6th November 10.30am Parish Room

Illustrated presentation by Gordon Waterhouse

'Changes in the Countryside'

Non members are welcome at all Society meetings

What do you know about Ringmore?

TRUE or FALSE?

- 1 Ringmore is referred to as 'Reimora' in the Doomsday Book (1068).
- 2 Until 1960, Bulmers (the cider-making company) bought all their cider apples from Ringmore orchards.
- 3 Ringmore has never had a resident Lord of the Manor.
- 4 Smugglers' Cottage was once a row of piggeries from which smuggled liquor was secretly sold.
- 5 In the first Civil War (1642-1646), Ringmore had a Royalist vicar who hid for several months in the church tower.
- 6 Electricity came to Ringmore in 1941.
- 7 Until the late nineteenth century, coal supplies for the parish, were brought to Challaborough by boat. Answers elsewhere.

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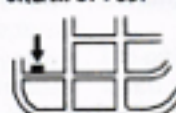
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RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday 21st September

Present: 7 councillors, the Clerk, Neighbourhood Watch - David Young, Millennium Committee - Guy Eddy two other members of the public.

Matters Arising

Darkie Lane

Cllr Muller had received confirmation from Devon County Council that this is a footpath and not a bridleway. The plan, therefore, to erect a wooden walkway over the area which often lies under water in the winter, will proceed. There will be minimal cost to the council as the wood will be provided by the District Council. It is hoped that this measure will be necessary only until the cause of the flooding can be addressed.

Footpath 13 (Cockle Lane to Challaborough)

Cllr Muller and Alan McCarthy have installed one kissing-gate and a second is planned for the spot where at present a couple of pallets have been placed by the farmer. Thanks were expressed to Adrian and Alan for the work they are doing.

Renton Lane

It was disappointing that, although the Clerk had written to DCC Highways, to date no action had been taken. Apparently holidays had intervened and it had been difficult to reach the person concerned at DCC. The Clerk will pursue this.

Town Well/Green

Considerable discussion took place on the proposal to tidy up this area. It was generally felt that cutting back the growth over the whole year was a good idea and maybe should be done a couple of times a year. The timing of the tidy-up was somewhat more difficult to agree! However, the outcome was that Council members will inspect the area and decide at the next meeting if an autumn tidy-up is required. A letter had been received from Ringmore Historical Society expressing its wish to be involved in any work undertaken on and around the area of the well in view of the historical importance of this site within the village.

Matters raised by parishioners

Neighbourhood Watch

David Young reported that he had recently attended a co-ordinators meeting and although there are some 300 Neighbourhood Watch areas within the South Hams, only 6 representatives were in attendance. However, Mr Young felt that some benefit had been gained from the meeting, not least from the introduction by Gail Bond of the Crime Reduction Unit to the new communication system known as 'Ringmaster'. This has been designed to facilitate the speedy transfer of information by taped message between local Neighbourhood Watch areas. This will not

only provide details of crimes which have been committed but also advise of suspicious cars or behaviour to watch out for. Concern was expressed on the diminishing numbers of police officers in the area.

Hedgerows

A complaint has been received concerning the overgrown state of the boundary hedge of No1 Cumberland Cottages, in particular the overhanging brambles. As the owners are only sometime residents it was agreed that the Council would write requesting that action be taken to trim the hedges concerned.

It was felt that a timely reminder could be included in these notes to the effect that keeping boundary hedges in order is the responsibility of the landowner.

Haven Leisure Parking Signs

Cllr Freeman reported that he had confirmed that no planning permission had been sought for the erection of the signs and the matter was being looked into. Cllr Freeman also felt that clarification of ownership of the land where the signs are located was needed and the Clerk will contact Haven Leisure on behalf of the Council.

Millennium

Guy Eddy reported that the planting of trees is planned for mid-November. The next meeting of the Millennium Committee is on October 13th and at that meeting it is hoped that a planting programme will be agreed. Small teams will be set up; please go to the meeting and get involved! The National Trust will start the fencing shortly. Seats and the valge maps are being progressed. Alas, the grant application for the millennium clock, to be installed in the church tower, has been rejected as meeting the criteria required. There may be other sources of grant funding available which the committee will explore.

The Chairman of the Council thanked Guy Eddy and his committee for the considerable time and effort which they are putting into the projects.

Planning

Results: Extension to front of dwelling at Wyncroft - Mr Rayner - approved.

Applications: Haven Leisure Pool Extension - no objections.

Finance

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute £110 to the upkeep of the Churchyard, the same as the last two years.

Any Other Business

The Chairman had been asked by one elector to voice their disapproval of the

proposed clock in the church tower. They also suggested that there was more as yet unvoiced opposition. The council noted the comments and suggested that anyone who is opposed to this project should speak or write to the relevant authorities ie, the Parish Council, the Millennium Committee or the SHDC Planning Committee if a new application is submitted.

Cllr Tagent suggested that a commemorative mug might be given to all the children in the village to mark the millennium. This idea had been rejected previously and no decision was reached.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th October at 7.00pm in the WI Hall

Carol Allan

Short Mat Bowls Adult Children's Party

Following the success of the Mediaeval Banquet last year, the Ringmore SMBC are pleased to announce a fancy dress party based upon children's nursery rhymes, fairy stories or anything imaginative on a children's theme.

Tickets will cost £6.00 to include a fish and chip supper, jelly, a free glass of wine and entertainment. Tickets will be available from Geof Dykes, Colin Jackson and Adrian Muller from 11th October. There will be a prize for the best home-made male and female costumes.

The date is Saturday 11th December at the Parish Room.

Alan McCarthy

Royal British Legion 100 CLUB

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July		
£20	Myra Eddy	No 47
£5	Ann Lambel	No 54
August		
£20	Roland Smith	No 13
£5	Guy Eddy	No 46
September		
£20	Gillian Parkin	No 26
£5	Andrea Young	No 49

The major draw for £300 will take place in December.

Colin Jackson

THE MILLENNIUM CONTINUED

92 DAYS TO GO

At the Open Meeting held on Wednesday 15th September in the WI Hall, further progress was reported.

It is hoped to start planting the 1500 deciduous trees in the week beginning 15th November. They should be available from early in November. A planting plan will be worked out at the October meeting. We will need as many volunteers as possible in order to make up small teams to enable planting at various convenient times.

The plans for a full-size Parish map are progressing slowly.

Unfortunately our application for a Church Clock has been turned down by the Millennium Experience Committee because it does not fall within their guide lines for funding. However they state that we have until June 2000 to re-apply. The meeting agreed that all avenues should be explored to try to get the clock in position as a visual symbol to celebrate the new Millennium.

The next Open Meeting will be held in the WI Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th October.

Guy Eddy

GRAVESTONE CLEARING



The Parochial Church Council is petitioning for a faculty to remove some ancient gravestones in order to provide more burial plots as only 2 remain at the present time. Below is a list of the named stones that are proposed for removal; these are to be resited around the boundary of the graveyard. The stones refer to burials before 1900 except for Elizabeth Coulton 1957 and Izette A Wilmot Sparrow 1907, whose names have been added to family gravestones.

Samuel Paul Bond Dunn	21.12.1861
Agnes Rogers	16.11.1794
William Griffin	13. 5.1839
John Jones	26. 8.1853
Peter Randle	1868)
Fanny Randle	30.11.1865)
Emily Randle	9. 4.1875)
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William Yabsley Kerswill	16. 5.1840)

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Tuesday: 19th Oct 16th Nov 7th Dec
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Scaling Down Update

We are keeping up to schedule on our diet. In the first week Alan lost 7lbs and I have lost 4lbs. The second week was not so successful, as is usually the case in these things but nevertheless it was not too bad.

To everyone who has asked, we are eating a diet selected from the Rosemary Conley 'New Body Diet', 'Weightwatchers' '1, 2, 3 Success' recipe book, Rose Elliot's 'Not just a load of old lentils' and staying away from the JE!

Our many thanks to those who have already sponsored us and to anyone we have not yet seen, have no fear, we will be getting round to it.

Robbie McCarthy

Thomas Yabsley	2. 1.1784
Elizabeth Ester Donovan	1877)
Margaret Cathkine	1878)
Thomas Stidston	8.11.1842)
Mary Stidston	5. 8.1811)
Edward Colliver	10. 6.1850
Samuel Sparrow	1. 1.1818
William Sparrow	11.12.1879
John Sparrow	15. 4.1870
Elizabeth Sparrow	3. 3.1874
Izette Amelia Wilmot Sparrow	3.11.1907)
Jane Sparrow	24. 4.1774)
Elizabeth Sparrow	13.11.1805)
Benjamin William	12. 9.1894)
Elizabeth Coulton	16.11.1957)
Benjamin Sparrow	24. 6.1833
Louisa Sparrow	19. 4.1870
George V Colliver	12. 9.1825
Eliza Stidston	16. 3.1807
John Ryder	5. 8.1837
Sarah Ryder	31.12.1811
John Ryder	10. 5.1803
Mary Ryder	8.11.1803
John Ryder	27.10.1787
Joseph Osborne	26.10.1837
Elizabeth Edwards	12. 6.1824
Elizabeth Ann Farley	30. 5.1883

Bracketted names are on the same headstone

If there are any objections or comments please inform Derek Matten, tel 810565 or Jacqueline Patterson, tel 810311, by 31st October 1999

EASTON ART GROUP

We meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Materials, watercolour, gouache or acrylic, can be supplied if required. Beginners are very welcome. If it is fine we usually sketch outside at The Small House, Easton. There is a modest charge of £2 a session in aid of St Lawrence Church. It is a friendly group. If you would like to join a friendly group please give me a ring on 810271.

Mary Smallwood

Ringmore Recipes

Many thanks to all those who supported the Ploughman's Lunch, which raised £150 for the Primrose Appeal. This is a fund to build a breast care unit at Derriford Hospital.

The sale of Ringmore Recipes, in aid of Imperial Cancer Research, has, so far, raised £248. Would anyone who has not yet bought their copy or would like to order more, please phone me on 810303.

Gillian Parkin

PRESS RELEASE

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

In a recent release, a Tree Preservation Order was clarified thus:

'The principle effect of a tree preservation order is to prohibit the cutting down, uprooting, topping, lopping, wilful damage or destruction of trees without the consent of the local planning authority. Penalties for the infringement of this legislation are fines up to £20,000 and may include enforceable replacement planting'..... just thought you might like to know. Ed

ALL HALLOWS CHURCHYARD

A Churchyard Working Party is planned for 10.00am on Saturday 30th October. Do please come and help the dedicated few people who work to keep your churchyard cared for and tidy.

Please come equipped with cutting tools and rakes

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OCTOBER DIARY

Don't know about you, but we're ready for peaceful evenings, log fires and gentle winter occupations! A reminder of what we do at the 'Oak' when we are in 'off-peak' mode:

MONDAYS

Euclre (8.00pm) is up and running and gathering momentum, come and join in



TUESDAYS

Alternate weeks - 'Folk at the Oak'. Come to sing along, play along, or just listen along - all welcome



WENESDAYS

We're in the League - old players and new are most welcome



FRIDAYS

Darts - we're still in the League and determined to let someone else have the wooden spoon in the new millenium - come and join in the fray!



An early reminder: BONFIRE NIGHT falls on a Friday this year and the 'Fun Run' Committee are planning a fun event for all the family - look out for posters and notices.

OUTSIDE BARS AND PARTIES

We specialise in outside bars and parties. Please contact us to discuss your requirements

Enigma

SOLUTION

6 9 2 4 1 8 11 ?

Difficult? I thought not but not everyone was devious enough to succeed. Two entries used a home-made mathematical solution which although arithmetically right, is not correct. There is any number of similar answers. Responses are becoming ever more testing and clever. This month Matchman harped back to last month, asking which word finishes the first and starts the second.

Poison Bridge

Of course it is ivy or IV. Well . . . I was impressed! Simple, convert the whole sequence to Roman numerals . . . lateral thinking? The Beginners were inspired by the answer such that their entry was in Latin! My latinus canis tells me that 'vester responsum, erat vere'. LSB (I do hope it is a lady!) has seen sense and a very warm entry proved to be correct. Yog-Sothoth continues to creep up quietly on the rails. Three points to all of them and two each to The Furry Boys and Taurus.

OCTOBER

A word puzzle for those of you who are less numerate but far from innumerate. The task is to pair off the eighteen words listed below. Each pair will comprise an anagram and each anagram will follow a theme, eg. REACH and BUST will make BUCHAREST which could mean a theme of Capital Cities.

WORDS	CLOY	BOY
COWS	GEAR	DEN
DOOR	MARE	PET
GROOM	ZERO	RED
TICKS	BEAN	ROBS
WITH	NEAT	GAG

Conch bean or Bon chance!

Answer to History questions:
1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T 6. T 7. T

NEIGHBOURHOOD
On 21st Aug.
between 2.30pm &
3.00pm a visitor's car
was broken into in the
Journey's End car park. A
handbag containing valuables
was stolen. It cannot be stressed too
strongly that leaving valuables visible
is asking for the car to be broken into.
There will be a SH Police Liaison
meeting in the Ivybridge Town Hall
on Monday 11th October at 7.30pm.
If you wish to go please ring
David Young on
810389
WATCH

FIRST AID COURSE

In the survey of various aspects of the village, which accompanied the Newsletter two years ago, a number of response supported the idea of a First Aid Course. The Parish Room Committee proposes to provide such a course to be run by the Red Cross if the support is sufficient.

There are a number of courses available which vary in length according to the content. Basic courses are two, four or eight hours long. The latter covers resuscitation, fractures and emergency injury treatment: obviously it is the most comprehensive of the three. The cost of this course, which would be spread over 4 two-hour sessions, is £18.75 + VAT, total £22.03p. By consensus, shorter, less detailed courses could be arranged.

If you are interested please let a committee member know. If there is enough support (6 minimum) a meeting to agree a schedule will be arranged.

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