

# RINGMORE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Ringmore Church	2.55 - 3.15
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St Ann's Chapel	2.30 - 2.45
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### RAINFALL

Ten Year Average	2¼"
Last Month	2¾"
Ten Year High	2001 5½"
Ten Year Low	1998 ¼"

Robbie McCarthy

## DIARY FOR THE MONTH

MONDAY:	Short Mat Bowls Parish Room 7.30pm
TUESDAY:	Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm
THURSDAY:	Quiz Night Journey's End 9.00pm

- 1st All Hallows Clean-up 10.00am  
Jazz Night at the JE
- 5th Royal British Legion Dolphin Kingston 7.30pm
- 10th Road from Marwell Cross to Kingston closed for 4 days
- 13th WI Talk "Songs from the Shows" 8.00pm
- 17th WI Easter Fair WI Hall 2.00pm
- 18th Parish Council Meeting WI Hall 7.00pm
- 19th Inter-Parish Quiz South Brent v Ringmore 8.00pm  
South Brent Primary School
- 26th Annual Parish Meeting WI Hall 7.30pm
- 30th Table Top Sale Memorial Hall St Ann's Chapel 2.00pm
- May
- 5th Hot Pot Supper at JE in aid of Pete and Ben's charity paddle

Please send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to:  
The Editor  
Ringmore Parish Newsletter,  
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or put them through the letter box in the garage door  
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### What's your idea of fun?

If you have ever decided, just for fun, to spend night after dark, freezing, wet night in a canoe, on a local or not so local river, paddling back and forth, your way lit by little more than a Davey lamp stuck on your forehead, then you have some idea of the discomfort endured by Pete and Ben in their quest to paddle the Devezes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon.

As you know, it is in a worthy, charitable cause, so before that feeling of 'rather than me' wears off, sign a sponsorship form at the Journey's End or Old Chapel Inn or Holywell Stores or talk to Debbie Chicken on 810575.

*Our Shelterbox activities are over for the moment. The PCC's Pancake Morning and Anna and Ray Antebi's Coffee Morning, together raised more than enough for one box. Information relating to 'our' box will appear soon on the Shelterbox website, [www.shelterbox.org/f\\_boxsent.html](http://www.shelterbox.org/f_boxsent.html)*

*Pete Chicken and Ben Turner will complete their adventure over the Easter weekend. To set yourself up to be shot at is a bold step and we all wish them complete success both in completing the course and raising the funds. Good luck to the Support Team of Pete Stanesby and Jim McGinley, aided by Debbie and Emma. Ken & Elaine at the JE will give a Hot Pot Supper on Friday 5th May. Proceeds from the tickets will go to swell the paddlers' charity coffers.*

*Last month it was mentioned that Mrs Rose Jennings of Challaborough was in hospital. Briefly, that was true but she was soon discharged and now resides at South Efford House, Aveton Gifford.*

*Another Limerick competition begins this month and just to be different one of the short lines must end in the last name of a villager. Details are inside.*

*For most of us Wheelie Bins are already a way of life. For others nothing has changed. At the last minute some houses were excluded from this great step forward because, belatedly, it was determined that the Refuse Lorry could not turn around in the road and it was unreasonable to expect the driver to reverse. Apart from that, collections have proceeded smoothly but if you do have a problem, call 01803 861199.*

*The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday 26th April in the WI Hall at 7.30pm. This is your opportunity to review the year with the Parish Council and to listen to the speakers from the District Council, the National Trust, Challaborough Residents' Association. Our local policeman might be there. Why not join them?*

*Information about proposed developments has been received and is shown on the back page.*





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# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Apl 2nd	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00a.m. Family Service
9 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m. Family Service	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
14 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	6.00 p.m. At The Foot of The Cross		
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m. BCP Easter Communion	11.00 a.m. Easter Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer with Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
23rd	11.00 a.m. Family Communion	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m. Team Service at Woodleigh	11.00 a.m. Team Service at Woodleigh	11.00 a.m. Team Service at Woodleigh

Ever since the creation of the world, his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.

(Romans 1.20)

Spring is in the air. We wake to a world being renewed, made new every morning, recreated by the Spirit which once hovered over the waters, filled with the breath of life as were the plants and creatures in the first garden at the beginning of time. Every day the world wakes up to find itself remade: dew lies beaded on the grass, chaffinches sing their descending scales in the hedgerows, daisies unfurl their petals, swifts wing through the skies in search of the first flight of insects. Life is in the air, there to be breathed in, absorbed, and wondered at. Soon it will be summer, and a new generation of creatures will fill the earth and skies. Buzzards will soar over our heads, and sky larks will sound their song. Everywhere, the newness of life will intrude on the inevitable reality of a world also in decay, a world that is groaning under stress, a world that is waiting for cleansing and healing.

The pages of the Bible are green with metaphors and similes from nature, and Jesus himself often taught about spiritual life by drawing from the life of the created world in illustration and parable. When he did so it was always more than a picture, always more than the simple use of the familiar and concrete to explain the abstract. As CH Dodd once remarked, "*it arises from a conviction that there is no mere analogy, but an inward affinity, between the natural order and the spiritual order.*"

The natural world, then, is a reflection of spiritual reality. This should not surprise us. The Word that spoke life in the beginning is the same Word who speaks life now. The Spirit who hovered over the waters when the world was born is the same Spirit who brings new birth to our spirits today. Life physical and life spiritual are rooted in the same God, the God who himself is life. The God who in the man Jesus triumphed over death in resurrection, the whole focus of Easter which we celebrate this month.

John Elliott (Church House, Ringmore 810565)

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# Journey's End Journal

We hope all you mums enjoyed Mother's Day and received some lovely gifts. It was a happy day here at the JE with everyone enjoying their luncheon.

Guy and Myra are celebrating their 60th Wedding anniversary on 8th; we wish them every happiness for their next sixty years together!

Jazz Night is on Saturday, 1st and everyone is welcome. It is a most enjoyable evening and should not be missed.

We are having a Hot Pot Supper to celebrate Peter and Ben's successful (hopefully) trip up the Thames. The proceeds will go to their sponsored charities. The date will be Friday, 5th May and tickets will be available shortly.

It is nice to see the lighter evenings again

and we are looking forward to a good Easter weekend.

Unfortunately, the Chancellor has increased duty on wine and beer in his budget, so we will have to increase our prices soon. The Breweries increased their prices last month, which we have absorbed for the time being.

At the moment Ken is getting the garden ready for Easter when the Boules Court will be ready for use. So, anyone who wants to spend an afternoon or evening playing Boules will be welcome.

The garden will never be as interesting as Mr Bracey's but it is a pleasant place to sit and enjoy a drink or two with friends and neighbours and of course, we will enjoy your company.

Elaine & Ken



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**Sunday**

Noon - 3.00pm

Food: 12.30pm - 2.00pm

7.00pm - 10.30pm

No food

## INTER-PARISH QUIZ

Ringmore entertained Cornwood at the Journey's End in the first round of the Ken West Plate. Ken and Elaine provided excellent refreshments which were greatly appreciated.

The evening started slowly and few points were scored in the first two rounds on Journeys and Cars, possibly to the concern of question master Mike Utley from Kingston. However the teams' performance picked up thereafter and the evening was enjoyed by everyone present. Both teams had their supporters who were quick to answer the questions on which the teams had failed.

The variety of subjects ranged from Town Maps and Dictators to 'Ologies and Events in years ending in six, over the past 200 years. Product ingredients and Animal Mythology proved somewhat mystifying but Pat knew her poems and Felicity her Record Covers. Unfortunately the latter was an individual round so Felicity could demonstrate her knowledge without gaining the points she deserved.

Thirteen points ahead at the interval, Ringmore steadily increased their lead to win the match 110 - 74.

Scoop  
(our Cub Reporter)

## WELCOME

Husband and wife, Barry Keel and Angela Ballatti have moved from Durham to Noddon Farm House. Barry is the Chief Executive of Plymouth City Council and Angela will become the chairman of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital National Health Service Foundation Trust at the beginning of May. Both are looking forward to support village activities.

We wish them a happy time at Noddon.

## SHELTER BOX - HELSTON

### A BIG 'Thankyou'

Following two very successful Village events, Pancake Day & Anna's Coffee Morning we were able to send a cheque to the value of £700 to the Shelterbox Trust.

Each Shelterbox costs £490 so we have been able to purchase one complete box (Box No 21168 to Islamabad). The additional money raised will enable Shelterbox to obtain other necessary equipment (Box No 21169 to Islamabad).

The sum of £700 raised by you, the Village, is additional to the £220.85 (Box No 20469 to Islamabad) sent to Shelterbox by Jane & James Stevenson following their successful January Film Evening. So a very BIG 'Thank you' to all you supporters and of course the helpers who assisted in putting on these functions, enabling this tremendous sum to be raised.

Anna & Phill



WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY

The WI Meeting was minus several members owing to illness and other distractions. This was unfortunate as the speakers, Ann and John Bracey gave a splendid account of their travels in Egypt; a land so full of fascinating history and antiquities, which never fails to enthrall.

Do NOT forget our Easter fair on Monday 17th - lots to do and lots to buy!

Naomi Warne

Ringmore

Society

## Historical

Meeting

Wednesday

12th April

7.30pm

### BUCKFASTLEIGH HILL & CAVES

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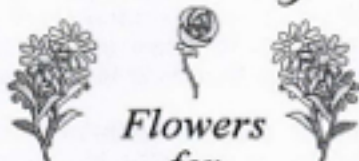
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Other work planned for All Hallows Church during the forthcoming months are the installation of Handrails either side of the main steps leading to the front door. Two small Handrails will also be fitted inside the Church in the Side Chapel. It is also hoped that this year the repair of the Sundial will be carried out.

It would be appreciated if special care is taken when in the church & grounds whilst repair and installation work is carried out.

As can be imagined the cost to carry out the above work will be quite considerable so any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

For any of you that have not visited the Church lately you may be pleased to know that the Millennium Clock Plaque has now been fitted on the right hand wall inside the porch.

Phill Errett  
Church Warden

## Ringmore WI EASTER FAIR

Easter Monday  
17th April  
2.00pm  
WI Hall

EASTER EGG HUNT  
CAKES - PLANTS  
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## DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER UPDATE

Benefitting Charities  
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The Down's Syndrome Association  
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The Spinal Injuries Association

Thank you to all who have made pledges so far in sponsoring Ben and Pete on their water adventure. So far we are nearing the £1000 mark, so for anybody who hasn't pledged yet you'll find forms in the JE, OCI and Holywell Stores or contact Debbie on 810575.

For those of you who have kindly pledged on a sponsorship form please note that if you are a UK tax payer the charities can claim extra money from the government if you tick the Gift Aid box on the form and provide your name and full address, the post code is vital. New forms have been provided at all locations to help with this.

Please see the JE news for the Hotpot evening to be held on the 5th of May. We will use that evening to collect all money pledged on forms and I'm sure the boys will be happy to regale you with tales of their epic adventure!

Thank you again for all your support.

Debbie

## TEN YEARS AGO . . .

The rebuilding of the burned down Bus Shelter was completed. . . Joan Baughan, then of Walnut Tree cottage, launched the publication of her book at the Journey's End. . . By coincidence, traffic calming was on the Parish Council agenda.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

Progress was made towards the Aveton Gifford by-pass. . . the long-defunct Emergency Committee cooked a meal for sixty-five people in the grounds of the WI Hall. The Hall was the Emergency Rest Centre.

## RINGMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: Tuesday, 21st March 2006 at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Seven councillors, the Clerk; Dist Cllr Bryan Carson; Mr David Young, Neighbourhood Watch; PC Andy Potter, Police Support Officer

### Footpaths

Cllr Mann asked Cllr McCarthy to take a look at the stile leading to the bridge over the stream at Challaborough with regard to the supporting rail.

### District Council

Cllr Carson was pleased that the new recycling system was operating with few hitches. Most new refuse bins were in place.

### Police

PC Andy Potter, our new police support officer, introduced himself and talked about the low crime rate in the area. A total of nine support officers have been drafted into the district.

### Parish Room

The Custodian Trusteeship of the Parish Room was discussed. Cllr Dykes proposed, seconded by Cllr Jackson, that the Parish Council agree to be the Custodian Trustee when the Lease is signed. The motion was passed unanimously.

### Planning

Marwell Cross Gardens - the council had no objection to the application for a first-floor extension and a ground floor extension.

### Finance

Clerks Salary and expenses £192.41

### Traffic Calming

Traffic Calming measures were discussed. The main cause for concern was the speed of vehicles travelling up and down Challaborough hill. It was agreed to ask Devon County Council to visit the site with a view to taking a traffic survey.

### Temporary Road Closure

The road from Marwell Cross to Kingston will be closed for four days from 10th April to allow work to be carried out on behalf of South West Water.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th April, WI Hall at 7.00pm.

### Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 26th April at 7.30pm on WI Hall.

Theilma Mann

## SOUTH WEST DEVON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Bigbury Ringmore Kingston

Due to Gary Streeter's parliamentary commitments, he will be unable to attend the Garden Party scheduled at the Old Rectory, Bigbury, on Friday 7th July. However he will be able to attend the following week so the Garden Party will now take place at the Old Rectory on Friday 14th July.

Tickets are now available from Helen Smith on 810386 and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.



Submitted by the Royal British Legion to mark the April (1944) anniversary of Exercise Tiger, the disastrous events off Slapton Sands which claimed more than 1,000 lives.

I knew of Slapton long ago, I knew of what it meant  
I knew its toll of young men's lives so prematurely spent  
I knew the figures, knew the facts, until there came a day  
When all such grand presumption were engulfed and swept away.

Upon my desk, a list of names, one page upon the next  
A roll-call of reality in cold, compelling text.  
A Homer and a Harold and an Elmer and Eugene  
Not numbers these but lads within a world they'd barely seen.

I could almost see their faces in the pallid April sun  
And sense their apprehension as they trained for things to come.  
Some little more than college boys who sailed across the sea  
To join the great adventure, defenders of the free.

But for Ed from Alabama and for James from Illinois  
All dreams would end without regard to victory's employ.  
And nigh upon a thousand more would perish just the same  
And each one had a family and each one had a name.

They would print those names on telegrams with a cursory regret  
And their ritual acknowledgements of duty and of debt.  
Then a strategy was ordered which would ever be maintained  
No details would be offered and no circumstance explained.

They built a wall of silence made from bricks of self-defence  
And then a barbed wire rampart of illusion and pretence  
And long beyond the wartime years, for every ghostly face  
Denied it's truthful testament, that wall was still in place.

It's time they built another now, more meaningful and proud  
On which that loss of youthful life can be proclaimed aloud  
With every name entitled and as worthy of it's line  
As any graced by monuments of your descent or mine.

It's too late now for justice to eradicate the wrong  
Or to point accusing fingers where they rightfully belong  
Such guilt can hide behind a wall until it tumbles down  
But honour is as ageless as the wearers of the crown.

## Limerick competition

There has been pressure to have another Limerick competition. In order to avoid the 'bike-shed syndrome' in which we have had moderate success to date, there must be some constraint. This time lines C or D must end in the last name of a Ringmore resident.

e.g.  
The hooker misheard the call  
The scrum turned into a maul  
Referee Blease  
Said 'Do as you please',  
I'm off and I'm taking the ball.

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*Enigma*

## Last Month

There are some who can do numbers, some who can't and some who won't! Four who can are Taurus, Opals, The Springers and The Matchman. Two were the same but none matched the 'official' answer. Yapping Dogs barely crossed the starting line but scraped one point.

1	63	62	4	5	59	58	8
56	15	49	48	19	44	20	9
55	47	25	39	38	28	18	10
11	22	36	30	31	33	43	54
53	42	32	34	35	29	23	12
13	24	37	27	26	40	41	52
14	45	16	17	46	21	50	51
57	2	3	61	60	6	7	64

## This Month

It seems almost obligatory to have a word puzzle this month and there will be one, not because of any pressure but because there is an 'r' in the month.

Find words which have the vowels in the order in which they appear in each group.

UOIAE    EUAIO    EQUAI    OEAUJ  
 UAIOE    EUOIA    AIOUE    AIEOU  
 OUEAI    AEIOU    AUIOE    UOIEA



## April meeting

Our April meeting has a musical flavour, when Margaret Skinner entertains us with "Songs from the Shows. Join us on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8 p.m. in the W.I. Hall, preceded as usual by W.I. business at 7.30 p.m.

## Don't Forget . . .

. . . our Easter Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. Starting at 2 p.m. this popular annual event takes place in the W.I. Hall and gardens. Books and bric-a-brac can be left in the Hall, and cakes and plants brought on the day. Come and have some fun and enjoy a cream tea.

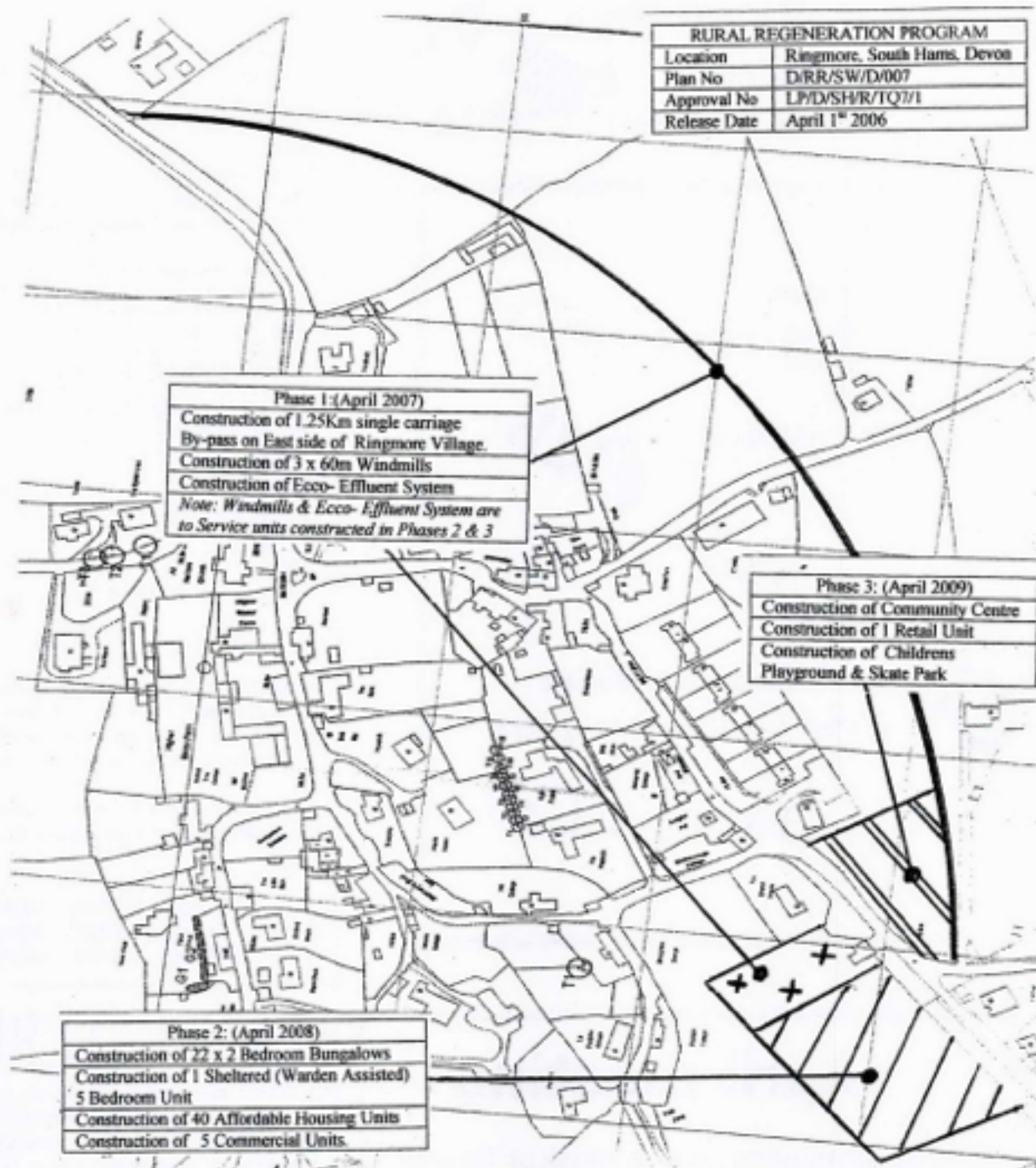
## SEA CREATURES

The recent spate of Dolphins at Ayrmer Cove makes it appropriate to mention the organisations which are involved in monitoring and recording incidents relating to these and other sea creatures.

The primary organisation is Devon Wildlife Trust which is based in Exeter but which is represented in Ringmore by Pam Denis Noel. If you come across one of these creatures on the beach, please let Pam know, 810585. She will pass the information up the line and also, will go to Ayrmer to tag the body. Telling Pam will avoid confusion by having a single point of reference and will obviate duplication in reporting.

Working with the DWT is Brixham Seawatch which is run by Linda Hughes. Linda is interested in any sightings of Dolphins, Seals or other larger creatures. So if you are lucky enough to spot any of these species at sea, call Linda with the details on 01803 771092 or 07712 587799.





As announced in the Chancellors Budget on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2006, Ringmore is to be one of the first to benefit from Rural Regeneration. In accordance with the Government directive on Rural Regeneration, Devon County Council in partnership with Private Enterprise, Pitking Holdings & Ecco-Systems(UK) are to upgrade Ringmore Village. This exciting project costing £2.8 million will comprise of Three Phases and will commence in April 2007.

All Villagers are invited to attend a Roadshow & Buffet Lunch, detailing these exciting Plans for the Village of Ringmore, to be held in the W. I. Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> April 2006. Due to the expected huge demand of attendance the Lunch and Presentation will be given in 3 sittings 11.30, 1.00 & at 2.30. Would you therefore notify the Parish Newsletter Editor of your preference before April 20th, noting that it will be on a first come first served basis.