

# Ringmore Parish Newsletter

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## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

A reminder - our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd at the WI Hall, 10am—we hope to see you there.

Our deadline for the January edition is the 4th for circulation on the 7th to allow us all to recover from the festivities.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.



### DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Please see JE page for all their events

Monday: Short-mat bowls Parish Room 7.30pm

Tuesday: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm

Thursday: Quiz Night—JE pm

2nd Newsletter Christmas Bazaar 10am WI Hall

6th RBL meeting Royal Oak 7.30pm

24th Carols by Candlelight, All Hallows 4pm

Carols on the Green, Bigbury 6.45 (ish)

January:

11/1 WI meeting

31/1 WI whist drive 7.30pm

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 1st & 15th

Ringmore Church 2.55—3.15

Challaborough 3.25—3.35

St Ann's Chapel 2.30—2.45

Kingston Fire Station 4.00—4.30

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## DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

### GARDENING TIPS FOR THE MONTH.



- A few chives or roots of mint potted up now and kept cool for a week or so will provide new young shoots for Christmas. Parsley is better left under cloches.
- Check tubers in store of dahlias, etc. Remove any infected tubers from healthy stock.
- Rake up and burn all rose leaves to prevent the spread of diseases on to next year's leaves. In mild winters, leaves may remain on the plants until January or even February, so if necessary clear up again.
- Check over dormant pelargoniums and fuchsias. Remove dead leaves, and give little water.
- Now is an excellent time for the preparation of new borders. Double-dig and leave the surface rough to be weathered. If the area was previously turfed, remove turf first and bury it under the bottom spit as you dig. Add manure if available. Coarse compost is excellent for lightening heavy soils, and so is grit.
- Undertake any pruning, shaping or thinning of old wood on shrub roses. Shorten tall floribunda roses a little, to prevent wind-rock in winter gales, their main pruning comes later, after the worst winter weather.
- Christmas roses and Iris unguicularis. Put down a few slug pellets too.
- If you do need to mow in a mild season, choose dry, breezy, frost-free weather, rake and remove the clippings.
- Lift crowns of rhubarb and plant in a bucket for forcing in a warm, dark place. It can be done under greenhouse staging, in the cellar, or even in a broom cupboard.
- Keep off borders when the soil is too wet. When dryer, lightly fork between the crowns of herbaceous plants, but take care not to disturb the roots.
- Lightly fork the soil around established roses to keep the soil surface open and alleviate any compaction which was caused by your feet when working on the rose beds during the summer.
- Pick flowers of winter jasmine, witch hazel, wintersweet, Viburnum farreri and V. turns, and berried sprigs of holly and skimmia.

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## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>No Service (join with Ringmore)</i>	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m. CW Communion	6.00 p.m. BCP Spoken Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. Cubs Special or BCP Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m. Spoken CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service with Crib & Christingle	6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	2.30 p.m. Carols at the Korniloff		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	11.00 a.m. Carol Service 6.45 p.m. Carols on the Green 11.00 p.m. Midnight Communion	6.00 p.m. Carol Service	4.00p.m. Carol Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Day		10.30 a.m. Family Service with Christmas Communion	
31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>No Service: Team at LODDISWELL</i>	<i>No Service: Team at LODDISWELL</i>	<i>No Service: Team at LODDISWELL</i>

### **O No He isn't...O Yes He is.**

Advent Sunday, is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, there should be a trumpet call "Look out He is coming". I have told the story before of the little Nun alongside whom I trained for ordination in Oxford. She moved along serenely, legs invisible under her habit, almost as if on silent wheels. When we were asked to produce the opening for an Advent Sermon it was her contribution that stuck in the memory. She quietly glided to the front of the lecture theatre, and instead of her usual quiet and melodious voice she bellowed "WAKE UP!!!". The words that followed warned us all that we needed to wake up and tell the world that Jesus came once in revelation of who God is, and that he is going to come again, but next time in judgement.

Disappointingly the Rowan William's response to the John Humphries searching for God radio discussion did not make it clear that the way to find God is through belief in His Son. This is the essential difference between the Christian faith and all other religions. Jesus was, and is, the only example of God searching out for humankind and revealing himself in person to us. We may not be aware of his presence, and when told that he is active on the human stage we might say just like the pantomime characters "O no He isn't", despite the chorus that goes up from those who believe "Oh Yes He is"

Advent as well as Lent in some traditions [not my tradition, but I respect those who wish to follow it], is a time when there are no flowers in Church as a reminder to those entering the building that this is a time for solemn repentance and recognition of our sin. A time to remind ourselves that in the words of our niece that we are "miserable offenders"; this was the overriding sense of herself that was put upon her in one particular rather dour Service she attended. Thankfully she now knows that the emphasis is not on her miserableness but on her forgiveness. It is those open arms of Jesus welcoming us all as forgiven sinners that leads us to celebrate his birth.

The call comes every year, a reminder that Christmas is not about shopping and spending. We hope that a glimpse of the better eternity will be with all our friends as we remember Jesus who stepped out of eternity into the times and trials of this world. He came on the ultimate rescue mission that none of us fully understand. Fully God, yet vulnerable as a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes! Fully man, yet without the taint of sin and selfishness that afflicts all of us. It is some message! A very good reason to celebrate and give thanks. We wish you a really wonderful and joyful Christmas, and a New Year full of wholeness and peace.

*John Elliott, Resident Minister (810565)*

# S.O.S Healthy Eating for Christmas

With thanks to Dr Mark Vanderpump, Consultant Physician specialising in Endocrinology and Diabetes at the Royal Free Hospital in London, for the following:

The truth is after decades of research we do not know who should eat what or when. Are three meals a day healthier than one? Is fat bad if weight is normal? Is a balanced diet best? Should we eat 3, 5, 7 or 9 fruits per day? The latter was one recommendation for men but recent studies have found no benefit beyond 3.

The traditional answers to these questions is yes and the more fruit the better but the evidence is far from complete. Not just because few scientific studies have confirmed the benefit but because of complex interactions between eating and health and all diets have unintended consequences. An example of such an interaction is that a protective antioxidant in dark chocolate is removed by taking milk at the same time. Whilst obesity is a growing epidemic and costs health services as much as smoking and incidence of diabetes also increasing with the prevalence within the UK as high as 3% , past advice provided to the public has not changed eating habits in large sections of the population.

It would therefore appear sensible at Christmas to focus on maintaining your waist circumference to less than 37 inches in men and less than 31 inches in women, eating oily fish and nuts including walnuts, use fruit to add sweetness rather than sugar and enjoy moderate alcohol use, with alcohol taken regularly not in binges.

*"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not" - Mark Twain*

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**Paul & Juliet at The Journey's End Inn would like to wish the readers of the newsletter a very Merry Christmas and Happy New**



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We are so pleased that our first auction for The Royal British Legion went without a hitch! What fun and we were thrilled to see so much money raised for such an important cause this year. A big thank you to all who came to our Remembrance Sunday Lunch - The Journey's End Inn was able to donate over £100 in addition to the cause.

What a busy time of year it is for all of us, we have lots going on at the JE this month so please take note of our calendar of events on this page so you don't miss out on anything.

We will be running **seasonal food** on the menu during the month of December with set menus at reasonable prices for all to enjoy which, like our regular menu, will change daily. We are pleased to announce that we are introducing **Sunday Brunches** at the JE through the holiday season from the 17<sup>th</sup> through to the 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11am - 1pm (this will not be offered on New Year's Eve due to our preparations for the party in the evening). We have a set menu for bigger parties if you wish to hold a function here, with a choice of price ranges to fit any budget. If you wish to hold an event here please give us a call or pop in. **Quiz night** will continue throughout the month of December with the **Landlord's Christmas Quiz** on 21<sup>st</sup>. There are still two slots available so please sign up in the hall. The **Christmas post box** will be up and running from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December so please do post your cards for the villagers. **Father Mike and The Hot Four** will be returning to the Journey's End on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> for some festive fun. Please ensure to book if you wish to eat with us that evening as it is set to be busy. **Christmas Day** our kitchen will be closed but do come along for a drink and nibbles between 11.30-2pm to give us the opportunity to say a big thank you for all your continued support of the pub.

Please note our opening times over the Christmas period do change slightly :

- Christmas Eve usual Sunday hours, 12-close
- Christmas Day from 11.30-2pm
- Boxing Day we will open for lunch service 12-3pm for all those out on Boxing Day walks, with warm soups and lighter meals but we will remain closed in the evening
- We will be keeping our regular opening hours for the period between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve
- 31st December - the big night! We will remain closed until 7pm as we have lots of preparation for the party in the evening. Bookings will close on December 17th make sure you get your table now!
- New Year's Day we will be open for lunch from 1 till 4pm come in a relax
- Tuesday 2nd January we will be closed all day

## Calendar of events:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> **Paul and Jules return** from their Thanksgiving Break and relieve Annie
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> The Journey's End will be providing the Mulled Wine at the Ringmore **Christmas Bazaar** at the WI Hall- so please come and show your support
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Post Box** service available - see above for more info
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> **Landlord's Christmas Quiz**
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Carols around the fire** at The JE with carollers and **The Lighting of The Journey's End Inn Christmas Tree**
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Father Mike and The Hot Four** playing at the JE from 8pm
- **Christmas Eve Open all day** with Brunch, Lunch, Afternoon tea & Dinner available
- **Christmas Day** open at 11.30 - 2pm with complimentary nibbles provided by Jules & Paul
- **Boxing Day** open at noon for lunch - closed in evening
- New Year's Eve **"Prepare to Bling Party"** - we will be closed during the day, doors open at 7pm

**New Year's Day** We will be offering Bloody Mary's and lunch from 1 till 4pm come in and relax.

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**What's special about the South Hams? -** We'd like to hear about where, what or who makes the South Hams special to you. Drop us a line...

For years my dream for retirement focused on the North Cornwall/Devon coast, the place of many holidays and where my love of surfing could be satisfied locally into old age. It was whilst on holiday there that we saw the advertisement for a Ringmore based part time Church Minister. The South Hams was an unknown quantity, but slowly the attractions revealed themselves. The waves may not be as consistent and large as they are on the North Coast but they are often big enough to throw me about. There is also that advantage of more shelter: a boat moored on the Avon with fish in the sea beyond. Add into the mix one of the most scenic golf courses in the UK and this little bunny hunter is likely to be content.


Another bonus was the call to ministry, not a full time stress

filled task, but a most rewarding people centred occupation. The advertisement said that the natives were friendly, and they are. So are those who, like us, have moved down here late in life. The sense of community, despite divergent interests is such a strength.


Needless to say, one expected to be looked at as an incoming foreigner: but then came surprise news from my brother investigating the family tree. We already knew that the old Parish records name the field next to Church House as 'Eliots' Field', but my brothers' research revealed that many of our ancestors were fishermen in the South West. They had only ended up in Liverpool and the Isle of Man when they had followed the herring shoals up the coast. So listen in you incomers, we have just come home to the South Hams: of course we love it.

This month's contribution is of course from John Elliott

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# CHRISTMAS QUIZZES

**CHOCOLATE QUIZ** A little quiz for you over the Christmas period (no prize, just a feeling of satisfaction and achievement). All you have to do is work out the confectionary names. All the clues are chocolates or sweets that can be purchased in the UK. The first one is done for you....

- |    |                           |             |    |                        |
|----|---------------------------|-------------|----|------------------------|
| Q. | Sly giggles               | A. Snickers | 21 | Capital granite        |
| 1  | High class thoroughfare   |             | 22 | Lorry driver's snack   |
| 2  | Money making royalty      |             | 23 | 100% Au                |
| 3  | Dark occult               |             | 24 | Istanbul harem         |
| 4  | Mother's local            |             | 25 | Up out there           |
| 5  | Clever folk               |             | 26 | Even more up out there |
| 6  | Various black items       |             | 27 | Big cat's pub          |
| 7  | Sport for Princes         |             | 28 | Noisy insect           |
| 8  | Frankie Vaughan wanted it |             | 29 | One who wanders        |
| 9  | Good children get these   |             | 30 | Musical bard           |
| 10 | Feline equipment          |             | 31 | It's a party           |
| 11 | Garden flowers            |             | 32 | Outside meal           |
| 12 | Assorted girls            |             | 33 | Easily blown           |
| 13 | Dairy holder              |             | 34 | Locals from Malta      |
| 14 | Arrange marriage partners |             | 35 | Reward                 |
| 15 | Edible fasteners          |             | 36 | Ten cent pub           |
| 16 | Wobbly infants            |             | 37 | Toothless drink        |
| 17 | Talk quietly              |             | 38 | Lost them....?         |
| 18 | Big bus                   |             | 39 | Sweet tooth            |
| 19 | Gem orchard               |             | 40 | Pub pins               |
| 20 | Spin around               |             |    |                        |

And when you feel full of all the chocolates you have sampled in an effort to complete the quiz, perhaps a wander around the village hunting for what and where this is would help?



Happy Hunting!

**Ringmore Parish Room**  
**A DATE FOR THE DIARY**  
**FRIDAY**  
**9TH**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**P & Q**  
**A FUN NIGHT FUND-RAISING**  
**IN AID OF THE PARISH ROOM**  
**BRIGHTEN THE WINTER GLOOM**  
QUESTION: FROM WHERE IN THE UK DO STAFFORDIANS COME?

## December Sudoku

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

**How to Play** Fill in the grid so that every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9, with no repetition!

That's all there is to it. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic - there's no maths involved and no adding up.

It's fun. It's challenging! It's addictive!

## November Sudoku Solution

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



### Christmas Tree—Stan Brunskill

When it was decided to have a Village Christmas Tree, Peter Lutwyche who was Church Warden and lived at The Veau, obtained permission for us to erect it in its present location. Peter produced 2 strings of indoor tree lights joined by sellotape. It was raining and Peter told me to make sure the bulbs were facing down so that the rain did not get into the holders. I refused to get involved until we both changed into rubber boots. We survived and the lights worked. I believe we did use them again until Lady Hall lost them, probably deliberately.

The cost of outdoor lights and the tree has been covered by the Parish Council. The tree, for several years now, has been supplied and donated by Holywell Stores, for which we give them our thanks.

Phill Errett with help from Alan McCarthy has now taken over the responsibility, for which I give them my thanks.

### The Story of Narrative

This informal course of 12 lessons aims to consider the development of narrative in English literature and the rise of that difficult to define article, the novel. We shall look at a range of narrative strategies and reflect on their varied purposes. Classes will be held on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons and a few places remain available. If you are interested in joining contact Ann to reserve a place and obtain a reading list.

Tutor: Ann Oakins M.A. PhD.

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Where: 1 Benedict Way, Modbury

When: Commencing 2.30pm Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th January 2007

Duration: Sessions will run for 2 hours, plus 20 minute break

N.B: There will be no class in half-term week

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## Enigma - November solution :

It looks like a lot of you enjoyed this one as we've had an influx of new entrants. Well done to you all—3 points each to Real Sleuth, Mrs Jones, Toudawgz, Matchman, Romeo Drifter, the OPALS, Taurus, Gemini, Half-baked and New Dawn. The Springers need to contact us

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## Enigma - December

Here is a quotation with all the spaces and vowels removed. What is the quotation? To narrow it down a bit, the quote is by a man who died in Paris in 1901...

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## Message from our Postman Frank

As you may have heard Royal Mail has decided to move me in January 2007. May I just say what wonderful customers you have all been—and to those who tried to avert the move, thank you.

Would you all please accept my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A reminder about the Fare Car as it seems it's not being used as much as it could be. The car runs Monday to Saturday and can be booked in advance on 01752 897474 between 0800 and 1700 any day of the week. Fares start at £2 per single journey and you need to join the Travel Club to use the Fare Car.

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<b>Fri 17th Dec</b>	DARTS TEAM - away match
<b>Fri 24th Nov</b>	DARTS TEAM - home match
<b>Fri 1st Dec</b>	DARTS TEAM - away match
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## The Bigbury Ringmore & Kingston Branch of the Royal British Legion wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

### FILM SHOW

A film show *Mrs Henderson Presents* was held at Bigbury Memorial Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October in aid of the Royal British Legion. Sixty tickets were sold and, after paying £194 to Okehampton Moving Pictures to cover the film distributor's rights, £306 was paid into the Poppy Appeal fund.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable evening. Holywell Stores and the Journeys End sold tickets and displayed posters. Nigel Spence sold raffle tickets with his usual persuasive power. Matt Parkins travelled from Okehampton and applied his skills as projectionist. Thanks to Gill Tomlin who babysat Evie, Sarah Maya was able to entertain us with tunes from the 1940's on her alto saxophone and many of us couldn't refrain from dancing. A big thank you goes to all who came out on a foggy night to support the Poppy Appeal and we hope that the Film Show will become a regular RBL feature in coming years.

James and Jane Stevenson

**RBL AGM** — The Bigbury, Ringmore and Kingston Branch of the Royal British Legion held it's AGM in November, a month early to take into account the new rules imposed by the Royal Charter. David Young retired as Chairman at this meeting. In his report to the AGM David said he was hijacked into the job by the late Reg Trant before he had even moved into the village, but he had thoroughly enjoyed his time as Chairman. He was looking forward to his retirement. He was thanked by Brian Stark (President) for the tactful, conscientious and dedicated way he had carried out the Chairman's duties over the past 12 years. He went on to say the Branch owed David a great debt of gratitude, sentiments which were echoed by all Members present. Colin Jackson also stood down as Vice-Chairman in anticipation of his move out of the Branch's area. The Officers of the Branch were elected unanimously as follows: Chris Roberts (Hon Chairman), Mike Hammond (Hon Vice-Chairman), Robbie McCarthy (Hon Secretary/Treasurer), Brian Lambell (Standard Bearer).

The Branch is too small to have a separate Welfare Committee but volunteers from each parish act as Welfare Liaison as follows: Ringmore - Stan Brunskill, Kingston - Tony Walters, Bigbury and Bigbury on Sea - Brian McCabe.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6 December at 7.30pm at the Royal Oak, Bigbury.

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Guy Eddy's retirement as Poppy Appeal Organiser did not go unnoticed.

At the recent auction, an engraved tankard was presented to Guy in recognition of his hard work in the 22 years he has been Poppy Appeal Organiser. Over this very distinguished period a total of over £55,000 has been sent from this Branch to the National Poppy Appeal.

Guy said he was completely surprised by the presentation, but it did not take long for his gift to be put to good use.



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## The New Committee

At the Annual Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November, it was unanimously agreed to invite Alice Mason and Margaret Lock to become Presidents Emeriti. These are honorary positions which recognize the contribution made by Alice and Margaret over the years. Alice, indeed is our longest serving member, and was President of the Institute from 1964 to 1967.

The Meeting also elected the Officers and Committee for the coming year. They are: Jackie Tagent (President), Margaret Wood (Vice-President), Jane Baker (Secretary), Pat King (Treasurer) and Pam Brunskill, Sharon Jones, Pat Skeels, Jane Stevenson (Committee).

Pat King has taken over responsibility for W.I. Hall bookings, so please arrange these through her; her telephone number is 810359.

## Advance Notice

The first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, when we welcome David Snelling of "Operation Henry", and well-known in the area – and wider afield – for his work in raising money for charity. On this occasion,

## WI—November Meeting

The November meeting was fairly well attended; but the Annual Meeting is never crowded! There was much to discuss; the past year's activities and finances to re-examine and to congratulate ourselves on a very successful year. New committee members were elected and our President, Jacky Tagent, re-elected – much to members' satisfaction! A wonderful buffet supper was provided, as usual by those more energetic members and all in all and to coin a phrase, "A good time was had by all". We can go forward now into another year with enthusiasm and satisfaction, feeling that Ringmore WI is alive and well!

Naomi Warne



The evening of Friday 3 November at the Journey's End Inn, resounded with the cries of 'Sold' as the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Auction swung into action. Bidding was fast, but controlled, initially but soon built to an energetic rate with bid and counterbid,

sometimes between husband and wife. There were 107 lots and surprising prices were obtained for fish and chip suppers, a blonde doll with knitted clothes and home baked Christmas cakes. There were even bids over the airwaves from Spain. Fun though it was, the evening would not have been possible without the whole hearted co-operation of Jules and Paul who did everything possible to make the evening a success. Behind the scenes, Chris and Colin portered, Robbie and Phill accounted and yours truly, with the help of surprise auctioneer John Elliott, exhorted and cajoled the audience to part with their cash. Many thanks to all those who helped and special thanks to those who provided the pledges and useful items. Most importantly, thanks to those who spent their money, which included donations from those unable to attend, and enabled the auction to give £2264 to the Poppy Appeal, an all time record which we will try to break next year – start saving!

Alan McCarthy  
Auction Organiser

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2006

Well, despite grotty wind and weather and competing causes, the Poppy Appeal this year has raised a magnificent **£5,897.70** (and we still have some funds to come in). It is a record sum by some distance, and that is down to a wonderful RBL team and – of course – you. In writing this report I will break a bit with tradition, and not record all the individuals who have done so much. You know how grateful we are. I will pay tribute here to our wonderful team of collectors, to Carol, Eileen, Chris, Linda, Pat, Pam, Margaret, Shaun and Sharon, thank you so much. You added a terrific £1,523.45. My role as Poppy Appeal Organiser, and inheritor of Guy's ideas and team of collectors, has really been chief bean-counter and poppy purveyor. I can recommend the electric coin-sorter from Tesco! Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the counter staff at Barclays in Kingsbridge. If you saw some old tramp come shuffling in with four grand's worth of shrapnel in carrier bags, you might be tempted to slide off your perch and take a quick fag break. They didn't, fortunately. Thanks to you all for your wonderful support. We have a Burns Night at the Old Chapel Inn coming soon, and a golf day arranged at Bigbury GC in August. Can't wait!



John Simes

# NEWS FROM ALL HALLOWS

## Heating System

At last the heating has been repaired and we can once again attend the various services without getting too cold. The faulty heating lift pump had to be completely replaced as it worked out cheaper than obtaining & fitting spare parts - such is the way of our "throw away society" we have these days. Hopefully the heating will be fault free throughout the coming winter months.

## Handrails

The Handrails for the front entrance steps have now been installed. These stainless steel handrails are maintenance free and were designed by John Bracey & manufactured by Sean at Union Fabrication, Kingsbridge. The steps are very slippery during wet weather with only the ivy to grab hold of to steady oneself. It was felt to be an "accident waiting to happen". These new handrails should therefore be a benefit to everyone using the church.

Kind thanks go to Alan McCarthy for his considerable assistance in installing the handrails. A Short handrail will also be fitted alongside the two steps in the Side Chapel.

## Friends Evening

Despite the appalling wet and windy weather those attending were treated to an enjoyable & interesting talk by the Rev Dr David Keep on some of Devon's Historic Churches. After a refreshment break of wine & nibbles, a presentation was given on the contribution of The Friends of All Hallows towards the upkeep & restoration of our lovely Church building. This was followed by a slide presentation, produced by Mike Wynne-Powell, of normally unseen views of the church. The evening concluding with a 360° panoramic view, from the top of the Tower, of Ringmore and the surrounding countryside & coast. Anyone who was unable to attend the evening but wishes to become Friend of All

Hallows can contact me for details.

## PCC Meeting

The Ringmore & Kingston PCC meeting will be held in Ringmore Parish Room on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm.

## Candle lit Carol Service Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

The carol service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine, will be held at 4 pm on Christmas Eve. If anyone wishes to participate more fully in the service by saying one of the various readings then please contact me. Musicians required - if there is anyone out there who would like to join in the Carol service by bringing along a musical instrument to play, especially the youngsters in the village, then please contact me.

Phill Errett 810547  
(Church Warden)

### RAINFALL: Robbie McCarthy

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Ten year low:	1"

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### Neighbourhood Watch

The police advise that recently within the South Hams a number of vehicles have been broken into and tax discs stolen. In order to avoid this problem a tamper proof holder can be obtained from Kingsbridge Police Station at a cost of £1.00 each.

A warm welcome to Adele Nixon who has recently moved into the village.



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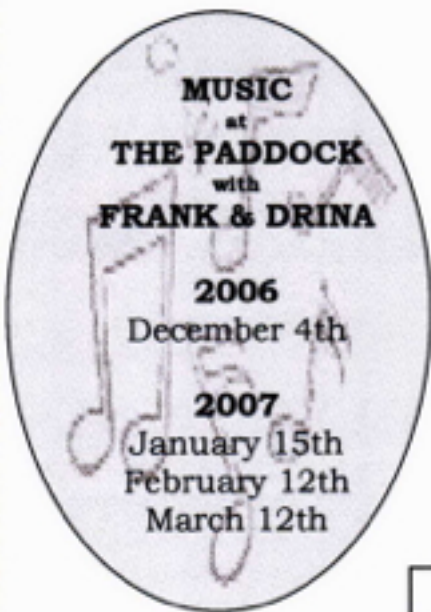
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 ☆ **OPERATION CHRISTMAS** ☆  
 ☆ **CHILD SHOE BOXES** ☆  
 ☆ On the 19th November ☆  
 ☆ Heather Robinson from the ☆  
 ☆ Samaritan's Purse organisation ☆  
 ☆ came to Kingston Church to ☆  
 ☆ collect the gift filled shoe ☆  
 ☆ boxes. Much to everyone's ☆  
 ☆ amazement they totalled in ☆  
 ☆ excess of ninety boxes, and her ☆  
 ☆ car was filled to the brim! ☆  
 ☆ What a wonderful achievement ☆  
 ☆ and many, many thanks to all ☆  
 ☆ who contributed. Ringmore ☆  
 ☆ was presented with a thank-you ☆  
 ☆ certificate which I have put up ☆  
 ☆ in our church porch. ☆  
 ☆ She was not able to tell us ☆  
 ☆ where this year's boxes are ☆  
 ☆ destined but she was able to ☆  
 ☆ tell us moving little anecdotes ☆  
 ☆ of last year's boxes arriving in ☆  
 ☆ Rumania where the children, ☆  
 ☆ mainly from the gypsy ☆  
 ☆ community, spend their days ☆  
 ☆ foraging through rubbish ☆  
 ☆ heaps. Particularly ☆  
 ☆ memorable, of one little boy ☆  
 ☆ of fourteen who had never ☆  
 ☆ before received a present for ☆  
 ☆ just himself and a little girl of ☆  
 ☆ six, dying from cancer, was too ☆  
 ☆ weak to open her box, but when ☆  
 ☆ she saw the little cuddly teddy ☆  
 ☆ bear inside her face lit up and ☆  
 ☆ she cuddled it to her cheek. ☆  
 ☆ We will receive a letter in the ☆  
 ☆ spring telling us of this year's ☆  
 ☆ boxes, and then will be the time ☆  
 ☆ to keep the boxes from any new ☆  
 ☆ shoes and to start collecting ☆  
 ☆ items for next year's Shoe ☆  
 ☆ Boxes - Jane Guy ☆  
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**Bigbury Fayre Christmas Carols** Bigbury Fayre will again be singing Carols on the green at Bigbury and hope to see you all there. There will be the usual mince pies, mulled wine and sausage rolls. The Rev. John Elliott will be joining us again this year for more fun and entertainment. The regular musicians this year, due to family commitments and holidays will not be in attendance, we have had no response to our call for musicians. We have the music sheets, we just need people to read and play the music so please come forward and help our musical evening. Any person interested in helping us please phone Angie on 810296. We look forward to seeing you all there starting around 6.45pm (ish).

Many thanks.



**WI Whist Drive**

Wednesday 31st January 2007 at 7.30pm

Tickets £2 (to include mince pies & a glass of mulled wine) will be on sale beginning of January. Make a date in your diaries now. Further details next month.

**Ten Years Ago**

A member of the District Council was present at the Parish Council meeting and advised that in a "year or two" there would be separate collections of recyclable and non-recyclable rubbish....

**Twenty Years Ago**

The Ringmore WI were off to Plymouth to see Evita the Musical.

At the request of several local children Bigbury Youth Club will be acting as a collection point for the **Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal**.



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