

# Ringmore Parish Newsletter



April 2007

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## Spring is finally here:

Well it certainly is on the bus shelter. Whoever has thought to brighten it up with the lovely flower baskets—thank you!

And now a poem from Friars Goose:-

### Stainless Rails

Where once parishioners broke bones,  
While climbing up those slippery stones;  
Now they have stainless steel to use,  
To get them safely to their pews.

While stainless steel is perfect for  
Disabled loo or fireproof door,  
Or cooking pot or children's swing,  
On churches it is not the thing.

Two wrought iron rails, discreetly placed,  
Would surely be in better taste,  
And not offend the passer-by,  
However critical his eye.

Well done to Bradley Mercy who won the bouquet of flowers last month for his lucky Mum! He correctly guessed that Rhea was the Mother of the Gods.

### Our Easter competition:

This month you could win an Easter Egg! Just search through the Newsletter and let us know by **Thursday 5th of April** how many small blue Easter Eggs you can find and the winner will have a little chocolate treat for Easter Sunday.

Also we have a meal for a family of four (2 x adults, 2 x children) up for grabs at the exciting new restaurant Jack Spratts. See inside for details.

## DIARY FOR THE MONTH

Monday: Short-mat bowls Parish Room -7.30pm  
Tuesday: Table Tennis Parish Room 7.30pm  
Thursday: Quiz Night—JE 9.00pm

### April

4/4 RBL meeting Royal Oak 7.30pm  
14/4 Beach clean 10am onwards  
17/4 Parish Council Meeting 7pm  
21/4 Skip for Challaborough residents  
27/4 RBL Evening of Verse & Worse 7.30pm  
Royal Oak  
28/4 Skip for Ringmore residents

### May

2/5 RBL meeting Journey's End 7.30pm  
7/5 W.I Easter Fair 2pm W.I Hall & grounds



### MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday 20th ONLY  
Ringmore Church 2.55—3.15  
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St Ann's Chapel 2.30—2.45  
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## New laws for dog fouling

Dog owners who allow their pets to foul the public footpaths should be aware that the local dog warden is keeping an eye on the situation by delegating their powers to named volunteers within South Hams villages. Anyone identified allowing their dog to foul the footpaths may be prosecuted under the new local council powers and dog wardens and village volunteers alike have the power to issue on-the-spot fines of £50 to offenders where there is sufficient evidence. Wardens of overt fouling (as these volunteers will be called) will be supplied a digital camera to catch offenders and a ruler to measure distances in cases of dispute from verge to footpath. If you would like to become a WOOF further details will be supplied.

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- TOILET ROLLS- DO THEY GROW ON THE HOLDERS? - Roundtable discussion
- DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAUNDRY BASKET & FLOOR - Practicing with hamper (Pictures and graphics)
- DISHES ; DO THEY LEVITATE/FLY TO KITCHEN SINK OR DISHWASHER BY THEMSELVES? - Debate among a panel of experts.
- REMOTE CONTROL - Losing the remote control - Help line and support groups
- LEARNING HOW TO FIND THINGS - Starting with looking in the right place instead of turning the house upside down while screaming - Open forum

#### **DAY TWO**

- EMPTY MILK CARTONS; DO THEY BELONG IN THE FRIDGE OR THE BIN? - Group discussion and role play
- HEALTH WATCH; BRINGING HER FLOWERS IS NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH - PowerPoint presentation
- REAL MEN ASK FOR DIRECTIONS WHEN LOST - Real life testimonial from the one man who did
- IS IT GENETICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SIT QUIETLY AS SHE PARALLEL PARKS? - Driving simulation
- LIVING WITH ADULTS; BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YOUR MOTHER AND YOUR PARTNER—Online class and role playing
- HOW TO BE THE IDEAL SHOPPING COMPANION—Relaxation exercises, meditation and breathing techniques
- REMEMBERING IMPORTANT DATES & CALLING WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE—Bring your calendar or PDA to class
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## LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

Date	Bigbury	Kingston	Ringmore
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 a.m. Family Service	9.00 a.m. CW Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service
6 <sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY		6.00 p.m. At the Foot of The Cross	
8 <sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY	11.00 a.m. EASTER FAMILY COMMUNION	6.00 p.m. Easter Evening Special Service	9.00 a.m. EASTER COMMUNION
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion	11.00 a.m. Family Service with Childrens Club	6.00 p.m. Compline*
18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Korniloff Communion		4.00 p.m. Spoken Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00 p.m. South Hams Council Civic Service	6.00 p.m. BCP Evening Prayer	9.00 a.m. BCP Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m. TEAM SERVICE AT <u>AVETON GIFFORD</u>	11.00 a.m. TEAM SERVICE AT <u>AVETON GIFFORD</u>	11.00 a.m. TEAM SERVICE AT <u>AVETON GIFFORD</u>

\* *Compline: a quiet Service from the Monastic tradition, this one with plain-song responses.  
A team has been practising over two months to lead this Service*

### A BIG SURPRISE

We used to meet, ready to go to away Rugby matches, outside Charles Street Police Station in Leicester. Every other Saturday morning in Autumn, Winter and early Spring we were there. One day Keith got there early and was the only witness to a road traffic accident. Being a good citizen he gave his name and address, and away we went, not coming home until the midnight hours after the game. Keith returned to a very distressed mother. At around 8.00 p.m. that night she had answered the door to the proverbial burly copper in uniform who had asked "Is this where Keith Spittle lives?". Needless to say she feared the worst, not just potential arrest, but the "I'm afraid to tell you he has been involved in an accident etc". His Mum had never been happier to see her son alive and well.

It was more dramatic for those who not just seen an officer at the door and thought the worst. They had seen the worst. Their friend Jesus had been whipped, tortured, crucified and stabbed with a Roman lance to be sure he died before the Sabbath. It was he who turned up first in the garden, and then in the sitting room. Thomas, for ever after called "Doubting Thomas", could not believe it when he was told: and even Mary Magdalene face to face with Jesus struggled with the reality of his coming back to life. So do many of us, and yet we do need to look at the evidence. Just like my friend Keith and his witness statement which helped the police with an independent observers view. There was more than one witness statement of the resurrection of Jesus, in fact there were 500 witnesses. Four of them wrote books about it! Also the easiest way for the Romans and Jews to finish this troublesome thing called Christianity was by producing the dead body – they couldn't!

Happy Easter, it is after all great news.  
(810565)

*John Elliott, Resident Minister*



**Alpha is running in the Journey's End at Ringmore on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. We start with a delicious cut price supper [£4]: enjoy a drink, watch a DVD and then talk about it. The first presentation on March 6<sup>th</sup> asked the question "Christianity, Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?" All those who came then are coming back, why don't you join them? You will be made very welcome.**



# Ringmore Parish Council

**Meeting:** Tuesday 20th March 2007

**Present:** 4 Councillors, Mrs M Wood - clerk and Mr B Carson - Chairman of S.H.D.C

**Apologies:** Cllr.McCarthy, Cllr.Parkin

Cllr.Jackson had to resign from the council as he and his wife have moved to another area.

**Land Registry:** The enquiries concerning ownership of the Bowling Green have ended. A decision has to be made whether to formalize the cutting of the grass or to proceed on a voluntary basis.

## Planning:-

**Trees:** Approval has been granted to go ahead with the work at Orchard House and the Town Well.

Bigbury Bay Caravan Park - approval for demolition of disused shop and siting of two additional caravans granted, but an earth bank must be formed before the caravans are put in situ. The extra caravans come within the capacity of the current licence.

The council have no objection for an extra window at High Reach and an enlargement at Byron Court (within Higher Manor)

**Landscaping:** When Mr W Mumford, county Councillor, attended the February council meeting, he offered a contribution of £500 to the council for any project it wished to proceed with. The council decided to donate it to Parkdean in order to

help landscape the area outside the Lime Kiln.

**District Council:** Cllr Carson gave a brief report on composting matters and to the free advice on planning matters which can be obtained by contacting the SHDC Planning Department on their website.

**Finance:** Clerk's salary and expenses - £192.18

**Election:** The council has decided to distribute poll cards for May 3rd election Cost - £75.00

**Hanging Baskets:** The hanging baskets around the bus shelter have been kindly donated by the landlords of the Journey's End.

**Village Skips:** Ringmore - A skip should be in place for all your unwanted items either in the Journey's End car park or around the bus shelter, on Saturday 28th April.

Challaborough - Parkdean management have kindly donated a skip for the residents, on Saturday 21st April. It will be sited near the bottle bank.

**Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 17th April at 7pm

**Date of Annual Parish Assembly** - Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm

Thelma Mann



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## Easter Plans

We have lots of fun plans over the Easter Weekend from Egg Colouring to an Egg Hunt in the Garden! That will keep the little ones busy whilst you can enjoy the start of our Spring menu, lots of seasonal fayre and the beginning of the Summer Ales. See Below for details and dates. Come and join in the fun.

## Paul's Kids Arrive

Samantha & Billy arrive at the JE for 10 days for Easter holidays. Samantha's baby-sitting service will be available and Billy's gaming room will be up and running! So park the kids with them and enjoy an adult evening! Pop in for more details.



## Opening Times

We will be open on Easter Monday and starting on April 3rd we will re-open on Tuesday for lunch (12-3pm). This will continue throughout the season. However Paul & Jules are taking a mini break from Sunday 22nd at 7pm until Wednesday 25th, where we will re-open at 6pm. During this time the pub will be closed.

## Plus 55 Lunches

Due to popular demand we are continuing the Plus 55 Lunch Club on Wednesday throughout April. This is where you can have a set lunch of 2 courses all for £3.95

The exception is Wednesday the 25th as we will be closed, but we will make up for this as we are set to continue this until June.

## St. George's Day Sunday Roast

As St. George's Day falls on a Monday this year we will be celebrating on Sunday 22nd with a Traditional Roast Beef Lunch carved at your table with all the trimmings. With classic puddings or English cheeses to follow, who can resist! Book your table now to enjoy a Sunday of celebrating England!

## "Brunch Lunches"

We are running our Spring Brunch Lunch menu on Saturday mornings from 11.30. enjoy this menu throughout lunchtime as well. From fresh omelettes with Buck's Fizz to a great Breakfast Sandwich with coffee a great way to kick off the weekend! No need to book, we serve this menu until 2.30pm

## Easter Plans

Now the clocks have changed there is a real spring feeling in the air, we are holding lots of fun events at the JE over the Easter weekend here is the lowdown:

**Good Friday** - Egg Painting & Free Chocolate Eggs for the little ones.

**Easter Saturday** - Colouring in Egg Pictures for an Egg shaped prize and a raffle for a luxury Easter Egg raising money for St. Luke's Hospice.

**Easter Sunday** we are open all day - Traditional Devon Roast Lamb with all the Trimmings & a Spring Menu for Sunday Lunch and Dinner. With an Easter Egg Hunt in the garden from 12.30 onwards for the little ones weather allowing.

**Easter Monday** - We will be open for lunches and evening meals with our regular opening times of 12-3 and 6-close.

## Sammie & Billy arrive at the JE!!

Paul's children arrive on the 31st March for Easter they are here for ten days, so Sammie is available for baby sitting and Billy's gaming room upstairs will be open for business. Both of us want to spend time lots of time with them, so please understand if we are not around as much as usual during these ten days. Paul is flying back with them on Easter Monday and is in California for four days returning in time for the weekend.

## Opening Times

We will be open on Easter Monday from 12-3 & 6-close. Serving both lunch and evening meals. From April 3rd our summer opening hours start, so we will re-open for Tuesday Lunches from 12 noon.

The only change will be the last week of April, Paul & Jules are taking a mini-break and we will be closed from Sunday 22nd at 7pm and we will re-open on Wednesday 25th at 6pm. This will give us a rest before the summer season really picks up. During our time off the Plus 55 Lunch Club will be cancelled. See below for more details.

## Plus 55 Lunch Club

We are set to continue our Wednesday +55 Lunch Club due to popular demand! This involves a set lunch of 2 courses for £3.95 a head. We will be continuing this throughout the Spring until the end of June. Please note: There will be No Lunch on Wednesday 25th as we will be closed.

## "Brunch Lunches"

We have had great feedback from running Brunch on a Saturday, so they are set to continue for the month of April. Join us for a light bite from 11.30 am on Saturday mornings before heading down to the beach, or relaxing in the garden. Fingers crossed for good spring weather and then you could enjoy this in the garden!

## St. George's Day Sunday Roast

What a great way to celebrate St. George's Day with a traditional Sunday Roast, we are holding our St. George's Day Roast Beef Lunch on Sunday the 22nd. We will have good seasonal British produce on the menu with classic puddings and English cheeses, so come and fly the flag and join our lunch. Book now!

## Quiz Night Tables

What fun quiz nights we have been having recently, thank you to all the quiz masters and those of you who have taken part. We ask one thing of you all, if we have dinner guests that have had a meal with us, please do not expect them to move if they are not playing the quiz. We have had feedback from non-quiz customers that they have felt pressured to move from the tables in the bar and in one instance had to eat their pudding in Nelson's Bar, if there are no tables free at 9 pm in the bar we have lots of room in the conservatory. Thank you

## JE Garden

As you may have seen we are working hard to get the garden ready for good weather!

Bring it on!



**What's special about the South Hams?**

**Submitted by Susie Castle (aged 7)**

What I like about South Hams

I usually like to start the day by having breakfast at the Bay Café. The weather has usually got a nice, soft breeze in it. When the weather is nice I go to Challaborough and go body-boarding as well as having a honeycomb ice-cream!

I like going to the Royal Oak for lunch


because they have delicious sausages. After I really like having a holiday in Devon.

that we sometimes build dams at Ayrmer Cove and go rock-pooling for cockles.

After I have had a very nice dinner back at our holiday cottage, my family and I go to the Journey's End beer garden and have a drink and some crisps.

At last I arrive back at the cottage and I look forward to going to bed after a long, busy day.

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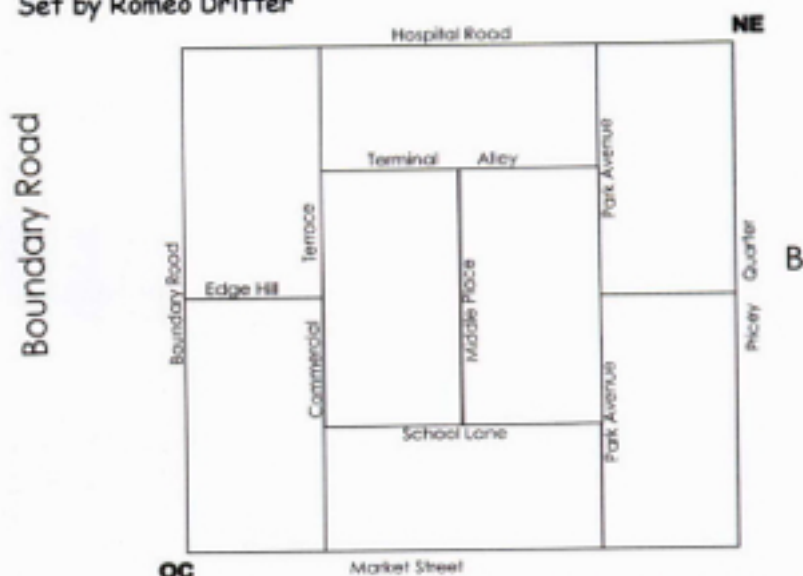
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# Enigma

## Premiership Enigma - April

Set by Romeo Drifter



Cedric lives in a comfortable home in the residential area in the NE quarter of the city. He would dearly love to work from home but can not get Broadband so he makes the daily journey to the Office Centre (OC), characterized by vast parking areas and dozens of people huddled under the protection of a cloud of cigarette smoke. Cedric is a teetotal, non-smoking Green and practices his faith by walking to the office by the longest route, whatever the weather (Principle: the further one walks, the more greenhouse gasses one is not emitting). Today it is raining but Cedric is undeterred and sets off for his regular soaking. The shortest way to work is easily discernible but which is the longest route? Cedric is intelligent and realises that he cannot walk the same street twice on his journey, even in the opposite direction.

Answer to last month's Simple Enigma :

- A) Astronomer becomes Moon Starer
- B) Snooze Alarms official answer is Alas! No more Zs
- C) Eleven plus two becomes Twelve plus one
- D) The Eyes becomes They See.

An alternative acceptable answer for B is Slam a Snoozer from Arkatus.

We will print rankings later in the year to keep you in suspense.

Answer to last month's Premiership, the children were aged 9 with twins aged 2.

## April Sudoku

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

## 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!

## March Solution

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

## Table Tennis News

The club held its AGM on February 13th. Officers remain the same. Chairman Phill Errett, Treasurer Frank Williams, Secretary Jinny McCabe.

It was decided at the meeting to make a donation to Modbury Caring Service to help them in their endeavours. Our yearly event (Christmas Party) was held on January 30th. Men doing the food this year YUM YUM! The tournament was won by Mike Wynne-Powell and Sally Errett.

It is of course the clubs dream to win the John Bracey Trophy at the Journey's End. But it was not to be this year.

We'd like to welcome two new members to the club, Christopher and Rosemary Piercy who have recently moved to the village. As always we play on a Tuesday evening 7.30pm and will give a warm welcome to anyone wishing to play.

Jinny McCabe - Secretary



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## The 1 April spoof.

An ongoing question for Ringmoreians has been the question of the origin of the name of the inn. That it had nothing to do with the playwright R.S. Sheriff is now generally accepted. Recent research seems to have produced a definitive answer. It has to do with the Pountney family. The Pountneys either came with the Conquest or were Flemish merchants who settled in England during the late 14th century. Either way by the middle of the 16th century they had acquired great wealth and much land in Devon and are believed to have lived in a Pountney manor, now disappeared. As Catholics they felt it politic to move to Ireland though retaining some land on the remoter Moor, and in Ireland they invested in building a fortune in the linen trade and in land. At some point they converted to Protestantism.

There is now a gap in our knowledge of the family until the late nineteenth century. A poor cadet branch seems to have returned to Devon to a rough holding on the southern part of the Moor. They continually petitioned to reclaim rights to iron mining which they said had been illegally confiscated during the Cromwellian period. One Arthur Pountney who claimed to have a science degree from Durham University petitioned between 1891 and 1907 to Prime Ministers Gladstone, Salisbury and Campbell-Bannerman. Nothing came of these claims. But Arthur was in luck! He received a communication from a distant relative in Ireland: a very rich man of over 80. This Pountney

had married into a wealthy Dublin family called Rill who made money from the Dublin-Buenos-Aires trade in cattle and lately chilled beef. The old man was without sons and Arthur Pountney was his nearest male relative. He left all his money to Arthur provided that he would take the hyphenated surname from the Pountneys and his Dublin family: that is Pountney-Rill. Arthur in his early twenties had dabbled in horse-drawn charabancs and after the First World War became impressed with the early motorised charabanc service run by the Greenslade brothers out of Bradninch (near Exeter). So Arthur (now Arthur Pountney-Rill) acquired a second hand charabanc 24-seater, Ford engined and with a Dennis chassis which had been commandeered for troops during the War. He used it for trips from Ivybridge to Plymouth but customers demanded seaside visits. So he began Sunday excursions from Ivybridge to Bigbury village whence passengers walked to the beach. But they wearied of walking up the hill. Therefore Arthur arranged trips to Ringmore. He advertised them as "Beach, Blossom and Beverage". The first was due on March 25th, 1921 but had to be postponed because of flooding near Modbury. So the first journey took place on the following Sunday. Amidst much excitement from villagers and travellers, the charabanc arrived outside All Hallows. It could only take fifteen passengers because of the hill up to Harraton Cross and even then sometimes adults had to get off and push. On Sundays when the vehicle arrived, Arthur would announce: "This is it, folks, your journey's end: either for the inn or the beach". So, though his catchphrase was not immediately adopted, many are now convinced that that FIRST journey by A.P-RILL'S CHARABANCs (As Arthur called them) was a defining moment in the history of the Inn.



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<b>Fri 13th Apr</b>	DARTS MATCH - away
<b>Fri 20th Apr</b>	DARTS MATCH - home
<b>Sat 21st Apr</b>	POINT-TO-POINT - Flete
<b>Mon 23rd Apr</b>	ST GEORGE'S DAY
<b>Fri 27th Apr</b>	DARTS MATCH - away
<b>Sat 5th May</b>	POINT-TO-POINT - Flete

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## RINGMORE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

7.30

IN THE WI HALL

An illustrated talk by Emma Cowan

### TYNTESFIELD HOUSE SOMERSET



A Gothic Revival mansion built for William Gibbs in the 1860's and described as the last great Victorian house. Purchased by the National Trust in 2002, it survives intact. Emma's talk will illustrate how the rooms of the house appear to have been designed according to gender.

Congratulations to Tom and Louise Pitt on the birth of their first child Lola May. Born on the 26th February. Another grandchild for Mike & Jane and another Great Grandchild for Anne & Brian Lamble and Keith & Linda Crooks

### Tyntesfield's Interiors: The battle of the sexes

Tyntesfield is a very complete Victorian Gothic mansion and estate on the outskirts of Bristol and was saved for the nation by the National Trust, with private donations and an enormous Heritage Lottery grant in 2003.

This lecture is given by Emma Cowan who is currently writing her PhD entitled - *"This opulence of comfort": The Symbolism of Tyntesfield's nineteenth-century interiors.*

The lecture will be based on her current research and focuses on the proposition that mid-Victorian interior spaces were gender-specific. The location, layout, furnishing and decoration of rooms at Tyntesfield offer an excellent example of this.

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## MARCH: FROM DAIRYMAID TO VICAR'S WIFE

An intriguing title covered a fascinating talk on Janet Harding's experiences in life from a little girl wanting to work on a farm, becoming very proficient in both practical and theoretical aspects of dairy products, to meeting and marrying her husband, now the Vicar of Stokenham. The idea of her talk started long ago at a W.I. meeting when various members filled in some of the background of their lives. Without revealing too many skeletons we should try it sometime in Ringmore!

## APRIL: THE MAGIC OF SCILLY

Some of us have had the pleasure of hearing Desmond Gahan in the past, and look forward to listening to him again at the meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April. This time he will introduce us to the delights of those islands just off the Cornwall coast, under the title "The Magic of Scilly". His talk starts at 8 p.m. - hope you can join us.

## NEWS FROM THE W.I. HALL

Fifty smart new chairs have been delivered. In addition, we have sufficient funds to purchase a new water heater and new microwave, all in time for our Spring Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> May, all welcome additions to the hall for the enjoyment of all the village and anyone wishing to hire the hall.



# News from All Hallows

## Sundial Update

Repair of the Slate Sundial by McNeillage Conservation in Talaton Exeter is proceeding now that it has had time to dry out. Unfortunately upon detailed investigation in the workshop it is found to be in a much worse state than originally thought than when initially inspected in 2003. The rear slate backing is showing signs of severe laminations and will therefore require a slate frame to be fitted around the perimeter of the sundial to insure its future integrity. The existing Iron gnomon has rusted away considerably over the past couple of years to render it impossible for renovation. It will therefore be replaced by a stainless steel one which of course will last for a considerable length of time. All this extra work has delayed the return of the restored sundial until April and of course has resulted in an increase in the cost. I have received some very welcome donations towards the original £1,850 restoration costs and any other contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please note that if you wish to make a donation and you are a Tax payer your contribution to the Church can be enhanced by 28p in the £ simply by filling in a Gift Aid form. Please contact Yvonne on 810341 or myself if you need a form.

## Church Electoral Roll

This year a complete review by central church regulations has required that any one who wishes to be on the Church Electoral Role must fill in a fresh application form. This applies to those who are on the existing Electoral Role together with anyone wishing to join. Forms are available in the church and should be returned there if taken away for completing. The closing date is officially 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 so if you haven't yet filled in an application form please do so as a matter of urgency.

## Sidesmen, Bellinging & Sacristan duties

Please note we are very short of people to carry out Sidesmen, Bellinging & Sacristan duties, so if you, or you are aware of anyone who, would be willing to help then please let me know. None of the duties are arduous but the more helpers we have helps to spread the load. Assistance will be given to help you and it would be very much appreciated.

## Easter Day Service

John Elliott returns, fresh from his holiday and convalescence following his knee operation, to conduct our Easter Day service, with Communion, which will be held at 9am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Phill Errett

Church Warden.

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## Interactive Art History

These one day courses, run by Devon County Council's Adult & Community Learning, are designed to introduce people to country house collections. You will spend the day at a National Trust property learning about aspects of the collection such as family portraits, furniture or architectural design with a tutor. There will be micro lectures, group discussion, individual & group work and lots of time for soaking up the atmosphere of some of the South West's most fascinating country houses.

There is also a week long summer school starting on Monday 16th July, based in Totnes, which will expand on the one day courses and will be classroom based with two property visits.

19th May - Knightshayes (Okehampton)

9th June - Coletton Fishacre (Totnes)

16th June - Knightshayes (Newton Abbot)

23rd June - Oakhampton Museum

7th July - Lanhydrock (Tavistock)

For further details contact The Mansion, Totnes on 01803 862020, quoting the centre the course is running from. Please note properties may be subject to change.



### Jackson's Farewell

We are so very sad to be leaving Ringmore. We arrived to a very warm welcome and are now leaving to an equally warm farewell. In-between we have spent the happiest eleven years of our lives. Thank you all for your friendship, you will be very welcome to visit us at our new address:

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### WELCOME

With Colin & Jenny's exit from the village we would like to welcome and introduce the new occupants of 'The Laurels'.

Hello Ringmore.

My partner Paul (Fletcher) and I are delighted to have moved into the Laurels from the beginning of March. Although not real locals I guess neither of us are what you would call "foreigners!" Paul having moved from just outside Dartmouth and myself from Dartington.

We wanted to be near to Kingsbridge, Paul for his work as a BT engineer (yes, that's him in the van!) and also to see his two girls regularly, who live in the town. I needed to be commutable distance to Plymouth where I currently work as a Nurse Advisor for NHS Direct. Additionally as walkers we wanted to be near to the coastal path and with our love of gardening, to own some land.

The Laurels have ticked all the boxes and more.

We both really look forward to many happy years in the village.

Angie Phillips

NB We had a Lunar eclipse this month. Mike Wynne-Powell sent some lovely photographs capturing this moment which unfortunately we have been unable to print, We're sure he'll be happy to let you see them!

Thank you to those of you who submitted items for this month's edition, which we just couldn't find space for. But don't worry - we will use them in future editions. Please keep them coming. Apologies to those of you who submitted April Fools - we just ran out of space.

### **Royal British Legion**

April meeting is on Wednesday 4th April at the Royal Oak, Bigbury and the May meeting is on Wednesday 2nd May at the Journey's End Inn, Ringmore, both starting at 7.30pm

There are still tickets available for the Verse and Worse evening on the 27th April at the Royal Oak.

Tickets £15 per person to include a three course meal, available from Robbie McCarthy on 810738

**RAINFALL:** Robbie McCarthy

Last month: 5.75

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### **Neighbourhood Watch**

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## ROLE OF SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

As many of you know I have represented Charterlands at South Hams Council for nearly 8 years now, and was honoured by my colleagues last year when they elected me Chairman of Council - a first for Bigbury. During my time with Council I have held several different posts on committees etc. which have given me good background to act as representative for the Council at a huge variety of functions and events, some very formal and others less so. So far it has been an exciting often fascinating time, which has taken us to so many places we would never visited and brought us into contact with so

many people we would never otherwise have met.

The year is very diverse. Angie and I went onto Dartmoor VERY early one morning last May to be at the start of the Ten Tors Expedition, and accompanied the handicapped children for a short spell. We then went back to the Army camp to a breakfast fit for royals! The Army do such a splendid job looking after so many children during this nationally renowned event, which for most of the children is one of the great experiences of a lifetime. The same evening we attended the Mayor Choosing ceremony in Totnes in all its historic splendour and tradition; two more different events you could not possibly imagine. And so it has gone on through the year, with events all over Devon, and into parts of Cornwall.

Angie and I have had the pleasure of visiting all the towns in the South Hams on a number of occasions, all of them special, with some of the highlights being the Passing out Parade at the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, Remembrance Sunday Parades in both Dartmouth And Totnes, The Glove Hanging Ceremony in Kingsbridge and a civic dinner in Ivybridge when Michaela Breeze the Olympic weightlifter gave a fascinating talk.

Sadly in this year we have lost two of our members and we planted trees in the Arboretum of Follaton house in memory of Cllr Pat Prudden of Ivybridge Woodlands and Cllr Ted Mitchell of Erme Valley.

In my role as Chairmen I chose the Alzheimer's society/research trust as my charity. I have held a number of events in aid of this including a river trip down the Dart to Greenway, the home of Agatha Christie, in the summer which was attended by many civic heads, councillors, parish councillors and interested parties. It was a lovely day and we had one of the last opportunities to look around the house before major repairs took place. This helped to raise funds for Alzheimer's and we also made a donation to the National Trust for allowing us the use of Greenway for the day. Other events have included a Bridal fair which showed off the wonderful facilities of Follaton House and an auction held at the Royal Seven Stars in Totnes where the auctioneer was our very own Cllr Geoff Fielden of Modbury.

At Christmas we were delighted to welcome the children of Loddiswell Primary school who joined the Council's midday carol service. They stayed for lunch with me and I thoroughly enjoyed my beef burger and chips and jelly and ice cream.

It's been a most enjoyable year, with still more exciting events to come. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

By Cllr Bryan Carson

### 100 CLUB Winners

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# EASTER



## Who is the Easter Hare?

Originally the Easter hare was the sacred companion of the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, whose festival was in Spring.

This is how the hare was associated with Easter. Parents told their children that the magic hare would run through the night and bring them presents. So now in many places children prepare little nests in the garden, ready for the Easter hare to put in her eggs.

In some countries, people confused the hares with rabbits, and that is why the Easter rabbit has completely taken over from the original hare.

Isn't it strange that the hare brings the eggs when it's birds who lay them?

## All about Easter Eggs

Since the Middle Ages people have been decorating eggs for Easter gifts. The eggs were either hard boiled or blown.

Decorating eggs, rolling eggs and knocking eggs are all popular customs practiced in many parts of the world.

In Greece the eggs are dyed in many colours. Everyone carries an egg with them, and when two people meet they knock eggs together saying 'Christ is risen'. No one is really sad to break an egg because the children say, 'The crack in the egg lets a blessing escape'.

In Yugoslavia they marked their eggs with the letters XV which stood for Christos Vakrese or Christ is risen.

*Did you know that the Sepick crocodile lays oblong eggs with white yolks?*

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## Easter Biscuits

4oz Butter  
3oz Caster sugar  
1 egg, separated  
7oz Plain flour  
1/2 level tsp ground mixed spice  
1/2 level tsp ground cinnamon  
2oz currants  
1 level tbsp chopped mixed peel  
1-2 tbsp milk or brandy  
A little sugar

1. Grease two baking sheets
2. Cream together the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy and beat in the egg yolk.
3. Sift the flour with the spices and fold into the creamed mixture, with the fruit and peel. Add enough milk or brandy to give a fairly stiff dough.
4. Knead lightly on a floured surface and roll out to about 5mm thick.
5. Cut into rounds using a 2" cutter. Place on the baking sheets and bake in the oven at 200c/400f mark 6 for about 10 minutes.
6. Remove from the oven, brush with beaten egg white and sprinkle lightly with caster sugar.
7. Return to the oven for a further 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

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## Chocolate nests

Melt 6oz chocolate together with 1.5oz butter in a large bowl. Stir well and crumble in enough shredded wheat to make a stiff mixture. Place dollops into cake cases and place 3 mini chocolate eggs on each. Ideal for the little ones to make and everyone to enjoy!



*If you have a recipe that you would like to share please drop us a line.*



## Shack Splash

*Keep up to date with the goings on at the Oyster Shack and Jack Spratts*

Well I really can't believe we are nearly in April, I would like to quickly mention a little about Oyster Shack Salcombe and Jack Spratts. Oyster Shack Salcombe is carrying on from the huge success of Oyster Shack Bigbury. There will be a few major differences and we hope you will like them. Oyster Shack Salcombe opened on March 12 2007, yes that is 2007! Contact details are 01548 843596 or [oystershack.co.uk](http://oystershack.co.uk) Jack Spratts will be open March 26<sup>th</sup>, the formula is simplicity for Jack Spratts, from home cooked pizzas to rotisserie chicken, even a juice and coffee bar. Well there is even parking for push chairs, how trendy is that! Contact details are 01548 844747 or [jack-spratts.com](http://jack-spratts.com)

So March the 8<sup>th</sup> was here, and there was I thinking it would be another ordinary busy day! Well was I wrong there. As I am sure you have heard we had Gary Rhodes come in to eat that evening, he was accompanied by Marine Hotel Directors Peter Dilling and Richard Knowles who frequent us very often. It was great to have met him and the pressure was certainly on that night! A well deserved Tanqueray and Tonic was had at the end of that night!

March 13<sup>th</sup> saw Myself and Chef down at Kingsbridge School. Just a little explanation on what this was all about. Kingsbridge School had a science week and in this they had a set evening with local suppliers promoting their produce and at the beginning of this event they had a Ready, Steady, Cook show. Now our Head Chef Lee was one of the chefs and the other was Steve from The Seven Stars, oh and I was hosting it, what a hoot I had! Now it was exactly like the show. The 20 minutes went so quick, before I knew it I was calling out "10 seconds left"! A lot of people turned up for this event and it was great to be a host in front of all these people. Now if any of you know me I don't exactly find it hard talking to people so talking for a mere 20 minutes was real easy. A lot of fun was had and although The Seven Stars won the competition, it was a very close call.

Now I have eaten at Oyster Shack Salcombe and it's great, I hear you thinking well he's going to say that because he works for the company, but honest it is really good. Before I knew it I was off again with some more friends to Jack Spratts to sample what they are doing, March 22 was the evening. We had a great time, the pizza's and chicken were fab didley do and they even stock my favourite lager, mmmmm, I will leave that one for you to guess!

Now it's a sad farewell to Nelly this month. Nelly has worked for The Oyster Shack Bigbury for a long time now and I and the rest of the team will really miss her. Nelly is joining the team at Jack Spratts, she has taken the post of Assistant Manager. Well done Nelly for getting the job and I look forward to many Pizzas and Peroni!

So soon the sail will be back up and I really hope we will be using outside again. I really hope it wasn't too boring for you to read? You guys know what I am like by now, just keep gabbling on! That's all for now. "Phew I hear you all gasp!"

Dan (A.K.A Captain Trendy!)

P.S. So you really thought I had finished, fooled you all! Well I forgot to tell you about the 3 new additions we have got here at Shack 1. They are called Lee Roy, Leonard and Squirt! We have 3 little lobsters in the fish tank. They certainly made a stir when being added to the tank. Now with this comes some bad news as Lee Roy seems to want to try and rule the fish tank and we lost 3 aquatic frogs, Lee Roy ate them! What a to do! All is well and the fish and lobsters are all getting on, thank goodness!

Now that is finally it troops, Chin Chin

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Kindly donated by Jack Spratts a meal for two adults and two children is being offered for the family who can find the hidden spratt! Answers via the usual method: email, letter or phone before 20th April.



Having been a guest at the preview evening I can certainly recommend it as a fabulous place to take children. Watch your smoothies being made, juices being extracted not to mention your food being cooked.

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